



You are invited to participate in the

Western Cape Open 1

National Ranking Competition

Hosted by Fencing Western Cape

on 20 - 21 May 2017

at Christel House School
Swallowcliffe Drive, Wetton
Cape Town

**Entries close on
11 May 2017**

Entries to be made by club administrators on Ophardt.
The acceptance of late entries will be at the discretion of the competition organisers, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Late entries will carry a fine of double the entry fee.

For Ophardt entry queries contact Jo Ann Saner on fencing@li.co.za.

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE - SATURDAY, 20 MAY 2017

Roll Call	Start	Event
	07.15	Weapons Check Opens
	07.45	Referee Meeting
07.15	08.00	Senior Women's Sabre
07.45	08.30	Junior Men's Epee
09.45	10.30	Junior Women's Foil
10.45	11.30	Cadet Men's Epee
11.45	12.30	Cadet Women's Foil
12.15	13.00	Senior Women's Foil
13.15	14.00	Senior Men's Epee
13.45	14.30	Cadet Women's Sabre
14.45	15.30	Junior Women's Sabre

DAY TWO - SUNDAY, 21 MAY 2017

Roll Call	Start	Event
	07.15	Weapons Check Opens
	07.45	Referee Meeting
07.15	08.00	Senior Men's Sabre
07.45	08.30	Junior Women's Epee
09.15	10.00	Junior Men's Foil
10.45	11.30	Cadet Women's Epee
11.45	12.30	Cadet Men's Foil
12.45	13.30	Senior Women's Epee
13.15	14.00	Senior Men's Foil
13.45	14.30	Cadet Men's Sabre
14.45	15.30	Junior Men's Sabre

Please note the times on the programme are provisional and may change depending on the number of entries received. The day of the scheduled events will not change.

ENTRY FEE

1. R350 for two events (same fee for a single event) and R50 per additional event (an event is defined as a distinct age and weapon category).
2. Development fencers pay R50 for first two and then R50 per additional event. The names of development fencers must have been submitted to and approved by FFSA.
3. Payment by EFT to be made by 15 May 2017.
4. No cash payments will be accepted at the venue. Please add R20 to cash deposit entry fees.
5. Please reference payments FENCER'S INITIAL AND SURNAME-WC1
Example ASMITH-WC1
6. Payment to be made to the following account:

ACCOUNT HOLDER: FENCING WESTERN CAPE
BANK: NEDBANK
BRANCH: CONSTANTIA
BRANCH CODE: 101 109
ACCOUNT NO: 111 828 1594

Email proof of payment to smcgregor@cnet.co.za

7. An FFSA License for 2017 must be obtained by a fencer from their provincial association prior to entry into this event. The annual fee is R350. Please send proof of licence payment to mike.s@guth.co.za

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 next two older age groups.
2. A fencer must be 12 years of age to enter.

3. Age groups for the competition are

Cadet / U17: The fencer must be under 17 years of age at midnight on 31 December 2016 (year of birth - 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)

Junior / U20: The fencer must be under 20 years of age at midnight on 31 December 2016 (year of birth - 1998, 1999, 2000)

4. Only the top three ranked cadet fencers may enter junior and senior competitions. These fencers will not be able to fence cadets if they choose to fence in the senior events.
5. The top four women in a category (age and weapon) may enter the men's event in the same category.
6. An event will only take place if there are four or more entries.
7. Awarding of medals:

Gold, silver and two bronze medals will be awarded for each event, and a gold medal for the top placed veteran in the senior events.

For events with four entries, only gold and silver medals will be awarded.

For events with five entries, a gold, silver and one bronze medal will be awarded.

8. No fencer will be allowed to fence without a 2017 FFSA licence.
9. Fencers must sign-in for each competition at the registration table. Fencers must also sign the provided indemnity form at the registration table. Parents / guardians are to sign for children who are minors. If the parent or guardian will not be at the competition they can email Patrick Collings at patrickjcollings@gmail.com for a form.
10. The competition will not be delayed by waiting for fencers. If a fencer is not at roll call they will be excluded. 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.
11. 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.

12. FFSA Competition regulations will apply and are to be adhered to.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

1. Weapons, masks, electric jackets, body wires, mask clips, and gloves are to be submitted to weapons check before the event, and will be checked again by the officiating referees before pool and DE bouts.
2. Plastrons must be worn by all fencers. Breast plates or cups must be worn by female competitors. Groin protectors are recommended for male fencers, but are not compulsory.
3. No tracksuit pants may be worn. Breeches and long socks only.
4. 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.
5. Electric jackets, mask bibs, sabre gloves will be tested for dead spots.

GENERAL

1. Provinces must confirm the names of their accompanying referees to Mike Stafford, via email, and the organisers by 16 May 2017. Referees sent by their province may not refuse if called upon to referee.
2. Provinces are reminded of their obligation to supply referees according to the table below:

0-4 competitors	No referee
5-10 competitors	1 referee
11-20 competitors	2 referees
21-30 competitors	3 referees

3. Fencers must be aware of doping regulations. Any fencer may be tested.
4. Fencers, coaches and club administrators are reminded to refresh their understanding of rules t82, t83 & t92 & t93 with regard to behavior. It is the responsibility of clubs to inform parents of the rules.

5. Current national rankings can be found on <http://www.fencingworldwide.com/en/> The national rankings are typically updated within 48 hours of the end of the competition. Please refer any questions about how the rankings are calculated to your club's coach or administrator.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES:

FWC Chairman: Patrick Collings (patrickjcollings@gmail.com)

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