



FENCING RULES (Men & Women)

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These championships are conducted in accordance with the current rules of FeNZ <http://www.fencing.org.nz/index.php> with the following exceptions and competition clarifications:

1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1 There are no limitations on the number of competitors a University can enter into either division (Men and Women) or event (Foil, Epee and Sabre) of the Fencing Competition.
- 1.2 Competitors may enter any combination of the events.
- 1.3 For each event (Foil, Epee and Sabre) Men and Women will compete in one open (mixed) competition but at the conclusion of each event will be separated to find medallist for each division (Men and Women).
- 1.4 There will be an individual event and a team event for each event (Foil, Epee and Sabre)
- 1.5 For the team events teams will be made up of four (4) competitors, three (3) to start each match and one (1) to be named as a reserve.

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 The Individual Competition will have a standard format. A round of pools followed by a direct elimination (DE)
- 2.2 Pool bouts go to five (5) touches or three (3) minutes
- 2.3 DE bouts go to fifteen (15) touches or nine (9) minutes

3. FORFEITS

- 3.1 If a competitor cannot compete in the competition they must officially withdraw at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time. If a competitor fails to withdraw and doesn't compete it will be recorded as a forfeiture of the playing commitment.

- 3.2 Penalties for forfeiture of playing commitment are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND EVENT POINTS (SHEILD)

- 4.1 At the completion of the championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three finishers in both divisions (men's and women's) of each event (Foil, Epee and Sabre). A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the individual that wins the competition(s):

- Men's Individual Foil Champion
- Men's Individual Epee Champion
- Men's Individual Sabre Champion
- Women's Individual Foil Champion
- Women's Individual Epee Champion
- Women's Individual Sabre Champion

A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the individual that wins the competition(s):

- Men's Team Foil Champion
- Men's Team Epee Champion
- Men's Team Sabre Champion
- Women's Team Foil Champion
- Women's Team Epee Champion
- Women's Team Sabre Champion

- 4.2 At the completion of the championship a trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins the:

- Men's Overall University Team Championship
- Women's Overall University Team Championship

- 4.3 To find the Overall University Team Champion in each division (men's and women's) each university's points will be based on the collation of the points earned by their competitors in the individual and the team competitions of all three events (Foil, Epee and Sabre). Competitors will score the following points for finishing in the following positions;

1 st	-	Number of competitors plus (+) 3
2 nd	-	Number of competitors
3 rd	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 1
4 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 2
5 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 3
6 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 4
7 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 5
8 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) 6
9 th	-	Number of competitors minus (-) next no. etc, etc

Teams events will be awarded points based on the number of fencers involved not number of teams.

e.g. The men's individual foil has 20 competitors, Massey Wellington's competitors finish 1st (23 points), 6th (16 points), 11th (11 points) & 17th (5 points), their individual foil total would be 55 points (23+16+11+5).

e.g. The men's individual epee has 15 competitors, Massey Wellington's competitors finish 2nd (15 points), 3rd (14 points), 10th (7 points), 11th (6 points), 15th (2 points), their individual epee total would be 44 points (15+14+7+6+2)

e.g. The men's individual sabre has 12 competitors, Massey Wellington's competitors finish 3rd (11 points), 4th (10 points), and 10th (4 points) their individual sabre total would be 25 points (11+10+4)

e.g. The men's team foil has 16 competitors, Massey Wellington's competitors finish 1st (19 points), their team foil total would be 18 points.

e.g. The men's team epee has 12 competitors, Massey Wellington's competitors finish 2nd (12 points), their team epee total would be 12 points

e.g. The men's individual sabre has 12 competitors, Massey Wellington's competitors finish 3rd (11 points), 4th (10 points), their individual sabre total would be 22 points (11+10)

- 4.3 The points awarded to each University in the individual and the team competition of each event will be combined to find the Overall University Team Champion for each division.

e.g. Massey Wellington would score (55+44+25+19+12+22) 177 points for the Overall Men's University Team Championship.

- 4.4 In drawn situations where universities are tied on total points (for the overall university team championship) they shall be separated by the average of their best placed finisher in the individual events.

e.g. If Massey Wellington's best placed finisher in the Women's events was 1st (Foil), 2nd (Epee), and 3rd (Sabre) there average would be $((1+2+3)/3)$ 2.

- If they still cannot be separated they would share the championship or the position.
- If a University is equal on points but does not have a competitor in all three individual events (Foil, Epee and Sabre) they will automatically be placed below a University who they are equal with who has competitors in all three events (Foil, Epee and Sabre).

- 4.5 Event points (Shield) will be allocated to both divisions (men's and women's) using the overall university team championship rankings as per the USNZ Awards and Points Scoring Policy – Individual sports: Points allocation formula

5. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

5.1 General USNZ Uniform Requirements

- Each competitor shall wear the uniform of their university
- All required safety and protective equipment for that sport must be worn
- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped

- 5.2 Sport Specific Uniform Standards – The uniform requirements for each sport should be as per the National Sporting Organisations standard's with the following minimum requirements;
- **Fencing** – Maraging blades not required, 350N Kevlar required

6. DUTY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The duty requirement for **Fencing** will be:
- Competitors may be required to assist with refereeing throughout the competition.
- 6.2 Penalties for not fulfilling the officiating requirement are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.