

# NSWFA INFORMATION SHEET 2010

## ROLL CALL AND ENTRIES

Entries to NSWFA competitions can be paid for on the day, with the exception of NSW Schools State Championship and Schools League competitions which must be entered prior to the day of competition. To ensure eligibility to fence, all competitors **must** be entered 10 minutes by the ENTRY CLOSE TIME shown on the annual timetable. If you are travelling a long distance, i.e. outside metropolitan Sydney, and want to ensure that the event organiser knows you are attending, you may ring on 0414 392 895 (or leave voicemail). **Please note our use of the venue finishes at 5:00pm and another booking immediately follows us, so all events not completed by 4:30 pm will be abandoned, so venue can be packed up and handed over by 5:00pm.**

For AFF competitions, all entries must be received by the closing date shown on the NSWFA Timetable. **Entries are to be made on-line at [www.nswfencing.org.au](http://www.nswfencing.org.au)**. Any entries to AFF competitions after this date will be at double the normal rate and will be made to the state association hosting the event on the day. Fencers **must** be affiliated at the time the entry is made.

## SURCHARGE & LEVY

Levies and surcharges will be applied to AFF National Championships which are held in Sydney (\$30 per entry) and for AFF National Championships which are held interstate (\$60 per entry). These will go towards paying for team managers and coaches for these events.

## TIMETABLE

Every affiliated fencer will be issued with a current Timetable. This will also be placed on the website. Since revisions occur throughout the year, members are encouraged to regularly check that they have the current revision. **Please note carefully the closing dates for AFF competition entries.**

A number of changes have been made to the NSWFA competition schedule for this year. These changes have been made in order to accommodate more age related competitions for our junior membership as well as to encourage larger participation numbers.

A number of competitions will be linked in a 'Grand Prix' points system. Not all competitions on the timetable are included in the points system. However, each age group, U11, U13, U15, U17, U20 will have a few of their own competitions in which they are able to accrue points and they are also able to gain points by fencing a 'ps' competition in a higher age group. Opens have three Grand Prix competitions plus their state championship. These point scoring competitions are indicated on the timetable by a '(ps)' following the competition name. Awards will be issued at the end of the season to the OVERALL winner in each age group. Points awarded to fencers at every competition will also go towards a tally for OVERALL BEST CLUB. By competing, fencers automatically accrue points for their respective clubs. Points will also be awarded for club teams.

An 'overall winner' will also be awarded in the Veteran division but this division does not accrue club points. Novice competitions will continue as in previous years and do not accrue points.

Points will be awarded as such:

1 <sup>st</sup>	10 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	4 pts
9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	2 pts
17 <sup>th</sup> -32 <sup>nd</sup>	1 pts

Points are doubled for state championships. Club team competitions earn triple points.

**NB: The Grand Prix points system remains separate to the NSWFA ranking system and will not affect the current ranking system in any way.**

## AFFILIATION & REGISTRATION

All fencers wishing to compete in NSWFA & AFF competitions **MUST be affiliated**. The only exceptions are the following competitions where fencers can be **registered** for a lower charge:

NSW Schools Championships (Team and Individual)  
NSW Schools League Team Competition  
A J Rae Invitational Schools Teams

Roseanne White Invitational Schools Teams  
Any NSWFA U/11 or U/13 competition  
Any other school competitions (except Schools Nationals)  
All novice competitions

2010 Affiliation/Registration is due on 1 January. ***They are to be made on-line via the NSWFA website [www.nswfencing.org.au](http://www.nswfencing.org.au) using secure credit card payment.***

#### **UNIFORM**

**All competitions:** Ladies' and Girls' equipment must include ***breast protection*** made of metal or some other rigid surface.

**Novice, U/11, U/13 and Schools Fencing Competitions:** ***A Fencing Jacket and under plastron must be worn.*** Gloves and masks are compulsory. Masks must have elastic at the back. Breeches or long tracksuit pants (which cover the waist) must be worn. Shorts are unacceptable.

**Open, B Grade, U/15, U/17, U/20:** Full fencing uniform, ***this includes LONG socks that must stay up.*** An underplastron must be worn. Tracksuit pants are ***not*** acceptable for these events.

**OFFICIALS:** These assist on a voluntary basis and if you wish to be involved please contact the Secretary or the Technical Commission.

**NSWFA ENTRY FEES (2010):** \$25 per weapon & \$15 for a second event on the day. \$50 per team.