

## **NSWFA SELECTION POLICY – 2012/2016**

NSW teams for entry to National Championships will be selected as follows:

### **1. Open National Championships**

A Team: Three places will be decided according to the NSW (Open) ranking order of fencers available for selection. One place will be decided in accordance with the highest placing achieved in the individual competition by a NSW fencer not already selected.

If two fencers are placed equal third in the NSW (Open) ranking, two places on the A Team will be decided by ranking order and two places will be decided in accordance with the highest placings achieved by the remaining NSW fencers in the individual competition. If two fencers are placed equal first or equal second in the NSW (Open) ranking, the three highest ranking fencers will be selected and the fourth place will be decided in accordance with the highest placing achieved in the individual competition.

B Team: Four places will be decided according to the highest placing achieved in the individual competition by NSW fencers not already selected for the A Team.

If a selected fencer withdraws from either the A or B Teams, his or her place will be offered to the next ranked available fencer.

Invitations for qualified fencers to join NSW Open teams will be sent at least 30 days before the National Championships. Fencers must confirm their availability within 7 days of receiving the invitation.

### **2. Junior/Cadet/Under 15 National Championships**

A Team: All four team places will be decided according to the highest placing achieved in the relevant NSW State Championships by fencers available for selection.

B Team: All four places will be decided according to the highest placing achieved in the relevant NSW State Championships by fencers not already selected for the A Team.

Example: A Team fencers ranked 1, 2, 3, 3; B Team fencers ranked 5, 6, 7, 8.

If a selected fencer is unable to attend the National Championships, his or her position will be taken by the next highest placed fencer in the State Championships.

The selected teams for Junior/Cadet/U15 National Championships will be announced immediately following the State Championships. Fencers must confirm their availability within 7 days.

Selected fencers must attend team training sessions convened by the Head Coach prior to the national event. These sessions may be attended by non-selected fencers with a top 10 ranking.

### **3. U 13 Development National Championships**

NSW A and B teams to compete in the U13 Development National Championships will be selected according to the NSW (U13) ranking order of fencers available for selection.

### **4. Schools**

#### *Australian Individual National School Championship*

The fencers nominated by NSWFA for each weapon/gender/age category in the national individual school championships will be selected in accordance with the order of placings in the nominated NSWFA qualifying competition.

#### *Australian Team National School Championship*

The boys and girls school teams to be nominated by NSWFA for the national team school championships in each weapon/gender will be the school teams that achieved the highest results in the AJ Rae/RA White competitions and are available to attend the national school championships. If NSW is invited to enter an additional team in any weapon/gender, the school with the next highest result in the AJ Rae/RA White and able to attend will be nominated.

If any nominated individual school fencer or school fencing team is unable to attend the National School Championships they must immediately advise NSWFA so their place can be offered to the next highest ranked fencer or school.

### **5. General Rules**

If a selected fencer withdraws through injury or other circumstance before the National Championships, the next ranked available fencer will be invited to join the team. Selected fencers must advise the Head Coach as soon as they know they will not be available.

The appointment of a Team Captain and the team fencing order will be determined by the NSWFA Head Coach or his nominated Assistant Coach. The Head Coach and his Assistant Coaches will be solely responsible for team activities and team tactics at the National Championships.

All selected fencers will report to the Head Coach or Assistant Coach at the nominated time, fully equipped and ready to fence. Team members must wear a NSW team representative jacket and pants as well as NSW socks which will be issued to each team member.

### **6. Appeals**

As the composition of NSW teams will be determined strictly in accordance with ranking and performance, and without any subjective judgement or discretion being exercised, there is no need for an appeals process. However, a fencer who believes the selection process has not been properly followed or a mistake has been made should immediately raise any concerns with the NSWFA Executive via [secretary@nswfa.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswfa.org.au)