

## **SCOTTISH FENCING SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **FOR 2021-22 REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS**

This document comprises two sections:

1. Selection criteria as agreed by the Scottish Fencing Board for representative events during 2021-22 for Cadet, Junior, Senior and Para Fencing
2. Scottish Veterans Fencing Eligibility, Ranking & Selection Rules 2021-22 as agreed by the Veterans Weapons Captains

#### **1. CADET, JUNIOR, SENIOR, PARA FENCING SELECTION**

Scottish Fencing have agreed the following selection criteria to be used for representative events during 2021 and 2022 including the Commonwealth Fencing Championships in August 2022 and Home Five Nations events.

These selection criteria apply to Cadet, Junior, Senior and Para Fencing.

#### **Eligibility**

For all events the Scottish Fencing eligibility criteria will be used. To be eligible for selection for the Team an athlete must:

- Be a member of Scottish Fencing with relevant full compete license
- Be eligible to represent Scotland as described in the Scottish Fencing Eligibility Criteria Document: [here](#)
- Been a member of Scottish Fencing for at least a year at the time of selection.

In addition, the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation will apply for the Commonwealth Fencing Championships:

<http://www.commonwealthfencing.org/docs/CFStatutes.pdf> (paragraph 3)  
<http://www.thecgf.com/about> CGF Constitution PDF (Byelaw 17 Eligibility)

Athletes who do not hold a UK passport; or are relying on a residence qualification; or have previously represented another nation may require a dispensation from the Commonwealth Fencing Federation. Such athletes should make their circumstances known to Scottish Fencing as soon as possible.

#### **CADET Selection Criteria**

Selection for the Scottish Cadet Team will be based on:

1. Top 3 results from ranking Cadet competitions held between 1 September 2021 - 31 March 2022. British Fencing Cadet ranking points process will be used.
2. Participation in the Scottish Youth Championships.
3. Participate in ALL Scottish Team training events/programmes or through notifying the Performance Director at Scottish Fencing of the use of a Training Journal.

## **JUNIOR Selection Criteria**

Selection for the Scottish Junior Team will be based on

1. Top 3 results from ranking Junior competitions held between 1 September 2021 - 31 March 2022. British Fencing Junior ranking points process will be used.
2. Participation in the Scottish Youth Championships
3. Participate in ALL Scottish Team training events/programmes or through notifying the Performance Director at Scottish Fencing of the use of a Training Journal.

## **SENIOR Selection Criteria**

Selection for the Scottish Senior Team will be based on

1. Top 3 results from ranking competitions held between 1 September 2021 - 31 March 2022. British Fencing Senior ranking points process will be used.
2. Participation in the Scottish Open.
3. Participate in ALL Scottish Team training events/programmes or through notifying the Performance Director at Scottish Fencing of the use of a Training Journal.

## **PARA FENCING Selection Criteria**

Selection for the Scottish PARA FENCING Team will be based on

1. Top 3 results from ranking competitions held between 1 September 2021 - 31 March 2022. British Disability Fencing/IWAS ranking points process will be used.
2. Participation in the Scottish Open.
3. Participate in ALL Scottish Team training events/programmes or through notifying the Performance Director at Scottish Fencing of the use of a Training Journal.

## **General Selection Notes and Appeals**

1. The selection criteria will be used for the selection of all team members.
2. Fencers will only be considered for selection if they have a satisfactory Disciplinary Record.
3. Fencers must be compliant with the appropriate Anti-Doping Policy at all times.
4. Fencers are expected to maintain a satisfactory level of training and fitness
5. Athletes will be responsible for providing all relevant information in support of selection.
6. It will be the responsibility of any athlete whose selection journey has been adversely affected by an inability to compete to inform the Scottish Fencing Performance Director and to demonstrate their fitness prior to selection.
7. Selection for more than one team is allowed by following the selection criteria requirements for that category. In exceptional circumstances the selection Committee may agree to waive selection criteria to complete effective team selection.

8. The only grounds for appeal will be either a material inaccuracy in the rankings used for selection or the incorrect application of this stated selection policy. Athletes are responsible for reporting ranking inaccuracies to the specific weapon ranking co-ordinator at British Fencing/British Disability Fencing(BDF)/IWAS. Any such appeal should be made in writing to the Scottish Fencing Operations Manager at the Scottish Fencing office within two weeks of the publication of the relevant rankings on the British Fencing website. Appeals will be decided by the Scottish Fencing Performance Group.
9. A Selection Panel of 5 members inclusive of the Performance Director – Scottish Fencing as Chair of the Selection Panel will be established.
10. The selection process and criteria will remain under review given the fluid situation regarding Covid-19 rules and may be updated based on any changes announced by either the UK or Scottish Government.
11. The selection process and criteria may also be reviewed should it become clear that the use of any of the criteria may be at risk because of changes in UK or Scottish Public Health restrictions, local circumstances or sport specific issues.
12. Definition of Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran, Para Fencer will be as per British Fencing, BDF/IWAS or relevant competition rules.

## **2. Scottish Veterans Fencing Eligibility, Ranking & Selection Rules 2021-22**

Following agreement between the six weapon captains for Scottish Veteran Fencing the rules for eligibility, ranking and selection have been determined. These are outlined below and will be applicable for the Veteran Home Nations 2022 and the Veteran Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022.

### **Eligibility**

For all events fencers must be members of British Fencing with a Full Scotland Compete membership type. This affiliation must be valid for the period in which the tournament will take place.

Commonwealth Championships 2022 – the rules of eligibility will be as defined by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation Limited, under whose auspices the tournament will be run. These can be found here within the appeal document -

<https://commonwealthfencing.org/docs/130630CFEEligibilityAppeal.pdf>

To represent Scotland in the 2022 Veteran Home Nations event team members must:

- a. Be eligible to represent Scotland as per rules 1, 2, 4 & 5 in the eligibility rules listed here - [Scotland Eligibility Rules](#)

OR

- b. For the purposes of Scottish Veteran fencer selection for the Veteran Home Nations 2022 only, the residency requirement will be 12 months resident in Scotland immediately prior to the date of competition.



## Ranking

Although a full BF calendar has not yet been published and it is not yet clear whether some tournaments will run, it is the intention to nominate a total of 5 tournaments in total for ranking and selection purposes.

All of the tournaments identified would take place before April 2022.

4 of these tournaments will be used for Home Nations selection with best 2 results counting.

All 5 tournaments will be used for Commonwealth Championship selection with best 3 results counting.

It is also the intention to progressively move away from using the Senior Rankings for selection as the wider GB Veteran Fencing circuit develops. It is hoped that a tournament hosted in Scotland will at some point join this circuit. For now, there will be a mix of Veteran and Senior events with a track record of Veteran participation.

Should any of these tournaments not take place then potential substitute tournaments which would take place before May 2022 will be considered for inclusion subject to enough notice being available to ensure fencers could enter and prepare properly.

Should any of the following scenarios occur then the 6 weapon captains for Scottish Veteran Fencing will collectively discuss and agree the selection of weapon teams at their absolute discretion:

- None of the nominated events take place
- Not enough fencers achieve points due to a reduced number of events or non-attendance for enough fencers to constitute a team. In this instance those fencers with points would be selected by default.
- If events are cancelled or attendance is not possible due to inclement weather

### *Nominated Tournaments*

British Veterans Championships 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – Manchester Fencing Centre, Oldham

Guildford International January 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Guildford Spectrum, Guildford

Merseyside Open February 2022 – Liverpool (This event is being considered but yet to be confirmed by the Organisers)

Scottish Open TBC 2022 – TBC (This event is being discussed but yet to be confirmed by Scottish Fencing)

Veterans Nationals March 2022 – TBC (There is an anticipated event yet to be confirmed by BVF)

For each of these tournaments the ranking points will be as below:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place/Best Veteran in Open	50 pts	9 <sup>th</sup> Place/9 <sup>th</sup> Best Veteran in Open	13 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Veteran in Open	43	10 <sup>th</sup>	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	37	11 <sup>th</sup>	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	32	12 <sup>th</sup>	5
5 <sup>th</sup>	27	13 <sup>th</sup>	4
6 <sup>th</sup>	23	14 <sup>th</sup>	3
7 <sup>th</sup>	19	15 <sup>th</sup>	2
8 <sup>th</sup>	16	16 <sup>th</sup>	1

Note:

In ranking events, if two Veteran fencers both finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for medals, their position for ranking and selection points purposes will be determined by their seeding for the DE based on their ranking following the poules.

The final position in a ranking event based on DE round reached and seeding for DE will determine the relative ranking of Veteran fencers in the tournament. Should this result in a tied position due to completely equal poule results, then the sum of the points for the positions tied will be divided by the number of fencers who are tied.

These rules reflect the same approach adopted for BVF ranking purposes.

## Selection

For the **Veteran Home Nations 2022** which is likely to take place in April 2022, the best 2 results from 4 tournaments up to and including the Scottish Open will be used to determine ranking. Selection will take place at the end of February or following the last of the tournaments to take place before the end of February, whichever is earlier. The top 4 fencers in each weapon will be selected to represent Scotland in the Home Nations tournament. In the event of a fencer declining the invitation then invitations will move progressively down the ranking list.

Should the Scottish Open not take place until March then the selection will be based on best 2 results from 3 tournaments.

Should the Merseyside Tournament also not take place then the weapon Captain's group will review the rankings at the end of February based on those tournaments that have taken place and the attendance at those tournaments and determine whether to use the rankings as they stand or to select teams based on the rankings and other relevant information and at their absolute discretion.

In the event of equal points between fencers then the weapon Captain's group will collectively determine the fencer(s) to be selected at their absolute discretion.

For the **Veteran Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022** which will take place in August 2022, the best 3 results from the 5 nominated tournaments will be used to determine ranking. Selection will then be confirmed by the end of April. The top 4 fencers in each weapon will be selected to represent Scotland in the team event of the Veteran Commonwealth Championships 2022. In the event of a fencer declining the invitation then invitations will move progressively down the ranking list.

In the event of equal points between fencers then the weapon Captain's group will collectively determine the fencer(s) to be selected at their absolute discretion.

In the event of any of the events not taking place the weapon Captain's group will review and update the selection criteria as early as possible to ensure tournaments that will take place could be nominated as replacements.

#### *Scottish Fencing Squad Training*

Scottish Fencing intend to run squad training sessions for all categories which will be part of the 2022 Commonwealth Championships. These sessions will be open to Scottish Veteran fencers but will not form part of the selection process for the Scottish Veteran teams for the Championships.

**These rules will remain under review given the fluid situation regarding Covid-19 rules and may be updated based on any changes announced by either the UK or Scottish Government.**

**They may also be reviewed should it become clear that some of the nominated tournaments may be at risk of not taking place due to changes in the above rules or to local circumstances.**