

## **NSWFA Miscellaneous Competition Policy**

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### **NSW LEVEL**

\*This document does not represent an exhaustive record of all policies relating to competitions

#### **SECTION 1 – State Rankings**

**In order to** encourage more participation from our elite fencers in state competitions, a bonus competition will be added to the 4 competition cap limit. The bonus competition will be the State Championships for each category. This rule will apply only to U17, U20, Opens and Vets which have international FIE events.

**Example:** Opens have a best of 4 competition cap limit, which covers State, National and International events. An extra bonus competition is added which will make it the best of 4 +1.

#### **SECTION 2 – A Team selection**

- (a) Fencers selected for an A Team must attend training organised by the Head Coach during the month prior to the team event for which they have been selected. Refusal or failure to attend will result in removal from the team for that event.
- (b) Failure to attend by reason of injury or sickness in the first two weeks of that month period is not a disqualifying matter, if substantiated by a medical certificate that is in relation to the period of failure to attend and identifies an illness or incapacity that both explains and justifies the absence.
- (c) Absence by reason of illness or injury in the two weeks before the competition may result in replacement, at the discretion of the Head Coach.
- (d) If a selected person is outside of the greater metropolitan Sydney area during any part of the relevant month, they are not required to attend training for that period that they can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Head Coach that they are so absent and the Head Coach is satisfied that the person may and will satisfactorily prepare for the team event for which they have been selected.

#### **SECTION 3 – Team selection**

During a national team event, if a fencer:

- (a) is unable to fence due to illness or injury; or
- (b) the behaviour of the fencer is, in the opinion of the relevant team coach, inappropriate

that coach, with the concurrence of a NSWFA director or, absent a director, with the concurrence of the head coach present at the competition, can change the configuration of the teams that he or she is coaching by:

- (c) swapping fencers between the two teams; or
- (d) replacing the fencer with another eligible fencer.

This policy only applies on the day of the team event, and does not otherwise change the selection process applied to the selection of teams before team events.

### **SECTION 3 – Registration to represent NSW**

- (a) Coaches are encouraged to inform fencers who are not registered with NSWFA, that it is in their interest to register with NSWFA and represent NSW, if they wish to compete at AFC events and if they wish to be selected for A or B Teams at state team events, for which they will otherwise be ineligible.
- (b) Coaches are encouraged to inform foreign fencers that:
  - a. by registering and competing under NSW they will immediately be eligible to accrue state ranking points, which will count towards team selection for which they will also be eligible; and
  - b. otherwise, if they wish to continue competing under their own state or nation, they are eligible to compete as an individual but not in the NSW team selection.