Rankings Policy

Australian Fencing Federation Limited ACN 161 544 752 (**AFF**)

1. Background

The Australian Fencing Federation Limited (**AFF**) is the National Sporting Organisation (**NSO**) for the Olympic Sport of Fencing.

This Rankings Policy (the **Policy**) governs the ranking of athletes in Australia.

2. Application

2.1 The Policy applies to all athletes.

This Policy was adopted by resolution of the AFF Board on 14 March 2021 and amended by the AFF Board on 28 September 2025 and comes into effect, replacing the previous Policy on 1 November 2025, and until such time the previous Policy remains in force. The Policy will operate until amended, repealed or replaced in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Other AFF policies may be necessary to read in connection with this Policy. AFF policies are published on the AFF's website: www.ausfencing.org

3. AFF Rankings List

3.1 The Board must ensure that, within one month of the completion of each AFC Event, an updated ranking list of athletes in each affected age category is published on the AFF website. The ranking list may be prepared by the Board or such other persons as are authorised to do so by the Board.

The Board will ensure that AFF Age Ranking Lists are maintained for the following age categories:

(a) Youth;

(b) Cadet;

(c) Junior;

(d) Senior;

(e) Veteran

(f) Australian Youth Circuit (AYC).

Points will be awarded for the competitions listed in Appendix A, on the basis set out therein.

The points are specific to each weapon and cannot be combined.

The points are specific to each age category and cannot be combined.

The points awarded for AFC, AYC and Oceania Events expire on a rolling basis immediately after the corresponding competition in the next calendar year, provided that:

(a) if any of the AFC or AYC Events is not held in a particular calendar year, then the points accrued for that competition in the previous calendar year will expire 12 months after the event was last held;

(b) if any of the Oceania Events is not held in a particular calendar year (or if the corresponding event is held in Australia), then the points accrued in that event in the previous calendar year will expire 12 months after the event was last held (or immediately after the corresponding event is held in Australia).

The points awarded for the World Championships expire immediately after the next World Championships or Olympic Games (regardless of whether or not this occurs within the following 12 months). The points awarded for the Olympic Games expire immediately after the next World Championships (regardless of whether or not this occurs within the following 12 months).

3.2 Points awarded for all competitions other than AFC Events, Oceania Events, World Championships and Olympic Games expire on the earlier of:

(a) the date which is 12 months after the competition; or

(b) if a corresponding competition is held within the next 12 months, immediately after that competition is held.

An Age Point Aggregate will be calculated for each athlete in each weapon in each age category, comprising the sum of the highest points earned in the competitions specified in the relevant competitions listed the Rankings Points Table in Appendix A for the relevant age category limited to:

(c) for Youth, a maximum of five events made up of:

(1) a minimum of one Domestic Event and a maximum of three Domestic Events and

(2) a maximum of two events from any of the World Championship, Zonal Championship, or HPC Designated Event.

(d) For Cadet and Junior, a maximum of five events, made up of

(1) a minimum of one Domestic Event and a maximum of three Domestic Events and

(2) a maximum of three events from any of the World Championship, Zonal Championship, or HPC Designated Event.

(e) for Senior, a maximum of five events made up of:

(1) a minimum of one Domestic Event and a maximum of three Domestic Events; and

(2) a maximum of four events from any of the Olympic Games, World Championship, Zonal Championship, or HPC Designated Events.

(f) for Veteran, three events, provided that no more than two non-Veteran events can be included.

3.3 An Athlete's Australian Ranking in an age category will be compiled using the Age Point Aggregate for each athlete for the relevant age category.

4. Definitions

AFC Events means the Australian Fencing Circuit events as published by the AFF from time to time and includes the Australian National Championships (in all age categories).

AYC Events means the Australian Youth Circuit events as published by the AFF from time to time and includes the AYC Final.

AFF means the Australian Fencing Federation Ltd.

Age Point Aggregate means the age point aggregates as determined by this Policy.

Australian Ranking means an athlete's ranking as compared to other fencers in their age group based on their Age point Aggregate as determined by this Policy.

Australian Ranking Points means the number of points as per their relevant Age Point Aggregate as determined by this Policy.

Board means the board of directors of the AFF.

Cadet means the 'Cadet' age category as defined by the FIE, except with a minimum age of at least 12 years of age on the first day of the event.

Constitution means the constitution of the AFF (as amended from time to time).

Domestic Events means all AFC, AYC and Oceania Events..

FIE means the Federation Internationale d'Escrime.

HPC means the AFF's High-Performance Commission.

HPC Designated Event means an event that is designated by the High Performance Commission for participation in by National Squad Members.

International Championship means any one of the Asian Championships, World Championships, Commonwealth Fencing Championships, Asian Games, or any other event the AFF nominates as an International Championship.

International Event (Other) means any International Event as determined by the AFF, and any other event outside the scope of this policy.

International Tour (Youth) means any International Event nominated by the HPC as the International Tour (Youth) for that year. There may be more than one event in a calendar year.

Junior means the 'Junior' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

Oceania Event – any of the following events, but only when held outside Australia:

(a) Oceania Senior Championships;

(b) Oceania Junior Championships;

(c) Oceania Cadet Championships;

(d) Oceania Under-15 Championships; and

(e) Oceania Veteran Championships.

Senior means the 'Senior' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

Youth means the Under-15 age category. In order to be eligible for this age category an athlete must be under the age of 15 years on December 31 of the previous year of the competition, and at least ten years of age on the first day of the Event.

Veteran means attained the age of 40 years or older on December 31 of the year of the Event.

Zonal Championships means the Asian Fencing Championships, sanctioned by the FIE and Asian Fencing Confederation, in all age categories.

Appendix A – Ranking Points Tables

Rankings Table Notes

The following notes apply to all ranking points tables in this Appendix A.

- Points are only awarded for a competition if the fencer is promoted to a DE tableau.
- No scaling factor will be applied based on the number of fencers for AFF sanctioned Domestic events.
- No scaling factors will be applied to the following Cadet, Junior and Senior events: Zonal Championships, World Championships, Olympic Games and any other event designated as a non-scaling event by AFF, of which to be published on the AFF website.
- No scaling factor will be applied to Veteran World Championships.
- For FIE sanctioned Senior events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event: >260 (118%); 170-260 (110%); 110-169 (100%); 80-109 (80%); 50-79 (45%); 33-49 (25%); 1-32 (10%)
- For FIE, Asian Fencing Confederation and European Fencing Confederation sanctioned Junior and Cadet events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event : >260 (118%); 170-260 (108%); 110-169 (100%); 80-109 (80%); 50-79 (45%); 33-49 (25%); 1-32 (10%)
- For non-FIE sanctioned Senior, Junior, Cadet and Youth events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 6-16 (25%); 1-5 (0%)
- For non-FIE sanctioned Veteran events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 6-16 (25%); 1-5 (15%).
- For International Tour (Youth) points as follows: for U15 and Y14 Events 100% of the Points allocation; for U14 or Y13 Events 75% of the Points allocation.

Senior Rankings Points

Place	Senior Australian Champs/ Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Senior AFC Events (AFC1,2,3,4)	Senior World Champs	Senior Asian Champs	International HPC Des Events	Intl Events (Other)
1	32	28.8	658	180	470	0
2	26	23.4	532	146	380	0
3=	20	18	406	112	290	0
5-8	14	12.6	280	78.5	200	0
9-16	8	7.2	180	45	128	0
17-32	4	3.6	112	22.5	80	0
33-64	2	1.8	63	11.25	45	0
65-96	1	0.9	30	5.6	21	0
97-128			21		15	
129-160	0.5	0.45		2.8		0
161-256			11		8	
257-288	0	0		0		0
> 288			0		0	

H.O.A. = Held Outside Australia

Please refer to Raking Points Table Notes.

Junior Rankings Points

Place	Junior Australian Champs/ Junior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Junior World Champs	Junior Asian Champs	Junior International HPC Des Events	Intl Events (Other)
1	32	658	180	470	0
2	26	532	146	380	0
3=	20	460	112	290	0
5-8	14	280	78.5	200	0
9-16	8	180	45	128	0
17-32	4	112	22.5	80	0
33-64	2	56	11.25	40	0
65-96	1	25	5.64	18	0
97-128			2.8		
129-160	0.5	11		8	0
161-256			0		
257-288	0	0		0	0
> 288					

Place	Senior World Champs/Olympic Games	Senior AFC Events (AFC 1,2,3,4)	Senior International HPC Des Events	Senior Asian Champs	Senior Australian Champs/ Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)
1	790	34.6	564	216	38.4
2	638.5	28.1	456	175.2	31.2
3=	478.2	21.6	348	134.4	24
5-8	336	15.1	240	94.2	16.8
9-16	216	8.6	153.6	54	9.6
17-32	134.4	4.3	96	27	4.8
33-64	75.6	2.2	54	13.5	2.4
65-96	36	1.1	25.2	6.7	1.2
97-128	25.2		18		
129-160		0.5		3.4	0.6
161-256	13.2		9.6		
257-288		0		0	0
> 288	0		0		

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Cadet Rankings Points

Place	Cadet Aust. Champs/ Cadet Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Cadet World Champs	Cadet International HPC Des Events	Cadet Asian Champs	Junior Australian Champs/ Junior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Junior World Champs	Junior Asian Champs	Junior International HPC Des Events
1	32	658	470	180	38.4	789.6	216	564
2	26	532	380	146	31.2	628.4	175.2	456
3=	20	460	290	112	24	552	134.4	348
5-8	14	280	200	78.5	16.8	336	94.2	240
9-16	8	180	128	45	9.6	216	54	153.6
17-32	4	112	80	22.5	4.8	134.4	27	96
33-64	2	56	40	11.25	2.4	67	13.5	48
65-96	1	25	18	5.64	1.2	30	6.7	21.6
97-128								
129-160	0.5	11	8	2.8	0.6	13.2	3.4	9.6
161-256								
257-288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 288								

Place	Senior World Champs/ Olympic Games	Senior Aust. Champs/ Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Senior International HPC Des Events	Senior Asian Champs	Senior AFC Circuit (AFC 1,2,3,4)	Intl Events (Other)
1	948	48	676.8	259.2	43.2	0
2	766.2	39	547.2	210.2	35.1	0
3=	584.6	30	417	161.3	27	0
5-8	403.2	21	288	113	18.9	0
9-16	259.2	12	184.3	64.8	10.8	0
17-32	161.3	6	115.2	32.4	5.4	0
33-64	90.7	3	64.8	16.2	2.7	0
65-96	43.2	1.5	30.2	8	1.4	0
97-128	30.2		21.6			
129-160		0.75		4	0.7	0
161-256	15.8		11.5			
257-288		0		0	0	0
> 288	0		0			

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Youth Rankings Points

Place	AYC #1, 2, 3	AYC Final	Aust. Youth Champs	Intl Tour (Youth)	Aust. Cadet Champs/ Cadet Oceania Champs (H.O.A.)	Cadet World Champs	Cadet Intl HPC Des Events	Cadet Asian Champs	Aust. Junior Champs/ Junior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)
1	28.8	60	32	300	38.4	789.6	564	216	48
2	23.4	40	26	250	31.2	638.4	456	175.2	39
3=	18	30	20	200	24	552	348	134.4	30
5-8	12.6	15	14	100	16.8	336	240	94.2	21
9-16	7.2	6	8	50	9.6	216	153.6	54	12
17-32	3.6	0	4	25	4.8	134.4	96	27	6
33-64	1.8	0	2	18	2.4	67.2	48	13.5	3
65-96	0.9	0	1	10	1.2	30	21.6	6.7	1.5
97-128									
129-160	0	0	0.5	8.5	0.6	13.2	9.6	3.4	0.75
161-256									
257-288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 288									

Place	Junior Intl HPC Des Events	Junior Asian Champs	Junior World Champs	Senior World Champs/ Olympic Games	Aust. Senior Champs/ Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Senior AFC Circuit (AFC 1,2,3,4)	Senior Asian Champs	Senior Intl HPC Des Events	Intl Events (Other)
1	676.8	259.2	947.5	1137.6	60	51.84	311	812.2	0
2	547.2	210.5	766.1	920	48.75	43.75	252.4	656.6	0
3=	417.6	161.5	662.4	701.5	37.5	33.75	193.6	501.1	0
5-8	288	113	403.2	438.4	26.25	23.62	135.6	345.6	0
9-16	184.3	64.8	259.2	311	15	13.5	77.8	221.2	0
17-32	115.2	32.4	161.1	193.5	7.5	6.75	38.9	138.2	0
33-64	57.6	16.2	80.6	108.8	3.75	3.37	19.4	77.8	0
65-96	24	8	36	51.8	1.87	1.68	9.6	36.2	0
97-128				36.2				25.9	
129-160	11.5	4	15.8		0	0	4.8		0
161-256				19				13.8	
257-288	0	0	0		0	0	0		0
> 288				0				0	

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AYC Rankings Points

Place	AYC #1, 2, 3
1	28.8
2	23.4
3=	18
5-8	12.6
9-16	7.2
17-32	3.6
33-64	1.8
65-96	0.9
97-128	
129-160	0
161-256	
257-288	0
> 288	

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Veteran Rankings Points

Place	Veteran Australian Champs	Veteran AFC Circuit (AFC1,2,3,4)	Veteran World Champs	Veteran Asian Champs	Veteran Oceania Champs (H.O.A)	Veteran Commonwealth Champs	Senior Australian Champs	Senior AFC Circuit (AFC1,2,3,4)	Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A)
1	32	28.8	128	80	32	80	80	72	80
2	26	23.4	104	65	26	65	65	58.5	65
3=	20	18	80	50	20	50	50	45	50
5-8	14	12.6	56	35	14	35	35	31.5	35
9-16	8	7.2	32	20	8	20	20	18	20
17-32	4	3.6	16	10	4	10	10	9	10
33-64	2	1.8	8	5	2	5	5	4.5	5
65-96	1	0.9	4	2.5	1	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.5
97-128									
129-160	0.5	0.5	2	1.25	0.3	1.3	1.25	1.1	1.25
161-256									
257-288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 288									

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