



Fencing KZN, on behalf of the Fencing Federation of South Africa, invites you to the Senior Nationals 2017

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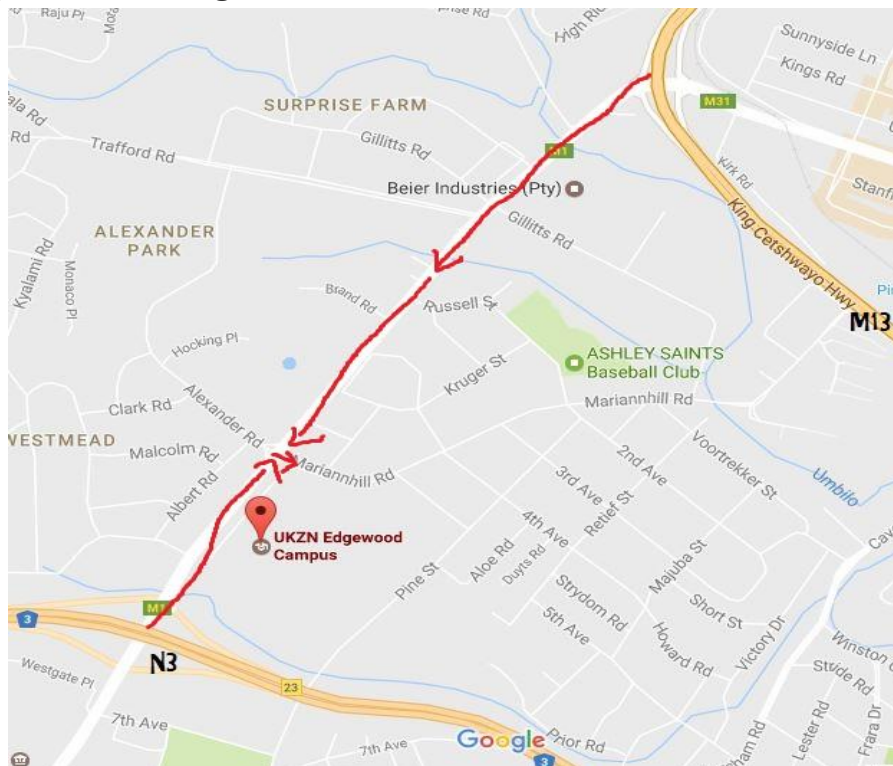
Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July 2017

2. Venue:

SU Hall, Edgewood Campus, University of KwaZulu Natal, 121 Mariannahill Road, Pinetown

GPS co-ordinates -29.824890, 30.837777

Follow signs from main gate entrance.





3. Entry:

3.1 Entries close Wednesday 28 June 2017.

3.2 Entries to be done online in Ophardt by Club Administrators by the closing date. All Ophardt queries are to be addressed to Joanne Saner at fencing@li.co.za

3.3 Only South African citizens or permanent residence document holders may enter this event.

3.4 Late entries will carry a fine of R350. No late entries will be accepted after 6 July 2017. Payment must be received before the entry is processed. Late entries to be addressed to chairman@fencingkzn.co.za

4. Entry fee:

4.1 R350.00 for two events (same fee for a single weapon) and R50 per additional event (an event is defined as a distinct age and weapon category).

4.2 Development Fencers pay R50 for first two and then R50 per each additional event.

4.3 No cash will be accepted at the event.

4.4 Entries to be paid into the Fencing KZN account, with payments to clear before Wednesday 28 June 2017. Proof of payment to be emailed to treasurer@fencingkzn.co.za

Banking details: Nedbank
 Westville Branch
 Branch code 130126
 Account no 1301241407, Current account

Payment reference – Nationals 2017 + fencer name and surname



5. FFSA License:

5.1 Fencers must have a 2017 FFSA license. This is to be obtained from the fencer's provincial association. Provinces are to liaise with Mike Stafford Mike.s@guth.ca.za by the closing date.

5.2 No licence fees will be accepted by Competition organisers.

6. General information:

6.1 Any fencers or provincial teams who were the recipients of trophies at a previous Nationals event are to deliver the trophies, duly engraved, to the DT table at 08h00 on Saturday 8 July 2017 or make alternative arrangements with the organisers.

6.2 A tuckshop will be available.

6.3 Chiropractors from the Durban University of Technology will be offering their services throughout the competition for free on a first come, first served basis as part of their in-service training. Any person requiring any strapping must provide their own.

6.4 A masters event will take place if sufficient advance entries are received. Please email chairman@fencingkzn.co.za to indicate your interest.

6.5 Accommodation – nearby suburbs where accommodation is recommended include Westville, Kloof and Hillcrest. All beachfront accommodation is in excess of half an hour away and not recommended.



6.6 Airport – King Shaka Airport is in excess of 45 minutes from the competition venue, fencers are to plan their travel accordingly.

Important Note:

By your entry and attendance at this event, you indemnify Fencing KZN and the Fencing Federation of South Africa against any claim for loss or injury that may occur during Senior Nationals 2017.



SENIOR NATIONALS 2017 PROGRAMME

Saturday, 8 July 2017

Roll call	Start time	Event
07h30	Equipment check opens	
08h00	08h30	Women's sabre
09h30	10h00	Men's epee
11h00	11h30	Women's foil
13h30	14h00	Team Men's epee
14h00	14h00	Team Women's foil
14h30	15h00	Team Women's sabre

Sunday, 9 July 2017

Roll call	Start time	Event
07h30	Equipment check opens	
08h00	08h30	Men's sabre
08h30	09h00	Women's epee
11h00	11h30	Men's foil
13h30	14h00	Team Women's epee
13h30	14h00	Team Men's foil
14h30	15h00	Team Men's sabre



EVENT RULES

1. Fencers must be aware of doping regulations. Any fencer may be tested.
2. Fencers must sign in for their events at the Registration table. If a fencer has not signed in by the published roll-call time, they will be excluded.
3. All fencers to be aged 12 or older as at 1 January 2017.
4. No fencer will be permitted to compete without a 2017 FFFSA license.
5. An event will only be held if 4 entries are received by the closing date. Once an event is scratched it cannot be re-instated.
6. Where an event is scratched, women cannot be transferred to the men's event and vice versa.
7. 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.
8. The competition will not be delayed waiting for fencers; roll-call is half an hour before the start time.
9. Roll-call will be held at the time indicated on the programme regardless of competition progress.
10. No poule will be delayed because fencers are occupied with another event.
11. The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the order of the programme. Any changes to the programme will be published on www.fencingkzn.co.za and the Fencing South Africa Facebook page



12. FFSA Competition regulations will be adhered to, these can be found at http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/1e9081_a1a392be551f4f7382fd3962d6109413.pdf

13. Finishing times can only be estimated once entry has closed as this is dependent on number of entries, pistes and referees.

14. Equipment:

- a) A plastron clearly bearing the manufacturer marks stating “350N” must be worn.
- b) Only breeches and long socks may be worn, no tracksuit pants.
- c) Weapons and body wires will be checked on the piste.
- d) Weapons, bodywires, masks, electric jackets and clothing must be presented at the equipment check table. Masks are to have correct straps. Jackets will be checked for loose stitching and fraying.
- e) Electric jackets and mask bibs will be tested for resistance, not just a closed circuit.
- f) Foil masks to have electric bibs.
- g) Any fencer on the piste must have 2 weapons and 2 body wires at the side of the piste.

15. Referees:

- a) Provinces and clubs are to please honour obligations to send referees.
- b) Provinces are to send their list of referees to Head of the Referee Commission, Mike Stafford Mike.s@guth.ca.za by Wednesday 28 June 2017.
- c) Referees nominated by their province may not refuse if called upon to referee.
- d) Referees may at no time during the competition coach or train any fencer entered in the competition.

General:

- a) Provinces are requested to supply one complete set of FFSA Competition scoring equipment each by 8am on Saturday 8 July 2017.



- b) Fencers and spectators are to be considerate of other fencers and keep the competition floor clear of personal equipment and personal belongings.

- c) Only fencers participating in an event will be permitted on the competition floor.

Further information and possible programme changes www.fencingkzn.co.za

Any queries to chairman@fencingkzn.co.za or contact Louise Lombard
072 931 6887



INTER PROVINCIAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – PER THE COMPETITION COMMISSION

- All three weapons will be fenced.
- Male and female Team Championships will be hosted on the same weekend as the individual National Championships.
- A maximum of two teams per province for each weapon/gender.
- Each Team consists of three fencers, with or without a reserve.
 - Rule regarding reserve; a reserve has to actively participate in the competition to receive a medal.
 - If the reserve did not fence any bouts in any of the Team matches, he/she will not be awarded a medal if the Team qualifies for a medal.
- Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded for team matches, with a match for Bronze, as only one set of Bronze medals will be awarded.
- The age of fencers competing in teams will be in-line with the rules regarding competitions, which means a fencer is eligible to fence in a team event from the age of 12 years.
- Fencers competing in team events have to participate in the preceding Senior Championship Individual event to qualify for the Senior National Team event held on the same day. This refers to the individual event held the current year.
- Three days before a competition the different provinces competing in a team competition will inform the Competition Supervisor, or any other person delegated with the task, of the names of the fencers likely to compete in the Team event. Final Team composition will only be advised on the day of the Team event, no later than after the results of the individual events have been posted.
- Teams will be ranked according to the individual team members' ranking on the National Ranking System (Prior to the start of the Senior Nationals).
- Teams are permitted but limited to replacing 2 (two) members of a Team on the day.
- The Team may change the order of fencers between Team A & B on the day of the actual competition before the start of the team competition. To clarify, if a province has provided



a list of names for Team A, they are allowed to substitute two members of Team A on that team on the day of the competition.

- The competition will be run by integral direct elimination with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete.
- The formula for the competition is as follows:
 1. The relay formula applies to all weapons.
 2. The three fencers of one team fence the three fencers of the opposing team (9 relay bouts.)
 3. The bouts of each match have to be fought in the following order:
3-6 1-5 2-4 1-6 3-4 2-5 1-4 2-6 3-5
 4. The position of each team on the match scoresheet is drawn by lots. The order of the individual fencers is decided by the team captains (prior to the issuing of the Pool sheet).
 5. Each bout of the relay match consists of five touches (5,10,15,20, etc.) The maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.
 6. The first two opponents fence until one of them has scored five touches, within the limit of 3 minutes.
 7. The next two opponents fence until one of their scores has reached ten touches, within the time limit of 3 minutes, and so with successive bouts, cumulatively, of five touches.
 8. If by the expiration of 3 minutes of fencing time the intended score for the bout has not been achieved, the next two fencers take up the score where it was left off and fence up to the maximum score intended for their bout as normal, within the time limit of 3 minutes.
 9. The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 touches, or that which has the greatest number of touches after the expiration of regulation time.
 10. If at the end of regulation time for the last bout the scores are equal, the match continues for a deciding touch, with a maximum time of one minute, fought for by the fencers of the last bout in the match. Before fencing recommences the Referee



draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

In épée, during this minute, when double touches occur, point will not be awarded, the score will not change, and the fencers will retain their respective positions on the piste.

11. In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to substitute for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout.
12. If a member of a team is obliged to retire during a match as a result of an accident which has been duly recognized by a medical professional, the captain of the team may ask to put in a reserve to continue the match at the time when the incident took place.
13. Passivity Rule (Non-Combativity) for teams is as follows:
 - If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fence during a team match, the Referee will proceed to the next bout.
 - If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fence during the last bout, the Referee will proceed to the last minute of fencing. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the one minute.
 - If non-combativity is called, there is no one-minute rest between periods, and the coaches may not approach the strip. The next period begins immediately, and fencers start back on their on-guard lines.
 - Non-combativity is defined as *approximately* one minute of fencing without a touch. If there is a fencing phrase in progress, a referee should not call halt too early. Or as *at least* 15 seconds without blade contact or excessive distance. This means the referee could wait longer if he/she feels the fencers are being combative.