

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 Cadet and Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championships.

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.

To be considered for selection, athletes must complete the Scottish Fencing declaration of interest form by Friday 5th January 2024. Completing this form indicates that you meet the eligibility criteria and would like to be considered for selection. NB: Only athletes who have completed the form will be considered for selection.

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

<http://www.commonwealthfencing.org/docs/CFFStatutes.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 by contacting admin@scottish-fencing.com

Please note – Athletes will be required to hold a current FIE License to compete. Fencers must be 13 years old on the date of selection and can apply for an FIE license following acceptance of selection, if they do not already hold a valid license.

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 COO/Head of Pathways – Clare Queen

All panel members receive one vote.

There will also be one selection advisor for each weapon. The selection advisors will provide advice to the panel but will not receive a 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 two criteria.

- participate in the Scottish Youth Championships 2024 in the weapon and age category that the fencer wishes to be selected for. (Please note the Scottish Youth Championships takes place after the selection date, fencers who have been selected are still expected to compete in the event.)
- Be in the top 50% of the GB rankings in the weapon and age category the fencer wishes to be selected for.

Secondary Selection Factors

- Results in key events used for the GB rankings
- Current British/FIE Ranking
- 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 2024 Cadet and Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championships

Cadet Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2024 – 12-19 July 2024, New Zealand – 5 Selections

Selection date: 2 February 2024

1. Scottish Fencing will select the **top 4 ranked fencers** from the British Fencing Cadet Ranking on 26 January 2024. To meet the criteria for automatic selection a fencer must participate in the Scottish Youth Championships 2024 in the weapon and age category that the fencer wishes to be selected for and be in the Top 50% of the GB rankings in the weapon and age category that the fencer wishes to be selected for.
2. The Selection panel will select the final fencer.

NB: If there are not 4 eligible fencers in the Top 50% of the GB Rankings, the selection panel will have discretion to select the remaining places.

Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2024 – 12-19 July 2024, New Zealand – 5 Selections

Selection date: 2 February 2024

1. Scottish Fencing select the **top 4 ranked fencers** from the British Fencing Junior Ranking on 26 January 2024. To meet the criteria for automatic selection a fencer must participate in the

Scottish Youth Championships 2024 in the weapon and age category that the fencer hopes to be selected for and be in the Top 50% of the GB rankings in the weapon and age category that the fencer wishes to be selected for.

2. The Selection panel will select the final fencer.

NB: If there are not 4 eligible fencers in the Top 50% of the GB Rankings, the selection panel will have discretion to select the remaining places.

Selection Criteria for Team Event

The team event will follow the individual event at the CJCFC. Selections for the 4 places in the team event will take place as follows:

1. The top 4 fencers in the Top 50% of the GB rankings at the time of selection will be selected for the team event.
2. If there are not 4 eligible fencers in the Top 50% of the GB Rankings, the selection panel will have discretion to select the remaining places.

General Selection Notes and Appeals

1. The selection criteria will 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 always compliant with the appropriate Anti-Doping Policy.
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. Selection for more than one team is allowed by following the selection criteria requirements for that category.
8. The selection panel will consider cadet fencers for the junior team where the panel believe the fencer has demonstrated they have the ability and experience to compete in the junior event and where the panel believes the event is appropriate for the development of the fencer.
9. A Selection Panel of 5 members, inclusive of the Performance Director as Chair of the Selection Panel, will be appointed by the Performance Director in December 2023.
10. 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.
11. Definition of Cadet and Junior will be as per British Fencing/IWAS or relevant competition rules.
12. When an athlete's selection to represent Great Britain in international competition leads to a clash with the Scottish Youth Championships, the athlete must inform the Scottish Fencing Performance Director prior to the event and, in doing so, will be exempt from attending the event.
13. 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 up 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.