

## FENCING (men and women)

2017

AUS Fencing competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [Australian Fencing Federation](#) (AFF) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

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### 1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered fencers – 1
  - Maximum registered fencers – 36 (18 men and 18 women)
- 1.1. Each university may enter 1 team per weapon category in the teams competition in each of the mens and womens events.
  - 1.2. Each team in each weapon category will consist of 3 plus 1 reserve.
  - 1.3. Each university may nominate a maximum of 6 men and 6 women in each of the individual weapon categories.

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### 2. Competition format

- 2.1. The weapon categories to be contested are foil, epee and sabre.
- 2.2. Team and individual categories will be contested in each of the weapon categories.
- 2.3. Initial team rankings are achieved by adding together the positions obtained by the best 3 team members in the individual event:
  - If a team member did not take part in the individual competition they will be assigned points equal to the total number of fencers in the individual competition ranking plus one
- 2.4. Pool and team bouts are up to a maximum of 5 hits with a time limit of 3 minutes per bout. Direct elimination bouts are up to a maximum of 15 hits over 3 periods of up to 3 minutes (foil and epee) or 2 periods (sabre)
- 2.5. Individual events will be fenced with 1 round of pools followed by a round of direct elimination. There will also be a consolation final between the two losing finalists to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- 2.6. Team events will be fenced by direct elimination (DE). All matches will be fenced up to a maximum of 45 hits over 9 relay bouts using international relay. There will be a consolation final between the two losing finalists to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- 2.7. Refusal to compete without valid reason (e.g. injury) results in a black card for the championship.

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### 3. Novice competition

- 3.1. An individual novice category competition will be held in each of the mens and womens foil.
- 3.2. Competitors entering into the novice individual foil competition must have less than 18 months experience in the sport.
- 3.3. Each university may nominate a maximum of 6 men and 6 women in this category.
- 3.4. Match format will be as per section 2.
- 3.5. Championship event to be contested is the individual category in the foil weapon.
- 3.6. Novice events will not contribute to overall competition points, however medals may be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> novice winners.

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#### 4. Weapons

- 4.1. The competition manager shall determine the order of weapons and notify all members and AUS one month prior to the championship.
- 4.2. All competitors must attend a weapons check at the beginning of the competition.

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#### 5. Directoire technique

- 5.1. The competition manager will be responsible for organising a directoire technique (DT). DT to consist of CM, TO and up to 3 qualified individual representatives from separate competing universities.
- 5.2. Appeals will be considered by simple majority of the tournament directorate present upon an appeal (minimum of 3 independent members).

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#### 6. Point score

- 6.1. The overall winning university of the tournament shall be decided on the combined results of the mens and womens competitions.
- 6.2. The mens and womens competition will be calculated for all events, except novice events, with points awarded on the following basis:

Individual categories		Team categories	
First	7 points	First	14 points
Second	5 points	Second	10 points
Third	3 points	Third	6 points
Fourth	1 point	Fourth	2 points

- 6.3. If a university has more than one member eligible for points, they will still receive all points.
- 6.4. If two or more universities score an equal number of points to tie for first place they shall be joint winners.

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#### 7. Drawn matches

- 7.1. A tie in any pool shall be resolved by a count back in the following order until a winner can be determined:
- Victory index (bouts won/bouts fenced)
  - Hits index (hits given – hits received)
  - Number of hits given
  - Drawing lots
- 7.2. In the case of a match which is at equal points at the end of 3 minutes, the procedure applied is as follows:
- A random event (e.g. a coin toss) is used to determine priority to an individual fencer
  - Fencers fence for a further minute for a single hit (first single hit is the winner)
  - If no hit is scored, victory goes to the fencer with priority

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#### 8. Uniform requirements

- 8.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 8.2. The specific uniform requirements for Fencing are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
- All fencers are required to wear sports shoes, long socks, breeches, plastron, chest protector, jacket, glove and mask consistent with the requirements of the competition by the host state fencing association
  - Fencers will also be required to wear any additional equipment required for electronic judging of the particular weapon contested

8.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:

- 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 short
- All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
- Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally, the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
- All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
- Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
- All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
- Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
- Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

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## 9. Award ceremonies

9.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of each individual competition.

9.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.

9.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:

- For the Australian University Games
  - Overall mens champion
  - Overall womens champion

9.4. The following trophies will be presented to the relevant individuals and teams at the Australian University Games (note that individual trophies are presented at the completion of the competition at the venue and overall trophies are presented at the closing presentation):

- Overall Champion University – The Laurie Smith Memorial Trophy
- Mens Overall Champions – Universities Fencing Challenge Cup - "Captains Cup"
- Womens Overall Champions – The Captains Plate
- Mens Team Epee – The Michael and Jack Diamond Trophy
- Womens Team Epee – The Fillmore Cup
- Mens Team Foil – D H McKenzie Cup
- Womens Team Foil – The Brian McCowage Cup
- Mens Team Sabre – The Rizzuto Trophy
- Womens Team Sabre – Dame Roma Mitchell Trophy
- Mens Individual Foil – AUS Men's Individual Foil Champion
- Womens Individual Foil – Coraine J Sopru Perpetual Trophy

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### Previous rule amendments

August 2001 | August 2003 | February 2005 | March 2010 | March 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017