

30th Annual Schoolgirl/Schoolboy Fencing Championships

RULES & COMPETITION FORMATS

Rules

- All bouts for all age groups are to be fenced in electric equipment.
- NSWFA has a supply of electric equipment available for hire for the Under 11 & 13 events and also has a supply for larger sizes. If your school has working electric equipment please organise to use that equipment. Please note U/11 & U/13 competitions are fenced with mini-foils, sizes 0 thru 2. The NSWFA electric equipment hire charge is \$5 per item.
- No sharing of lames or body wires is permitted.
- All competitors **MUST** wear fencing jackets with an underplastron (half jacket), sufficiently strong clothing covering the legs, that must not allow skin to be exposed at the hips whilst competing (eg school tracksuit pants), and a glove for the weapon hand. Shorts and long socks are not acceptable.
- Masks must have elastic across the back.
- Competitors are encouraged to wear long socks of school colours.
- Parents, spectators and competitors are to note that only those wearing rubber soled shoes will be allowed into the gymnasium.
- Teams members (3 or 3 +1 reserve) that are to fence in a final **MUST** be the same as fenced the preliminary pools qualifying round. **Please ensure that your fencers will be available for both preliminary and finals days when submitting your team entries.**

Rules for Individual Events.

- Fencers may only compete in one age category, this may be their own age or a higher category.

Rules for the Under 15 Boys Team Event.

- Under 13 fencers may NOT fence in both an Under 13 and an Under 15 team. The only exception allowed is to name a fencer from an Under 13 team as a reserve, but he may only be used to fence in the Under 15 event in the case of an injury, they may NOT be used as a tactical substitution.
- Under 15 fencers may NOT fence in both an Under 15 team & a Senior team.

Please Note: The Under 15 event is not a selection event for Australian Secondary Schools team events. If an all Under 15 team wishes to be considered for selection they will need to fence the Senior teams event instead of the Under 15 event.

Competition Formats

Individual events.

These will be fenced as a round of pools, followed by a direct elimination, with all fencers promoted from the pools. The direct elimination will be 15 hit bouts except for Under 13 & Under 11 which will be 10 hit bouts. When there are less than 8 fencers in an event it will be fenced as a finals pool unique only.

Team events.

Under 13: These events will be fenced, both preliminaries and finals, in the **9 bouts format** each bout of 5 hits, with the winner being the first team to reach 5 bout victories.

Under 15: These events will be fenced, both preliminaries and finals, in the **9 bouts format** each bout of 5 hits, with the winner being the first team to reach 5 bout victories.

Senior: The **preliminary** rounds of these events will be fenced in the **9 bouts format** each bout of 5 hits, with the winner being the first team to reach 5 bout victories.

The **finals** format will be fenced as **45 hit progressive relay format**, as this is the format to be used at for the National Secondary Schools event in September.

A J Rae/ Roseanne White Shields: The format for these events will **45 hit progressive relay format**, as this is the format to be used at for the National Secondary Schools event in September.

Selection for National Secondary Schools Teams Championships: There are two competitions used for selection of a team to represent NSW in the National Championships; these are the State Schools Senior Team Championships and the A.J. Rae/Roseanne White Shields.
