



ACT Fencing Association Inc Policy Document Team Selection Policy

Authority:	ACTFA Committee
Application:	AFF Affiliated members seeking team selection at State and National events, Selectors
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POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The ACT Fencing Association is committed to a fair selection process of our top fencers to represent the territory.

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All financial members of ACTFA affiliated to AFF are eligible for selection to represent ACT in teams for their gender, eligible age group and chosen weapon(s) at State and National events.

Teams will be selected on an event by event basis. Fencers are required to indicate their availability for team events when registering for the individual event.

Teams will be registered before or at the event by the ACTFA Team Manager (if applicable) or by a delegated person nominated by the Committee. ACTFA will pay the team registration fees.

As outlined below, teams will consist of three or four members to provide for the most competitive team possible. If there are sufficient nominations, there will be an "A" Team and a "B" Team. Individual ranking will be based on the performance at the corresponding individual event. In the event that the Team Manager needs to rank any fencers who did not compete in the individual event, the corresponding ACT ranking will be used.

Selection will be based upon the following distribution:

- 4 or less nominations: All in 'A' Team
- 5 nominations: Top four in 'A' Team, one on 'standby' reserve
- 6 nominations: Top three in 'A' Team, remainder in 'B' Team
- 7 nominations: Top four in 'A' Team, remainder in 'B' Team
- 8 nominations: Top four in 'A' Team, remainder in 'B' Team
- 9 or more nominations: Top four in 'A' Team, next four in 'B' Team, remainder on 'standby' reserve

Team members are expected to provide adequate notice to the Team Manager and/or ACTFA Committee if they are unable to participate in the team event. This notice should be sufficient to allow the Team Manager or Committee to identify a substitute fencer if necessary. Failure to participate, once a team has been declared (i.e. details have been provided to the event's DT), without adequate reason (e.g. illness or injury) may lead to sanctions imposed at the discretion of the ACTFA committee. This could include, but not be limited to, non-inclusion in ACTFA supported events or teams.

Fencers placed on 'standby' reserve (ie not one of the 4 members of an 'A' or 'B' team) will need to be contactable at the time of declaration of teams. If they then accept a team position, they will need to be available for the team event.

Use of Reserves (fourth fencer):

- For team events at or above the Under 15 age group, the Team Manager/Team Captain will determine the most appropriate use of the reserve fencer, based on their strategic assessment of what will maximise the team's chance of victory. These decisions will almost always be determined/finalised during the immediate lead up to and running of the team bout.
- For team events below the Under 15 age group, the Team Manager / Team Captain should discuss their preferred use of the reserve fencer with the fencers and their parents once nominations for the team event have been received. The emphasis with fencers in these age groups should be on maximising participation. However, these discussions should include consideration for the team's potential to progress through the competition, and the impact that the use of the reserve fencer may or may not have on this potential. For example, the team may decide that the reserve will come on unless the team is looking in a strong position for a victory, in which case the reserve could still expect to participate in a subsequent round of the competition.