

KENT COUNTY AMATEUR FENCING UNION
Incorporating the Kent Schools Fencing Association

RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

These rules shall apply to the various championships held by the County Fencing Union and include the competitions listed below:-

- A Men's Foil Championship - T. R. Thompson Trophy
- B Women's Foil Championship - Mary Glen Haig Cup
- C Men's Intermediate Foil Championship
- D Women's Intermediate Foil Championship - Mallard Cup
- E Men's Epée Championship - Henry J. Deacon Cup
- F Women's Epée Championship
- G Men's Sabre Championship - A. G. Pilbrow Trophy
- H Women's Sabre Championship
- I Men's Team Foil Championship - Irene Mallard Trophy
- J Women's Team Foil Championship - Irene Mallard Trophy
- K All Weapon Team Championship
- L Mixed Doubles Foil Championship - Ken Russell Memorial Trophy
- M The Cyril Lee Trophy
- N Veterans' Events

These rules do not apply to schools events as those competitions have their own rules.

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 to amateurs over the age of 13 being members of affiliated clubs or affiliated schools or who are individual members of the Union of three months standing or, if less than three months standing, by specific permission of the Committee (but see rules 14 and 16).
- 3a. It shall be noted that all competitors should in addition be individual members of the British Fencing Association.
4. The Championships shall be organised by a sub-committee appointed by the committee.
5. The fee payable for entry to a Championship shall be set at a General Meeting. Entries made before the closing date (see rule 7) may be charged at a laid down discounted rate. All other entries will be charged at the full rate.

6. All profits or losses accruing from a Championship shall be the responsibility of the Union.
7. 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.
8. Competitors must wear regulation equipment.
9. Competitions will be fought in accordance with the British Fencing Association's (B. F. A.) Rules for Competitions unless otherwise stated by the committee or the organising sub-committee.
10. Decisions of the organising sub-committee will be final.
11. All events will be fought using electrical apparatus throughout.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Events A - H

12. 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 accords with BFA Rules for Competitions.
13. Trophies will be awarded for the top three places. If the final is by DE there will be no third place fight-off.
14. Entry to the Intermediate Foil Championships is in addition restricted to the fencers who have not previously won the event nor have they reached the last four of the County Foil Championship, nor have they reached the last eight of a more senior event. (Schools events are not included in this restriction.)

TEAM EVENTS

Events I - K

15. Each affiliated club or affiliated school may enter any number of teams. These teams will be designated "A", "B", "C", etc. in order of strength.
16. Each team, with the exception of the teams for the All Weapon Team Championships, will consist of three fencers. Each team entered in the All Weapon Team Championship will consist of four fencers, a female foilist, a male foilist, a male epeeist and a male sabreur; each team may include one professional fencer. For the All Weapon Team event lots will be drawn before each match to determine the order of fencing the weapons.

17. All members of each team must be bona fide members of the club which the team represents.
18. A fencer may be promoted from an inferior team to a superior team of the same club but once promoted cannot return to the inferior team.
19. Trophies will be awarded to the first two teams in each event. In the event of equality after a count of indicators, the trophy will be shared.

MIXED DOUBLES FOIL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Event L

20. Each affiliated club or affiliated school may enter any number of teams. The event is for teams of one male and one female foilist. Members of each team must be bona fide members of the club which the team represents.
21. Each couple will fence a single bout against their opponents. Lots will be drawn to see whether the men or women start first. The first pair will fence to a score for a bout of the best of nine hits, then the other partners will take over the existing score and fence until a score of ten hits is made on the opposing team. Each bout will last a maximum of eight minutes.
22. The tournament will fought on the pool system arriving at a final that consists of at least four teams.
23. In the final, a barrage will be fought to decide the first place only. All other placings and promotions will be decided by the indicator system.
24. Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams.

M THE CYRIL LEE TEAM TROPHY

25. The trophy will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to the affiliated club or affiliated school gainig the greatest aggregate number of points in the following events:-
 - a. Men's Foil Championship
 - b. Women's Foil Championship
 - c. Men's Intermediate Foil Championship
 - d. Women's Intermediate Foil Championship

26. Points will be awarded in the finals of the above events as follows:-

FOIL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 points for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places respectively. If there are joint third places then 7 points will be awarded to each fencer.

INTERMEDIATE FOIL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1 and 1 points for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places respectively. If there are joint third places then 4 points will be awarded to each fencer.

27. In the event of a tie, the relevant clubs shall be regarded as the co-champions and retain the trophy for equal periods during the ensuing year.

N VETERANS' EVENTS

- 1 The general rules for eligibility to take part are those contained in the KCAFU Rules for Competitions.
- 2 All competitors must be over the age of 40 on the date of the event in question.
- 3 The highest place veteran in any of the three events i.e. the Senior Foil, the Epee and the Sabre Championships will win a gold medal.
- 4 In order to win the Maitre d'Armes trophy a fencer must be over the age of 40 for all three events.
- 5 A fencer must take part in at least two of the three events in order to be considered for the Maitre d'Armes trophy.
- 6 Points will be awarded as they are for the Cyril Lee Trophy and will be as the result in the main competition i.e. the fencer, if placed third in the main event will receive 7 points, if placed eighth will receive 2 points. For all places between eighth and sixteenth, the competitor will receive 1 point. For places below sixteenth no points will be given but the fact that a fencer took part will count towards eligibility for the Maitre d'Armes trophy.

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RULES FOR COMPETITIONS - SCHOOLS EVENTS

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

- a U/12 - U/14 - U/16 - Senior Boys Foil Championships
- b 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 club/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, the London Boroughs of Bromley - Bexley - Greenwich and Medway Unitary Authority. 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. Pools of 4 should not be used unless there is more than one round of pools.
15. All pool bouts will be:

U/14 - U/16 – Seniors: best of 9 hits. Time limit 3 minutes.

U/10 - U/12: 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.