

RULES FOR COMPETITIONS (SCHOOLS)

These rules apply to the various championships held by the Kent County Amateur Fencing Union and include the following competitions listed below.

- a U/10 - U/12 - U/14 - U/16 - Senior Boys Foil Championships
- b U10 - U/12 - U/14 - U/16 - Senior Girls Foil Championships
- c U/16 - Senior Boys Epee Championships
- d U/16 - Senior Girls Epee Championships
- e U/16 - Senior Boys Sabre Championships
- f U/16 – Senior Girls sabre Championships

GENERAL RULES

1. In these rules 'UNION' shall mean 'The Kent County Amateur Fencing Union' and 'COMMITTEE' shall mean The Committee of the Union.
2. The championships shall be held annually.
3. Entry to each tournament shall be open only to members of clubs/schools affiliated to the BFA and designated member clubs of the Union, or those resident in Kent and who are individual members of the Union. Resident in Kent includes Kent County, Boroughs of Bromley - Bexley - Greenwich and Medway. All entrants must also be individual members of the British Fencing Association in the appropriate age group.
4. The championships shall be organised by a Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee.
5.
 - a) For the Senior category, the upper age limit is 18yrs. Entrants over the age of 18 and in full-time secondary education on the date of the championships will be eligible.
 - b) For the U/10 category, the minimum age is 7yrs.
 - c) For the U/16 Epee and Sabre, the minimum age is 13yrs.
6. The age group shall be determined from the age of the competitor on the 1st January of the season in question in line with national arrangements.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AGE GROUPS DATUM LINE 1 January

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
U/18	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Born	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994

Or older if in full time secondary education (see rule 5)

Epee /Sabre	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
U/16	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Born in	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997

U/16 Foil	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Born in	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
U/14	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Born in	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
U/12	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Born in	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
U/10	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Born in	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003

7. The fee payable for entry to a championships shall be set at a General Meeting. Entries made before the closing date (see rule 9) may be charged at the agreed discount rate. All later entries will be charged at the full rate.
8. All profits or losses occurring from a championships shall be the responsibility of the Union.
9. A closing date for entries may be set at a maximum of fourteen days before the event. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising sub-committee.
10. Competitors must wear regulation equipment which complies with BFA safety guidelines.
11. All competitions will be electric throughout. U/10 will use only size 0 blades. U/12 and U/14 foilists will use only size 3 blades or smaller. U/16 and seniors may use size 5.
12. Competitions will be fought in accordance with the BFA rules for competitions unless otherwise stated by the committee or the organising sub-committee.
13. Decisions of the sub-committee in all matters will be final.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

14. Tournaments will normally be fought on a mixed system of pools and Direct Elimination arriving at a DE final of four fencers. If however circumstances dictate otherwise the organising sub-committee may adopt any other system of organisation as long as it is in accordance with BFA rules for competitions.
15. All pool bouts will be:
 - U/14 - U/16 - Seniors best of 9 hits. Time limit 3 minutes.
 - U/10 - U12 - best of 9 hits. Time limit 2 minutes
16. All Direct Elimination bouts will be:
 - U/14 - U/16 - Seniors first to 15 hits. Time limit 3 x 3 minutes
 - U/10 - U/12 first to 10 hits. Time limit 3 x 2 minutes
17. Trophies will be awarded for the top three places.