



COMMONWEALTH FENCING FEDERATION

2012 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Introduction

The Rules for the Commonwealth Fencing Federation Junior 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.

Participants

The participating fencers must be below 20 years of age on 01 January 2012. Each participating nation member of the CFF is eligible to enter fencers in all three weapons, not exceeding **five** fencers per weapon per nation in “individual” events and one “team” per nation per weapon.

General rules

1. Countries entering must be members of the Commonwealth and be current members in good standing 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 Junior Championship includes 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 Manager must nominate, not later than 24 hours before the start of the team event, a team of 3–5 fencers, of whom at least two shall have fought in the individual event.
6. 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 remaining the same for all weapons.
7. Clothing and all personal equipment must comply with the current FIE Rules for World Cup events; a control will take place.
8. The **India Trophy** is awarded to the Nation with the best overall results in the Junior event; please see below for the rules governing the Trophy.

Please note:

- As an international event recognised by the FIE, all competitors must hold an FIE Licence.

- The use of conductive foil bibs is required.
- Nominated referees may not serve in any other capacity, such as a coach or competitor.
- ALL entries must be made by the recognised governing body of each Nation (as listed by the CFF).

Championship Formula

The fencing Championship shall be conducted in accordance with the current Statutes and Rules of the FIE. In case of disagreement in interpretation of the Rules, the latest English version as published by the British Fencing Association shall prevail. The Directoire Technique shall deal with any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules. The formula for the Championship will be:

- a. One round of pools followed by direct elimination tableau for individual events.
- b. Everyone promoted to DE, unless unworkable due to constraints caused by number of entries.
- c. Direct elimination for team events, as approved by the CFF.

Exceptions to the FIE Rules

- While all clothing must comply with the FIE rules, the rule requiring all team members to be dressed the same will not be applied.
- Individual Events: the formula will normally be pools with everyone promoted to the DE Tableau, followed by direct elimination.
- Team Events: some events may have a round of pools (3 teams or less).
- Radio-controlled scoring equipment (wireless) need not be used.
- Video arbitrage need not be used.

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) Ranking of the previous Junior World Championships (1-32)
- 4) Ranking of the previous Cadet World Championships (1-16)
- 5) International World Cup Standing - latest available FIE ranking using places 65 onwards.
- 6) The DT's judgement based on national rankings provided by CFF Member Nation.

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. In the event that a fencer has not competed in the individual event, then the rank of that fencer shall be determined by adding 1 to the lowest possible rank that could have been obtained in the individual event.

Team Events

The National Manager must nominate, not later than 24 hours before the start of the Team Event, a team of 3–5 fencers of whom at least two shall have fought in the individual event. The Team Captain, for each match, will name three fencers (two of whom must have fenced in the individual event) and may name one reserve, **from the nominated fencers**; the Team Captain may vary the team between matches, which will be fought on the relay system. The nominated team may not include any fencer where, due to the scheduling, a clash may occur between another event (Team or Individual) and the Team event.

Note: Medals will only be awarded to those fencers who fence during the team competition.

Clothing Rules

Fencers must wear their name and national symbol on the back of their jackets—letters in dark blue capitals between 8 and 10cm in height. National colours (for UK fencers, these are NOT GBR) on both legs, optional on arms.

Any other advertising or national identification must be removed or covered up.

Track suits may carry the National Identification on the back and one logo on the front, right-hand side of the track suit, not exceeding 50 cm², together with one small logo on the back collar. Fencers should consult their National Federation before wearing any advertising on their track suits.

If the tracksuits are sponsored, then the sponsor may already have put their logo on the track suit; if so, this corresponds to the total allowable and no further logos may be worn.

The general clothing standards must adhere to the FIE standards.

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 cm² 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 is allowed, total area not to exceed 500 cm². Any advertising must be lawful within the nation where the event is taking place and not endorse alcohol or tobacco products.

Armoury & Weapon Control

All equipment shall be in compliance with FIE Rules and Regulations for competition. A weapon control will take place and all relevant equipment must be presented to Weapon Control at the times specified. Normal penalties will be applied for the use of uncontrolled equipment.

It must be stressed that this is not a personal armoury and repairs to individual equipment will not normally be possible.

Equipment for weapon control from each team should be delivered as a batch. To relieve individual fencer from personally having to attend to this, all the kit can be delivered by a coach.

Emergency tests will take priority – for example, a retest of a weapon after a repair. Failure to deliver kit at the right time does not constitute an emergency.

All competitors should ensure their kit complies with the rules – a description of what constitutes compliant kit is found in the rules.

The following equipment should be submitted for control: masks, all lamé equipment, all wires and weapons. It is the responsibility of the Team Managers to ensure equipment is handed in at the right time.

Referees on the piste will check for control marks, verify that clothing complies with FIE rules and that National Identification stripes, names and country abbreviation are being worn in conformity with the rules.

Drug Testing

Drug Testing may take place and all contestants must be familiar with the current FIE/WADA rules. **Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) must be provided AT THE EVENT by any competitors currently taking any medications.** Fencers are advised to seek the advice of the Medical Officer of their national federation.

Directoire Technique (DT)

The DT shall be responsible for the technical organisation of the Championship. The DT will be comprised of up to four members of the CFF Technical Commission from different CFF Nations and one representative from the Host Nation. The decision of the DT shall be final.

Referees

As for an FIE event, the DT will expect referees convoked for each day to arrive on time and dressed appropriately.

Those convoked are entitled to the support of their colleagues and it should be remembered that referees are 'neutral' in respect to the competition. This is very important and, when on duty, they must not show any National support by either word or deed.

Protests

Appeals against the decision of a referee should be immediately made by the competitors (individual events) or their team captain (team events) to the referee, before any decision is made regarding a subsequent hit. If the referee maintains his decision, the complaint may be brought to the attention of the DT.

Entry details

Preliminary entry details must include:

- Name, address, telephone, fax number and, if possible, e-mail address of a **national representative**. This person will be the contact point before the Championships and **ALL correspondence will be sent by the CFF 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 e-mail address of the Team Manager. Each Country **MUST** specify a Team Manager who may, or may not, hold some other post within the team. However, the CFF, DT and Host Nation will consider the named Team Manager as the senior person, and the only one delegated to speak on behalf of the team 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 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 (subject to DT validation).
- 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.

Championship Schedule

As published by the Organising Committee after consultation with the Directoire Technique.

Meetings

As in the published FIE rules, there will be meetings at the venue on the first day (as identified on the schedule) for the team managers at 10:00 and for all referees at 14:00.

Awards

- a. For individual events, one gold one silver, and two bronze medals to the top 4 fencers and diploma to the top 8 fencers.
- b. For team events, five gold medals for the champion team, five silver medals for the second placed team, and 2 sets of 5 bronze medals for the two defeated teams in the semi finals, and diploma to the members of the top eight teams.

India Trophy (Junior Event)

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

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

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

NOTE:

On arrival, each nation must provide:

1. National Anthem on a CD
2. A 3 ft x 5 ft National Flag