



COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2010

Introduction

The Rules for the 2010 Commonwealth Fencing Championships should be read in conjunction with the latest version of the FIE Rules.

Except where specifically stated the FIE Rules for Competitions shall be taken as paramount.

The CFF Technical Commission is empowered to make changes at short notice to the rules in order to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, without the right of appeal. Any such changes can only be temporary unless subsequently ratified by Council.

General rules

1. Countries entering must be members of the Commonwealth and be current members of the CFF.
2. The official language of the CFF is English and at least one person in every delegation must be reasonably fluent in English.
3. The CFF Championships (both Senior and Veteran) include twelve events, individual and team at all six weapons.
4. In the individual events each Country may enter up to 5 fencers per event.
5. In team events, the national Team Manager must nominate, not later than 24 hours before the start of the Team Event, a team of 3 to 5 fencers (maximum 4 in the Veteran event) of whom at least two (for Senior events) shall have fought in the individual event. The Team Captain, for each match, will name three fencers (two of whom [for Senior events] must have fenced in the individual event) and may name one reserve, **from the nominated fencers** and may vary the team between matches, which will be fought on the relay system.
6. The **Wilkinson Sword Trophy** is awarded to the Nation with the best overall results in the Senior Championships; please see below for the rules governing the Trophy.
7. The Championships will be run according to the FIE Rules; with the formula, that will include at least one round of pools in the individual events, being announced by the DT before the start of the competition and will be the same for all weapons. Team events will be run by direct elimination, except when there are only 3 teams competing, in which case the format will be a pool unique.
8. Clothing and all personal equipment must comply with the current FIE Rules for World Cup events, Weapon and clothing control will take place.
9. Referees: Delegations must include referees capable, between them, of refereeing all weapons entered by the Nation, on the following scale (based on the entries to the Senior Event):
 - Less than five fencers – no referees are required;
 - less than five fencers – no referees;
 - five to twelve fencers – one referee;
 - thirteen to twenty fencers – two referees;
 - more than twenty one fencers – three referees.

Veteran Championships: Each country should make the effort to bring at least one referee for each weapon entered who should be of at least National standard. Referees may be over 60 and not covered by rules 10 or 11.

10. If a Nation is unable to provide FIE qualified referees then they must submit names of proposed non-FIE referees with a brief refereeing CV to the Technical Commission for approval a minimum of four weeks prior to the Championships, OR, at their own expense, to pay for an FIE referee from another nation to attend.
11. Referees will be expected to form part of the international referees' cadre and hence may not be a competitor nor hold any other role in a National team. Referees will be expected to regard and comport themselves as neutral throughout the championship.

Please note:

- The use of conductive foil bibs is required for both the Veteran and Senior events.
- As an international event recognised by the FIE, all competitors must hold an FIE Licence.
- Nominated referees may not serve in any other capacity, such as a coach or competitor.
- The nominated Team Manager for each Nation shall be regarded as the point of contact between the Nation and the DT for both the Veteran and Senior events. The Team Manager may designate an Assistant Team Manager to act as his/her delegate for an event.
- ALL entries must be made by the recognised governing body of each Nation (as listed by the CFF).

Exceptions to the FIE Rules

- Visor (transparent) masks are not mandatory for Sabre and their use will be forbidden for Foil and Epee
- While all clothing must comply with the FIE rules, the rule requiring all team members to be dressed the same will not be applied.
- In the team events, classification matches will only be fought for first and third places. Medals will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Publicity Rules

The CFF Championships will follow the FIE rules as printed in the latest translation published by the British Fencing Association which in summary are:

A. Marks - these identify the manufacturer or seller of an item of equipment and the sizes are clearly laid down. Manufacturers know what they are and items purchased from all well-known retailers will have marks conforming to the rules.

B. "Exploitation of the Fencers Image" - This refers to exploitation in the media etc. where the fencer is paid for his/her image. If this applies to anyone please read the rules carefully.

C. Advertising that is worn or carried. A logo from the company being advertised must not exceed 125 sq. cms. and may be worn on top of sleeve on the unarmed arm (not sabreurs), side of breeches or on the socks. A maximum of four logos, total area not to exceed 500 sq. cms. Any advert must be lawful within the nation where the event is taking place and not endorse alcohol or tobacco products.

Clothing Rules

Fencers must wear their name and 3 letter country code (for UK fencers this is NOT GBR) on the back of their jackets - letters in dark blue capitals between 8 and 10 cm in height.

Authorised national colours/logo (for Senior UK fencers this is NOT GBR) on both legs, optional on arms. Veteran Fencers from the UK may wear the GBR strip.

Any other national identifications must be removed or covered up. The general clothing standards must adhere to the FIE standards.

Entry details

Preliminary entry details must include:

- Name, address, telephone, fax number and, if possible, email address of a **national representative or Team Manager**. This person will be the contact point before the Championships and **ALL correspondence will be sent by the CFF DT and the Host Nation to that named person**, with a copy to the President or Administrator of the Country concerned.
- Name, address, telephone, fax number and email address of **the Team Manager**. Each Country **MUST** specify a Team Manager who may, hold some other post within the team other than a referee. But the CFF, DT and Host Nation will regard the named Team Manager as the senior person in that team and able to speak on behalf of both the veteran and senior team members throughout the Championships.
- Provisional numbers entered in each event.

Final entry details must include:

- Names of accompanying officials together with their duties for accreditation purposes.
- Names of the referees together with their FIE and national qualifications.
- Names of competitors and their weapons, in ranking order for each weapon.
- Indication of the strength of competitors, if not on the World Cup rankings, then their best five recent results.
- Two photographs of all persons requiring accreditation, if required by the Host Nation.
- Biographical details of leading fencers suitable for inclusion in a programme or news sheet.

Seeding

The fencers will be seeded using the following criteria:

- 1) International World Cup Standing - latest available FIE ranking using places (1-64).
- 2) Ranking of the previous Senior World Championships (1-64)
- 3) For the Veteran event, the ranking of the previous Veteran World Championships (1- 64)
- 4) For the Veteran event, the ranking from the previous Commonwealth Veteran Championships
- 5) For the Senior Event, the ranking of the previous Junior World Championships (1-32)
- 6) For the Senior Event, the ranking of the previous Cadet World Championships (1-16)
- 7) International World Cup Standing - latest available FIE ranking using places 65 onwards.
- 8) The DT's judgement based on national rankings. Nations are reminded that entries must be listed in seeding order.

Teams will be ranked on the results in the individual events at the Championships, using the results of the three highest placed fencers in the appropriate individual event.

Team Events

Before each Team Event, the National Manager shall nominate up to five fencers (four for the Veteran event) to form the team of whom (for Senior events) at least two shall have fought in the individual event. The team will be ranked using the individual results of best three fencers in the team. In the event that a fencer had not competed in the individual event then that fencer shall be given a rank of the lowest rank in the individual event +1.

Before each round, when required by the DT, the Team Manager will nominate the 3-4 fencers forming the team for the next round.

Wilkinson Sword Trophy (Senior Event)

The trophy is awarded to the country earning the most points, calculated as follows from the Senior results:

1 st	-	32	2 nd	-	26	3 rd	-	20
4 th (team)	-	16	5 th to 8 th	-	12	9 th to 16 th	-	8
17 th to 32 nd	-	4	33 rd to 64 th	-	2			

Note - points cannot be earned in an incomplete series of the tableau.

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