

Introduction

The aim of the Scottish Fencing selection policy is to outline the process used for the selection of teams to represent Scotland at the Senior Five Nations Championship in 2023.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection athletes 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](#).
- Have been a member of Scottish Fencing for at least a year at the time of selection.

Selection Panel

The selection panel is made up of the following members:

Scottish Fencing Performance Director – Paul Vaughan
Scottish Fencing Governance Director – Hugh Kernohan
Scottish Fencing Chief Operating Officer/Head of Pathways - Clare Queen

All panel members receive one vote.

Primary Selection Factors

Athletes who fulfil the automatic selection standard. Automatic selections are not transferable down the rankings. To meet the criteria for automatic selection a fencer must meet the following criteria;

- Be in the top 40 of the GB Senior rankings.

Secondary Selection Factors

- Results in key events used for the BF rankings.
- Historical performance record in key events
- Level of competition
- Event format, individual and/or team
- Previous record in team events
- Experience the fencer will gain from competing in the event.

Scottish Fencing have agreed the following selection criteria to be used for the Senior Five Nations event.

1. Senior Five Nations Selection – 18 November 2023 – 4 selections

Selection date: 20 July 2023

Scottish Fencing will make selections based on the British Senior Ranking lists on the selection date.

The team will be selected as follows:

1. The top 3 fencers from the rankings will be selected.
2. The Selection panel will select the final fencer.

Where the automatic selection places are not filled, the selection committee will select the remaining fencers.

The selection panel will also select one non-travelling reserve for each team. The non-travelling reserve will be asked to confirm acceptance of their selection and that they will be available to travel in the event that one of the selected fencers is unable to compete.

General Selection Notes

1. The selection criteria will be used for the selection of all team members.
2. Athletes will only be considered for selection if they have a satisfactory Disciplinary Record.
3. Athletes must be compliant with the appropriate Anti-Doping Policy at all times.
4. Athletes 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 train or compete to inform the Scottish Fencing Performance Director as soon as any relevant period of injury or illness occurs by submitting a [SF Injury/Illness form](#) and to demonstrate their fitness prior to selection.
7. A Selection Panel of 3 members, inclusive of the Performance Director as Chair of the Selection Panel, will be appointed by the Performance Director in June 2023.
8. 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.
9. 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. If it becomes clear in advance that one or more selection events will not take place, the selection panel reserve the right to issue an amended policy.
10. Definition of Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran, Para Fencer will be as per British Fencing/IWAS or relevant competition rules.
11. Scottish Team selection for the 5 Nations Championships 2023 will be published on the Scottish Fencing website on 28th July 2023.
12. In circumstances where there are insufficient athletes on the relevant British Ranking list to enable the above selection criteria to be applied, the Selection Panel may use their discretion to select additional athletes to form a team.

Appeals Process

Scottish Fencing are committed to a fair and transparent selection process. A fencer who has not been selected can submit an appeal to the Performance Director where the fencer believes.

1. There to be either a material inaccuracy in the rankings used for selection and/or (*Athletes are responsible for reporting ranking inaccuracies to the specific weapon ranking co-ordinator at British Fencing/IWAS*)
2. Scottish Fencing have failed to follow the published selection criteria.

Appeals should be submitted to the Scottish Fencing Operations Manager by emailing admin@scottish-fencing.com within 3 days of the team announcement.

In the event of an athlete appealing their non-selection. The Selection Committee shall consider which other athletes (if any) might be affected by the appeal. Where the appeal opens the possibility that another athlete might have their selection revoked, or otherwise affected in any way, that other athlete will be given notice of the appeal and will be given copies of any documents submitted by the applicant.

Appeals will be decided by an appeals panel separate from the selection panel. The appeals panel will consist of George Liston (SF Chair), Liz Anderson (SF Operations Manager) Jude Salmon (SF Independent Director) and Giles Lomax (SF Independent Director).

The decision of the appeals panel will be final.