



You are invited to participate in the
Gauteng Open 2017
FFSA National Ranking Competition
Hosted by the Gauteng Fencing Association

Saturday, 2nd December 2017 & Sunday, 3rd December 2017
At Orlando East Communal Hall, Mooki Street, Soweto

ENTRIES CLOSE ON OPHARDT ON 22.11.2017

You must register on the Ophardt system, yourself or via your Club. No late entries will be accepted.

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

ENTRY FEE:

1. R350.00 for two events (same fee for a single weapon, two age groups) and R50 per additional event.
NB: An event is defined as a distinct age and weapon category.
2. Development Fencers pay R50 for first two events and then R50 per each additional event.
3. Foreign Fencers pay R350 for entry (as above) and R150 Once-Off FFSA License Fee or full Annual License Fee of R350 where applicable.

PAYMENT: No cash will be accepted at the venue.

EFT payment to be made by 22 November 2017.

Please add R20 to Cash Deposit Entry fees.

Please use the reference code FENCER'S INTIAL AND SURNAME-GO 2017

For example A.Smith-GO2017

Email proof of payment to geoff@giftbucks.co.za

GFA Banking Details:

Gauteng Fencing Association

STANDARD BANK Account number: 420101527

Beneficiary branch: 051001

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 license payment to the FFSA Treasurer at we@rades.co.za
cc: Geoff@giftbucks.co.za



COMPETITION RULES:

1. ENTRY: A Fencer will only be permitted to enter his/her own age group, and ONE up.
Except where there is no event offered in the Age Group of the Fencer e.g. Cadet Sabre.
2. Fencers must sign-in for each competition at the Registration Table.
3. Fencers are to sign the provided Attendance Register & Indemnity Forms with registration, at the registration desk.
4. **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.**
5. **AGE GROUPS: Season 2017/2018**
Minimum age: No fencer under the age of 12 years on the 31st December 2016 may enter in the official Ophardt categories.

Cadet (U17)
Under 17 years of age at midnight December 31, 2017. (2001, 2002, 2003)

Junior (U20)
Under 20 years of age at midnight December 31, 2017. (1998, 1999, 2000)
6. Only the top 4 Nationally ranked Cadet fencers may enter the Senior Event. These fencers will however not be allowed to fence Cadets if they choose to fence Senior.
7. A competition will only take place if there is a minimum of four (4) entries by the closing date.
8. No fencer will be allowed to fence without a 2017 FFSA license.
9. The competition will not be delayed by waiting for fencers – fencers must sign-in by the Roll Call time before the competition, and if a fencer is not at Roll Call they will be excluded.
10. 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.
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.



11. The progress of the schedule depends on the availability of pistes & referees.
12. FFSA Competition regulations will apply and are to be adhered to.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

1. Weapons, Masks, Electric Jackets, Body Wires, Mask Clips, Sabre Manchettes & 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.
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 & manchettes will be tested for dead spots.

GENERAL

1. Provinces must confirm the names of their **accompanying Referees** to Mike Stafford, (Head of the Referee Commission) via email, and the organizers by the 22.11. 2017 (closing date). Referees sent by their province may not refuse if called upon to referee.

2. **Referees:**

Provinces are reminded of their **obligation to supply Referees** according to the table below (source FFSA Minutes July 2017) :

- 1-10 fencers = Nil Referee
- 11 – 20 fencers = 1 Referees
- 21 – 30 fencers = 2 Referees
- 31 – 40 Fencers = 3 Referees
- 40 plus = 4 Referees

This should not be confused with the **hosting Province** supplying referees, over and above its obligation, to run an efficient competition. In this instance, a referee from a different province may be requested to assist at the event, where his/her travel expenses will be paid by the L.O.C.

Where a **Visiting Province** wishes to employ a local resident referee to meet their Provinces Referee obligation, a request for that referee must be made to the L.O.C. In this instance, the requesting province will pay the equivalent of R600 per day for the services of that referee to the LOC.

3. Fencers must be aware of **doping regulations**. Any fencer may be tested.



4. If anyone needs **repairs** done to their weapons, or body wires, please contact Thulani. Please note repairs done at the Competition are at a cost and payable to the person/s doing the repair.
5. **Medals**
 - Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded for each Event, and a Gold Medal for top placed Veteran in the Senior Events.
 - If an Event has less than 6 entries only Gold and Silver medals will be awarded.
 - 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 will be permitted.
 - 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.
6. Current National Rankings can be found on <http://www.fencingworldwide.com/en/>
7. Spectators, Fencers & Coaches are reminded to refresh their understanding of rules t82, t83 & t92 & t93 with regard to behavior.

Issued on behalf of the FFSA by the GFA

On 26.10.2017 Initial

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES:

Chairman of the GFA & L.O.C : Dr. Lazlo Kozma (lkozma@telkomsa.net)
National Competition Supervisor: Jo Ann Saner (fencing@li.co.za) - 082 5735739

Accommodation:

Suggestions: <https://clhg.com/specials>
City Lodge has a range of specials which may suit you.
e.g. City Lodge Fourways is 24kms (45 minutes) from the Venue & across the road from the Monte Casino Complex

The suburb of Melville has many b&b at good rates and is close to the venue (34 minutes)

The suburb of Randburg has many b&b at good rates and is close to the venue (34 minutes)

Please send an email request to Tracy-Anne Staegemann (GFA Secretary) (motherhen247@hotmail.com) should you wish to enquire availability for home stays on offer from the Gauteng Fencing Community either in Johannesburg or Pretoria.

FFSA Gauteng Open Programme 2017

Day 1 Saturday 2 nd December 2017 <small>On 26.10.2017 Initial</small>			
	Roll Call	Start	Event
		7h30	Weapons Check
		7h45	Referee Meeting
1	7h45	8h30	Senior Men's Epee
2	7h45	8h30	Junior Women's Foil
3	9h45	10h30	Senior Women's Sabre
4	11h30	12h15	Junior Men's Epee
5	11h45	12h30	Cadet Women's Foil
6	12h15	13h00	Senior Women's Foil
7	13h45	14h30	Cadet Women's Sabre
8	14h00	14h45	Cadet Men's Epee
9	14h15	15h00	MEN EPEE TEAM EVENT
10	14h45	15h30	Junior Women's Sabre
11	14h45	15h30	Masters

Sign in on arrival. Roll call: 45 min before scheduled starting time. Please be waiting 10min prior to starting time at Piste.

PROGRAMME

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Day 2	Sunday, 3 rd December 2017 <small>On 26.10.2017 Initial</small>		
	Roll Call	Start	Event
		7h30	Weapons Check Opens
		7h45	Referee Meeting
12	7h45	8h30	Senior Men's Sabre
13	7h45	8h30	Junior Women's Epee
14	9h15	10h00	Junior Men's Foil
15	10h45	11h30	Cadet Women's Epee
16	11h45	12h30	Cadet Men's Foil
17	12h45	13h30	Senior Women's Epee
18	13h15	14h00	Senior Men's Foil
19	13h45	14h30	Cadet Mixed Sabre
20	14h45	15h30	Junior Men's Sabre

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