



Commonwealth Fencing Championships

Newcastle
NSW
Australia

19 - 24 November 2002

Team Information Handbook

Introduction and Welcome

On behalf of the Organisers, the Commonwealth Fencing Federation and the Australian Fencing Federation I would like to welcome all competitors and officials to Newcastle for the **Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2002**.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Newcastle and the tournament and that you achieve the results that you have worked for.

When you have done that - we hope that you have FUN!

Bill Ronald, OAM
Event Director

Newcastle

The Commonwealth Fencing Championships for 2002 takes place in the harbour and beachside city of **Newcastle**, Australia's sixth largest city, and the largest non-capital urban area in the nation. With a population of 316,500 people, it is located in the Hunter Region of New South Wales.

Venue

This tournament will be held in the Newcastle Entertainment Centre with separate areas for pool rounds Direct Elimination phase and finals. This is a major sport and entertainment venue in Newcastle with a seating capacity of 1500 at this tournament.

The Centre is a multi-purpose venue, opened in June 1992 has hosted a variety of events, including concerts, circuses, ice shows, basketball, boxing, exhibitions, conventions and now fencing

Tourism

The Newcastle Pacific Coast region is one of Australia's top tourist destination. It offers beaches, lakes, national parks, every conceivable sporting opportunity, and is one of Australia's premier winegrowing areas.

You will have the opportunity to experience the beautiful late spring weather in a Pacific Coast City, which features a unique combination of:

- Harbour city living and dining
- Beach and water lifestyle
- Breathtaking national parks and icons of Australian fauna
- Some of Australia's most renowned winegrowing areas

For more information, the **Newcastle Visitor Information Centre** (363 Hunter Street, Newcastle, telephone 02 4974 2999) has friendly, knowledgeable local staff who offer specialised expertise to assist with every aspect of your visit.

Fencing Competition Management Staff

Event Director: Bill Ronald Ph: 0403 267 330

Operations Director: Jeff Gray Ph: 0419 286 810

Administration Director: Richard Sebel Ph: 0413 389529

Entries / Results Director: Alex Donaldson Ph:0414 392 895

Production Director: Rob Durose Ph: 0412 616 621

Weapons Control Manager: Ted Li

Field of Play Manager: Leon Thomas

Sport Information and Services: Andrew Ius Ph: 0419 313231

CFF Officials

President: Piers Jones

Vice President: Christopher Stamp

Vice President: Helen Smith

Honorary Secretary & Treasurer: Neil L'Amie

International Referees: Peter Erdei, Hungary, Lucio Virgilio, Italy

Directoire Technique

Chair: John Ramsa - England

Members:Denise Dapre - Australia

Ian Hunter - Scotland

Marie-France Dufour - Canada

Loo Luan Luan - Singapore

Referees Director: Peter Osvath

Medical Officer: Dr Ted Heffernan

Competition Schedule

Day	Date	Weap on	Team or Individual	Registration*	Start**	Final
Tuesday	19/11	WF	Individual	Open 8:00 Closes 8:30	9:00	07:00 PM
		MS	Individual	Open 11:15 Closes 11:45	12:15	
Wednesday	20/11	MF	Individual	Open 8:00 Closes 8:30	9:00	07:00 PM
		WF	Team	Open 11:30 Closes 12:00	12:30	
Thursday	21/11	WE	Individual	Open 8:00 Closes 8:30	9:00	07:00 PM
		MS	Team	Open 12:00 Closes 12:30	13:00	
Friday	22/11	ME	Individual	Open 8:00 Closes 8:30	9:00	07:00 PM
		WS	Individual	Open 11:30 Closes 12:00	12:30	
Saturday	23/11	MF	Team	Open 9:00 Closes 9:30	10:00	07:00 PM
		WE	Team	Open 11:00 Closes 11:30	12:00	
Sunday	24/11	ME	Team	Open 8:00 Closes 8:30	9:00	05:30 PM
		WS	Team	Open 12:00 Closes 12:30	13:00	

Note: * **Registration period of half an hour for each event. It is a requirement that fencers must report, IN PERSON, to the DT during this period.**
**** Start time means commence fencing**

Armoury and Weapons Control

Weapons Control Schedule

Weapons	Submit Time	Collect Time*	Where
Women's Foill & Men's Sabre	Sun. 17/11 12:00–16:00 hrs	Mon. 18/11 14:00–18:00 hrs	Submit Training venue Collect Comp.Venue, Armoury
Men's Foils	Mon.18/11 9:30–11:30 hrs	Tues. 19/11 14.00 – 18:00 hrs	Comp.Venue, Armoury
Women's Epee	Tues 19/11 9:30-11:30 hrs	Weds. 20/11 14:00-1800 hrs	Comp.Venue, Armoury
Men's Epee & Women's Sabre	Weds. 20/11 9:30-11:30 hrs	Thurs. 21/11 14:00-18:00 hrs	Comp.Venue, Armoury

***Collection times may vary, teams will be notified.**

Items for Control - per event - per fencer– One bage per country with Tag	
Item	Number per fencer
Weapons	4
Masks	2
Body cords	4
Lames	2
Sabre cuffs	2
Epee Jackets for Name, Country code	ALL

Team Manager Briefing

There will be a meeting for Team Managers with the DT and event organisers at the Competition Venue on the afternoon of 18th November. (at around 14:00 hrs)

The precise time for the meeting will be advised during your visit to the event office, Capri Plaza, for issue of accreditation etc. (See appropriate section for details.)

This meeting will include:

- Venue Orientation
- Confirmation of entry detail
- Rule clarification

Teams Training 17th & 18th November Schedule & Transport

Nine training pistes will be available at the **Newcastle Basketball Centre, Young Road, Broadmeadow**. (situated close by the competition venue) on Sunday 17th and Monday 18th November 2002.

A bus will be provided from the Official Hotels to the training venue.

You should call to the Event office at the Board Room, Capri Plaza Hotel to book your sessions.

This office will operate:

Saturday 16 November 0900-1200 & 1300-1630

Sunday 17 November 0900-1200 & 1300-1630

Monday 18 November 0900-1230

(after that 7:30 am to 10:00 pm at the Competition venue)

The schedule for team training will be available from the Sports Information Desk in the venue and will be posted on bulletin boards at the official hotels.

Session Times:

Sunday 17 November 10:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 14:00, 14:00 - 16:00

Monday 18 November 10:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 14:00, 14:00 - 16:00

Training Bus Schedule:

Session 1. 10:00 - 12:00

Depart Hotels	9:40 am	Arrive Training Venue	9:50 am
Depart Training Venue	12:10 pm	Arrive Hotel	12:20 pm

Session 2. 12:00 - 14:00

Depart Hotel	11:40 am	Arrive Training Venue	11:50 am
Depart Training Venue	14:10 pm	Arrive Hotel	14:20 pm

Session 3. 14:00 - 16:00

Depart Hotel	13:40 am	Arrive Training Venue	13:50 am
Depart Training Venue	16:10 pm	Arrive Hotel	16:20 pm

Training Schedule 19 –24 November

Training will be available in the Competition venue immediately following the conclusion of the rounds of pools for the day. A schedule for booking pistes will be available through Sport Information, Andrew Ius

Competition Transport 19 to 24 Nov - Bus Services

From Tuesday 19 November coaches will run between the Official Hotels and the competition venue, as follows:

For the days first event:

Depart Hotels 07:25 Arrive Competition Venue 07:45

Note: Athlete registration 08:00 – 08:30 – In person

For the days second event:

Depart Hotels 10:40 Arrive Competition Venue 11:00

Note: Athlete registration 11:30 – 12:00 – In person

Bus to Finals Session

At 18:00 a bus will do a circuit Hotels / Venue / Hotels

Depart Venue (final bus) 21:45

Shuttle service

A 22 seat bus will run between the Competition venue and Official hotels at regular intervals. The schedule will be displayed on your hotel notice board and at the venue.

Daily transport schedule will be available from Sport Information at the Venue

Transport outside bus scheduled times: Taxi's are available (see General Information section of this booklet for phone numbers). Travel time by taxi is 10-15 minutes.

Licence Check, Entry Fee Reconciliation & Accreditation

You must visit the Administration Office in the Board Room at the Capri Plaza Hotel

Hours of operation: Saturday 16 November 0900-1200 & 1300-1630

 Sunday 17 November 0900-1200 & 1300-1630

 Monday 18 November 0900-1230

 (after that 7:30 am to 10:00 pm at the Competition venue)

Note: Team Managers must bring passport photos for team members where not previously supplied.

Access Control at Venue

Entry to the venue is by accreditation or ticket. Please ask all team members to display them clearly at all times.

All participants will be issued with an accreditation pass, which must be worn to gain entry to Venue and at all times while in the venue to gain access to specially designated areas. Our **volunteers** will be asked to check them, your assistance is appreciated.

Without accreditation or ticket entry will not be possible.

In the case of lost accreditation, athletes and officials should contact Andrew Ius (Sports Information and Services) to arrange access.

Official Hotels

Note that **all** charges incurred at the hotels are for the teams account and will not be paid by the Commonwealth Fencing Federation, the Australian Fencing Federation Inc., the event organisers or any other body.

Capri Plaza Hotel

Cnr King & Steel Streets
Newcastle
NSW 2300
Ph (61 2) 4926 3777
Fax (61 2) 4926 4379

Ibis Hotel

700 Hunter Street
Newcastle
NSW 2300
Ph (61 2) 4925 2266

Fencing Information

Sport Information Desk

Pre Event:

16 – 18 th at the Administration Office, Capri Plaza

During the event:

The Sport Information Desk (located in the venue) will assist with any queries regarding all aspects of the championship including results, draw, training, and transport.

The Sport Information Desk will operate a pigeon hole system for teams and distribute all official team information and communications to team managers. Note that official communications will only be passed to team managers or to a person the manager has formally authorised in writing to pick up material on behalf of the team.

Notice Board at Hotels

A Fencing Information Notice Board will be placed in the foyers of both official hotels. Information regarding the tournament, including training sessions and transport will be posted on these information boards.

Transport - To Airport for Departure from Newcastle

Transport out of Newcastle at the conclusion of the championships will be arranged as per you advice but will be confirmed during the Championships.

Field of Play

Fencing bags and other equipment must not be taken onto the preliminary or finals areas. A secure bag store will operate during the Championship. This will be situated nearby to the change rooms.

The bag store will issue numbered docketts and for security purposes, require the presentation of these docketts when an athlete or official wishes to gain access to their checked belongings.

The mode of operation for the FOP (field of play) will allow:

Pools of individual events: Athletes only in the FOP. Coaches/supporters etc. will be able to stand behind a barrier directly behind the athlete.

Direct Elimination Phase: Each athlete will be allowed one person to accompany them onto the FOP. Both will have a chair on the FOP. The accompanier must, (per FIE rules) remain in the chair during the bout or be carded.

The choice of *who* accompanies the athlete is the team manager's alone.

In addition teams may nominate one only from: team doctor/physio/masseur who will have a chair for the bout with the DT, adjacent to the FOP. If the referee calls for medical attendance then the event doctor will examine the athlete, then call on the national representative if treatment is allowed.

Finals: same as DE phase

Team: All team matches are DE so same rule applies as for DE above.

Equipment

All equipment must comply with the "FIE Rules for Competitions", including athlete names and national colours on uniforms. The Commonwealth Fencing Championship website (www.cf2002.org/) contains an explanatory document about equipment and uniforms for download as an Adobe Acrobat document.

Laws in Australia relating to liability prevent any non-observance of these rules.

Rules

The Commonwealth Fencing Championship rules are available for download on the website (www.cf2002.org/). Enquiries regarding the rules should be directed to the Chair of the Directoire Technique, John Ramsay.

Eligibility

Eligibility of individuals to compete is documented in the Statutes of the Commonwealth Fencing Federation (see website www.cf2002.org/).

Enquiries regarding eligibility should be directed to the President of the CFF, Piers Jones.

Drug Testing

Random Drug Testing will take place during each event. Testing will be conducted by ASDA and will comply with WADA protocols and conform to FIE requirements.

For enquiries regarding checking medication see the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA) website (www.asda.org.au), *Checking the Status of Medication* link.

If an asthma medication is used that is permitted with notification, please observe the following:

- Ensure your notification is up to date with your National Sporting Organisation.
- Ensure you have a copy of the notification form with you at the Championships.
- If you are drug tested provide the Drug Control Officer with a copy of the notification form to attach to the doping control paperwork.

Change Rooms for Athletes & Officials

Change rooms are provided with facilities including showers, toilets, and changing areas. From the change rooms, athletes and officials can walk to the competition and warm-up pistes. A Lounge is also provided for officials.

Medical

A medical room will be established in the venue and treatment will be available from the event medical staff. Facilities will be made available for team medical, physiotherapy and massage personnel.

Athlete & Technical Officials Seating

Seating for participants will be available in the grandstands at the Entertainment Centre. Entry to this area is restricted to holders of accreditation

Security/Safety

While appropriate security will be provided for participants at the Entertainment Centre, and normal hotel security will be provided by the hotel, participants are advised that they should take reasonable precautions to protect themselves and their possessions. The organisers of the Commonwealth Fencing Championships, The Commonwealth Fencing Federation and the Australian Fencing Federation do not accept responsibility for the loss or damage of equipment or personal property at the venue or hotels.

You are reminded that competitors clothe and equip themselves, and participate in the sport of fencing in the knowledge of the rules and in the acceptance of the risks inherent.

Pre-match Procedures

Pools phase: Prior to each round of the competition competitors may warm-up on the pool pistes where available.

D/E phase: a tableau in the venue will indicate your marshalling time. You must report to the DT at this (or 3 calls will commence). There will be weapon pre check, marshalling and a co-ordinated entry to the field of play for each round of Direct Elimination.

Finals Phase: Semi Finalists for Individual events and finalists for Team events will be briefed on final's session requirements by Field of Play staff and the DT.

Medal Presentation Ceremony

One gold (1st place), one silver (2nd place) and two bronze (equal 3rd place) medals will be presented for individual and medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Teams.

Competitors to be presented with medals will be asked to assemble immediately after the conclusion of the final bout.

Competitors will then move into the presentation area behind the appropriate dais. The national anthem of the winning country will be played, while the flags of the medal winning nations are displayed.

Competitors must wear their national tracksuit, or their fencing uniform. Shoes must also be worn.

CFF Congress

18:00 – 20:00 Sunday 17th November
Sygna Room, Capri Plaza Hotel

General information

Banks

Banks are open from Monday - Friday 09.00 hrs - 17:00 hrs Automatic Teller Machines (ATM) are available 24 hrs a day.

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the hotels however to obtain better exchange rates it is recommended that you use banks to change money.

Staff at your hotel will be able to assist with information regarding the nearest banks.

Post Office

The Newcastle Post Office is situated at:

96 Hunter Street
Newcastle
Ph. 4926 1922

Staff at your hotel are a good first stop for questions regarding mail.

Medical (general)

Team management should note that the cost of medical treatment can be extremely expensive and they are encourage to arrange comprehensive medical insurance covering all personnel for the period of the championship.

There are a large number of medical and dental clinics, and pharmacies/chemists in central Newcastle. Further details of these appear in the Newcastle phone directory.

Hospitals

There are two major hospitals in Newcastle

Royal Newcastle Hospital Pacific Street Newcastle Ph. 4923 6000	John Hunter Hospital Lookout Rd New Lambton Ph. 4921 3000
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Medical Centres

Before visiting any doctor or dentist it is recommended that you phone to confirm opening hours and availability.

Darby Street Medical Centre 107 Darby Street Newcastle Ph. 4926 2411	Hunter Street Medical Centre 802 Hunter Street Newcastle Ph. 4962 1900
King Street General Practice 133 King Street Newcastle Ph, 4929 5691	Newcastle Family Practice 108 King Street Newcastle Ph. 4929 4181

Chemist

Bagga's Soul Pattinson 151 Humber Street Newcastle Ph. 4929 1758	City Pharmacy 53 Hunter St Newcastle Ph. 4929 2866
Newcastle Day/Night Chemist 707 Hunter St Newcastle Ph. 4929 4999	The Store Soul Pattinson Chemist 854 Hunter St Newcastle West Ph. 4965 4818

Dental

Newcastle Dental Care Centre 123 King Street Newcastle Ph. 4929 4287	A Matthews Dental Surgeon 560 Hunter Street Newcastle Ph. 4929 3045
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Ambulance & Emergency Services

If urgent emergency attention is needed and you are off-site or on-site outside the hours of operation, you can call for an ambulance by dialing phone number 000. Follow instructions provided by the operator. This should only be used in an emergency as the use of an ambulance is not free and can be very costly if not covered by health insurance.

Restaurants

There are many restaurants around Newcastle and food is usually reasonably priced and of a high standard. Darby Street has a restaurant and coffee shop strip with popular favorites such as Grind Coffee Co, Goldberg's Coffee House, Longbench on Darby, Level 1, and the Three Monkeys Café. As well as a variety of other restaurants offering a range of European and Asian food.

Beaufort Street has a family feel and cheap food abounds. The Brewery Restaurant (150 Wharf Rd. 4929 5792) offers the chance of outdoor eating and drinking on the waterfront and The Scott Street Restaurant (19 Scott Street Newcastle East, 4927 0107) has a reputation for fine food. Other restaurants of note include Carroll's on King (25 King St. 4929 5656) and George's (1/79 Beaumont St, Hamilton 4969 6886).

Shopping

The Newcastle CBD boasts some 1400 shops and businesses including large department stores, fashion boutiques, surf shops, book and music stores, fine food halls and markets. The City Centre has many different shopping precincts, each with an individual character. From the unique character of the Heritage Precinct in the East, to the casual elegance of the Hunter Street Mall and the West Precinct with an emphasis on sports, ranging from surf, ski & snowboard, to tennis, fishing, boxing and golf.

Taxis

Newcastle Taxis
Ph. 4979 3000

Tipping

No service charge applies in Australia. Tipping is not mandatory but a tip of no more than 10% in restaurants is normal for good service. Bar staff in pubs are happy with loose change. Porters are generally pleased with \$2 per bag in better hotels. Taxi drivers do not "expect" tips, but it is usual to 'round-up' the fare to the nearest dollar or two - a little more if you have plenty of luggage or the driver has been particularly helpful. Visitors may wish to tip a tour guide or tourist coach driver, though it's not expected either.

Other Matters

Beach and Sun Safety

The Newcastle region is rich in beaches and waterways. These are especially inviting at this time of the year but it is important to always follow the basic rules of water and sun safety:

- The sun is very strong in Australia and even on a cloudy day can severely burn you if you are unprotected. Always use a 15+ sunscreen and wear a shirt with UV protection and a hat. Remember to re-apply sunscreen after swimming.
- Always swim or surf at places patrolled by lifesavers or lifeguards
- Only swim between the red and yellow flags. These flags indicate that the beach is patrolled by lifesavers and mark the safer area for swimming.
- Never swim alone
- Read and obey the beach signs.
- If you are unsure of the conditions ask a lifeguard or lifesaver.
- Don't swim directly after a meal.
- Don't swim under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Always check the depth of the water before entering. Never run or dive in the water. Even if you have checked the depth, water conditions can change.
- If you get in trouble in the water, stay calm. Signal for help by holding up one arm and waving, float and wait for assistance.
- **If you are unsure of any aspect of your safety – ask the lifesavers or lifeguards**

November Weather

Temperature: Max 24°C, Min 17°C

Humidity: 67% - 71%

Sunrise: 0541hrs

Sunset: 1935hrs

Time Zone: GMT +11 hours (summer time).

Commonwealth Fencing Championships Merchandise

A range of quality event merchandise will be available from the shop in the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. The shop will also sell and repair fencing equipment.

Please support the event. Without putting too finer point on it the organisers need the income from sales with the late loss of considerable entry fees!

Please consider our event merchandise as the ideal gifts for the friends and family you will be buying souvenirs for!!!

Lost Property

Please ensure that names are on all items brought to the venue.

Any items that are lost or found at the competition venue will be held in the Competition Management Office at the venue. If an athlete's name or nation is easily identified on the item, every attempt will be made to return the item to the team manager or the individual.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited within the Newcastle Entertainment Centre and those who wish to smoke can do so only outside of the Centre. Smokers must ensure that all butts are extinguished and placed in an appropriate bin.

Valuables

Competitors are encouraged to be aware of the security of their valuables such as bags, wallets, clothing, mobile phones, pagers, cameras, radios, etc. Competitors are encouraged not to bring valuables to the competition venue. The Commonwealth Fencing Championship will not take any responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to any personal possessions.

High Commissions, Consulates and Legations

England, Isle of Man, Jersey, Scotland and Wales

British Consulate General

Sydney

Ph. 9247 7521

Fax 9233 1826

India

Consulate General of India

Sydney

Ph. 9223 9500

New Zealand

New Zealand Consulate General
Sydney
Ph. 8256 2000
Fax 9221 7836

Republic of South Africa

High Commission of South Africa
Canberra
Ph. 6273 2424

Singapore

High Commission of Singapore
Canberra
Ph. 6273 9823

Airlines

Information about other airlines is available in the Newcastle telephone directory.

Air India	9299 1983
Air New Zealand	13 2476
British Airways	8904 8800
Malaysia Airlines	0364 3500
QANTAS	131313
Singapore Airlines	9350 0100
South African Airways	9223 4402

Quick Guide to Useful Information

Who to contact?	Contact Name / Address	Phone No.
Event Management		
Event Director	Bill Ronald	0403 267 330
Operations Director (inc Weapons Control)	Jeff Gray	0419 286 810
Entries & Results	Alex Donaldson	0414 392 895
Sport information (inc. transport)	Andrew Ius	0419 313 231
Administration Director (inc accreditation, team training arrangements, & other matters)	Richard Sebel	0413 389 529
Equipment Store	J G Fencing, Jeff Gray	0419 286 810
CFF Directoire Technique/Technical Commission		
Rules, Eligibility, Statutes	John Ramsay at venue or Capri	4926377
Competition Venue		
Newcastle Entertainment Centre	Brown Rd (Showground Rd) Broadmeadow Newcastle	49212100
Training Venue		
Newcastle Basketball Centre	Young Rd, Broadmeadow Newcastle	49613185
Official Hotels		
Capri Plaze Hotel	King & Steel Sts, Newcastle 2300	4926 3777
Ibis Hotel	700 Hunter St, Newcastle 2300	4925 2266
Post Office	96 Hunter St, Newcastle	4926 1922
Medical		
Royal Newcastle Hospital	Pacific St, Newcastle	4923 6000
John Hunter Hospital	Lookout Rd, New Lambton, Newcastle	4921 3000
Darby Street Medical Centre	107 Darby Street, Newcastle	4926 2411
Hunter Street Medical Centre	802 Hunter Street, Newcastle	4962 1900
King Street General Practice	133 King Street, Newcastle	4929 5691
Newcastle Family Practice	108 King St., Newcastle	4929 4181
Chemist / Pharmacy		
Bagga's Soul Pattinson	151 Hunter St., Newcastle	4929 1758
City Pharmacy	53 Hunter St., Newcastle	4929 2866
Newcastle Day/Night Chemist	707 Hunter St., Newcastle	4929 4999
The Store Soul Pattinson Chemist	854 Hunter St., Newcastle West	4965 4818
Dental		
Newcastle Dental Centre	123 King St., Newcastle	4929 4287
A Matthews Dental Surgeon	560 Hunter St., Newcastle	4929 3045
Taxis		4979 3000
Visitor Information	Newcastle Visitors Information Centre, 363 Hunter Street	4974 2999
Ambulance Police Fire		000