



## **ACT Fencing Association.**

### **Ranking System.**

#### **1 Aim of the Rankings**

The aim of the ranking system 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 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.

The Association also wants to encourage all fencers to fence the best they can, and to show them that the next levels of competition is not that hard. To this effect, all of the Cadet and below age groups are encouraged to compete in the next age group up. All age groups from Under 15 and up are encouraged to attend relevant National level events, and Under 23, Open and Veteran age groups encouraged to attend International events.

All comments are welcome throughout the year, and the Rules will be reviewed towards the end of the competition year. The Committee will be the arbiter of the rules. The President, or their delegate, will be the holder of the official rankings.

The Rankings will be a rolling system for the previous 12 months. The current rankings will be posted onto the ACTFA website after each competition. The winners will be awarded at the Annual ACTFA Presentation Day.

## 2 Definitions

The following definitions will be used for this policy:

### **Eligible ACT fencer**

Member of ACTFA that has registered and paid either, the Junior, Senior, or Fencing Coach category for the competition year.

### **ACTFA Event**

A competition that is either hosted by ACTFA, or hosted by a club affiliated to ACTFA.

### **Age Appropriate Event**

This is an event that ACTFA considers appropriate for the fencer based on their Age group. This would be for any person under the age of 18, the age group that they belong to, and the one above it. For any person over 18, any event that they are eligible for.

### **Cadet fencer**

Any fencer that is under the age of 17 years as of the 1st January in the competition year.

### **Competition Year**

Will run from the 1st January to the 31st December each year

### **Junior fencer**

Any fencer that is under the age of 20 years as of the 1st January in the competition year

### **Open fencer**

Any fencer

### **Novice fencer**

Any fencer that first appeared on a Ranking list for any weapon, from anywhere in Australia, less than 4 years ago, and that has not been awarded Champion Novice fencer in any state in Australia.

\* Note: ACTFA recommends that fencers under 15 & their parent/s discuss participating in novice events with their coach before entering.

### **Under 9 Fencer**

Any fencer that is under the age of 9 years as of the 1st January in the competition year.

### **Under 11 fencer**

Any fencer that is under the age of 11 years as of the 1st January in the competition year.

### **Under 13 fencer**

Any fencer that is under the age of 13 years as of the 1st January in the competition year.

### **Under 15 fencer**

Any fencer that is under the age of 15 years as of the 1st January in the competition year.

### **Veteran fencer**

Any fencer that is over the age of 39 years as of the 1st January in the competition year

## 3 Eligibility for points

The rankings are open to all eligible ACTFA fencers.

Competitions for the various rankings categories are listed in Appendix A for each rankings category. For these competitions to be considered valid for inclusion in the rankings the following conditions must be met.

- A minimum of 4 weeks' notice to the Fencing community (and to ACTFA via the [committee@actfa.org.au](mailto:committee@actfa.org.au) email address).
- A minimum of 4 fencers are required to take part in the 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.
- For ACT Events, 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 placing be 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 Seeding 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 ACTFA committee will determine if the results should be used in the Rankings.
- For non ACT Events, the official results as released by the organizer will be used to allocate points. It is the responsibility of the fencer to advise ACTFA ([rankings@actfa.org.au](mailto:rankings@actfa.org.au)) when they attend a non ACTFA event that attracts points in the Rankings. This notification must occur within 2 weeks of the event; otherwise the points may not be used in the rankings.

## 4 Allocation of Awards

The allocation of awards for the various weapons and categories will be based on the points obtained by eligible ACT fencers at the time of the completion of the Competition year.

To be eligible for an Award in a particular weapon/category, the fencer's rankings for the Weapon / Category must include at least one result from an ACTFA Event.

For a Champion trophy to be awarded, there must be at least 3 eligible fencers in the Weapon / Category.

For a Runner up trophy to be awarded, there must be at least 5 eligible fencers in the Weapon / Category.

## 5 Club Points

ACTFA awards pennants in 2 categories for club points, each with 2 age groups Cadet and below, and Junior and above.

Participation – Each eligible ACTFA fencer that takes part in an eligible event during the competition year will attract one point for their Club in the relevant age group of the event. The club with the most points wins.

Competitive – From each age group rankings, at the end of the competition year, the top 25% of the list of fencers will attract points for their clubs. The points will be equivalent of their rankings. The club with the lowest value will win the Pennant in the relevant age group.

## 6 Appendix A

### 6.1 Novice Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(a)</sup> Novice Club Annual / Novice NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(a)</sup> *Age Appropriate Club Annual / NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> Novice State Competition	<sup>(b)</sup> Age Appropriate State Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	33	38
3rd - 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	30	30	35
5th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	21	26	26	31
9th - 16 <sup>th</sup>	16	21	21	26
17th - 32th	10	15	15	20
33rd -64 <sup>th</sup>	3	8	8	13
65 <sup>th</sup> ->	1	1	1	5

- (a) A maximum of 2 Novice club annual / Novice NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competitions will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.2 Under 9 (U9) Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(c)</sup> U9 Club Annual / U9 NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(c)</sup> U11 Club Annual / U11 NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(d)</sup> U9 State Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> U11 State Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	40
2nd	28	33	33	38
3rd - 4th	25	30	30	35
5th - 8th	21	26	26	31
9th - 16th	16	21	21	26
17th - 32th	10	15	15	20
33rd - 64th	3	8	8	13
65th ->	1	1	1	5

- (c) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (d) A maximum of 2 State competitions will be included in the results for each fencer.

### 6.3 Under 11 (U11) Category points matrix

Placing	(a) U11 Club Annual / U11 NSW Regional Comp	(a) U13 Club Annual / U13 NSW Regional Comp	(b) U11 State Competition	(b) U13 State Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	33	38
3rd - 4th	25	30	30	35
5th - 8th	21	26	26	31
9th - 16th	16	21	21	26
17th - 32th	10	15	15	20
33rd - 64th	3	8	8	13
65th - 128th	1	1	1	5

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competitions will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.4 Under 13 (U13) Category points matrix

Placing	(a) U13 Club Annual / U13 NSW Regional Comp	(a) U15 Club Annual / U15 NSW Regional Comp	(b) U13 State Competition	(b) U15 State Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	33	38
3rd - 4th	25	30	30	35
5th - 8th	21	26	26	31
9th - 16th	16	21	21	26
17th - 32th	10	15	15	20
33rd - 64th	3	8	8	13
65th - 128th	1	1	1	5

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competitions will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.5 Under 15 (U15) Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(a)</sup> U15 Club Annual / U15 NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(a)</sup> Cadet Club Annual / Cadet NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> U15 State Competition	<sup>(b)</sup> Cadet State Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> U15 National Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> Cadet National Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	40	55	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	33	38	53	58
3rd - 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	30	30	35	50	55
5th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	21	26	26	31	46	51
9th - 16th	16	21	21	26	41	46
17th - 32th	10	15	15	20	33	38
33rd - 64th	3	8	8	13	21	26
65th - 128th	1	1	1	5	5	10

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competitions will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (c) A maximum of 1 National competition will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.6 Cadet Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(a)</sup> Cadet Club Annual / Cadet NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(a)</sup> Junior Club Annual / Junior NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> Cadet State Competition	<sup>(b)</sup> Junior State Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> Cadet National Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> Junior National Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	22	24	24	26	56	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	22	22	24	54	58
3rd - 4 <sup>th</sup>	18	20	20	22	51	55
5th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	14	16	16	18	47	51
9th - 16th	11	13	13	15	42	46
17th - 32th	8	10	10	13	36	40
33rd - 64th	5	7	7	10	24	28
65th - 128th	3	5	5	8	8	12

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competitions will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (c) A maximum of 1 National competition will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.7 Junior (U20) Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(b)</sup> Junior Club Annual / Junior NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> U23 Club Annual / U23 NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> Open Club Annual / NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(c)</sup> Junior State Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> U23 State Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> Open State Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Junior (U20) National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> U23 National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Open National Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	40	35	40	45	60	65	70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	38	33	38	43	58	63	68
3rd - 4th	25	30	35	30	35	40	55	60	65
5th - 8th	21	26	31	26	31	36	51	56	61
9th - 16th	16	21	26	21	26	31	46	51	56
17th - 32th	10	15	20	15	20	25	38	43	46
33rd - 64th	3	8	13	8	13	18	26	31	36
65th - >	1	1	5	3	5	10	10	15	20

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competition will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (c) A maximum of 1 National competition will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.8 Under 23 (U23) Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(b)</sup> U23 Club Annual / U23 NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> Open Club Annual / NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(c)</sup> U23 State Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> Open State Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Junior (U23) National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Open National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> U23 International Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> U23 International Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	40	60	65	Points as awarded for National Rankings	Points as awarded for National Rankings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	33	38	58	63		
3rd - 4th	25	30	30	35	55	60		
5th - 8th	21	26	26	31	51	56		
9th - 16th	16	21	21	26	46	51		
17th - 32th	10	15	15	20	38	43		
33rd - 64th	3	8	8	13	26	31		
65th - >	1	1	1	5	10	15		

- (d) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (e) A maximum of 2 State competition will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (f) A maximum of 1 National or International competition will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.9 Open Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(b)</sup> Open Club Annual / NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(c)</sup> Open State Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Open National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Open International Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	50	Points as awarded for National Rankings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	48	
3rd - 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	30	45	
5th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	21	26	41	
9th - 16 <sup>th</sup>	16	21	36	
17th - 32th	10	15	28	
33rd - 64 <sup>th</sup>	3	8	16	
65th - 128 <sup>th</sup>	1	1	1	

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competition will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (c) A maximum of 1 National or International competition will be included in the results for each fencer.

## 6.10 Veteran Category points matrix

Placing	<sup>(b)</sup> Veteran Club Annual / NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(b)</sup> Open Club Annual / NSW Regional Comp	<sup>(c)</sup> Veteran State Competition	<sup>(c)</sup> Open State Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Veteran National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Open National Competition	<sup>(d)</sup> Veteran / Open International Competition
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	35	35	50	55	65	Points as awarded for National Rankings
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	33	33	48	53	63	
3rd - 4 <sup>th</sup>	25	30	30	45	50	60	
5th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	21	26	26	41	46	56	
9th - 16 <sup>th</sup>	16	21	21	35	41	51	
17th - 32 <sup>th</sup>	10	15	15	27	33	43	
33rd - 64 <sup>th</sup>	3	8	8	17	21	31	
65th - 128 <sup>th</sup>	1	1	1	5	5	18	

- (a) A maximum of 3 club annual / NSW Regional events will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (b) A maximum of 2 State competition will be included in the results for each fencer.
- (c) A maximum of 1 National or International competition will be included in the results for each fencer.