



Gauteng Fencing Association
has pleasure in inviting you to the
GAUTENG RANKING 1 COMPETITION
2017

Date/s: Saturday, 25th February & 26th February 2017

Venue: Edenglen High School, Steyn Avenue, corner Baker Road.
Turning into Steyn Avenue from Baker Road, it looks like a housing complex, but go through the boom and the school is on the right.

GFA Ranking 1 2017 Programme

Date: **Saturday 25th February 2017**

				WEAPONS CHECK - 7h30 to roll call of last event.
	Estimate	Roll Call	Start	EVENT
1	Est. 16 /3 Piste	08h00	08h30	JUNIOR MEN'S EPEE (U20)
2	Est. 8/ 2Piste	08h00	08h30	JUNIOR WOMEN'S EPEE (U20)
3	Est. 12 / 2 Pistes	10h00	10h30	SENIOR WOMEN'S EPEE
4	Est. 11/ 2 Pistes	10h30	11h00	MINIM MEN'S EPEE (U15)
5	Est. 4/ 1 Piste	11h30	12h00	CADET WOMEN'S EPEE (U17)
6	Est. 11 /2 Pistes	11h30	12h00	CADET MEN'S EPEE (U17)
7	Est. 2 /1 Piste	13h30	14h00	MINIM WOMEN'S EPEE (U15)
8	Est. 13/2	13h30	14h00	SENIOR MEN'S EPEE

Sign in on arrival. Roll call: 30 min before scheduled starting time. Waiting 10min prior to starting time at Piste.



Gauteng Fencing Association
GFA Closed Championship 2017
Date: Sunday 26th Feb 2017
FOIL & SABRE

		WEAPONS CHECK from 7h30 to roll call of last EVENT(13h30)		
	Est.	EVENT	Roll Call	Start
9	Est. 5/1 Piste	JUNIOR MEN'S Sabre (U20)	08h00	08h30
10	Est 3/1 Piste	JUNIOR WOMEN'S Sabre (U20)	08h05	08h35
11	Est. 0 /1 Piste	MINIM WOMEN'S FOIL (U15)	08h10	08h40
12	Est.3/1 Piste	PUPILLE WOMEN'S EPEE (U11)	08h20	08h50
13	Est. 5/1 Piste	PUPILLE MEN'S EPEE (U11) or Mixed	08h30	9h00
14	Est. 6 /1 Piste	MINIM MEN'S FOIL (U15)	08h40	09h10
15	Est. 5/1 Pistes	SENIOR MEN'S SABRE	09h45	10h15
16	Est.5 /1 Piste	BENJAMIN WOMEN'S EPEE (U13)	10h30	11h00
17	Est. 9/2 Piste	BENJAMIN MEN'S MENS or Mixed EPEE (U13)	10h30	11h00
18	??	BENJAMIN WOMEN'S FOIL (U13)	10h40	11h10
19	??	BENJAMIN MEN's or Mixed FOIL (U13)	10h40	11h10
20	Est. 6 / 1 piste	JUNIOR MEN'S FOIL (U20)	11h00	11h30
21	Est. 10/ 2 Pistes	SENIOR WOMEN'S SABRE	12h00	12h30
22	Est. 7/ 1 Piste	CADET MEN'S FOIL (U17)	13h00	13h30
23	Est. 7/1 Piste	CADET WOMEN'S FOIL (U17)	13h00	13h30
24	Est 6/1 Piste	SENIOR MEN'S FOIL	13h30	14h00
25	Est. 4 /1 Piste	JUNIOR WOMEN'S FOIL (U20)	13h30	14h00
26	Est 12/ 2 Pistes	SENIOR WOMEN'S FOIL	15h00	15h30

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Rules of Participation:

Entry

- **Fencers must be entered by their club administrator via Ophardt . Closing Date for Entries 22 Feb 2017.**
- **No late entries will be accepted.** Please ensure that you have entered by due date.
- Fencers must have a 2017 GFA licence. (See below)
- The age groups below apply for entry in the competition.
- Fencers must be aware of doping regulations. Any fencer may be tested.

Competition Rules:

1. Plastrons are compulsory, and breast plates for females & ball boxes for males are recommended.
2. Only breeches and long socks, no tracksuit pants may be worn.
3. Weapons, body wires, masks, gloves and electric jackets must be presented at the weapons check.
 - Weapons and body wires will again be checked on the piste.
 - Electric Jackets and mask bibs will be tested for resistance (not just for closed circuit).
 - Foil masks must have electric bibs.
4. Any fencer on the piste must have 2 working weapons and 2 working body wires alongside them.
5. Size 3 Blades are required for U11's & U13's Foil & Epee.
6. A Fencer may only enter his/her own age group, plus one up. Fencers who are ranked in the top three of his/her age group, may forgo his/her age group and fence in the next age group and one up from that.
7. A Fencer may enter a maximum of two age groups per weapon.
8. The Competition will not be delayed by waiting for Fencers. Fencers must sign the attendance register before the start of the competition. If a Fencer is not present at Roll Call (30 minutes before the scheduled starting time) he/she will be excluded.
9. To stage a single gender event, at least 4 fencers are required to make up an event.
10. A **mixed gender** event will only be staged if there are not a minimum of 4 male fencer **AND** 4 female fencers registered for the relevant event. (e.g. if there are say 2 female and 5 male fencers, or 3 female fencers and 3 male fencers, we will only stage a mixed event.
11. If separate male and female events are staged, NO female may enter a male event.



12. Pools
- If there are 5 or less fencers in the event, a pool & a Final only will be fenced. In the event of equal first placings based on number of Victories, indices will be ignored and final placings established by "barrage". Gold and Silver medals only will be awarded.
 - If there are 6-7 entries, only 4 fencers will be promoted to a DE of 4. Third place to be determined by indices. Gold, Silver and one Bronze medal only to be awarded.
 - If there are more than 8 entries, multiple pools and normal DE rounds will be fenced. Maximum pool size = 7, minimum = 4. Gold, Silver and 2 Bronze medals to be awarded.
13. The progress of the schedule depends on the availability of pistes and referees.
14. All participants need to be registered 2017 GFA Members, (All-R350) and must sign and hand in the indemnity form as well as the Attendance Register (different from Sign in Sheet).

The Events:

- 1 Round of Pools, 5 points in Pools, 15 in DE.
 - Senior Men's and Women's Epee, Foil & Sabre.
 - Junior (u20) Men's and Women's Epee, Foil & Sabre.
 - Cadet (u17) Men's and Women's Epee & Foil.
 - Minim (u15) Men's and Women's Epee & Foil.
 - Benjamin (u13) Men's and Women's Epee & Foil.
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- 1 Round of Pools, 4 points in Pools, 10 in DE.
 - Pupi (u11) Epee & Foil

Medal Ceremonies

Will take place as soon after the completion of an event as possible, bearing in mind that other bouts continue and may not be interrupted unless agreed to by the referees.

- **The Medals:**
 - Gold, Silver & 2 Bronze, where there are 2 Pools (8 Fencers or more.)
 - Gold, Silver & 1 Bronze, where there is 1 pool (4 - 7 Fencers)
 - A Veteran's Gold Medal in Senior Events - Foil, Epee & Sabre.





Note from the Competition Organiser/s:

- Entries: Please do your utmost to enter before the closing date in the correct (weapon & age group) you want to participate in. Should you withdraw once signed-in please advise the DT immediately, cross out your name and sign.
- Fencers are requested to assist in the efficient running of the competition by signing in for each event they have entered prior to Roll Call, and be prepared/waiting at the Piste, 10 minutes prior to their pools start time.
- Please remember that warming up or training without wearing regulation fencing clothing or equipment that conforms to the clothing regulations is an offence which carries a First time yellow card, second time Black Card. (ref: Art t.15.2).
- Please remember to walk back to the reel box and release the clip slowly so as not to damage the spool in the reel. A fencer who releases a clip incorrectly will be handed a yellow card by the Referee and fined R50 by the Organising Committee.

To Enter:

2017 Registration and Indemnity forms must be completed. (See separate email for forms) and a GFA 2017 Licence obtained by the Fencer prior to entry into this event. The annual fee is R350 per Member and is payable in January of each year. This must be obtained from and paid to the GFA. Proof of Payment to be submitted with entry.

2. Check your correct age group for the 2017 Year:

U11 (Pupi) – 2009 (8) // 2008 (9) // 2007 (10) // 2006 (11)

NB: Short blades

U13 (Benjamin) – 2004 (13) // 2005 (12)

NB: Short blades

U15 (Minim) – 2002 (15) // 2003 (14)

U17 (Cadet) – 2000 (17) // 2001 (16)

U20 (Junior) – 1997 (20) // 1998 (19) // 1999 (18)

Senior – 1996 (21+)

3. Clubs MUST enter the Fencers via Ophardt by **Close of Business 22 Feb 2017**. After the closing date no further entries will be possible.

4. Pay your Entry Fee to the GFA:

COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

1 WEAPON R 120-00, 2 WEAPONS R 150-00, 3 WEAPONS R 180-00

GFA Banking Details:

Gauteng Fencing Association

STANDARD BANK Account number: 420101527

Beneficiary branch: 051001

Please use the following reference codes:

Fencers Initial&Surname GFAGC2017 for Entry Fee

Fencers Initial&Surname GFA2017 (for GFA 2017 Licence)

Fencers Initial&Surname FFSA (FFSA Annual Fee)



NB! Parents/Fencers who pay electronically into the GFA Bank Account must present proof of payment at the competition, or may pay for the entry fees on the day of the competition in cash.

Please note: Fencing equipment for young fencers can be hired at the venue. Since stock is limited, we suggest you book your equipment as soon as possible. Please contact Vincent Human in this regard - SMS your request to 082 683 2715.

If anyone needs Repairs prior to the competition, such as weapons or body wires, please contact Thulani at TFS // Vincent at Jeppe

Appeal for Previously Loved/used Fencing Gear and Equipment

Should you have Fencing equipment or gear which you would like to donate or sell please bring it along to the Championship. There is a previously loved a left handed Sabre Lame for sale.

Enjoy your competition!

GFA Committee –Tony Rademeyer
Issue Date: 16 February 2017



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