

Fencing New Zealand

Selection Criteria

February 2020

The following selection criteria were adopted by Fencing New Zealand on 5 May 2013, amended on 7 February 2015, amended 14th December 2017, Amended 22nd February 2020¹.

NOTE

The selection criteria are presented here as a separate document but in time will form part of the Selection Policy, which will outline the processes around selection, and the High Performance Programme which will outline the plan to develop high performance fencing in New Zealand.

Together they will form part of the suite of policy and governance documents addressing the full range of activities undertaken and promoted by Fencing New Zealand. This will include, but is not limited to:

- development of the fencer base, recruitment and retention;
- coach development;
- officiating (referees, DT, competition management) development

The selection period ends on the closing date of nominations as published for the specific event on the FeNZ website.

The selection period is to be taken as the last 12 months prior to the closing date mentioned above, unless the FeNZ Exec minute different instructions.

¹ Amendments to clarify points following Asian & Olympic zonal Qualification Appeals

1. U15 / Cadets (U17)

1.1 Australian U15 / Cadets (U17)

Objectives:

- i. Medals, individual and team
- ii. Participation by fencers having demonstrated a level of fencing skill sufficient to make this competition valuable as an introduction to competing outside NZ.

Qualifying Performance:

Top 75% finish in NZ U15 / U17 Championships, or any higher age group championship or NZ Champs, President's Cup, NI or SI Champs within the previous 12 months.

Managed team – a manager/s will be appointed, and all team members are expected to stay at the team accommodation.

1.2 Oceania Zone Cadets

As for Australian Cadets, except where the Oceanic Cadets is also NZ Cadets when entry is open.

1.3 Asian Zone Cadets

Objectives:

- i. Cadets – Top 8
- ii. Developmental – top half finish

Note: A maximum of four fencers can be entered in each event.

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee Sabre | |
|--|-------------------|---------|
| NZ Cadets | top 4* | top 2* |
| Australian Cadets | top 8* | top 8* |
| NZ Juniors | top 4* | top 2* |
| Australian Juniors | top 8* | top 8* |
| NZ Champs, President's Cup, NI, SI Champs | top 8# | top 4# |
| AFF 1,2,3 | top 16# | top 16# |
| AFF 4 (Aus Nats) | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Cadet World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results

) For NZ based fencers.

minimum of 2

) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

.4 World Cadets

Objectives

- i Top 32 in 2019, 2020, Top 16 in 2021, 2022
- ii Developmental – top half finish

Note: A maximum of four fencers can be entered in each event.

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Australian Cadets | top 4* | top 4* |
| NZ Juniors | top 4* | top 2* |
| Australian Juniors | top 8* | top 8* |
| NZ Champs, President's Cup, NI, SI | top 4* | top 4* |
| AFF 1,2,3 | top 16# | top 16# |
| AFF 4 (Aus Nats) | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Cadet World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Zone Cadet Championship | top 16# | top 16# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results

) For NZ based fencers.

minimum of 2

) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

1.5 Commonwealth Cadets (added 7 February 2015)

Goals

- Primary: Medals, both individual and teams
Secondary: Development of fencers to achieve the goal of top half or better at Asian Zone Championships, to the extent that this is compatible with the primary goal.

Note: minimum standards are to be applied where any places remain unfilled through selection to meet the goals.

Note: A maximum of five fencers can be entered for each individual event.

Selection Direction

Selection of a team based on the following order of priority;

TIER 1

1. Those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, provide the greatest likelihood of winning medals in a team's event.

2. Where spaces remain unfilled, those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, provide the greatest likelihood of winning medals in an individual event.

TIER 2

3. Any remaining places to be filled by fencers who have demonstrated a level of performance, experience and skills that make a top half finish a likely outcome.

TIER 3

4. Where spaces remain unfilled, those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, and should their current level of development continue, would make them a serious contender for a top half finish at Asian Zone Cadets or Juniors in the next 2 years. Must have at least 2 years left to fence at Cadet level.

NOTE

In the event that any fencer/s available for selection does not meet the minimum criteria, no fencer/s shall be selected.

Results are taken from the most recent relevant year or event.

Minimum Selection Criteria:

TIER 1 Medals –1st priority Teams; 2nd priority Individuals.

| Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ Cadet rankings | |
|--|-----|
| Men's Foil | 400 |
| Men's Epee | 400 |
| Men's Sabre | 300 |
| Women' Foil | 350 |
| Women's Epee | 350 |
| Women's Sabre | 300 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

NZ Cadets

- and at least two of the following, preferably including at least one non- NZ competition:

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²**

- NZ / Oceanic Juniors Top 8
- Australian State Cadet Championships Top 4
- Australian Cadet Championships Top 4
- North / South Island Open Champs Top 8
- NZ Senior Championships / President's Cup Top 12
- NZ Senior Regional Championships Top 4
- Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions

If more than five fencers qualify, then the four fencer/s with the most consistent results and who are considered to form the best team, will be selected, with the fifth fencer selected having the best individual result.

TIER 2 Achieve a Top Half Finish

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ Cadet rankings

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 350 |
| Men's Epee | 350 |
| Men's Sabre | 250 |
| Women' Foil | 300 |
| Women's Epee | 300 |
| Women's Sabre | 200 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

NZ Cadets

- and at least two of the following, preferably including at least one non-NZ competition:

Guide Result level (for 16 or more fencers competing)²

- NZ / Oceanic Juniors Top 12
- Australian State Cadet Championships Top 6
- Australian Cadet Championships Top 12
- North / South Island Open Champs Top 12
- NZ Senior Championships / President's Cup Top 16
- NZ Senior Regional Championships Top 4
- Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions

TIER 3 Development (must have at least 2 years left to fence in Cadets)

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ Cadet rankings

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 250 |
| Men's Epee | 250 |
| Men's Sabre | 200 |
| Women' Foil | 250 |
| Women's Epee | 250 |
| Women's Sabre | 150 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

NZ Cadets

- and at least two of the following, preferably including at least one non-NZ competition:

Guide Result level (for 16 or more fencers competing)²

- NZ / Oceanic Juniors Top 16
- Australian State Cadet Championships Top 8
- Australian Cadet Championships Top 12
- North / South Island Open Champs Top 12
- NZ Senior Championships / President's Cup Top 16
- NZ Senior Regional Championships Top 8
- Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions

If more fencers would qualify than there are remaining places, then the fencer/s with the highest averages will be selected.

See **Notes** on next page

Notes:

¹Application may be made to the selectors where extenuating circumstances have prevented a fencer from attending or the fencer is based outside NZ.

²Based on an entry of 16 or more fencers, proportionally less if fewer fencers.

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

Notification of exceptional circumstances needs to be noted with nominations.

2. Juniors

2.1 Australian Juniors

Objective(s):

- i. Medals, individual and team
- ii. Participation by fencers having demonstrated a level of fencing skill sufficient to make this competition valuable to their development.

Qualifying Performance

Top half (50%) finish in NZ Juniors, NZ Champs, President's Cup, NI or SI Champs within the previous 12 months.

Managed team – a manager/s may be appointed depending on numbers attending.

2.2 Oceania Zone Juniors

As for Australian Juniors, except where Oceanic Juniors is also the NZ Juniors, when entry is open.

2.3 Asian Zone Juniors:

Objectives:

- i. Top 16 by 2020, Top 8 by 2022
- ii. Developmental – top half finish

Note: A maximum of four fencers can be entered in each event.

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| NZ Juniors | top 4* | top 2* |
| Australian Juniors | top 8* | top 4* |
| NZ Champs, President's Cup, NI, SI | top 8* | top 4* |
| AFF 1,2,3 | top 16# | top 16# |
| AFF 4 (Aus Nats) | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Junior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Cadets (previous yr) | top 16# | top 16# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results

) For NZ based fencers.

minimum of 2

) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

2.4 World Juniors

Objectives

i. Top 32 in 2019, 2020, Top 16 in 2021, 2022

ii. Developmental – top half finish

Note: A maximum of four fencers can be entered in each event.

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| NZ Juniors | top 4* | |
| Australian Juniors | top 8* | top 8* |
| NZ Champs, President's Cup, NI, SI | top 4* | top 2* |
| AFF 1,2,3,4 | top 32# | top 16# |
| FIE Junior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Zone Juniors | top 64# | top 64# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results

) For NZ based fencers.

minimum of 2

) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

2.5 Commonwealth Juniors

Goals

Primary: Medals, both individual and teams

Secondary: Development of fencers to achieve the goal of top half or better at Asian Zone Championships, to the extent that this is compatible with the primary goal.

Note: minimum standards are to be applied where any places remain unfilled through selection to meet the goals.

Note: A maximum of five fencers can be entered for each individual event.

Selection Direction

Selection of a team based on the following order of priority;

TIER 1

1. Those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, provide the greatest likelihood of winning medals in a teams event .
2. Where spaces remain unfilled, those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, provide the greatest likelihood of winning medals in an individual event.

TIER 2

3. Any remaining places to be filled by fencers who have demonstrated a level of performance, experience and skills that make a top half finish a likely outcome.

TIER 3

4. Where spaces remain unfilled, those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, and should their current level of development continue, would make them a serious contender for a top half finish at Asian Zone Cadets or Juniors in the next 2 years. Must have at least 2 years left to fence at Junior level.

NOTE

In the event that any fencer/s available for selection does not meet the minimum criteria, no fencer/s shall be selected.

Results are taken from the most recent relevant year or event.

Minimum Selection Criteria

TIER 1 Medals –1st priority teams; 2nd priority individuals.

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ Junior rankings

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 500 |
| Men's Epee | 500 |
| Men's Sabre | 350 |
| Women' Foil | 400 |
| Women's Epee | 400 |
| Women's Sabre | 300 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

- NZ Juniors

Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²
Top 4

- and results from at least two of the following, preferably including at least one non-NZ competition:

- Australian State Junior Championships
- Australian Junior Championships
- North / South Island Open Champs
- NZ Senior Championships
- Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions

Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²
Top 4
Top 4
Top 4
Top 8

If more than five fencers qualify, then the four fencer/s with the most consistent results and who are considered to form the best team, will be selected, with the fifth fencer selected having the best individual result.

TIER 2 Achieve a Top Half Finish

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ Junior rankings

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 400 |
| Men's Epee | 400 |
| Men's Sabre | 300 |
| Women' Foil | 350 |
| Women's Epee | 350 |
| Women's Sabre | 250 |

Compulsory Event Attendance ¹

- NZ Juniors

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²
Top 8**

- and at least two of the following, preferably including at least one non-NZ competition:

- Australian State Junior Championships
- Australian Junior Championships
- North / South Island Open Champs
- NZ Senior Championships
- NZ Senior Regional Championships
- Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²**

Top 6
Top 12
Top 8
Top 12
Top 2

If more fencers than the remaining places would qualify, then fencers will be selected to meet the Tier 1 objectives.

3. U23

3.1 Australia / Oceania

(Not held as of 2013, but may be introduced following introduction elsewhere)

Objective(s):

- i. Medals, individual and team
- ii. Participation by fencers having demonstrated a level of fencing skill sufficient to make this competition valuable to their development.

Qualifying Performance

Top half (50%) finish in NZ Juniors, or a top half finish in any higher age group championship within the previous 12 months.

Managed team – a manager/s may be appointed depending on numbers attending.

3.2 Asian Zone U23:

Objectives:

- i. Top 16 by 2020, Top 8 by 2022
- ii. Developmental – top half finish

Note: A maximum of four fencers can be entered in each event.

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|---|-------------|---------|
| NZ Champs, Pres' Cup, NI, SI | top 8* | top 4* |
| AFF 1,2,3,4 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Zone Juniors (previous or current year) | top 16# | top 16# |
| Asian Zone U23 (previous or current year) | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone Seniors (previous yr) | top 64# | top 64# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results

) For NZ based fencers.

minimum of 2

) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

3.3 World U23 (if / when introduced)

Objectives

i. Top 32 by 2020, Top 16 by 2022

ii. Developmental – top half finish

Note: A maximum of four fencers can be entered in each event.

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------|
| NZ Champs, Pres Cup, NI, SI | top 4* | top 2* |
| AFF 1,2,3, 4 | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone U23 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Senior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Seniors | top 64# | top 64# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results

) For NZ based fencers.

minimum of 2

) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

4. Seniors

4.1 Australia / Oceania

Objective(s):

- iii. Medals, individual and team
- iv. Participation by fencers having demonstrated a level of fencing skill sufficient to make this competition valuable to their development.

Qualifying Performance

Open entry for senior fencers. Junior and Cadet fencers as part of a recognised development programme or HP programme.

4.2 Asian Zone:

Objectives:

- i. Top 32 by 2020, Top 16 by 2022
- ii. Developmental – top half finish

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| NZ Champs, Pres Cup, NI, SI | top 8* | top 4* |
| AFF 1,2,3,4 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE World Cup | | top 64# top 64# |
| Asian Zone U23 | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone Seniors | top 64# | top 64# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results) For NZ based fencers.
minimum of 2) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or residents outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

4.3 World Championships

Objectives

- i. Top 128 by 2020, Top 64 by 2022
- ii. Developmental – top half finish

Selected entry, minimum qualification for selection consideration

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------|
| NZ Champs, Pres Cup, NI, SI | top 4* | top 2* |
| AFF 1,2,3,4 | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone U23 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Senior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Seniors | top 64# | top 64# |

Regular participation in the relevant High Performance Programme is preferred.

* compulsory category – minimum of 2 results) For NZ based fencers.
minimum of 2) For All Fencers

For fencers competing outside NZ or resident outside NZ, equivalent results should be submitted with any nomination.

4.4 Commonwealth Championships

Goals

Primary: Medals, both individual and teams

Secondary: Development of fencers to achieve the goal of top half or better at future Asian Zone Championships, to the extent that this is compatible with the primary goal.

Note: minimum standards are to be applied where any places remain unfilled through selection to meet the goals.

Selection Direction

Selection of a team based on the following order of priority;

TIER 1

Those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, provide the greatest likelihood of winning medals in a team's event.

Where spaces remain unfilled, those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, provide the greatest likelihood of winning medals in an individual event.

TIER 2

Any remaining places are to be filled by fencers who have demonstrated a level of performance, experience and skills that make a top half finish at a likely outcome.

TIER 3

Where spaces remain unfilled, those fencers who, based on performance, experience and skills, and should their current level of development continue, would make them a serious contender for a top half finish at Asian Zones in the following two years.

NOTE

In the event that any fencer/s available for selection does not meet the criteria, no fencer/s shall be selected.

Minimum Selection Criteria

TIER 1 Medals –1st priority teams; 2nd priority individuals.

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ rankings ³

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 600 |
| Men's Epee | 600 |
| Men's Sabre | 450 |
| Women' Foil | 500 |
| Women's Epee | 500 |
| Women's Sabre | 400 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

Guide Result level (for 16 or more fencers competing)²

- NZ Senior Championship (previous 12 months) top 8 F/E top 4 S

- and results from at least three of the following, including at least two non-NZ competitions in the previous 12 months:

Guide Result level (for 16 or more fencers competing)²

| | Foil / Epee | Sabre |
|--|-------------|---------|
| NZ Champs, NI, SI | top 8# | top 4# |
| AFF 1,2,3 | top 16# | top 16# |
| AFF 4 (Aus Nats) | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone U23 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Senior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Seniors | top 64# | top 64# |
| Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions | | |

If more than five fencers qualify, then the four fencer/s with the most consistent results and who are considered to form the best team, will be selected, with the fifth fencer selected having the best individual result.

TIER 2 Achieve a Top Half Finish

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ rankings ³

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 500 |
| Men's Epee | 500 |
| Men's Sabre | 400 |
| Women' Foil | 450 |
| Women's Epee | 450 |
| Women's Sabre | 350 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

- NZ Nationals

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²**
Top 8 F/E Top 4 S

- and at least three of the following, including at least two non-NZ competitions within the previous 12 months:

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²**

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| NZ Champs, NI, SI | top 8# | top 4# |
| AFF 1,2,3 | top 16# | top 16# |
| AFF 4 (Aus Nats) | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone U23 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Senior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Seniors | top 64# | top 64# |
| Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions | | |

If more fencers than the remaining places would qualify, then the fencer/s that best meet the Tier 1 objectives will be selected.

TIER 3 Development

Minimum Ranking Points From FeNZ rankings

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Men's Foil | 400 |
| Men's Epee | 400 |
| Men's Sabre | 300 |
| Women' Foil | 400 |
| Women's Epee | 400 |
| Women's Sabre | 300 |

Compulsory Event Attendance¹

- NZ Nationals

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²
Top 8**

- and at least three of the following, including at least two non-NZ competitions in the previous 12 months:

**Guide Result level
(for 16 or more fencers competing)²**

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| NZ Champs, NI, SI | top 8# | top 4# |
| AFF 1,2,3 | top 16# | top 16# |
| AFF 4 (Aus Nats) | top 32# | top 32# |
| Asian Zone U23 | top 32# | top 32# |
| FIE Senior World Cup | top 64# | top 64# |
| Asian Seniors | top 64# | top 64# |
| Other overseas equivalent or higher competitions | | |

If more fencers would qualify than there are remaining places, then the fencer/s that best meets the Tier 1 objectives will be selected.

Notes:

¹Application may be made to the selectors where extenuating circumstances have prevented a fencer from attending or the fencer is based outside NZ.

²Based on an entry of 16 or more fencers, proportionally less if fewer fencers.

All results from previous 12 months or the most recent occurrence of that event where more than 12 months has elapsed, but in any case less than 24 months.

5. Veterans

All Competitions

Objective

- i. Medals
- ii. Participation

Open entry to all competitions.

Selection criteria to be developed in the event that entry is limited.

6. Olympics

FIE / NZOC selection criteria apply.

This is published in full on the NZOC website and updated each cycle. The current 2020 criteria is:

www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Nomination-Criteria-Individual-Tokyo-2020-FeNZ-final.pdf

6.1 Olympic Zone Qualifying Competition

Senior / Youth

Objective: qualification

Selection Criteria.

The fencers name is already on the NZOC Long List

The Selectors will take into consideration the overriding criteria for Olympic selection referred to in section 6 of this document.

The Selectors will assess nominees for selection to the Olympic Qualifying Tournament taking into account the following criteria in priority order:

1. Demonstrated DE match win in an FIE tournament against a FIE top 32 ranked fencer or a fencer who, in the Selectors opinion, is likely to be top 32 ranked as defined by the overriding Olympic selection criteria referenced in section 6 above
2. Demonstrated Poule match win in an FIE tournament against a FIE top 32 ranked fencer or a fencer who, in the Selectors opinion, is likely to be top 32 ranked as defined by the overriding Olympic selection criteria referenced in section 6 above

If, in the view of the Selectors, two or more fencers are equal with respect to the above, the fencer with the highest FIE ranking should prevail.

In the event no fencer meets the above criteria the Selectors may, at their discretion, select the highest FIE ranked nominee to attend this event as a development opportunity.

7. Notes

High Performance Programme

Participation in the High Performance Programme will not be a prerequisite for selection. However, participation and performance in the HPP may be taken into account when two or more fencers are being compared. There will be greater knowledge of a fencer's strengths and weaknesses, and development, that may carry weight for selection, particularly in relation to team events.