

## Senior Teams Selection Policy

### Goal

The objective of the NSWFA in this policy is to:

- Establish **criteria** for the selection of teams which will have the best likelihood of success, and which recognise the ability and efforts of all fencers and their commitment to NSW fencing;
- Apply a **process** which is equal and sensitive to the interests of all fencers.

### Criteria

The Selectors shall make their decision according to the following:

1. The team will be selected in the same order as the State Rankings of fencers in the appropriate weapon and gender categories.
2. The State Rankings will be determined by applying the NSWFA Points System (at Attachment 1), and will be those applying one week before the subject event.
3. Events which will be used for determining State Rankings will be all state, national, & relevant international (see Attachment 1) competitions up to one week before the subject event, from and including the same competition held in the previous year.
4. Where State Rankings for two or more fencers are equal or within ten points, selectors will select the fencer who, in their judgement alone, has the best record with respect to the following:
  - Performance in the most recent individual competition (in progress if necessary);
  - Experience, including levels at which each fencer has competed (state, national, international), their years fencing, and their aptitude for team fencing.

An exception to the above criteria will apply for fencers who have been injured or otherwise have been unable to participate in state & national open competitions in the period referred to in 3 above. In this case Selectors will apply criterion 4 with respect to that fencer in comparison with all other candidate fencers. Any fencer that falls into this category, and who wishes to be considered for selection, must advise the Selectors in writing of their reason why this exception should apply to them at least 2 weeks before the subject event, and must supply supporting documentation.

## **Process**

Ten days prior to the subject event, the Selectors shall apply the above criteria and provide to the NSWFA Executive, for each team and in writing, a list of fencers selected outright, and include any fencers who may be selected depending on the application of criterion 4.

### **1. For Teams where all Fencers are Selected Outright**

The Executive will ratify the Selectors' recommendations, if the criteria have been correctly applied.

After ratification, the NSWFA Secretary will advise all fencers as soon as possible.

### **2. For Teams which cannot be Selected Outright (ie are subject to criterion 4)**

The Executive will ratify the Selectors' recommendations for team positions which can be finalised, if the criteria have been correctly applied.

After ratification, the NSWFA Secretary will advise all fencers as soon as possible, highlighting those whose final selection will be subject to criterion 4.

For the final composition of such teams, the Selectors will make their recommendations, by the application of criterion 4, in the period immediately before the closing time for teams to be advised to the Tournament Management at the subject event.

These final recommendations will be conveyed verbally to at least two members of the NSWFA Executive with an explanation of the application of criterion 4.

These members of the Executive will ratify the Selectors' final recommendations if the criteria have been correctly applied.

After ratification, final team compositions will be immediately advised to as many of the affected fencers as possible, preferably in a group setting.

The Selectors will not be available for any discussion or debate with any person about the reasons for their selections, rather all such enquiries will be referred to the Executive.

Members are reminded of the NSWFA Code of Conduct provisions relating to excessive questioning of decisions taken by officials in good faith.

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## Attachment 1

### NSW Fencing Association - Points System

Ranking	State Competition	State Championships	National Competition	National Championships	World Cup	World Championships
<b>1st</b>	10	20	30	40	400	560
<b>2nd</b>	8	16	24	32	320	448
<b>3rd</b>	6	12	18	24	240	336
<b>4th</b>	5	10	15	20	200	280
<b>5th - 8th</b>	4	8	12	16	160	224
<b>9th - 16th</b>	2	4	6	8	80	112
<b>17th - 32nd</b>	1	2	3	4	40	56
<b>33rd - 64th</b>	0.5	1	1.5	2	20	28
<b>&gt; 64th</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0