

# BF RANKING SCHEMES

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# 1. OVERVIEW

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The BF National Ranking System is a benefit of membership and provided as a service to Members. This document sets out the rules for each ranking scheme as well as the general principals covering all schemes.

## 1.2 OWNER

Responsibility for the administration of the ranking schemes lies with the BF Rankings Manager whose decision on any ranking matter shall be final. The ranking scheme in each weapon is carried out to the same rules by the identified ranking co-ordinators.

## 1.3 PURPOSE OF THE RANKINGS

These ranking schemes are intended to:

Provide a quantitative means for Members to evaluate their performance over time and by comparison with other athletes, across different age groups and experience levels.

Provide data for competition organisers to assist in ranking UK Domestic Tournaments.

Aid selectors where ranking is a component in selection.

## 1.4 APPLICATION

This version of the scheme rules applies to all Competitions and rankings published from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 and continues in force until replaced. Points and multiplier amendments take effect at the start of the 2024/25 season in each individual ranking scheme.

## 1.5 CONTACTS

Any queries regarding these rules should be sent in the first instance by email to the BF Rankings Manager (Peter Smith) at [rankingsmanager@britishfencing.com](mailto:rankingsmanager@britishfencing.com)

## 2. DEFINITIONS

<b>ADP</b>	The BF Athlete Development Program
<b>BF</b>	British Fencing
<b>BRC</b>	British Ranking Competition
<b>Cadet</b>	Under 17 years old at midnight on 31 <sup>st</sup> December of the year preceding next Cadet World Championships. Fencers must be at least 11 on 1st January in order to compete in any UK cadet Tournaments in that calendar year.
<b>CFF</b>	Commonwealth Fencing Federation
<b>Commonwealth Championships</b>	The Commonwealth Senior Open Championship.
<b>Competition</b>	A contest between a group of individuals using a single type of weapon (e.g. “Men’s Foil”, “Women’s Sabre”) organised in accordance with BF or FIE rules.
<b>Domestic</b>	Any Competition held in the UK where the ultimate authority is BF. Competitions held in the UK under the auspices of the EFC, FIE or CFF are International.
<b>EFC</b>	European Fencing Confederation
<b>EFC Competition</b>	EFC U14, U17 and U23 Circuit Competition including those held in the UK.
<b>Tournament</b>	One or more Competitions typically held in the same venue, under the same organising committee over a period of no more than a few consecutive days (e.g. UK Opens, FIE Competitions) and normally intended to be repeated on an annual basis.
<b>FIE</b>	International Fencing Federation
<b>Qualifying International Competition</b>	Any Qualifying FIE Competition, EFC Competition or the Commonwealth Championships.
<b>International Competitor</b>	An athlete awarded a final place and representing a nation other than GBR irrespective of BF membership.
<b>Junior</b>	Under 20 years old at midnight on 31 <sup>st</sup> December of the year preceding the next Junior World Championships.
<b>Levy</b>	A fixed sum charged for each entry in Ranking Tournaments used to fund specific workforce development projects as detailed on the BF website.
<b>Multiplier</b>	A numeric value used to reflect the relative strength of the Competition.
<b>Member</b>	A member in good standing of BF holding a licence to compete in the relevant age group.
<b>NIF</b>	A numeric value assigned to an individual to indicate their relative strength within the rankings.
<b>NIF Assignment Date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September, 1 <sup>st</sup> December, 1 <sup>st</sup> March and 1 <sup>st</sup> June each year.
<b>Nominated Competition</b>	A Competition selected for inclusion in a ranking scheme by the appropriate authority.
<b>Open</b>	A single weapon (from the 6 Weapon categories), individual Competition held in the UK which any Senior Member is permitted to enter on payment of the appropriate fee.

<b>Qualifying FIE Competition</b>	Individual Senior Competitions of type “Grand Prix”, “World Cup”, “Satellite”, “World Championship”, “Zonal Championship” or “Olympic Games” appearing on the FIE calendar including such Competitions held in the UK.  For the avoidance of doubt, FIE Zonal qualifiers for the Olympic Games are not included.
<b>Rankings Manager</b>	A person appointed by BF to take decisions on ranking issues.
<b>Registered</b>	Approved for registration as a Ranking Competition by BF.
<b>Senior</b>	Aged 13 or over on or before the first day of the Competition.
<b>Under 23 or U23</b>	Under 23 years old at midnight on 31 <sup>st</sup> December of the year preceding the next European Championships.
<b>Under 14 or U14</b>	Under 14 years old at midnight on 31 <sup>st</sup> December of the year immediately preceding the next EFC U14 Festival.
<b>6 Weapon</b>	The 6 official weapon categories of competition: Epee-Women, Epee-Men, Foil-Women, Foil-Men, Sabre-Women, Sabre-Men

## 3. COMMON RULES

The following rules apply to all schemes unless the scheme specifically states otherwise.

### 3.1 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All Members in good standing and holding an annual Compete licence are entitled to a place on relevant rankings irrespective of nationality or affiliation with another FIE country.

*Inclusion on a ranking list does not guarantee eligibility for selection, even in cases where an automatic selection is determined by ranking. Factors such as nationality, fitness and discipline will normally form an integral part of the selection criteria and athletes should refer to the selection scheme in question to determine their eligibility. Please ensure that you read the relevant selection policies.*

Any athlete who is subject to suspension for any reason is not entitled to a ranking for the period of suspension (see 3.5).

### 3.2 COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

Each individual scheme sets out details of the Competitions which are used to calculate the ranking.

Each Competition shall be counted no more than once in any ranking. Results are included for a period of 12 months or until the date of the same Competition in the following Season, whichever occurs first.

The date of any Competition shall be taken to be the date of the final.

Except where specifically authorised by BF, all Registered Open and U23 Competitions must be run in accordance with a standard formula broadly in line with FIE Article o.66 and should normally include at least one round of poules as specified in the BF Competition registration requirements. In case of any doubt, organisers are advised to contact the BF Rankings Manager in advance.

Registered Intermediate Competitions are permitted to follow common variations from FIE Article o.66 including multiple rounds of poules, progressive entry and repechage. Other non-standard formats may also be permitted – please contact the Rankings Manager in advance for approval.

### 3.3 CALCULATIONS

#### 3.3.1 ROUNDING

Percentile limits and points shall be rounded down to the next lowest whole number. For example, when calculating the 83% limit in a competition with 85 competitors only those ranked 1 to 70 shall be awarded points (83% of 85 is 70.55).

#### 3.3.2 EQUALITY

In case of equality at the percentile limit, both athletes shall be included. For example, given an entry of 10 athletes, equal 8th places and an 83% limit, both athletes placed 8th would be awarded points.

### **3.3.3 ELIGIBLE RESULTS**

Athletes included on the final ranking as 9999, “DNS” or any equivalent position shall not be counted in the number competing for any purpose other than calculation of the Levy (see 3.8.2) nor shall they be awarded any points.

Athletes awarded a numbered final place, including those with the annotation “DNF”, shall be awarded the points due to their final place.

### **3.3.4 RANKING METHOD**

Athletes will be ranked in descending order of total points scored starting at rank number 1.

Where two or more athletes have the same number of points, they will be assigned an equal ranking.

The positions following any equality shall be calculated as if no equal rankings existed. For example, after two athletes placed 10<sup>th</sup> equal, the following ranking assigned shall be 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **3.3.5 INTERNATIONAL RESULTS**

The BF Rankings Manager and Ranking Coordinators are responsible for obtaining all qualifying International Competition results.

- For FIE competitions, entries and results will be obtained from the FIE website.
- For CFF competitions, results will be obtained from the CFF.
- For EFC Competitions, results will be obtained from the EFC.

### **3.3.6 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

International Competitions vary significantly in size and strength therefore International Competition Multipliers are determined based on the number of athletes given a final place and may be adjusted to reflect unusual strength or weakness.

For U14 and Cadet Competitions only, the number of Competitors shall be the number of International Competitors.

For U14, Cadet and Junior Competitions, the multiplier may be varied by +/- 200 at the discretion of the ADP team. Any adjustment will be published on the GBR Calendar no later than 24 hours after the Competition.

For Senior Competitions, no adjustment will normally be made however BF reserve the right to make any adjustment required to properly reflect the strength of the Competition at the sole discretion of BF.

For U14, Cadet and Junior Nominated Competitions, some may be designated as “development” Competitions by the ADP team and these will use a lower multiplier scale as shown in the table.

The table will apply to all Cadet and Junior International Competitions except as noted in each specific scheme.

The table will apply to all EFC U23 Circuit and FIE Satellite Competitions using the “Normal Grading Multiplier”.

The initial multiplier will be:

Competitors	Normal Grading Multiplier	Development Grading Multiplier
1 - 50	200	50
51 – 90	400	100
91 – 130	600	200
131 – 170	800	300
171 – 210	1000	300
211 – 250	1200	300
251 – 290	1400	350
291+	1600	400

### **3.4 CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

All correction and clarification requests should be notified within 2 working days of publication to [rankings@britishfencing.com](mailto:rankings@britishfencing.com). For monthly rankings, the aim is to resolve queries before the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month after which the rankings will be deemed confirmed and available for use in selection. Live rankings are available for selection immediately at the discretion of the ADP team. For rankings published per Competition, the aim is to resolve queries before any subsequent selection date.

Except in the case of retroactive penalties (see 9) or corrections within the time limits above, no published ranking or competition points allocation shall be updated. Any pre-publication date matters which become known after publication such as the addition of late results or suspension of an athlete shall be included in the first publication after the matter is notified to the Rankings Manager whenever possible.

### **3.5 SUSPENDED ATHLETES**

Any athlete whose membership is suspended or cancelled shall not be entitled to appear on any ranking with a calculation date falling within the period of suspension or after the date of cancellation.

All rankings calculated before the start of the period of suspension shall remain unaltered.

All results submitted before the start of the period of suspension shall remain unaltered.

A suspended athlete shall resume eligibility to appear on rankings with a calculation date after their period of suspension ends.

Any result submitted which includes a suspended athlete shall be rejected.

If a period of suspension is in effect at 00:01 on a NIF Assignment Date, a suspended athlete shall not be included in any recalculation of NIF values.

An athlete who was excluded from a previous calculation of NIF points shall not be awarded any NIF value until the first scheduled calculation following the end of their period of suspension.

### **3.6 DUTIES OF COMPETITION ORGANISERS**

Organisers must ensure that all athletes are in possession of current BF membership which includes a licence to enter Ranking Competitions in the relevant age category.

N.B. Overseas Athletes are required to have a valid temporary BF membership. For details of how to obtain a temporary licence number which will entitle the holder to compete, please see the BF website.

Organisers must provide BF with a complete and accurate set of results from first to last place as soon as possible and in any Tournament no later than 23:59 on the first normal business day following the final.

Results submitted after the deadline and up to 30 days from the date of the Competition may be included subject to a penalty (see 9) and at the discretion of the Rankings Manager.

All results must include valid BF Membership or temporary licence numbers for all competitors.

Results must be submitted using the sport:80 Tournament management platform, details of which are supplied to all Registered Competition organisers.

All Levy payments due must be paid within 10 business days. See 3.8 for important information regarding limits to accepting entries on the day.

Competitions which do not conform to these requirements will be subject to a penalty or exclusion (see 9).



## 3.7 FINAL POSITION MULTIPLICATION FACTORS

### 3.7.1 Places to 128

Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier
1	20.00	33	4.05	65	1.29	97	0.83
2	17.22	34	4.02	66	1.27	98	0.82
3	14.76	35	3.99	67	1.25	99	0.81
3	14.76	36	3.95	68	1.24	100	0.80
5	12.18	37	3.92	69	1.22	101	0.79
6	11.98	38	3.89	70	1.20	102	0.78
7	11.80	39	3.86	71	1.19	103	0.77
8	11.65	40	3.83	72	1.17	104	0.76
9	9.52	41	3.81	73	1.16	105	0.74
10	9.40	42	3.78	74	1.14	106	0.73
11	9.29	43	3.75	75	1.12	107	0.72
12	9.19	44	3.73	76	1.11	108	0.71
13	9.10	45	3.70	77	1.10	109	0.70
14	9.02	46	3.68	78	1.08	110	0.69
15	8.94	47	3.65	79	1.07	111	0.68
16	8.87	48	3.63	80	1.05	112	0.67
17	6.80	49	3.61	81	1.04	113	0.66
18	6.74	50	3.58	82	1.02	114	0.65
19	6.68	51	3.56	83	1.01	115	0.64
20	6.62	52	3.54	84	1.00	116	0.63
21	6.56	53	3.52	85	0.98	117	0.62
22	6.51	54	3.50	86	0.97	118	0.61
23	6.46	55	3.48	87	0.96	119	0.60
24	6.41	56	3.45	88	0.94	120	0.59
25	6.37	57	3.43	89	0.93	121	0.58
26	6.32	58	3.42	90	0.92	122	0.58
27	6.28	59	3.40	91	0.91	123	0.57
28	6.24	60	3.38	92	0.89	124	0.56
29	6.20	61	3.36	93	0.88	125	0.55
30	6.16	62	3.34	94	0.87	126	0.54
31	6.12	63	3.32	95	0.86	127	0.53
32	6.09	64	3.30	96	0.85	128	0.52

### 3.7.2 Places from 129

Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier	Place	Multiplier
129	0.40	137	0.26	145	0.23	153	0.21
130	0.36	138	0.26	146	0.22	154	0.21
131	0.33	139	0.26	147	0.22	155	0.21
132	0.32	140	0.25	148	0.22	156	0.21
133	0.30	141	0.25	149	0.22	157	0.20
134	0.29	142	0.25	150	0.22	158	0.20
135	0.29	143	0.24	151	0.21	159	0.20
136	0.28	144	0.24	152	0.21	160	0.20

Places	Multiplier	Places	Multiplier
161 to 168	0.19	225 to 240	0.11
169 to 176	0.18	241 to 256	0.10
177 to 184	0.17	257 to 278	0.09
185 to 192	0.16	279 to 310	0.08
193 to 200	0.15	311 to 342	0.07
201 to 208	0.14	343 to 374	0.06
209 to 216	0.13	375 to 406	0.05
217 to 224	0.12	407 to 424	0.04

## 3.8 THE LEVY

### 3.8.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022, a Levy is charged on all entries to Ranking Competitions. For some categories, this Levy is charged at a flat rate and for others it is charged per entry.

See the BF website for detailed guidance on the rates and calculation method.

### 3.8.2 REVERSION OF ON-PLATFORM STATUS

For Tournaments, where the final number of entries for which a Levy charge is payable is more than 10% over the number of prepaid Levy charges, the Tournament shall be deemed to be off-platform and the higher charge shall apply to all entries.

For example, a Tournament accepts 90 entries on-platform but submits 100 final positions. The 10 additional entries must pay the full off-platform Levy and the other 90 must pay the difference between the on-platform and off-platform charges. At 2022/23 rates, this would be a total charge of £230 (£2 x 90 + £5 x 10).

The additional Levy charge should be paid immediately.

### 3.8.3 PENALTIES

If any Levy charge, including a charge arising under 3.8.2, is outstanding more than 10 business days after the final, the Tournament will be excluded (see 9).

## 4. U14 RANKING SCHEME

### 4.1 THE U14 SEASON

The Season starts with the first Nominated Competition after each EFC U14 Festival and ends with the next EFC U14 Festival.

### 4.2 U14 RANKING POINTS

#### 4.2.1 QUALIFYING RESULTS

Athletes may score points in Nominated Competitions for the current season only. The calendar of Nominated Competitions together with indicative multipliers (see 5.4) is published on the BF website no later than 10 working days before the first Nominated Competition.

Some Competitions may be designated as Development Competitions and these will be eligible for ranking points at a lower multiplier (see 3.3.6).

The athlete's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results of which no more than **FOUR** can be international results.

#### 4.2.2 CARRY OVER

35% of the points earned in each end of season ranking will be carried forward to the start of the following season by way of a Carry Over Competition result.

The Carry Over Competition will be treated as an International Competition and will be valid to a date specified by BF to be published on the BF website no later than 10 days before the first Nominated Competition in each season.

### 4.3 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

In each season the following rankings shall be published:

A start of season ranking, taking into account any carry over and transition bonus, no later than 30 days after the end of the previous season.

An updated ranking after each Nominated Competition.

The ranking published following the British Youth Championships will be deemed the end of season ranking.

### 4.4 METHOD OF CALCULATING POINTS

The points scored in each competition are calculated by taking the grading multiplier, multiplying this by the factor assigned to each final placing (see 3.7) and then rounding down to the nearest whole number.

Points are awarded to athletes finishing in the top 80% of Domestic Competitions and the top 70% of International Competitions (see 3.3.1) with 1 point award to those placing lower.

#### **4.4.1 DOMESTIC COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

Domestic Competition multipliers are set by the ADP team. Indicative multipliers are published on the BF website and may change before the Competition. Indicative multipliers will not be changed later than 5 working days before the Competition start date.

The final multiplier will be confirmed after the Competition and published on the BF website no later than 2 working days after each Competition.

#### **4.4.2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

The base multiplier will be as per the table in 3.3.6

An adjustment between -200 and +200 to the calculated multiplier may be made to reflect the strength of the Competition.

The final multiplier including any adjustment will be confirmed and published on the GBR calendar after each Competition.

Notwithstanding the above general rule, the multiplier for the EFC European U14 Festival shall be determined by the ADP team starting with a base value of 1,000. The final value will be published on the GBR calendar.

## 5. CADET RANKING SCHEME

### 5.1 THE CADET SEASON

The Season starts with the first Nominated Competition after each Cadet World Championships and ends with the next Cadet World Championships.

### 5.2 CADET RANKING POINTS

#### 5.2.1 QUALIFYING RESULTS

Athletes may score points in Nominated Competitions for the current season only. The calendar of Nominated Competitions together with indicative multipliers (see 5.4) is published on the BF website no later than 10 working days before the first Nominated Competition.

Some Competitions may be designated as Development Competitions and these will be eligible for ranking points at a lower multiplier (see 3.3.6).

The athlete's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results of which no more than **FOUR** can be international results.

#### 5.2.2 CARRY OVER

35% of the points earned in each end of season ranking will be carried forward to the start of the following season by way of a Carry Over Competition result.

The Carry Over Competition will be treated as an International Competition and will be valid to a date specified by BF to be published on the BF website no later than 10 days before the first Nominated Competition in each season.

#### 5.2.3 U14 TRANSITION BONUS

Athletes who do not have **TWO** results scoring more than one point in the most recent end of season ranking shall be awarded 10% of the points earned in the end of season Cadet ranking by way of a Carry Over Competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, points awarded in the Carry Over Competition shall be subject to the normal rounding rules (see 3.3.1).

The Carry Over Competition shall be deemed to take place one day after the end of season ranking calculation date and shall be valid to a date specified by BF.

The Carry Over Competition shall be treated as an International Competition.

### 5.3 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

In each season the following rankings shall be published:

A start of season ranking, taking into account any carry over and transition bonus, no later than 30 days after the end of the previous season.

An updated ranking after each Nominated Competition.

The ranking published following the Cadet World Championships will be deemed the end of season ranking.

## **5.4 METHOD OF CALCULATING POINTS**

The points scored in each competition are calculated by taking the grading multiplier, multiplying this by the factor assigned to each final placing (see 3.7) and then rounding down to the nearest whole number.

Points are awarded to athletes finishing in the top 80% of Domestic Competitions and the top 70% of International Competitions (see 3.3.1) with 1 point award to those placing lower.

### **5.4.1 DOMESTIC COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

Domestic Competition multipliers are set by the ADP team. Indicative multipliers are published on the BF website and may change before the Competition. Indicative multipliers will not be changed later than 5 working days before the Competition start date.

The final multiplier will be confirmed after the Competition and published on the BF website no later than 2 working days after each Competition.

### **5.4.2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

The base multiplier will be as per the table in 3.3.6

An adjustment between -200 and +200 to the calculated multiplier may be made to reflect the strength of the Competition.

The final multiplier including any adjustment will be confirmed and published on the GBR calendar after each Competition.

Notwithstanding the above general rule, the multiplier for the EFC European Cadet Championships shall be determined by the ADP team starting with a base value of 1,000. The final value will be published on the GBR calendar.

## 6. JUNIOR RANKING SCHEME

### 6.1 THE JUNIOR SEASON

The Season starts with the first Nominated Competition after the Junior World Championships and ends with the next Junior World Championships.

### 6.2 JUNIOR RANKING POINTS

#### 6.2.1 QUALIFYING RESULTS

Athletes may score points in Nominated Competitions only. The calendar of Nominated Competitions together with indicative multipliers (see 5.4) is published on the BF website no later than 10 working days before the first Nominated Competition.

Some Competitions may be designated as Development Competitions and these will be eligible for ranking points at a lower multiplier (see 3.3.6).

The athlete's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results of which no more than **FOUR** results may be from International Competitions.

#### 6.2.2 BRC COMPETITION REPLACEMENT ORDER

Junior BRC Competitions will be treated as homogeneous and will not be subject to the "Same Competition" replacement rule. Each Junior BRC Competition will therefore be valid for up to 12 months from the Competition date and will be replaced by any BRC Competition taking place in the same month the following year. If there are multiple BRC Competitions in any month, they will be replaced in date order.

All other Nominated Competitions shall be replaced as normal (see 3.2).

#### 6.2.3 CADET TRANSITION BONUS

Athletes who will no longer be eligible for Cadet ranking points at the start of each new season and do not have **TWO** results scoring more than one point in the Junior end of season ranking shall be awarded 10% of the points earned in the end of season Cadet ranking by way of a Carry Over Competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, points awarded in the Carry Over Competition shall be subject to the normal rounding rules (see 3.3.1).

The Carry Over Competition shall be deemed to take place one day after the end of season ranking calculation date and shall be valid to a date specified by BF.

The Carry Over Competition shall be treated as an International Competition.

### 6.3 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

In each season the following rankings shall be published:

A start of season ranking, taking into account any transition bonus, no later than 30 days after the end of the previous season.

An updated ranking after each Nominated Competition.

The ranking published following the Junior World Championships shall be deemed the End of Season ranking.

## **6.4 METHOD OF CALCULATING POINTS**

The points scored in each competition are calculated by taking the grading multiplier, multiplying this by the factor assigned to each final placing (see 3.7) and then rounding down to the nearest whole number.

Points are awarded to athletes finishing in the top 80% of Domestic Competitions and the top 70% of International Competitions with 1 point awarded to those placing lower.

### **6.4.1 DOMESTIC COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

Domestic Competition multipliers are set by the ADP team. Indicative multipliers are published on the BF website and may change before the Competition. Indicative multipliers will not be changed later than 5 working days before the Competition start date.

The final multiplier will be confirmed after the Competition and published on the BF website no later than 2 working days after each Competition.

### **6.4.2 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION MULTIPLIERS**

The base multiplier will be as per the table in 3.3.6.

An adjustment between -200 and +200 to the calculated multiplier may be made to reflect the strength of the Competition.

The final multiplier including any adjustment will be confirmed and published on the GBR calendar after each Competition.

Notwithstanding the above general rule, the multiplier for the EFC European Junior Championships shall be determined by the ADP team starting with a base value of 1,000. The final value will be published on the GBR calendar.



## 7. SENIOR RANKING SCHEME

### 7.1 THE SEASON

The Season starts on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year and runs until the following 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### 7.2 QUALIFYING RESULTS

Athletes may score points in any Registered Open Competition or Qualifying International Competition.

### 7.3 CALCULATION OF POINTS

Calculation of the ranking points will normally be done on a monthly basis in the first week of each month using the actual results of relevant competitions during the period of twelve months ending on the last day of the previous month.

Points on the normal scale are awarded to athletes who are placed in the top 83% of those competing and 1 point is awarded to those placing lower.

The points scored in each competition are calculated by taking the grading multiplier and multiplying this by the factor assigned to each final placing (see 3.7) and then rounding down to the nearest whole number.

The Athlete's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results of which no more than **FOUR** results may be from International Competitions.

At least **ONE** result must be from an Open Competition or the Senior British Championships unless the athlete holds an exemption granted by BF.

## 7.4 GRADING MULTIPLIERS

### 7.4.1 Method of Calculation

Competition type	Data needed	Multiplier calculation method
Opens	Rankings from the most recent NIF Assignment Date	<p><b>Method 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members – see 6.6</li> <li>Overseas Athletes – see 6.7</li> </ul> <p><b>Method 2</b> (if greater)</p> <p>0.25 times the number awarded a final place rounded down to the nearest whole number.</p>
Senior British Championships	N/A	Fixed at 600
British Open Championships	N/A	Fixed at 700
All FIE Competitions	N/A	see 6.4.2
Commonwealth Championships	N/A	see 6.4.2
EFC Competitions	N/A	see 6.4.2

### 7.4.2 GRADING MULTIPLIERS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The Grading Multiplier for each Competition type is as set out below.

Competition Type	Multiplier
FIE World Championships Olympic Games	6,000
FIE Grands Prix FIE World Cups	5,000
FIE Zonal Championships <sup>+</sup>	3,000
FIE Zonal Championships - 32 or fewer competitors	1,500
EFC U23 Circuit	See 3.3.6
EFC European U23 Championships*	1,000
FIE Satellite	See 3.3.6
Commonwealth Championships*	See 3.3.6

\* May be adjusted +/- 200 to reflect unusual strength or weakness at the discretion of BF.

<sup>+</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, FIE Zonal qualifiers for the Olympic Games are not included.

## 7.5 CALCULATION OF NIF FOR MEMBERS

NIF values shall be assigned to Members based on their weapon and position in the Senior ranking list on each NIF Assignment Date. The NIF assigned shall be used to calculate the grading multiplier for Competitions until the next NIF Assignment Date.

The ranking range used for each weapon is set to reflect the number of Members on the ranking list, using approximately 5%, 10%, 23% and 45% of the expected number of Athletes for the 10, 6, 3 and 1 bands respectively.

NIF	ME	MF	MS	WE	WF	WS
10	1-30	1-20	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-10
6	31-85	21-60	16-50	16-40	16-40	11-25
3	86-215	61-150	51-125	41-100	41-90	26-60
1	216-475	151-325	126-270	101-220	91-185	61-130

## 7.6 CALCULATION OF NIF FOR OVERSEAS ATHLETES

Overseas Athletes participating in Opens will be assigned a notional NIF value based on the NIF of Members finishing below them in the final ranking.

Total NIF of athletes finishing lower	NIF assigned
80+	10
54-79	6
31-53	3
21-30	1
0-20	0

Only NIFs allocated to Members on the most recent ranking shall be included for the purposes of calculating a notional NIF.

The notional NIF calculated shall be valid only for the single Competition and shall not influence future calculations.

## 8. UNDER 23 RANKING SCHEME

### 8.1 QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

Athletes may score points in all Senior Ranking Competitions (see 6.2), Registered U23 Ranking Competitions, the U23 National Championships, the EFC U23 European Championships.

### 8.2 QUALIFYING ATHLETES

Members who meet the age criteria at the calculation date are eligible for the U23 ranking.

For the avoidance of doubt, athletes' eligibility for the U23 ranking will change on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year and only athletes eligible on the calculation date shall be included in any ranking.

### 8.3 CALCULATION OF POINTS

The athlete's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results of which no more than **FOUR** results may be from International Competitions.

Points for Registered Open Competitions included in the U23 ranking are calculated as per the Senior Ranking Scheme.

Points for Registered U23 Competitions are calculated as per the Senior Ranking Scheme.

Points for the EFC U23 European Championships shall be based on the normal scale with a multiplier of 1,000.

#### 8.3.1 U23 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Points for the U23 National Championships shall be awarded using the Senior ranking scale and a fixed grading multiplier of 300.

The U23 National Championships is a Domestic Tournament and will be treated as such.

#### 8.3.2 JUNIOR TRANSITION BONUS

Athletes who will no longer be eligible for Junior ranking points at the start of the next Junior season and do not have **TWO** results scoring more than one point in the 1<sup>st</sup> August Senior Ranking each year will be awarded their Junior points total on each 31<sup>st</sup> August by way of a Carry Over Competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, points awarded in the Carry Over Competition shall be subject to the normal rounding rules (see 3.3.1).

The Carry Over Competition shall be deemed to be an International Competition and will be treated the same as other International Competitions.

## 9. INTERMEDIATE RANKING SCHEME

The Intermediate ranking is standalone scheme intended for development purposes and to seed the GB Cup or other national Intermediate Competitions. There is no intention of creating an equivalency between it and other rankings, e.g. it will not be possible to say that #1 in the Intermediate ranking is equivalent to #50 in the Senior ranking.

### 9.1 QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

The Intermediate ranking will be constructed using Registered Intermediate Ranking Competitions together with points earned in Registered Open Competitions having a ratio of grading multiplier (see 3.7) to competing athletes less than or equal to 1.80 (rounded down to nearest .01).

### 9.2 CALCULATION OF POINTS

The athlete's overall points total is the sum of their best **SIX** results using the points awarded to Qualifying Competitions (see 8.1).

Points for Registered Open Competitions included in the Intermediate ranking are calculated as per the Senior Ranking Scheme.

Points for Registered Intermediate Competitions are calculated using a grading multiplier of 1.8 times the number of athletes awarded a final place.

## 10. TABLE OF PENALTIES

Rule	Penalty*	Applies to
Failure to provide complete and accurate data by 23:59 on the first business day following the Competition.	£100	Each Competition individually.
Failure to provide complete and accurate data within 10 normal business days.	Exclusion.	Each Competition individually.
Inclusion of athletes in the final rankings for "On Platform" Tournaments exceeding 110% of the prepaid number of entries.	Reversion to "Off Platform" status.  The higher Levy fee becomes immediately payable for all entries, including those pre-paid entries and for all Competitions in the Tournament even where those Competitions did not individually exceed the limit.	The Tournament.
Failure to pay all outstanding Levy charges within 10 business days.	Exclusion	The Tournament.
Inclusion of unlicensed athletes.	Exclusion until such time as the athletes are licenced.  The cost for licensing or upgrading any unlicensed athlete shall be borne by the Tournament.  The penalties for failure to provide complete and accurate data shall also apply where appropriate.	The Tournament.
Inclusion of suspended athlete(s).	Exclusion.	The Tournament.
Use of a non-standard formula.	Reduction in Grading Multiplier (see 6.4) of 10% to 50% before any rounding or exclusion at the discretion of BF.	Each Competition individually.
Any matter which in the opinion of BF materially reduces the safety of Competitors, Tournament staff or the public.	Exclusion.	The Tournament.
Any matter which in the opinion of BF affects the Competition in such a way as to make the calculated Grading Multiplier not represent the strength of the Competition.	Reduction in Grading Multiplier (see 6.4) of 10% to 50% before any rounding at the discretion of BF.	Each Competition individually or the Tournament as determined by BF.

BF reserve the right to reduce or remove ranking points from any Competition for matters not covered by these rules.

\* A Tournament or Competition to which a penalty is applied will not be entitled to automatic renewal of its “Registered” status and will need to reapply for the following Season. Any grant of a new licence may be subject to special conditions at the discretion of BF.

\* Following any penalty on safety grounds the Tournament shall be required to accept a BF appointed observer as a condition of registration for one or more future years at the discretion of BF. All expenses of the observer including travel, accommodation and per-diem shall be borne by the Tournament.

The above penalties may be applied at any time. Rankings which have already been published may be adjusted accordingly.

## Version History

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