

SW Region - British Fencing

Regional Ranking

1 Objectives:

- 1 To encourage greater participation in County and Regional events and the two National Opens we have, the Bristol and the Wellington.
- 2 To support the creation of more events at County and Regional level
- 3 To provide a means by which the individual can gauge their progress and which if it is wished, to assist County and Regional Team Captains in selecting their teams.
- 4 To provide a ranking system that can be used by those who are unable by reason of time or finance to take part in the competitions of the National Circuit.
- 5 To provide a stepping stone between club and national fencing
- 6 By encouraging more competition, to raise the standard of British Fencing.

2 Rules:

- 1 The ranking system is open to all full members of the British Fencing Association who are resident or fence in the SW Region.
- 2 Fencers may score ranking points in any Senior Individual Competition held in the SW Region and to include the County Championships of each County.
- 3 Competitions must be run broadly in line with FIE regulations and while mixed sex poules can be allowed, further single sex poules and/or single sex direct elimination must follow. Equally a mixed sex poule unique could qualify, providing the final placings are separated by sex.
- 4 In the case of National Opens held within the Region, only the results of the fencers of the SW Region will be taken into account. E.g. a SW fencer may be 5th in the National Open, but if they are best placed SW fencer, then as far as their Regional Ranking is concerned, they are 1st SW fencer.
- 5 For the first two years the strength of each competition will be calculated by reference to the National Ranking of the competing members who have entered from the SW Region. In the longer term, it is envisaged that this will be assessed by reference to the Regional ranking.
- 6 The strength of the competition will be described as the RIF (Regional Indication Factor), and be used in a similar way as the NIF of a National Open.
- 7 Calculation of ranking points will be done in the first week of each month and be credited on a 12 month rolling basis. Qualifying competitions are expected to be run on a regular 12 month cycle. Where a competition is repeated on a longer or irregular cycle, the results of the previous event will be discounted after a period of 15 months from the event.
- 8 The ranking of an individual is assessed on the best 4 results that have been attained in any 12 month period
- 9 Organisers of events must present the results of the competition to the SW Region Ranking Secretary within 14 days of the event. Results presented outside of this time scale may be discounted.

Calculation of the Regional Indication Factor (RIF)

RIF values shall be assigned to members based on their weapon and position in the ranking list twice a year on 1st January and 1st July. The RIF assigned shall be used to calculate the grading multiplier for competitions until the next half yearly assessment.

The ranking range is set by each weapon and a percentage working to the nearest whole number as follows:

For a competitor in the first:	RIF
10% of the National ranking	10 points
Next 20%	6 points
Next 20%	3 points
Anyone else with ranking	1 point

Alternatively the RIF may be set by the number of members from the region who have entered the competition on the following scale:

For a National event	0.4
For a Regional event	0.4
For a County event	0.25

The RIF used will be the higher of the two calculations.

Multiplication Factors

The final position multiplication factors will be on the same scale as used for the National ranking starting with a multiplier of 20 for 1st place and working down to 0.52 for 128th. There will no cut off at 75%. Everyone who enters a qualifying competition will gain ranking points. When regional events begin to attract more than 128 entrants, this will be revised.

Notes:

Events starting as unisex have been allowed in recognition that on occasions the number of female entries is insufficient to make a reasonable pool, and their inclusion in the opening round is necessary in order to give them a worthwhile day of fencing.

The possibility of being able to gain points at a competition in Europe but outside of the UK, is very firmly put forward, as in the National Ranking system this was withdrawn with the exception of some very strong events. If we are to improve the standard of fencing in the UK, it is suggested that every encouragement should be given for fencers to experience competing outside of the UK.

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