

## Preamble to the AFF Selection Policy



This preamble to the AFF Selection Policy outlines the philosophy on which the Selection Policy is based. This preamble is provided by way of background only, does not form part of the Selection Policy and is not intended to affect the interpretation of the Selection Policy, which is to be interpreted on its face.

The AFF has adopted the concept of an Australian Fencing Team (AFT) and a complementary Australian Fencing Squad (AFS) comprising athletes engaged in the AFF High Performance Program. Membership of the AFT or AFS does NOT guarantee selection to represent Australia at any particular fencing competition. This document outlines the selection criteria for AFT and AFS membership and participation in the AFF High Performance Program, as well as the selection criteria for Australian representation at international fencing competitions.

Elite sport is inherently about excellence. The right to represent Australia at the Olympic Games and the World Championships (open and age) represents the pinnacle of elite sport, and as such is a privilege to be earned; however, it is the mission of the AFF to qualify full teams for these events. The Selection Policy sets out the minimum criteria that must be satisfied for a fencer to be eligible for selection for various events (excluding the Olympic Games, which are covered by a separate qualification and selection process). Fencers are encouraged to view selection as merely the first step in the process of achieving the performance goals they have set themselves, rather than an end in itself.

In light of the restrictions that apply to selection for the Olympic Games and World Championships, the AFF aims to provide fencers with a range of opportunities to represent Australia in other international and regional events, subject to the restrictions imposed by the competition organisers (for example, in relation to number of competitors, obligations to provide referees etc.). The expectation is that fencers who attain selection for these events will use them to develop and improve and that such events will also provide a pathway for the very best to demonstrate that they are ready to take the next step and ultimately represent Australia at the World Championships (both age and open) and the Olympic Games.

For all competitions to which it applies, the Selection Policy specifies the criteria that fencers must satisfy to be eligible for selection. The role of the Selection Commission is to apply the rules that are set out in the Selection Policy and to exercise the minimal discretions expressly conferred upon the Selection Commission therein. The Selection Policy has been intentionally structured so as to provide the Selection Commission with minimal discretion, to meet the desires expressed by fencers for clearly defined, objective results-based selection criteria. Accordingly, the Selection Policy has been structured so as to minimise selective judgements.

The AFF encourages athletes to work together with their coaches and support team in developing a detailed training and competition plan for achieving their performance goals. It is recommended that fencers' plans include a range of short-term and medium-term goals which need to be achieved to reach the fencers' longer-term objectives. These goals should be specific, measurable and realistic, and incorporate appropriate timeframes. The design and implementation of training and competition plans requires continual reassessment and updating to ensure that the goals remain appropriate and consistent with the results achieved along the way.

AFF resources that are available in setting up such a training and competition plan include:

- the High Performance Plans and other documents available on the HPP section of the AFF website;
- the opportunity to consult with the AFF National Weapons Coaches and Assistant National Weapons Coaches, the High Performance Manager and other members of the High Performance Program Commission, who can offer the benefit of their knowledge and experience to fencers seeking to identify an appropriate competition pathway which will enable them to achieve their maximum potential.
- the AFF Selection Policy itself, which sets out the criteria which must be satisfied to be eligible for selection for various competitions. All fencers and coaches are urged to make themselves thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the Selection Policy so that they can plan their competition program so as to maximise the fencer's ability to achieve selection for the competitions which they wish to attend as part of their competition plan.

The AFF Selection Policy has evolved over many years to enable the AFF to select, in the most efficient, equitable and transparent manner possible, the representatives for each event who are most likely to achieve the best results for themselves and for Australian fencing. Understanding this Policy is an essential step for each athlete seeking to achieve their personal fencing goals.

The Chair of the Selection Commission can be contacted by email to [selection@fencing.org.au](mailto:selection@fencing.org.au).

## 1. THE SELECTION COMMISSION

- 1.1 There shall be a commission of up to five selectors, representing at least two Member States, who shall comprise the 'Selection Commission'. In addition, the High Performance Manager (or equivalent) shall be a non-voting member in accordance with 1.9.
- 1.2 There shall be no more than two selectors from any one Member State.
- 1.3 The selectors shall be appointed by the Board.
- 1.4 The period of office shall be four years, unless otherwise specified by the Board.
- 1.5 Each selector must be present at 50% of the AFC Events each year. Failure to do so without approval from the Board shall result in dismissal and a casual vacancy shall exist.
- 1.6 Casual vacancies shall be filled by the Board. The term of a selector appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall be the remainder of the term of the existing selectors.
- 1.7 The selectors shall not themselves be eligible for selection, except for Veterans' competitions. Where a selector is eligible for selection in a Veterans' competition, that selector must not participate in any discussions or decisions of the Selection Commission in relation to the selection(s) for that competition.
- 1.8 The selectors will elect a Chair who will report to the Board as specified or requested.
- 1.9 The High Performance Manager (or the equivalent person whose responsibility it is to administer the AFT and AFS) will be an *ex officio* non-voting additional member of the Selection Commission, but will not be a selector for the purposes of 1.1 – 1.8 above.
- 1.10 As far as possible, selectors must seek to avoid any potential conflict arising among their personal interests (or the interests of any related person) and their obligations as selectors. However, it is recognised that selectors may be involved in Australian fencing in different capacities and therefore it is to some extent inevitable that various potential conflicts of interest will arise.
- 1.11 Selectors must declare all material conflicts of interest (whether actual or potential) promptly. The Chair will maintain a register of all such interests disclosed. Selectors must at all times bear in mind how any other interest they hold may be relevant to decisions or discussions of the Selection Commission. Where a selector holds an interest which may give rise to a material actual or potential conflict of interest, the Selection Commission will determine how to deal with that conflict of interest. The affected selector should not participate in any such discussions.
- 1.12 All discussions of the Selection Commission (internally and/or with the Board) shall be kept confidential.

## 2. THE FENCERS

- 2.1 Fencers wishing to be considered for selection must comply with all the requirements laid down by the AFF in any call for nominations by the nomination deadline.
- 2.2 If the controlling body of a particular event imposes conditions or pre-requisites for entry beyond the control of the AFF, those conditions or pre-requisites will be implemented. While the AFF will make reasonable efforts to notify any nominated fencers of such conditions or pre-requisites, this may not always be practicable.

- 2.3 Any fencer who nominates for a particular event in a weapon must make themselves available for both the individual and team competitions in that weapon at that event. Subject to A4.41, any fencer who is selected for the individual competition at an event and subsequently declines selection for the team competition in the same weapon held at (or in conjunction with) that event may be liable to a penalty (or penalties) determined by the Board. Such penalties may include, without limitation, exclusion from participation in any competition at the relevant event and/or suspension from participation in future events.
- 2.4 Any fines, penalties, fees or charges imposed by the FIE or the event organisers due to the actions of any fencer or group of fencers (including nomination under this Selection Policy) will not be borne by the AFF but will be payable by that fencer or group of fencers, subject to any other provisions of this policy which specify how such costs will be shared.

### **Formal Communication Between Fencers and the Selection Commission**

- 2.5 All formal correspondence from a fencer to the Selection Commission must be in writing submitted by email addressed to the Chair of the AFF Selection Commission.
- 2.6 If a fencer is a minor, all formal correspondence must be made by their legal guardian.
- 2.7 All such incoming formal correspondence will be distributed by the Chair to each member of the Selection Commission. The Chair may identify a specific class or classes of correspondence that will be automatically distributed to all members of the Selection Commission on receipt.
- 2.8 A formal reply will be sent to the fencer (or their legal guardian) in the form of a written response which will be identified as having come from the Selection Commission.
- 2.9 No other form of communication (including any oral or written communication with the Chair or any members of the Selection Commission) will have any official status or will be taken to represent the views or decisions of the Selection Commission.

## **3. GENERAL**

### **Selections under this Policy**

- 3.1 The Board shall advise the Selection Commission of any special conditions (including, without limitation, as to number of entries) that apply to any event for which a selection is being made.
- 3.2 The Selection Commission alone will select the fencers to participate in any team or individual competition for which a selection is being made. All selections made by the Selection Commission will be subject to ratification by the Board.
- 3.3 Where the Board does not ratify a selection made by the Selection Commission and/or makes an alternative selection, the Board shall notify the Chair of the Selection Commission in writing of its decision and the reasons for it.
- 3.4 If the Selection Commission considers that, in relation to a particular matter, this Policy:
- is silent in respect of that matter;
  - is capable of alternative and competing interpretations; or
  - is otherwise ambiguous,
- then the Chair may seek the advice of the Board as to the drafting intention of this Policy and/or the strategic objectives of the AFF, to clarify the manner in which this Policy should be interpreted and applied in respect of the relevant matter. In the event the Board provides such advice, the Selection Commission will interpret and apply this Policy in a manner which reflects the advice provided by the Board. Where the issue raised by the Selection Commission is

material to the operation of this Policy, the Board will take reasonable steps to amend this Policy to reflect the advice provided.

- 3.5 Selections for any events that are not explicitly covered in this Policy will be made by the Selection Commission in accordance with specific selection criteria for that event determined by the Board. Any such specific selection criteria will clearly identify the extent to which those criteria supplement or replace (whether wholly or in part) the provisions of this Policy.
- 3.6 All selections made by the Selection Commission must result in the selection of identified individual fencers, unless explicitly stated otherwise in this Policy. Where the Selection Commission is required to exercise its discretion and considers that it is unable to do so in order to provide the names of identified individual fencers, it must advise the Board and provide reasons. The Board will then select identified individual fencers at its absolute discretion. Any such decision by the Board will have effect as if it had been a decision made by the Selection Commission under this Policy.
- 3.7 Any appeals pertaining to selection under this Policy must be made in accordance with the AFF Selection Appeals Policy (available on the AFF website).

### **Timing**

- 3.8 Where a selection is made under this Policy, the effective date of that selection will be the closing date for nominations, unless otherwise specified in this Policy or by the Board.
- 3.9 With respect to the timing of actions to be taken in accordance with this Policy, references to the World Championships for a particular age category shall be taken as references to:
  - a) the Olympic Games in those years where the Olympic Games are held in place of the World Championships for that age category in that year; or
  - b) Asian Championships in those years where there are no Olympic Games or World Championships for that age category in that year; or
  - c) August 1 in those years where there are no Olympic Games, World Championships or Asian Championships or Olympic Games for that age category in that year.

### **Applications for assessment as Level D or Level E competition**

- 3.10 Fencers, registered coaches or the Board may apply to the Selection Commission for assessment of a future competition (which is not listed in Appendix A) as a Level D or E competition, for the purpose of the award of points on the relevant ranking list(s). Applications must be made at least four months prior to the completion date of the competition.
- 3.11 Applications for assessment must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Board and must provide sufficient information regarding the competition, in the form and manner determined by the Board.
- 3.12 The information that must be supplied to the Selection Commission must include the following (to the extent available):
  - a) the location and timing of the competition;
  - b) the expected format of the competition;
  - c) the expected approximate number of fencers in the competition;
  - d) the expected approximate number of fencers promoting to the direct elimination round of the competition;
  - e) the contact details for the body responsible for hosting the competition; and
  - f) the website link to officially published results for the competition in previous years.

- 3.13 Following receipt of an application for assessment, the Selection Commission will make an assessment of the competition (in comparison to the other competitions listed in Appendix A) and may, in its absolute discretion, decide to award a number of ranking points for results obtained in the competition. The ranking points to be awarded will be expressed as a figure being a multiplier (not exceeding 1.5) of the ranking points to be awarded under Appendix A for the Oceania Championships held outside Australia for the same age category as the competition. The multiplier will be 1.0 for the relevant age category, unless the Selection Commission assesses the competition and provides an alternative assessment to the Board for publication on the AFF website, within two weeks of the application being made.

#### **Designated Tours**

- 3.14 Where a competition is identified as forming part of a Designated Tour, any ranking points awarded to any fencer by reference to Appendix A or 3.13 will be multiplied by 1.5. This multiplier will apply to any ranking points awarded to any Australian fencer who takes part in the competition, for the purposes of any AFF Age Ranking List.
- 3.15 Where a competition is specifically identified as not forming part of a Designated Tour, no multiplier will be applied under 3.14.
- 3.16 Where a competition is identified as forming part of a Designated Tour and the number of fencers participating would result in the AFF incurring a fine for supplying insufficient referees, then any costs incurred by the AFF due to the obligation to provide referees shall be shared equally among all fencers participating in the competition (other than any costs incurred solely as a result of additional fencers registering less than 30 days prior to the competition, in which case such costs shall be incurred by those fencers only).

#### **Matters outside the scope of this Policy**

- 3.17 The qualification, nomination and selection criteria for the Olympic Games individual and team competitions are not determined solely by the AFF and are published separately. Accordingly, selection for these competitions is outside the scope of this Policy.
- 3.18 In all team competitions, the appointed coach, manager or team captain (in that order of priority, unless otherwise determined by the Board) will select which of the team members will fence in each team match, the order in which they fence, and their substitution within any particular match.

#### **Status of this Policy**

- 3.19 This Policy is made in accordance with clause 20.1 of the Constitution and may only be amended by resolution of the Board.
- 3.20 All amendments to the Selection Policy come into effect in accordance with the Constitution. If any such amendments include changes to Appendix A, then any points previously awarded will not be altered, while points awarded for any competition which takes place after the amendments come into effect will be determined using the amended form of Appendix A.
- 3.21 This policy supersedes and replaces all previous versions of the Selection Policy.

## 4. PROCESS OF RANKING AND SELECTION

### ALL AGE CATEGORIES

#### **Applicability**

- A4.1 This section (“All Age Categories”) applies to all age categories except where specifically noted. Where there is a conflict between the provisions of this section and the provisions contained in a section which deals with a specific age category, the provisions contained in the specific age category section will prevail.
- A4.2 Except where otherwise provided for in this Policy, a fencer may only nominate for a single weapon at an event or for a place in the AFT or AFS.

#### **AFF Ranking List**

- A4.3 The Board must ensure that, within one month of the completion of each AFC Event, an updated ranking list of fencers in each affected age category is published on the AFF website. The ranking list may be prepared by the Selection Commission or such other persons as are authorised to do so by the Board.
- A4.4 The Board will ensure that AFF Age Ranking Lists are maintained for the following age categories:
- a) Under-15s
  - b) Cadets
  - c) Juniors
  - d) Under-23s
  - e) Open
  - f) Veterans
- A4.5 Points will be awarded for:
- a) competitions listed in Appendix A, on the basis set out therein; and
  - b) other international competitions assessed by the Selection Commission following application made under 3.10 to 3.13, on the basis set out therein.
- A4.6 The points are specific to each weapon, and cannot be combined.
- A4.7 The points are specific to each age category, and cannot be combined.
- A4.8 The points awarded for AFC Events 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 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).
- A4.9 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).

- A4.10 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.
- A4.11 An Age Point Aggregate will be calculated for each fencer in each weapon in each age category, comprising the sum of the highest points earned in the competitions specified in A4.5, limited to:
- a) for Under-15s, Cadets, and Juniors, four events;
  - b) for Under-23s and Open, three events; and
  - c) for Veterans, three events, provided that no more than two non-Veteran events can be included.
- A4.12 The Age Ranking List will be compiled based on the Age Point Aggregate for each fencer.
- A4.13 Where a fencer has no Age Point Aggregate, they will be taken to be included on the Age Ranking List with an Age Point Aggregate of zero.
- A4.14 In the case of equality of the Age Point Aggregate among nominated fencers, the Selection Commission shall decide the order of priority among those fencers at their absolute discretion.
- A4.15 For the purposes of any selection under this Policy, the Age Point Aggregate or Age Ranking List position of a fencer will be determined as at the closing date specified in the call for nominations (unless otherwise specified by the Board), based on points awarded in accordance with this Policy for all events completed prior to that date.

#### **Selection Criteria for places in the AFT or AFS**

- A4.16 The following provisions apply to the selection of fencers for the Australian Fencing Team (AFT) and the Australian Fencing Squad (AFS) established as part of the AFF's High Performance Program.
- A4.17 The Board will call for nominations for the AFT and AFS in each age category set out in Appendix G, from fencers who satisfy the FIE eligibility requirements (including age and nationality) for the next World Championships for the relevant age category. The call for nominations will be made in the week following the World Championships for that age category in each year (or at such other times as determined by the Board from time to time).
- A4.18 Except as provided in A4.21 and A4.22, no fencer shall be selected as a member of the AFT unless (in addition to the other requirements under this Policy) they have also satisfied the relevant performance threshold outlined in Appendices C to F during the 12 months prior to the effective date on which the AFT is selected.
- A4.19 Except as provided in A4.22, no fencer shall be selected as a member of the AFT or AFS if their Age Point Aggregate in the age and weapon for which they are seeking selection is less than the threshold specified in Appendix G as at the effective date on which the AFT or AFS is selected.
- A4.20 In each age category for each weapon, the number of fencers specified in Appendix G (or such other number as determined by the Board from time to time) who have obtained the highest Age Point Aggregate shall be selected.

- A4.21 Fencers who are resident overseas can apply to the Selection Commission for exemption from the requirements of A4.18, providing details of any overseas results they wish the Selection Commission to consider for this purpose. The Selection Commission may award the fencer notional points on the Age Ranking List, based on its review of any overseas results provided. The fencer's nomination will then be considered solely according to A4.19 and A4.20 (provided that for the purposes of applying A4.19, the fencer's Age Point Aggregate will be calculated taking into account the notional points awarded by the Selection Commission as well as any points awarded under A4.5).
- A4.22 In the event that there are any additional places available following the application of A4.18 to A4.21, then:
- a) for the AFT, members of the AFS will be invited to nominate for the AFT. Selection from among such further nominees will be made solely according to A4.20 and A4.21; and
  - b) for the AFS, if possible these additional places will be filled by the Selection Commission at their absolute discretion, from those fencers who had nominated for the AFS.

#### **Selection Criteria for Australian Representation at Level A and B Events**

- A4.23 In each weapon, those members of the AFT with the highest Age Point Aggregate in the relevant age category who nominate will be selected, in order of ranking on the Age Ranking List.

#### **Selection Criteria for Australian Representation at Level C and D Events**

- A4.24 In each weapon, those members of the AFT or AFS with the highest Age Point Aggregate in the relevant age category who nominate will be selected, in order of ranking on the Age Ranking List.

#### **Selection Criteria for Australian Representation at Level E Events**

- A4.25 In each weapon, selection shall be made:
- a) firstly, from any members of the AFT whose Age Point Aggregate is not less than the threshold specified in Appendix G for the AFT in the relevant age category, in order of ranking on the Age Ranking List;
  - b) secondly, from any members of the AFT or AFS whose Age Point Aggregate is not less than the threshold specified in Appendix G for the AFS in the relevant age category, in order of ranking on the Age Ranking List; and
  - c) thirdly, from any other nominees, in order of ranking on the Age Ranking List (provided that any nominees whose Age Point Aggregate is zero will only be selected where the Selection Commission considers that exceptional circumstances, results or potential warrant the selection of that fencer).

In the case of Early Closing Events, the process for individual selection will be as set out in A4.27 to A4.31 and the process for team selection will be as set out in A4.39 to A4.41.

#### **Selection Criteria for Australian Representation where there is no provision for AFS or AFT**

- A4.26 For events in age categories where there is no AFS or AFT identified in Appendix G, in each weapon, selection shall be made from nominees in order of ranking on the Age Ranking List (provided that any nominees whose Age Point Aggregate is zero will only be selected where the Selection Commission considers that exceptional circumstances, results or potential warrant the selection of that fencer).

### **Individual Selection Process for Early Closing Events**

- A4.27 For all FIE, EFC and FCA events where the AFF does not undertake a call for nominations (**Early Closing Events**), any fencer who wishes to be considered for early selection in accordance with A4.28 to A4.30 must register for the event at least 30 days prior to the start of the event (**AFF Closing Date**), in accordance with the procedure specified by the Board.
- A4.28 Where the number of fencers registered for an Early Closing Event as at the AFF Closing Date:
- does not exceed the limit specified by the organiser; and
  - will not result in the AFF incurring a fine for supplying insufficient referees,
- then all of the fencers who have registered will be deemed to have been selected for the individual competition and no further selection under this Policy will be required.
- A4.29 Subject to A4.30, where the number of fencers registered for an Early Closing Event as at the AFF Closing Date exceeds the limit specified by the organiser, then the Selection Commission will select those fencers to participate in the individual competition (up to the allowable limit) by applying A4.25.
- A4.30 Where the number of fencers registered for an Early Closing Event as at the AFF Closing Date would result in the AFF incurring a fine for supplying insufficient referees, then the Selection Commission will:
- select those fencers to participate in the individual competition by applying A4.25, up to the number of fencers which will not result in a fine being imposed; and
  - select additional fencers from among those of the remaining nominees who are willing to share any extra costs incurred by the AFF due to the obligation to provide referees as a result of the further selections made (provided that, in the case of a competition which forms part of a Designated Tour, costs shall be shared in accordance with 3.16). As among any such fencers, selections shall be made by applying A4.25.
- A4.31 If a fencer registers for an Early Closing Event after the AFF Closing Date, then that fencer will be deemed to be selected for the event, provided that A4.28(a) and A4.28(b) continue to be satisfied following such deemed selection. However, if:
- A4.28(a) would not be satisfied, then the fencer will be deemed not to have been selected; and
  - A4.28(b) would not be satisfied, then the fencer will be deemed not to have been selected, unless they have agreed to pay any extra costs incurred by the AFF due to the obligation to provide referees as a result of their deemed selection.

### **Selection Criteria for Single Weapon, Gender and Age Team Competitions Held in Conjunction with Individual Competitions**

- A4.32 If sufficient fencers have been selected to compete in an individual competition in the same weapon, gender and age category at an event, an Australian team may be entered in the corresponding team competition.
- A4.33 The team members will be selected from the fencers selected for the individual competition. The selections will be made by the Selection Commission by applying A4.23 to A4.26.
- A4.34 Selections will be made:
- where a call for nominations has been undertaken, at the same time as selections for the individual competitions are made. If insufficient fencers are selected for the individual competition to constitute a team, no team will be selected;
  - in the case of Early Closing Events, in accordance with the process set out in A4.39 to A4.41; and

- c) in all other cases, as soon as practicable prior to the competition.

#### **Selection Criteria for Single Weapon, Gender and Age Team Competitions Held on a Standalone Basis**

A4.35 Selections for team competitions will be made by the Selection Commission, by applying A4.23 to A4.26 (as applicable depending on the Level of the event). Selections will be made following the close of nominations (where a call for nominations is made) or otherwise as soon as practicable prior to the competition.

#### **Selection Criteria for Mixed Weapon, Gender or Age Team Competitions Held in Conjunction with Individual Competitions**

A4.36 If a team competition requires the selection of fencers from different weapons, genders and/or age groups, then the selection will be made by the Selection Commission, by applying A4.23 to A4.26 (as applicable depending on the Level of the event) for each position on the team.

A4.37 If, after applying A4.36, a vacancy on the team exists and the event rules allow, a fencer who has been selected to compete in the individual competition in another weapon or age category at the same event may be selected, provided that such selections must be made in accordance with A4.23 to A4.26 (when selecting between fencers in the same weapon or age category) and otherwise at the discretion of the Selection Commission to achieve the highest possible team placing. This process may be repeated as many times as is necessary to complete a team.

A4.38 Selections will be made:

- a) where a call for nominations has been undertaken, at the same time as selections for the individual competitions are made. If insufficient fencers are selected for the individual competition to constitute a team, no team will be selected;
- b) in the case of Early Closing Events, in accordance with the process set out in A4.39 to A4.41; and
- c) in all other cases, as soon as practicable prior to the competition.

#### **Team Selection Process for Early Closing Events**

A4.39 For all Early Closing Events, any fencer who wishes to be considered for early team selection in accordance with A4.40 and A4.41 must register for the event by the AFF Closing Date, in accordance with the procedure specified by the Board.

A4.40 If, as at the AFF Closing Date, there are sufficient fencers selected (or deemed to have been selected) for the individual competition to form a team, the Selection Commission will select the team members from among those fencers by applying A4.23 to A4.26.

A4.41 If, as at the AFF Closing Date, there are insufficient fencers selected (or deemed to have been selected) for the individual competition to form a team, then no team will be selected at that time. If, after the AFF Closing Date, such additional fencers as are required to form a team are selected (or are deemed to have been selected under A4.28), then the Selection Commission may select a team, provided that:

- a) fencers who were selected (or deemed to have been selected) for the individual competition as at the AFF Closing Date (**Early Registrants**) will have priority over fencers who were selected (or were deemed to have been selected) for the individual competition after the AFF Closing Date (**Late Registrants**), regardless of any other matter;

- b) Early Registrants must be advised that, due to registrations received from Late Registrants, there are sufficient fencers to form a team and must be given the opportunity to confirm whether they still wish to be considered for team selection. Any Early Registrant who no longer wishes to be considered for team selection will not be subject to any penalties as a result (including under 2.3); and
- c) Late Registrants will be selected in order of priority based upon the date they register, regardless of any other matter.

#### **Withdrawal by Selected Fencer**

- A4.42 Where a selection for an event is made under this Policy, the Selection Commission may identify a fencer as the reserve for that event. The reserve will be the fencer who was next in line for selection in accordance with the applicable selection criteria for the event.
- A4.43 Where a reserve has been identified and a selected fencer subsequently withdraws from the event, the Board may, at its discretion, invite the reserve to take the place of the withdrawing fencer, in which case no further selection will be required under this Policy.
- A4.44 Subject to A4.45, where no reserve has been identified and a selected fencer withdraws from an event, the Board may in its absolute discretion, request the Selection Commission to identify a fencer who has been selected to participate in the individual competition at the same event, to replace the withdrawing fencer in the team. The replacement fencer will be the fencer who was next in line for selection in accordance with the relevant selection criteria at the time the original selection was made.
- A4.45 Where a fencer withdraws from a team competition and there is insufficient time for a replacement fencer to be selected in accordance with A4.44, then that fencer will be replaced in the team by the fencer (of those not already selected) who achieves the highest placing in the individual competition held in conjunction with the team competition (without any requirement for a formal selection under this policy to be made).

## CADET

### **Selection for More than One Weapon**

- C4.1 In exceptional circumstances and only for Level E Events, the Selection Commission may, at its absolute discretion, select a Cadet fencer in more than one weapon in a Cadet event for which their corresponding position on the Cadet Age Ranking List justifies selection.

### **Selection Criteria for Cadet Team Competitions Held in Conjunction with Cadet Individual Competitions**

- C4.2 If there are insufficient Cadet fencers available for the Cadet team competition for a weapon, then the Selection Commission may, at its absolute discretion, select sufficient Cadet fencers who have the highest ranking in that weapon and who have been selected to compete in the Cadet individual competition in another weapon at the same event to complete the team. These fencers will not be eligible to compete in the Cadet individual competition in that weapon solely as a result of their selection to complete the team, unless they have otherwise been selected to do so.

### **Special Selection Criteria for Cadet Age Category AFT or AFS members who have been selected for non-Cadet AFT or AFS places**

- C4.3 If a Cadet fencer holding an AFT or AFS place in another age category re-nominates for that place and is not selected, they may apply to remain on the AFT or AFS holding a Cadet place, until the next selection for Cadet places on the AFT or AFS (as applicable) is made.
- C4.4 The Selection Commission shall decide the selection of those fencers who apply under C4.3 at its absolute discretion.
- C4.5 Any fencers selected under C4.3 and C4.4 will be in addition to the quota of Cadet places available on the AFT or AFS (as applicable), as set out in Appendix G.

## JUNIOR

### **Selection for More than One Weapon**

- J4.1 In exceptional circumstances and only for Level E Events, the Selection Commission may, at its absolute discretion, select a Junior fencer in more than one weapon in a Junior event for which their corresponding position on the Junior Age Ranking List justifies selection.

### **Special Selection Criteria for Junior Team Competitions Held in Conjunction with Junior Individual Competitions**

- J4.2 If insufficient Junior fencers have been selected to compete in a Junior individual competition in the same weapon and a corresponding Cadet competition is being held at the same event, then the Selection Commission may, at its absolute discretion, select one or two Cadet fencers (as required) who have been selected to compete in the Cadet individual competition in that weapon to complete the Junior team. Such Cadet fencers will not be eligible to compete in the Junior individual competition solely as a result of their selection to complete the team, unless they have otherwise been selected to do so.
- J4.3 If, after the application of J4.2, there are fewer than four fencers available to form a Junior team for a particular weapon, then the Selection Commission may, at its absolute discretion, select sufficient fencers who have the highest Junior ranking in that weapon and who have been selected to compete in the Cadet or Junior individual competition in another weapon at the same event to complete the team. These fencers will not be eligible to compete in the Junior individual competition in that weapon solely as a result of their selection to complete the team, unless they have otherwise been selected to do so.

### **Special Selection Criteria for Junior Age Category AFT or AFS members who have been selected for non-Junior AFT or AFS places**

- J4.4 If a Junior fencer holding an AFT or AFS place in another age category re-nominates for that place and is not selected, they may apply to remain on the AFT or AFS holding a Junior place until the next selection for Junior places on the AFT or AFS is made.
- J4.5 The Selection Commission shall decide the selection of those fencers who apply under J4.4 at its absolute discretion.
- J4.6 Any fencers selected under J4.4 and J4.5 will be in addition to the quota of Junior places available on the AFT or AFS (as applicable), as set out in Appendix G.

### **Special Selection Criteria for Junior AFT or AFS members in their final year of eligibility for Junior AFT or AFS places**

- J4.7 If a Junior fencer holding a Junior AFT or AFS place is not eligible to re-nominate for that place because they no longer meet the age requirement, they may apply to remain on the AFT or AFS holding a Junior place until the next selection for Under-23 places on the AFT or AFS (as applicable) is made.
- J4.8 The Selection Commission shall decide the selection of those fencers who apply under J4.7 at their absolute discretion.
- J4.9 Any fencers selected under J4.7 and J4.8 will be in addition to the quota of Junior places available on the AFT or AFS (as applicable), as set out in Appendix G.

## UNDER-23

### **Special Selection Criteria for Under-23 Age Category AFT or AFS members who have been selected for non-Under-23 AFT or AFS places**

- U4.1 If an Under-23 fencer holding an AFT or AFS place in another age category re-nominates for that place and is not selected, they may apply to remain on the AFT or AFS holding an Under-23 place until the selection for Under-23 places on the AFT or AFS is made.
- U4.2 The Selection Commission shall decide the selection of those fencers who apply under U4.1 at its absolute discretion.
- U4.3 Any fencers selected under U4.1 and U4.2 will be in addition to the quota of Under-23 places available on the AFT or AFS (as applicable), as set out in Appendix G.

### **Special Selection Criteria for Under-23 AFT or AFS members in their final year of eligibility for Under-23 AFT or AFS places**

- U4.4 If an Under-23 fencer holding an Under-23 AFT or AFS place is not eligible to re-nominate for that place because they no longer meet the age requirement, they may apply to remain on the AFT or AFS holding an Under-23 place until the next selection for Open places on the AFT or AFS (as applicable) is made.
- U4.5 The Selection Commission shall decide the selection of those fencers who apply under U4.4 at their absolute discretion.
- U4.6 Any fencers selected under U4.4 and U4.5 will be in addition to the quota of Under-23 places available on the AFT or AFS (as applicable), as set out in Appendix G.

**OPEN**

**No Special Provisions Required**

**Selection for Australian Veteran Representation**

V4.1 In light of the AFF's strategic objective of increasing participation by Veteran fencers, selections for Veterans events (individual and team) shall be made in a manner which does not unnecessarily or unreasonably limit the participation of Veteran fencers in such events. Accordingly, the Selection Commission may disregard any clauses of this Policy which would limit the number of Veteran fencers selected for individual or team events (other than due to restrictions imposed under the event rules or due to any additional costs which may be imposed as a result).

**Selection Criteria for Mixed Age Veterans Team Events (subject to aggregate age threshold)**

V4.2 The selection will be made by the Selection Commission 30 days before the event (or as soon as practicable thereafter), by applying A4.26 for each position on the team.

V4.3 If, after applying V4.2, a vacancy on the team exists and the event rules allow, a fencer who has been selected to compete in the individual competition in another weapon at the same event may be selected, provided that such selections must be made in accordance with A4.26 (when selecting between fencers in the same weapon). This process may be repeated as many times as is necessary to complete a team.

V4.4 If after applying V4.2 and V4.3, the aggregate age of the team members does not satisfy the aggregate age threshold for the event, then:

- a) the lowest ranked fencer will be de-selected, and a replacement fencer will be selected by applying V4.2 and V4.3 for each position;
- b) if after applying V4.4a), the aggregate age of the team members does not satisfy the aggregate age threshold for the event the fencer referred to in V4.4a) and the next lowest ranked fencer will be de-selected, and two replacement fencers will be selected by applying V4.2 and V4.3 for each position; and
- c) if after applying V4.4b), the aggregate age of the team members does not satisfy the aggregate age threshold for the event, then the fencer with the highest ranking of those selected by applying V4.2 will be selected and the Selection Commission will exercise their absolute discretion to select the remaining team members, with the objective of achieving the highest possible placing in the team competition.

## 5. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

5.1 Capitalised terms used in this document have the meaning given below:

**AFC Event** – any of the following events:

- any AFC Open Event
- Australian Under-23 Championships
- Australian Junior Championships
- Australian Cadet Championships
- Australian Under-15 Championships
- Australian Veterans Championships;

**AFC Open Event** – any of the following events:

- Australian National Championships
- Australian Fencing Circuit #1
- Australian Fencing Circuit #2
- Australian Fencing Circuit #3
- Australian Fencing Circuit #4;

**AFF** – the Australian Fencing Federation Ltd;

**AFF Age Ranking Lists** – the ranking lists of fencers to be maintained in accordance with section 4 of this Policy;

**AFF Closing Date** – for a competition, means the date which is 30 days prior to the competition.

**AFS** – the Australian Fencing Squad established under the AFF High Performance Program;

**AFT** – the Australian Fencing Team established under the AFF High Performance Program;

**Age Point Aggregate** – the point aggregate determined in accordance with A4.11;

**Board** – the board of directors of the AFF;

**Chair** – the chair of the Selection Commission;

**Constitution** – the constitution of the AFF (as amended from time to time);

**Designated Tour** – an overseas tour planned by the National Weapons Coach and approved as a designated tour by the AFF High Performance Commission;

**Early Closing Event** – any FIE, EFC or FCA events where a call for nominations is not undertaken;

**EFC** – European Fencing Confederation;

**FCA** – Fencing Confederation of Asia;

**FIE** – the Federation Internationale d’Escrime;

**FIE Ranking Event** – any individual competition for which FIE points are awarded, with the exception of events designated by the FIE as “satellite events”;

**FIE World Cup** – an event designated by the FIE as a World Cup or a Grand Prix;

**Level** – in relation to an event, means the level specified for that event in Appendix H;

**Member State** – as defined in the Constitution;

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

- Oceania Open Championships
- Oceania Under-23 Championships
- Oceania Junior Championships
- Oceania Cadet Championships
- Oceania Under-15 Championships
- Oceania Veteran Championships.

5.2 In this document, the expression “event” is used to refer to a series of fencing competitions organised in conjunction with each other in the same location, while the expression “competition” is used to refer to each separate individual and/or team competition within the overall event.

## Appendix A: General Information

### Notes applicable to all of Appendix A

- a) In all events, no points are awarded where the fencer does not promote to a DE tableau.
- b) In those years when no World Championship is contested in a weapon because it is contested as part of the Olympic Games, the Olympic Games will be treated as the World Championship event in that weapon.
- c) For World Cups, Asian Zone or Commonwealth Championships held within Australia, a scaling factor of 80% will be applied for any result  $\geq 17$ th.
- d) Where a multiplier or scaling factor is applied under this Policy, any resulting points are rounded to one decimal place.
- e) Where a multiplier or scaling factor is expressed in terms of another event which also has a multiplier or scaling factor, both multipliers or scaling factors will apply cumulatively, by multiplication (not by addition).
- f) Where an Open Event is not mentioned in an Under-23 Points table, then the points awarded for the Open Event apply for the Under-23 ranking, with a scaling factor of 108%.
- g) Where an Open Event is not mentioned in a Veterans Points table, then the points awarded for the Open Event apply for the Veterans ranking, with a scaling factor of 1,000%.
- h) Where an Under-23 Event is not mentioned in a Junior Points table, then the points awarded for the Under-23 Event apply for the Junior ranking, with a scaling factor of 108%.
- i) Where a Junior Event is not mentioned in a Cadets Points table, then the points awarded for the Junior Event apply for the Cadet ranking, with a scaling factor of 107%.
- j) Events covered by the above four clauses are scaled on a compounding basis. For example, an event which is absent in the Cadet and Junior tables, but present in the Under-23 table would attract a scaling factor of 116% ( $107\% \times 108\%$ ) of the Under-23 points for the Cadet ranking.

## Appendix A: Open Points

	Australian Open Champs (and Oceania Open Champs held outside Australia <sup>1</sup> )	AFF Circuit #1, #2, #3, #4	Open World Cups <sup>2</sup>	Asian Open Zone Champs <sup>2</sup>	Commonwealth Open Champs <sup>1</sup>	Open World Champs
<b>1</b>	24	20	160	80	52	400
<b>2</b>	20	17	140	70	44	300
<b>3=</b>	17	14	120	60	36	220
<b>5-8</b>	14	11	100	50	28	150
<b>9-16</b>	9	7	80	40	18	100
<b>17-32</b>	4	3	50	20	8	60
<b>33-64</b>	2	2	30	10	4	40
<b>65-96</b>	1	1	15	8	2	20
<b>&gt;96</b>	-	-	10	5	-	10

<sup>1</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers competing: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-4 (0%).

<sup>2</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers earning FIE points: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 9-16 (25%).

## Appendix A: Veteran Points

	Australian Open Champs <sup>4</sup> (and Oceania Open Champs held outside Australia <sup>5</sup> )	Australian Veteran Champs (and Oceania Veteran Champs held outside Australia <sup>7</sup> )	AFF Circuit #1, #2, #3, #4 <sup>4</sup>	AFF Circuit #1, #2, #3, #4 Veteran Events	Open World Cups <sup>3</sup>	Asian Zone Champs <sup>3</sup>	Commonwealth Open Champs <sup>3,4</sup>	Commonwealth Veteran Champs <sup>4</sup>	Open World Champs	Veteran World Champs <sup>6</sup>
<b>1</b>	240	60	200	50	1600	800	520	100	4000	500
<b>2</b>	200	40	172	30	1400	700	440	70	3000	300
<b>3=</b>	168	30	140	20	1200	600	360	55	2200	200
<b>5-8</b>	140	15	112	10	1000	500	280	35	1500	100
<b>9-16</b>	92	7	72	5	800	400	200	20	1000	50
<b>17-32</b>	40	3	32	3	400	200	80	8	500	20
<b>33-64</b>	24	2	20	2	200	100	40	4	300	10
<b>65-96</b>	12	1	8	1	100	50	20	2	200	5
<b>&gt;96</b>	6	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	100	-

<sup>3</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers earning FIE points: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 9-16 (25%).

<sup>4</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >64 (100%); 33-64 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 9-16 (25%).

<sup>5</sup> For Oceania Open Champs held outside Australia, in addition to <sup>4</sup> above, the following scaling factor will also be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-4 (0%).

<sup>6</sup> In the event that the FIE awards no points for a competition, AFF points are awarded to fencers who promote to a DE tableau of 64 or smaller. The following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers qualifying for the DE tableau >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%).

<sup>7</sup> For Oceania Veteran Champs held outside Australia, the following scaling factor will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-4 (0%).

## Appendix A: Under-23 Points

	Australian Under-23 Champs (and Oceania Under-23 Champs held outside Australia <sup>10</sup> )	Australian Open Champs (and Oceania Open Champs held outside Australia <sup>10</sup> )	AFF Circuit #1, #2, #3, #4	Under-23 World Champs	Under-23 World Cups	Asian Open Zone Champs <sup>8</sup>	Commonwealth Open Champs <sup>11</sup> ; Commonwealth Under-23 Champs <sup>11</sup>	Asian Under-23 Zone Champs <sup>9</sup> ; Under-23 European Fencing Circuit <sup>11</sup>	Open World Cups <sup>8</sup>	Open World Champs
1	20	26	22	400	160	120	78	120	240	600
2	17	22	19	300	140	105	66	105	210	450
3=	14	19	15	220	120	90	54	90	180	330
5-8	11	15	12	150	100	75	42	75	150	260
9-16	6	10	8	100	80	60	30	60	120	175
17-32	3	5	4	50	40	30	12	30	60	75
33-64	1	3	2	30	20	15	6	15	30	45
65-96	-	1	1	-	10	8	3	8	15	30
>96	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	15

<sup>8</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers earning FIE points: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 9-16 (25%).

<sup>9</sup> In the event that the FIE awards no points for a competition, AFF points are awarded to fencers who promote to a DE tableau of 64 or smaller. The following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers qualifying for the DE tableau >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%).

<sup>10</sup> For Oceania Open and Oceania Under-23 Champs held outside Australia, the following scaling factor will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-4 (0%).

<sup>11</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >96 (100%); 49-96 (75%); 33-48 (50%); 17-32 (25%), 1-16 (0%).

## Appendix A: Junior Points

	Australian Junior Champs (and Oceania Junior Champs held outside Australia <sup>14</sup> )	Australian Under-23 Champs (and Oceania Under-23 Champs held outside Australia <sup>14</sup> )	Australian Open Champs (and Oceania Open Champs held outside Australia <sup>14</sup> )	AFF Circuit #1, #2, #3, #4	Under-23 World Champs	Junior World Champs	Junior World Cups <sup>12</sup> ; Asian Open Zone Champs	Asian Under-23 Zone Champs <sup>13</sup> ; Commonwealth Open Champs <sup>15</sup>	Asian Junior Zone Champs <sup>13</sup> ; Commonwealth Under-23 Champs <sup>15</sup>	Commonwealth Junior Champs <sup>15</sup>	Open World Cups <sup>12</sup>	Open World Champs	SEA Pacific Champs <sup>14</sup>
1	20	22	28	25	600	400	160	140	120	80	320	800	50
2	17	19	24	21	450	300	140	120	100	70	280	600	43
3=	14	16	21	17	330	220	120	100	80	60	240	440	35
5-8	11	13	17	13	225	150	100	80	60	50	200	300	28
9-16	6	7	11	9	150	100	80	55	30	40	160	200	15
17-32	3	4	7	5	75	50	40	28	16	20	80	100	8
33-64	2	2	4	3	45	30	20	16	12	10	40	60	5
65-96	1	1	2	2	-	-	10	-	-	5	20	40	3
>96	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	20	-

<sup>12</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers earning FIE points: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 9-16 (25%).

<sup>13</sup> In the event that the FIE awards no points for a competition, AFF points are awarded to fencers who promote to a DE tableau of 64 or smaller. The following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers qualifying for the DE tableau >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%).

<sup>14</sup> For Oceania Open, Under-23 and Junior Champs held outside Australia, the following scaling factor will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-4 (0%).

<sup>15</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >96 (100%); 49-96 (75%); 33-48 (50%); 17-32 (25%), 1-16 (0%).

## Appendix A: Cadet Points – Part 1

	Australian U/17 Champs (and Oceania U/17 Champs held outside Australia <sup>18</sup> )	Australian Jnr & U-23 Champs (and Oceania Jnr & U-23 Champs held outside Australia <sup>18</sup> )	AFF Circuit #1, #2, #3, #4	Australian Open Champs (and Oceania Open Champs held outside Australia <sup>18</sup> )	Cadet World Champs	Junior World Champs	Under-23 World Champs	Open World Champs	Junior World Cups <sup>17</sup> ; Asian Open Zone Champs	Asian Under-23 Zone Champs <sup>16</sup> ; Commonwealth Open Champs <sup>19</sup>
<b>1</b>	20	23	27	30	400	600	800	1000	200	180
<b>2</b>	17	20	24	27	300	440	600	750	170	140
<b>3=</b>	14	17	21	24	220	300	400	500	140	116
<b>5-8</b>	11	14	18	21	150	200	260	325	120	96
<b>9-16</b>	6	9	13	15	100	120	140	175	90	54
<b>17-32</b>	3	5	8	10	50	80	125	156	50	32
<b>33-64</b>	2	3	5	6	30	50	80	100	30	20
<b>65-96</b>	1	1	2	3	18	24	32	40	18	-
<b>&gt;96</b>	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	20	-	-

## Appendix A: Cadet Points – Part 2

	Commonwealth Under-23 Champs <sup>19</sup>	Asian Cadet Zone Champs <sup>16, 17, ;</sup>	Under-23 European Fencing Circuit	Open World Cups <sup>17</sup>	Commonwealth Cadet Champs <sup>19</sup>	Under-17 European Fencing Circuit <sup>19</sup>	Hong Kong National Cadet Events <sup>19</sup>	Japan National Cadet Events <sup>19</sup>	North American Cup Cadet Events <sup>19</sup>	Singapore Cadet Championships or Cadet World Cup <sup>19</sup>	SEA Pacific Champs <sup>18</sup>
<b>1</b>	160	120	180	350	52	120	52	80	80	20	52
<b>2</b>	120	100	140	300	44	100	44	60	60	17	43
<b>3=</b>	100	80	116	260	36	80	36	50	50	14	35
<b>5-8</b>	80	60	96	220	28	60	28	40	40	11	28
<b>9-16</b>	40	30	54	180	20	30	20	20	20	6	15
<b>17-32</b>	20	16	32	100	8	16	8	10	10	3	8
<b>33-64</b>	16	12	20	60	4	12	4	8	8	2	5
<b>65-96</b>	-	-	10	30	2	6	2	5	5	1	3
<b>&gt;96</b>	-	-	-	15	-	2	-	3	3	-	-

<sup>16</sup> In the event that the FIE awards no points for a competition, AFF points are awarded to fencers who promote to a DE tableau of 64 or smaller. The following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers qualifying for the DE tableau >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%).

<sup>17</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers earning FIE points: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 9-16 (25%). Open World Championships earn 120% of the points that Juniors earn for the Open World Championships.

<sup>18</sup> For Oceania Under 17, Junior, Under-23 and Open Champs held outside Australia, the following scaling factor will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-4 (0%).

<sup>19</sup> The following scaling factors will be applied based on number of fencers in the event: >96 (100%); 49-96 (75%); 33-48 (50%); 17-32 (25%), 1-16 (0%).

## Appendix A: Under-15 Points

	Australian Under-15 Championships
<b>1</b>	20
<b>2</b>	17
<b>3=</b>	14
<b>5-8</b>	11
<b>9-16</b>	6
<b>17-32</b>	3
<b>33-64</b>	2
<b>65-96</b>	1
<b>&gt;96</b>	-

All other Under-15 Points are awarded as per the Cadet Ranking Points in this Appendix, with a scaling factor of 120%.

**Appendix B – NOT USED**

## Appendix C – Cadet Performance Threshold

The performance threshold referred to in A4.18 is satisfied if, in the 12 months prior to the effective selection date, the cadet has either

- (i) earned AFF points in an FIE Ranking Event;
- (ii) finished in the top 75% of the field in an FIE Ranking Event in which there are >128 starters, in the top 75% of the field in the Asian Junior Championships or in the top 50% of the field in the Asian Cadet Championships; or
- (iii) achieved at least one 'Required Place to Finish' in an AFC Open Event according to the formula set out in the following table.

Number of Competitors	Required Place to Finish
4-12	Top 4
13 – 24	Top 8
25 – 48	Top 16
>48	Top 32

## Appendix D – Junior Performance Threshold

The performance threshold referred to in A4.18 is satisfied if, in the 12 months prior to the effective selection date, the junior has either

- (i) earned AFF points in an FIE Ranking Event;
- (ii) finished in the top 75% of the field in an FIE Ranking Event in which there are >128 starters or in the top 75% of the field in the Asian Junior Championships; or
- (ii) achieved at least one 'Required Place to Finish' in an AFC Open Event according to the formula set out in the following table.

Number of Competitors	Required Place to Finish
4-16	Top 4
17 – 32	Top 8
33 – 64	Top 16
>64	Top 32

## Appendix E – Under-23 Performance Threshold

The performance threshold referred to in A4.18 is satisfied if, in the 12 months prior to the effective selection date, the U-23 fencer has either:

- (i) earned AFF points in an FIE Ranking Event;
- (ii) finished in the top 75% of the field in an FIE Ranking Event in which there are >128 starters or in the top 75% of the field in the Asian Under-23 Championships; or
- (ii) achieved at least one 'Required Place to Finish' in an AFC Open Event according to the formula set out in the following table.

Number of Competitors	Required Place to Finish
4-16	Top 4
17 – 32	Top 8
33 – 64	Top 16
>64	Top 32

## Appendix F – Open Performance Threshold

The performance threshold referred to in A4.18 is satisfied if, in the 12 months prior to the selection date, the athlete has achieved at least one 'Required Place to Finish' in an AFC Open Event according to the formula set out in the following table.

Number of Competitors	Required Place to Finish
4-16	Top 4
17 – 32	Top 8
> 32	Top 16

## Appendix G – AFT and AFS Places

The number of positions available in the AFT and AFS per weapon for each gender is as follows:

Category	AFT Positions Available	AFS Positions Available
Cadet	4	6
Junior	4	6
Under-23	3	6
Open	6	6

The number of ranking points required for a place in the AFT and AFS or for selection to Level E events (where specified in this Policy) is as follows:

Category	Number of Ranking Points Required (AFT)	Number of Ranking Points Required (AFS)
Cadet	25	15
Junior	35	15
Under-23	30	15
Open	35	15

## Appendix H – Levels of Events

The Level specified for particular events is as follows:

Level	Event(s)
A	World Championships
B	World University Games
C	Asian Zone Championships
D	[Not currently used]
E	Asian Zone Country National Events (excluding Australia) FIE World Cups and Grand Prix FIE satellite events European Circuit Events North American Cups & U.S. Championships European National Events Commonwealth Championships Oceania Championships New Zealand National Championships SEA Pacific Championships

Where an event falls under more than one Level, it will be allocated the higher of those Levels.  
 Where an event is not allocated a Level, it falls under 3.5 of this Policy.