

## NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM POLICY

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## FENCING SINGAPORE NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM 2016/2017

The Fencing Singapore's new Ranking System (FSRS) is a **12 month rolling point system** that measures a fencer's performance according to his or her result achieved in recent competitions by assigning points according to the strength of the competitions and the corresponding results. The fencer will have to perform consistently well over a period of several months to achieve and maintain a high ranking with respect to other fencers.

- Cadet Ranking System will consist of both Cadet & Junior Events
- Junior Ranking System will consist of both Junior & Senior Events
- Senior Ranking System will consist of only Senior Events

Ranking points awarded are determined by various factors including but not limited to the following:

1. No. of participants
2. Participants' Ranking
3. Strength/Difficulty of event
4. Organiser/Country

### PURPOSE

The system aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Ensure that the rankings reflect the current form of the athletes as much as possible.
2. Support the development of fencing in Singapore by awarding more points for results obtained in strong competitions. Hence, acting as a performance indicator.
3. Ensure that there is a consistent basis for the annual major games' selection.
4. The Ranking System is neutral, objective and void of any subjectivities, as far as humanly possible.
5. Allow coaches to customise an annual training-cum-competition plan for each of their primary student, by choosing from the huge basket of overseas ranking competitions, besides local ranking competitions, those that are most suitable for the development of the fencer.

### OVERSEAS RANKING COMPETITIONS

Overseas competitions should be focused on the quality of fencing and competitions that will drive Team Singapore's performance towards 2024 and beyond. Although a wide range of tournaments is allowed, the toughest tournaments reward the most points.

For Cadets:

- All Fencing Confederation of Asia (FCA) Cadet Circuits events
- All European Fencing Confederation (EFC) Cadet events

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- All International Fencing Federation (FIE) Junior events (excluding Asian & World Championships)
- All North America Cup (NAC) Cadet & Junior events (where foreigners are allowed & fencer can secure rating from US Fencing)
- Selected Cadet & Junior events in Australian Fencing Federation & British Fencing
- All Hong Kong Fencing Association (HKFA) events where foreigners are allowed

### For Juniors:

- All FIE Junior & Senior events (excluding Asian & World Championships)
- All NAC Junior & Senior Div 1 events (where foreigners are allowed & fencer can secure rating from US Fencing)
- Selected Junior events in Australian Fencing Federation & British Fencing
- All Hong Kong Fencing Association (HKFA) events where foreigners are allowed
- Thailand Open (For Sabre only)

### For Seniors:

- All FIE Senior events (excluding Asian & World Championships)
- All NAC Senior Div 1 events (where foreigners are allowed & fencer can secure rating from US Fencing)
- Selected Senior events in Australian Fencing Federation & British Fencing
- All Hong Kong Fencing Association (HKFA) events where foreigners are allowed
- Thailand Open (For Sabre only)

Websites for above stated competitions -

**FIE:** <http://fie.org/competitions>

Fencing Confederation of Asia (FCA):

<http://www.asianfencing.com/fca2013/pages/calendar.asp>

**European Fencing Confederation:** <http://www.eurofencing.info/tournaments/cadetcircuit>

**North America Cup:** <http://www.usfencing.org/future-tournament-dates>

British Fencing: <http://www.britishfencing.com/events/>

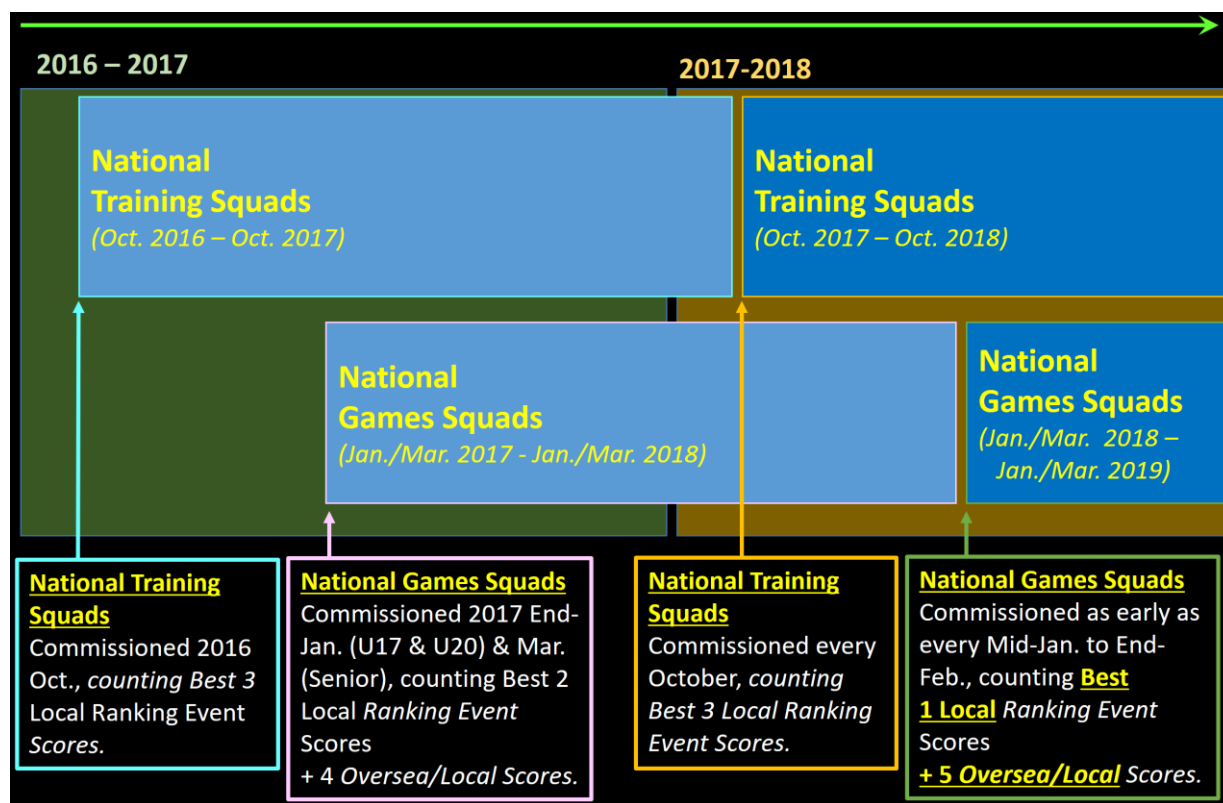
Australian Fencing Federation: <http://www.ausfencing.org/home/>

Hong Kong Fencing Association (HKFA): <http://www.hkfa.org.hk/EN/index.html>

The events above are chosen based on the quality of the seeding & results data provided by the organizers.

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### NATIONAL TRAINING SQUAD AND GAME SQUAD SELECTION TIMELINE



Selection into the National Training Squads, in every October, is based on the 12 month rolling ranking system and only on results of annual local ranking events held by Fencing Singapore as detailed below;

#### SEASON 2017-18

Category	Local Ranking Events Available By Oct. 2017	Used For Ranking
Cadet	Total FIVE (i.e. 3 Cadets & 2 Juniors)	Best THREE
Junior	Total SIX (i.e. 2 Juniors & 4 Seniors)	Best THREE
Senior	Total FOUR (i.e. 4 Seniors)	Best THREE

Only the Top 12 ranked Seniors, Top 12 ranked Juniors and Top 6 ranked Cadets (without backfill, and are Singapore Citizen) will be selected into the 2017-2018 National Training Squads (NTS). Each athlete will have to sign and accept the NTS athlete agreement to accept the position in the Training Squad.

Selection into the National Games Squads (for AJCC, WJCC, AFC & WFC) is made as early as Mid-January for Cadets and Juniors and as early as End-February for the Seniors (exact dates dependent upon the FIE's dates for Zonal and world championships). Please refer to the FS National Games Squads Selection Policy for details.



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The National Games Squads selection is done using the 12 month rolling ranking system, see below for more details.

There is no minimum number of competitions that a fencer must compete in to get onto the National Games Squad. However, each fencer may count points from a **maximum of 6 competitions**;

- **Maximum of 5 overseas of which only 2 may be from any given country**
- **Minimum 1 local**

NOTE: in the absence of overseas competitions a fencer may use local competitions as below

A fencer can choose to use all their local ranking events scores, for example (Season 2017-2018)

- Cadets can use all 5 local competition scores (i.e. 3 Cadets & 2 Juniors)
- Juniors can use all 7 local competition scores (i.e. 2 Juniors & 5 Seniors)
- Seniors can use all 6 local competition scores (i.e. 6 Seniors)

### FUNDING

Funding will not be provided to standing National Training/Games Squads when they participate in the ranking competitions (This will not apply to Spex Scholars). Fencing Singapore will only be providing merit funding to major games, or stipulated competitions for the National Training/Games Squads. This is to channel Fencing Singapore's funding to our high performance objectives (e.g. medals at major games) and ensures that existing non-National Training/Games squads fencers are not at a disadvantage when they compete at the ranking competitions.

For the promotion of the FIE Team events, FS will encourage Team participation for FIE Junior & Senior events and will fund the Team entry and referee cost incurred.

### COMPETITION PENALTIES

Referee costs and penalties must be borne by the fencers participating in the event. FS will try to, where possible, send referees from Singapore and/or arrange to hire local referees to keep the costs down.

Any penalties plus the cost of bank's telegraphic transfer due to late withdrawal from individual and team events must be borne by the fencer in question. (Late registration)

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A penalty of SGD100 will be charged per tournament requiring federation aided registration, due to reservation of slots, should you withdraw your indication of interest within 4 weeks before event day, without acceptable excuse.

Some acceptable excuses:

- Sudden sickness (with medical certificate to be produced latest by the day of the competition) occurring after dateline of last entry withdrawal.
- Sudden suspension (with letter by school to be produced latest by the day of the competition) from fencing by school due to reasons such as disciplinary problem occurring after dateline of last entry withdrawal.
- Sudden recall for national service occurring after dateline of last entry withdrawal
- Sudden overseas work assignment occurring after dateline of last entry withdrawal (proof such as copy of air-ticket to be produced)

### FIE TABLE OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND FINES

	<b>Article</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>To be paid to</b>	<b>By whom</b>
Entry to World Championships after closing date	o.53.3	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date until the Tuesday preceding the competition	o.54.4 a)	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date, from the Wednesday and until the day (12 noon local time) preceding the competition	o.54.4 b)	250 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
If a fencer or team duly entered does not turn up	o.31.4, o.33.3, o.54.5	500 euros per fencer or team	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the National Federation
Participation of a fencer or team not properly entered	o.54.6	1000 euros per improper participation	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the organiser
Required number of referees not respected	o.81.1	1000 euros per referee	At the same time as the information is sent to the organiser	Organiser	By the National Federation



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### INTERPRETATION

The Exco of Fencing Singapore reserves the right to interpret any terms stated above should any queries or clarification surface. The decision of the Exco of Fencing Singapore is final.