

# **Saskatchewan Fencing Association Tournament Procedures**

## **U15, Cadet, Junior, Open & Masters Events**

### **Registration:**

Registration will open a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the tournament start date. The Early Bird deadline will be 11 days prior to the tournament start date, and the final deadline will be 6 days prior.

All fencers must have a valid CFF License and SFA Regular Membership. Out-of-province fencers must have a valid CFF License.

Events must have at least 3 athletes to take place. Events with 5 or fewer athletes of either gender will be mixed. Athletes must register as the same gender that matches their CFF License.

Athletes may register for more than one event on each day, but may be required to withdraw from an event if their entry will impede the progress of the competition. In such case, the fencer must remain in the event already in progress.

### **Equipment:**

**Mask:** Fencing masks must be fitted with a strap. Masks without a strap will be rejected. In foil the conductive bib is mandatory; retrofits are allowed but they must adhere to FIE specifications. Visor masks are not permitted. Leon Paul Comfort-Fit masks without supporting tang must include factory supplied retaining clip or certified retro-fit.

**Jacket:** Fencing jacket must overlap the pants by 10 cm as according to FIE rules.

**Pants:** Fencing pants are required. Socks must meet lower edge of pants as according to FIE rules.

**Plastron:** Plastron is mandatory as per FIE rules.

**Chest Protector:** Mandatory for women as per FIE rules.

**Blades:** Use of non-FIE blades are allowable.

Armourer will be checking:

- gloves to ensure no holes or tears exist
- masks for conformity to above rules and punch test if required
- body wires and mask clips for conductivity

**Event Format:**

Events will start approximately 15-30 minutes after close of registration, provided there are no delays caused by preceding events and that there are available referees.

Seeding will be based on CFF Domestic Rankings, followed by Provincial Circuit Rankings.

All events will start with poules with 100% promotion, followed by direct elimination with no fence-off for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Events with 3 or 4 fencers will have 2 rounds of poules, with the combined results used for seeding the direct elimination round.

Events with 5-7 fencers will have one round of poules.

Events with 8 or 9 fencers will be one round in one poule, fenced on 2 pistes (subject to piste and referee availability).

Events with 10 or more fencers will be split into multiple poules.

For U15 & Cadet mixed events where there are at least 2 female athletes, before the event begins, the female athletes will be given the option to fence another direct elimination round after the conclusion of the mixed event to determine the female medals. Only those who participate in the female-only elimination round will be eligible for medals. **For Provincials only, this will apply to all U15, Cadet, Junior, Open and Masters mixed events.**

For events with a trophy (and at Provincials for events without a trophy) if there is only one fencer of either gender in a mixed event or in the case where all female athletes declined to fence off for medals in a female-only elimination round, the trophy (or gold medal at Provincials for events with no trophy) will go to the highest ranked fencer of that gender based on final rankings.

Masters events direct elimination bouts will go to 10 touches, consisting of 2 periods of 3 minutes each. Sabre events will not be timed but will have a break at 5 points.

Events must have a minimum of 6 entries to count for CFF Domestic Rankings. Masters events are only eligible for CFF Domestic Veteran Rankings if all fencers meet the Veterans age requirements as set by the CFF.

## **U10 & U13 Events**

### **Registration:**

Registration will open a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the tournament start date. The Early Bird deadline will be 11 days prior to the tournament start date, and the final registration deadline will be 6 days prior.

All fencers must have at least a SFA Recreational Membership. Out-of-province fencers must have a valid membership with their Provincial Association.

Events must have at least 3 athletes (combined between the U10 and U13 athletes) to take place. If there are at least 3 U10s' and 3 U13s' they will be separated into two events. In such a case, if in each of those events if there are a minimum of 3 girls and 3 boys they will be separated once more into men's and women's event for each age category.

Fencers must register as the same gender as stated on their current SFA membership.

Athletes may register for more than one event on each day, but may be required to withdraw from an event if their entry will impede the progress of the competition. In such case, the fencer must remain in the event already in progress.

### **Equipment:**

Mask: Fencing masks must be fitted with a strap. Masks without a strap will be rejected. In foil the conductive bib is mandatory; retrofits are allowed but they must adhere to FIE specifications. Visor masks are not permitted. Leon Paul Comfort-Fit masks without supporting tang must include factory supplied retaining clip or certified retro-fit.

Jacket: Fencing jacket must overlap the pants by 10 cm as according to FIE rules.

Pants: Fencing pants are required. Socks must meet lower edge of pants as according to FIE rules.

Plastron: Plastron is mandatory as per FIE rules.

Chest Protector: Mandatory for women as per FIE rules.

Blades: Use of non-FIE blades are allowable.

### **For Mini-Epee events foils will be used.**

Armourer will be checking:

- gloves to ensure no holes or tears exist
- masks for conformity to above rules and punch test if required
- body wires and mask clips for conductivity

**Event Format:**

Events will start approximately 15-30 minutes after close of registration, provided there are no delays caused by preceding events and that there are available referees.

Seeding will be based on Provincial Circuit Rankings.

All events will start with poules with 100% promotion, followed by direct elimination with no fence-off for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Events with 3 (or 4 for U13) fencers will have 2 rounds of poules, with the combined results used for seeding the direct elimination round.

Events with 5-7 (or 4 for U10) fencers will have one round of poules.

Events with 8 fencers for U13 will be one round in one poule, fenced on 2 strips (subject to piste and referee availability).

Events with 9 (8 for U10) or more fencers will be split into multiple poules.

U10 event direct elimination bouts will go to 10 touches, consisting of 2 periods of 3 minutes each. Sabre events will not be timed but will have a break at 5 points.

U13 event direct elimination bouts will go to 15 touches, consisting of 3 periods of 3 minutes each. Sabre events will not be timed but will have a break at 8 points.

For mixed gender events where there are 2 fencers of one gender and 4 or more of the other gender, before the event begins, the gender with only 2 fencers will be given the option to fence another direct elimination round after the conclusion of the mixed event to determine the separate medals. Only if both participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round will there be medals. This may result in fencers receiving more than one medal.

**For Provincials only** medals for all U10 & U13 mixed-gender events will be separated by gender. This will be determined from the final standings of the combined event. By separating the girls and boys, resulting in medal awards for each gender based on placing.

This may require a fence-off. For example, if two fencers of the same gender are tied for placing in the final standings, they will have to fence-off for medal awards placing.

**Events with combined U10 & U13 athletes:**

Poule format will follow U13 procedures (only difference for event sizes of 4 or 8 athletes).

The age groups will be separated after the poule round and each group will have their own direct elimination round. This may result in a fencer not getting a direct elimination match if they are the only athlete in that age category, however, they will get a medal. The mixed gender procedure for medals still applies.

## **Wheelchair Events**

Wheelchair events will be offered on a tournament-by-tournament basis. Athletes are to contact the Executive Director if they are wanting to have a wheelchair event at least 3 weeks prior to the tournament weekend. SFA/CFF license requirements will be the same as for equivalent-aged standing events. based on the format of the event(s) added.

The format will be determined by the Provincial Coach and Directoire Technique based on age and skill level of the athlete(s) requesting the wheelchair event. Existing events may be changed to sit/stand events, where wheelchair athletes will be entered into the same event as able-bodied athletes. In that case all bouts involving the wheelchair athletes will be done in wheelchairs. Events that are changing to sit/stand events must be noted publicly at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament weekend.

In cases where there is a large skill difference between the wheelchair athlete(s) and the majority of the able-bodied athletes in the event in question, the format may be a separate wheelchair-only event in which able-bodied athletes are able to enter if they wish.

When the Provincial Coach and Directoire Technique are determining the format, they are to consult with the athletes' club coach before making their final decision. Keeping the athlete(s) with their age group should be considered, while balancing the fairness to all athletes.

The SFA Tournament Procedures may be changed by the Provincial Coach and Directoire Technique with at least 4 weeks notice before a tournament.