



Gauteng Fencing Association
has pleasure in inviting you to the
GAUTENG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP
2017

Date/s: Saturday, 21 October 2017 & Sunday, 22 October 2017

Venue: SOWETO COMMUNITY HALL

GFA Closed Championship 2017 Programme

Date: **Saturday 21 October 2017**

EPEE - 5 Pistes

		WEAPONS CHECK - 7h30 to roll call of last event.	Roll Call	Start
1	Est. 4 /1 Pistes	CADET <i>MEN'S</i> EPEE (U17)	8h00	8h30
2	Est. 5/1 Pistes	CADET <i>WOMEN'S</i> EPEE (U17)	8h00	8h30
3	Est. 5 / 1 Pistes	BENJAMIN <i>MIXED</i> EPEE (U13)	8h00	8h30
4	Est. 5/ 1 Piste	JUNIOR <i>WOMEN'S</i> EPEE (U20)	9h30	10h00
5	Est. 12/2 Pistes	PUPILLE <i>MIXED</i> EPEE (U11)	9h30	10h00
6	Est. 9 /2 Pistes	JUNIOR <i>MEN'S</i> EPEE (U20)	9h30	10h00
7	Est. 14/ 2 Pistes	SENIOR <i>WOMEN'S</i> EPEE	12h00	12h30
8	Est. 10 / 2 Pistes	MINIM <i>MEN</i> EPEE (U15) MINIM <i>WOMENS</i> EPEE (U15)	12h00	12h30
9	Est. 18/3 Pistes	SENIOR <i>MEN'S</i> EPEE	14h00	14h30

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



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GFA Closed Championship 2017
Date: Sunday 22th October 2017
FOIL & SABRE

		WEAPONS CHECK - 7h30 - to roll call of last EVENT (13h30)	Roll Call	Start
9	Est. 3/1 Piste	JUNIOR WOMEN'S SABRE (U20)	8h00	8h30
10	Est. 8/2 Pistes	JUNIOR MEN'S SABRE (U20)	8h00	8h30
11	Est. 4/1 Piste	BENJAMIN MIXED FOIL (U13)	8h00	8h30
12	Est. 7/ 2 Pistes	SENIOR WOMEN'S SABRE	10h30	11h00
13	Est. 9/2 Pistes	SENIOR MEN'S SABRE	10h30	11h00
14	Est. 3 /1 Piste	MINIM MIXED FOIL (U15)	10h30	11h00
15	Est. 6/1 Piste	CADET MIXED FOIL (U17)	12h30	13h00
16	Est. 4 /1 Piste	JUNIOR WOMEN'S FOIL (U20)	12h30	13h00
20	Est. 3 / 1 piste	JUNIOR MEN'S FOIL (U20)	10h10	10h40
24	Est. 9/1 Piste	SENIOR MEN'S FOIL	13h30	14h00
25	Est 8/ 2 Pistes	SENIOR WOMEN'S FOIL	13h30	14h00

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Rules of Participation:

Entry

- No late entries will be accepted. Please ensure that you have entered by due date 18th October 2017.
- Fencers must have a 2017GFA 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 4 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 5-7 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, (R350 and must sign and hand in the indemnity form.

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.

- 1 Round of Pools, 5 points in Pools, **10 in DE.**
 - Benjamin (u13) Men's and Women's Epee & Foil.

- 1 Round of Pools, 4 points in Pools, **10 in DE**
 - Pupi (u11) Mixed Epee

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 8 Fencers or more.
 - Gold, Silver & 1 Bronze, where there are 4 - 7 Fencers.
 - A Veteran's Gold Medal in Senior Events - Foil, Epee & Sabre

Note from the Competition Organiser:

- Entries: Please do your utmost to enter before the closing date and specify each event (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:

1. 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 for all fencers, and 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:

<i>U11 (Pupi) –</i>	<i>2008 (8) / 2007 (9) / 2006 (10) / 2005 (11)</i>	<i>NB: Short blades</i>
<i>U13 (Benjamin) –</i>	<i>2004 (12) / 2003 (13)</i>	<i>NB: Short blades</i>
<i>U15 (Minim) –</i>	<i>2002 (14) / 2001 (15)</i>	
<i>U17 (Cadet) –</i>	<i>2000 (16) / 1999 (17)</i>	
<i>U20 (Junior) –</i>	<i>1998 (18) / 1997 (19) / 1996 (20)</i>	
<i>Senior –</i>	<i>1996 (21+)</i>	

3. 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) - R350

Fencers Initial&Surname FFSA (FFSA Annual Fee) – R350

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 from the GFA.

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 in this regard (082) 702 3889

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.

NB: For Trophy Winners and Winners of Plaques in 2016 - Please bring them back to me at the Championship. If you are not attending then please make arrangements to have the item delivered to Soweto.

Enjoy your competition!

GFA Committee

Issue Date: 2 October 2017