



ACT Fencing Association.

Ranking System for 2010.

1 Aim of the Rankings

The aim of the ranking system for 2010 is to encourage more member fencers to attend competitions, expanding their fencing experiences, with the aim of building the Association in membership and strengthening the Fencing Community in the ACT. The ranking system will run until the end of November 2010, and all eligible competitions will generate points for the rankings. The aim of the system is to determine the best fencers (male and female, open, veteran and junior, for foil, epee and sabre), based on overall participation and performance in ACT Fencing for 2010.

For 2010, the rankings may also be use for state team selection when a large number of fencers intend to participate in an interstate event.

2 Changes of the Rules for Rankings

The Ranking system as defined in these rules will be valid for 2010. These rules will only be modified in consultation with all affected fencers. All comments are welcome through out the year, and the Rules will be reviewed towards the end of 2010. The Committee will be the arbiter of the rules. The President, or his delegate, will be the holder of the official rankings for 2010.

These rules may be modified for the 2011 calendar year based on comments and experiences from 2010.

3 Availability of the Current Rankings

The current rankings will be posted onto the ACTFA website after each competition. All competitions. The winners will be awarded at the Annual ACTFA Dinner.

4 Eligibility for points

The rankings are open to all fencers that are Affiliated members of ACTFA.

All competitions held in the ACT will be eligible for earning points for the Rankings pending notification. State Open level events from any AFF Affiliated state will be eligible, and all Australian National Level competitions will be eligible to earn points for the ACT Rankings.

A fencer must take part in at least 4 eligible competitions of the same weapon to be considered eligible for an award for that weapon. A minimum of 3 events must take place in the ACT.

5 Eligible Competitions

There are 3 levels of competition that can be considered for ranking points:

- Open – Open to all fencers – Points from Open competitions are considered for all awards.
- Junior – Open to fencers under the age of 20 on the 1st January of the year of the competition – Points for Junior competitions are only considered for Junior awards - Points from Open events for Junior fencers are eligible for Junior awards.
- Veterans – Open to fencers that are 40 or over on the day the entries to the event closes – Points for Veteran competitions are only considered for Veteran awards – Points from Open events for Veteran fencers are eligible for Veteran awards.

A minimum of 4 weeks notice to the Fencing community (and to ACTFA via the committee@actfa.org.au email address) is required to allow fencers to be prepared for the competition. A minimum of 6 fencers are required to take part in the competition for it to be considered a valid competition.

A competition can only consist of a single weapon for the inclusion of in the rankings. If an event has both Foil and Epee, then as far as the ranking system is concerned it is 2 competitions both held at the same time.

A minimum of 4 eligible competitions per weapon / per level is required for the determination of the presentation of awards at the end of the year.

For Junior age groups, if there are insufficient entrants for an age group this group will be rolled into the next age group if available. Competitions for higher junior age groups can attract points for eligible fencers at the lower age groups.

6 Allocation of Awards

The allocation of awards for the various weapons and categories, will be based on the number of fencers that are eligible at the time of the ACTFA presentation night.

6.1 Winners

If the number of eligible fencers vying for the award is:

- 4 or less a certificate will be awarded.
- 5-8, a Trophy will be awarded.
- 9 or more a Trophy and Shirt will be awarded.

6.2 Runners Up

If the number of eligible fencers vying for the award is:

- 4 or less, no runner up award will be awarded..
- 5-8, a certificate will be awarded.
- 9 or more, a Trophy will be awarded..

6.3 Categories

The categories of individual awards are as follows:

1. Best Mens/Womens Fencer (Open)
2. Best Mens/Womens Fencer (Junior age groups)
3. Best Mens/Womens Fencer (Veteran)

6.3.1 Best Fencer (Open)

The best fencer award category is open to all eligible fencers (See 4. Eligibility for points). It is awarded to the fencer that gains the highest number of ranking points for the year in any one weapon. It is awarded for all 3 weapons, pending eligibility of the weapon (See 5. Eligible Competitions).

6.3.2 Best Fencer (Junior age groups)

Multiple Age groups will be awarded as appropriate, U13, U15, Cadets(U17) and Juniors(U20). These are awarded the same as Best Fencer (Open) but eligibility is for fencers that are under the age group limit as of 12:00am (Midnight) on the 1st January 2010.

6.3.3 Best Fencer (Veteran)

Same as Best Fencer (Open) but eligibility is for fencers that are 40 or over on the date of the entry closure for the event.

7 Competition Calculations

The President of the Association, or their delegate, will be the final authority for approving points and reviewing any disputes

7.1 ACT Run Competitions

For the competition to be included in the Rankings, the calculations of the competition and allocation of Pools and Direct Eliminations (DE) MUST be completed accurately. It is recommended that an electronic method of calculating the placings is used. If a manual method is used, then it will only be considered a valid result if, when it is loaded into an electronic format, the order of Seedings from the Round Robin (RR) and the final rankings from the DE do not change. If there is any problem with the recording of scores or order of bouts, the results will be declared invalid and therefore WILL NOT be included in the Rankings.

Initial seedings for the competition is to be based on results from the previous 12 months of results of eligible competitions, based on the max claimable competitions of the various levels.

Information about the competition MUST be passed on to the fencers before the RR section of the Competition. (i.e. that there is a DE, how many people will move onto the DE.)

7.2 Non ACT Run Competitions

The points for eligible competitions that are not run in the ACT will be based on the official results as posted by the Association running the competition.

8 Calculating Individual Points

The points for eligible competitions will be a flat structure based on the final placing of the eligible fencer.

- 1st – 20 pts
- 2nd – 18 pts
- 3rd – 16 pts
- 5th – 8th – 12 pts
- 9th – 16th – 9 pts
- 17th – 32nd – 6 pts
- 33rd – 64th – 3 pts
- 65th and Below – 1 pt

9 Claiming of Points

The ranking system over the last few years has developed to the point that it allowed the claiming of points from all eligible competitions. This lead to a disparity of fencers between the ones that could get to all events, and the ones that could not. For 2010 fencers can only claim a limited number of eligible competitions to make up their ranking points.

While a fencer can enter all eligible competitions, only a limited number of events from each level can be claimed for the rankings. The best results for the number of competitions will be used. See below for the number of events able to be claimed in each level.

If a fencer has already competed in the number of event per level, they can compete in further events at that level to try to better their results.

10 Multiplying Competition Factor

The points awarded to fencers for their performance in a competition is multiplied by a competition factor as follows to generate their Ranking points:

- Club Monthly competition - Factor of 1 Max 3 Events
- Club Annual Competition - Factor of 1.5 Max 2 Events
(Limit of one per year per club per weapon)
- Eligible State Open Competitions - Factor of 2 Max 1 Event
- Eligible AFF competitions - Factor of 2.5 Max 1 Event

11 Club Points What to do with these awards?

Club points are only awarded for Open competitions. Each eligible fencer will receive at least one point for their club per event in which they participate. The points are awarded based on a flat structure:

- Above 32nd 1 point
- 32nd - 17th 2 point
- 16th - 9th 3 points
- 8th - 5th 4 points
- 4th - 1st 5 points

A fencers club points are allocated to the club that they indicate on their ACTFA membership form. Club points are only awarded to ACTFA Affiliated Clubs.