

NSW Fencing Association Team Selection Policy 2017 – 2019

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

1. Open / Under 23 / Junior / Cadet / Under 15 National Championships

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

If two fencers are placed equal third in ranking, two places on the A Team will be decided by ranking order and two places will be decided in accordance with the highest placing achieved by the remaining NSW fencers in the individual competition by a NSW fencer not already selected. If two fencers are placed equal in first or second place in ranking, the three highest ranking fencers will be selected and the fourth place will be decided in accordance with the highest place achieved in the individual competition by a NSW fencer not already selected.

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 fencer selected for an A Team withdraws through injury or other circumstances 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.

If a fencer selected for an A Team withdraws during a National Championships, the next highest placed fencer in the individual event will be selected.

Invitation for qualified fencers to join the NSW teams will be sent after the specific competition for the age category of that season. **Fencers must confirm their availability by the date specified in the invitation; otherwise the next ranked fencer will be invited to join the Team.**

Fencers need to register for the individual championships in the specific team weapon prior to the close of AFF competition registrations.

All fencers selected for NSW Teams are subject to the NSWFA Code of Conduct and may be removed from a Team for poor behavior regardless of individual ranking or pre-selection.

Note: Timeline of Notification

U/15 National Teams – Ranking after the U/15 State Championships
U/17 (Cadet) National Team – Ranking after the Cadet State Championships
U/20 (Junior) National Team – Ranking after the Junior State Championships
U/23 National Team – TBC
Open National Team - Ranking after the NSW State Open Championships

2. AFF National School Competitions

Australian Individual National School Championships

There is no qualification or pre-selection for this event. Age eligible fencers / students are free to register for this event, via the AFF website.

Australian Team National School Championships

The NSW qualifying events for this National Team Championships are the NSW A J Rae and R A White School Team Championships of that season.

The highest achieving school teams (4 – 6) for each weapon and gender will be invited to register for the National Championships. If the team is unable to attend, the place will be offered to the next highest ranked school team.

3. National Veteran Team Championships

Fencers will be selected directly from places achieved in the individual veteran championships and will be invited to compete in the NSW Team.

4. Friendship Cup NSW Teams – U/9, U/11 and U/13

Fencers will be invited to join teams based on their NSW State ranking completed after the final aged events prior to the Friendship Cup. NSW will invite fencers to form 1 – 3 teams in each age/weapon category, composition of which will depend on fencer availability, number of fencers and gender. Fencers will receive notification of team information prior the Friendship Cup and State Coaches will be appointed on the day of events to guide and support teams

5. General Rules

The NSW Fencing Association Head Coach or his nominated Assistant Coaches will appoint a Team Captain and approve the team fencing order. 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 Coaches at the nominated time, fully equipped and ready to fence. Team members must wear a NSW team representative jacket for medal presentation. NSW socks will be issued to each team members and must be worn.

6. Appeals

As the composition of NSW Teams will be determined strictly in accordance with ranking and performance, and without any subjective judgment 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 Board of the NSW Fencing Association via:

secretary@nswfencing.org.au

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