

FENCING FEDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC)
International Fencing Federation (FIE) and Confederation Africa Fencing (CAE)



FFSA: INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

17 December 2016

To: All FFSA Clubs, Fencers & Parents

Ref: 2016/002

Re: 2017 FFSA Fencing Year - guidelines

Dear Administrators, Coaches, Technical Officials, Fencers & Parents

On the 2nd of December 2016, council ratified the following guidelines and rules Fencing SA and national events during 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: The full set of FFSA rules will be available on our website over the following few months as completed and loaded.

FFSA Licence Fee for 2017:

- All fencers require a "FFSA Fencing Licence" to be able to fence at any of the National Events (Junior and Senior National Championships and / or Provincial Opens)
- The FFSA Licence fee is payable to your Province.
- Provinces are to acquire FFSA Licence on behalf of the Fencer from FFSA.
 - Proof of payment is to be submitted with a name list and ID numbers of the fencers for who licences are purchased for verification and loading onto Ophardt.
- Without FFSA Licence, a fencer will not be permitted to compete in any national event.
- Fencers Licence Fee:
 - R 350 (There is NO once-off licence fee for 2017).

FIE Licence:

- This is to be paid by Fencing Individuals who are representing RSA internationally and / or competing internationally.
- This Licence is to be paid separately to FFSA Licence to FFSA, in liaison with the national team managers and your provincial administrators.
- Members are to provide proof of payment, with the required FIE credentials so the FFSA can acquire the individuals FIE Licence.
- Fees payable: R400
 - This is subject to increase if there are pertaining to licence fees and / or exchange rates.



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Competition Fees for 2017:

- All fencers are to pay the required entry fees directly to the hosting Province.
- No entry fee – No fencing.
- Entry Fees:
 - R 350 for the first two events (be it weapon or age group) plus an additional R50 per additional event thereafter.
i.e. Entered 2 events = R 350, Entered 3 events = R400, Entered 4 events = R450, ...
 - “Development Fencers”: fencers who have been declared by Province and approved by FFSA.
 - R50 payable by fencer to host for first two events plus an additional R50 per additional event thereafter.
i.e. Entered 2 event = R 50, Entered 3 events = R100, Entered 4 events = R150, ...

Fencing Age guidelines for 2017:

- Lower age limits:
 - Only For Junior Nationals:
 - For a fencer to compete in the U11, U13 or U15 events, a fencer must be 8years old at 24:00 on the 31st December 2016,
 - For a fencer to compete in the U17 and U20 events, a fencer must be 12 years old at 24:00 on the 31st December 2016.
 - For All other National Competitions:
 - A fencer must be 12 years old at 24:00 on the 31st December 2016.
- Upper age limits:
 - The upper age limit is divided into three groups:
 - At Junior Nationals for U15 and younger:
 - The age of the Fencer at 24:00 on the **31st December 2016**.
 - U11 – must be 10 years or younger
 - U13 – must be 12 years or younger
 - U15 – must be 14 years or younger
 - For National Team Selection 2017 (events prior to Junior World Champs 2017)
 - The age of the Fencer at 24:00 on the **31st December 2016**.
 - U17 (Cadet) – must be 16 years old or younger
 - U20 (Junior) – must be 19 years old or younger
 - For National Team Selection 2018 (after Junior Nationals 2017)
 - The age of the Fencer at 24:00 on the **31st December 2017**.
 - U17 (Cadet) – must be 16 years old or younger
 - U20 (Junior) – must be 19 years old or younger

Fencing Clothing / Equipment for 2017:

- Fencers who are U13 and younger; It is recommended these fencers fence with a No. 3 Blade and not a No. 5 blade, but it remains the fencer's choice.
- A certified 350N Plastron is to be worn by a fencer at any national event.

OPHARDT Administrators at clubs:

- If a fencer is entered incorrectly into to an event the competition Supervisor has the right to exclude the fencer from participating.
- The impact, responsibility and accountability lies with the Club administrator and not with the competition supervisor.
- Administrators are to ensure compliance pertaining to entries and age categories.
 - Fencers and parents may ask their club administrators for a print out there entries into a competition to confirm that they have been entered correctly.
- Fencers are responsible to ensure that Personal details are updated on Ophardt, so please inform your Administrator of any changes. Names on the system must be "legal registered names", not nick names.
 - Fencers can obtain their 'Fencing CV' also from the Club's Administrator.

Mark Howitt

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