



## FFSA Junior National Championships 2017

**DATE:** Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th February 2017

**VENUE:** Soweto Communal Hall, Orlando East

**STATUS:** This is a selection cut-off event for the Junior World Championships to be held in Plovdiv, in Bulgaria from the 1 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**ENTRY:** ENTRIES CLOSE ON 23rd JANUARY 2017

Please notify your Club Administrator of your desire to enter so that they can enter your request on the Ophardt system for entry into the Junior National Championship. You should receive a confirmation notice of your entry via email from the Club Administrator. For queries contact your Club Administrator.\* List of Administrators below.

NB: No U11, U13 & U15 events cannot be entered on Ophardt. Entries for these events must be sent directly to Jo Ann Saner at [fencing@li.co.za](mailto:fencing@li.co.za).

The entry must include the Fencer Name, Club, Province & date of birth (dd/mm/yy) of the fencer.

Please obtain and pay for your 2017 **FFSA Licence** from your Provincial Fencing Association.

The Annual National Licence is R350 for the Year 2017, and is due payable in January of each year. As per a FFSA Council Decision no once-off licences will be issued in 2017.

Please send proof of license payment to your provincial administrator.



Pay Junior National Entry Fee:

R 350 for the first two events (be it weapon or age group) plus an additional R50 per additional event thereafter.

i.e. Entered 2 events = R 350, Entered 3 events = R400, Entered 4 events = R450, ...

“Development Fencers”: fencers who have been declared by Province and approved by FFSA.

R50 payable by fencer to GFA for first two events plus an additional R50 per additional event thereafter.

i.e. Entered 2 events = R 50, Entered 3 events = R100, Entered 4 events = R150, ...

Only EFT payments will be accepted. No cash will be accepted at the venue.

Payments to be made by close of business on the Monday, **23rd January 2017**.

**Bank Details for Host Province:**

Account Name: Gauteng Fencing Association  
STANDARD BANK Account number: 420101527  
Beneficiary branch: 051001

Please use the reference code FENCER'S INTIAL AND SURNAME-JNC. For example JBLOGGS-JNC2017  
Email proof of payment to [fencing@li.co.za](mailto:fencing@li.co.za)

Late entry after the prescribed cut-off date will result in paying a fee of double the competition entry fee. As circumstances vary, the acceptance of late entries will be at the discretion of the organiser, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Payment cut-off date and method are at the discretion of the competition organisers.



## COMPETITION RULES:

1. A Fencer will only be permitted to enter his/her own age group, and ONE up. If there is no competition in the fencer's age group, the fencer will be allowed to fence in the immediate next higher age group event being held as well as one age group up, provided the fencer meets the prescribed minimum age prescribed below for the event(s) involved.

### Fencing Age guidelines for 2017:

- Lower age limits:
    - **Only For Junior Nationals:**
      - For a fencer to compete in the U11, U13 or U15 events, a fencer must be 8 years old at 24:00 on the 31<sup>st</sup> Decembe2016,
      - For a fencer to compete in the U17 and U20 events, a fencer must be 12 years old at 24:00 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.
  - Upper age limits:
    - The upper age limit is divided into three groups:
      - **At Junior Nationals** for U15 and younger:
        - The age of the Fencer at 24:00 on the **31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**
        - U11 – must be 10 years or younger
        - U13 – must be 12 years or younger
        - U15 – must be 14 years or younger
2. Fencers are to sign the provided Indemnity Form with registration, at the registration desk.
  3. An event will take place if there are 4 and more fencers per age group. If there are only 4 entries in an event only a final DE will be fenced for Gold and Silver medals.



4. For events with five or more competitors, a gold medal, a silver and one bronze medals will be awarded. A competition with only five entries will fence off for third place.
5. If there are insufficient entries to hold separate gender events, a mixed event will be held. One set of medals will be awarded if there is a mixed event.
6. No foil mask bibs for U11 and U13 will be necessary.
7. Size 3 blades are recommended for U11 and U13 fencers.
8. Foreign Fencers are not allowed to fence in the Junior National Competitions.
9. Fencers who have permanent residency are allowed to fence in all competitions.
10. The competition may not be delayed by waiting for fencers – fencers must sign the attendance register before the competition, and if a fencer is not present at roll-call they will be excluded.
11. Weapons are to be checked before the event, and during pool and DE bouts.
12. A certified 350N Plastron is to be worn by a fencer at any national event
13. No tracksuit pants may be worn. Breeches and long socks only.
14. All fencers on the piste must have access to at least one spare working weapon, body wire and mask clip at the side of the piste.
15. Electric jackets and mask bibs may be tested for resistance.



16. Fencers must be aware of doping regulations. Any fencer may be tested.
17. Weapon repairs done at the Competition are at a cost and payable to the person/s doing the repair.
18. Medals will be presented shortly after the end of an event, but bearing in mind that other bouts are to continue and may not be interrupted unless agreed to by the Referees.
19. All Fencers receiving medals are required to be dressed accordingly in Fencing attire (Jacket zipped closed) or their Club / Provincial / National official track suit. No t-shirts or branded attire is permitted.
20. Spectators, Fencers & Coaches are reminded to refresh their understanding of rules t82, t83 & t92 & t93 with regard to behavior.
21. Provinces must confirm the names of their **accompanying Referees** to Mike Stafford and the organizers via email, by the 25.1. 2017 (closing date). Referees sent by their province may not refuse if called upon to referee.
22. Provinces are required to supply necessary scoring equipment to the competition as requested.
23. Current National Rankings can be found on <http://www.fencingworldwide.com/en/>
24. The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the order of the programme. Finishing times can only be estimated once all entries have been received. Such times are dependent on the number of entries, availability of Referees and the promptness of Fencers to present themselves on the Piste.



25. Fencers must present themselves at the piste 10 minutes before the announced starting time of an event. Any fencer not present at the piste and ready to fence (may not still be fencing in another event at that time), will be scratched from the event.
26. Fencers are therefore cautioned against entering events that are likely to partially overlap. This particularly applies to fencers entering more than one weapon in more than one age group.
27. The progress of the schedule depends on the availability of referees and pistes.

## **PEACE**

Peace is needed for the durable solution of conflicts. Fencing is a combat sport not without the possibility of conflicts.

Striving to win and having been defeated, perceived misjudgement by the referee are just two examples.

These cannot be resolved with anger, abusive language or furious acts which are symptoms of lack of peace or peace of mind.

We are committed to peaceful competition and our fair play charter.

We wish to have a sport which is free of enmity.

We shall do everything in our power to promote the fair- play culture and we shall not tolerate any behaviour against this culture.

Johannesburg , 2017-11- 27

A. Rademeyer  
GFA chairman



Issued on behalf of the FFSA by the GFA  
01.01.2017

**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES:**

Chairman of the GFA: Tony Rademeyer ([we@rades.co.za](mailto:we@rades.co.za))

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**Fair Play Charter for young fencers**

[www.fairplayinternational.org](http://www.fairplayinternational.org)

1. There is no other way for me than Fair play.
2. I shall observe the written and the unwritten rules of my sport.
3. I shall treat my opponents in the same manner in which I would like to be treated.
4. During the competition, my aim is to defeat my opponents, not to hurt nor humiliate them.
5. I shall respectfully acknowledge the decisions of the judges.
6. I shall bear both victory and defeat with dignity.
7. My greatest gratitude is towards my parents, teachers and trainers – without whom I would not be here.
8. I represent my club, my province and my country with great humility and humbleness.
9. I would like to be a role model for younger fencers in my sport.





**2017 SOUTH AFRICAN JUNIOR NATIONAL  
FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP  
PROGRAMME**

Saturday 4th February 2017					
Event No.	Roll Call	Start	Epee	Foil	Sabre
		<b>7:00</b>	<b>Weapons Check</b>		
1	7:45	8:30	U17 Men's Epee		
2	7:45	8:30		U15 Women's Foil	
3&4	7:45	8:30	U13 Women's Epee U13 Men's Epee		
5	9:30	10:15		U20 Women's Foil	
6	11:15	12:00			U20 Women's Sabre
7	11:45	12:30			U20 Men's Sabre
8&9	13:15	14:00	U11 Women's Epee U11 Men's Epee		
10	13:15	14:00		U17 Women's Foil	
11	13:15	14:00	U20 Men's Epee		





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			Sunday	5th February 2017		
Event No.	Roll Call	Start	Epee	Foil	Sabre	
		<b>7:00</b>	<b>Weapons Check</b>			
12	7:45	8:30	U17 Women's Epee			
13	7:45	8:30		U17 Men's Foil		
14&15	9:15	10:00		U11 Women's Foil U11 Men's Foil		
16&17	11:15	12:00	U15 Women's Epee		U17 Women's Sabre	
18&19	11:45	12:30	U15 Men's Epee		U17 Men's Sabre	
20&21	11:45	12:30		U13 Women's Foil U13 Men's Foil		
22	13:15	14:00	U20 Women's Epee			
23	13:15	14:00		U20 Men's Foil		
24	13:30	14:15		U15 Men's Foil		

