



## Australian Schools Championships – 2022 Information Sheet

The Australian Fencing Federation, the ACT Fencing Association and NSW Fencing Association extend a warm welcome to all Australian school-age fencers to participate in the premier schools fencing event.

### 1. DATES AND LOCATION



#### Australian Intermediate Schools Championships Canberra 18-19 June

The Tuggeranong Archery Center  
299 Soward Way  
Greenway ACT 2900



#### Australian Senior Schools Championships Sydney 23-24 July

The NSW Fencing Centre  
Building 2.04, Sydney Corporate Park  
190 Bourke Road  
Alexandria NSW 2015

### 2. AGE CATEGORIES

**Intermediate** - up to the third year of secondary school

**Senior** - open to any secondary school student (including Intermediate fencers)

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

Entry to the Australian Schools Championships is open to all secondary school age fencers who are registered with their State Fencing Associations as either 'competitive' or 'participative' fencers. For example, Junior Registered fencers in NSW who are 'participative fencers' and usually fence in NSW schools competitions can enter the Australian Schools Championships if they qualify.

Fencers must be endorsed by their State Fencing Association as having met the qualification criteria set by each State.

Note that fencers represent their Schools rather than their State. Teams must be comprised of fencers from the same School.

### 4. REGISTRATION

Registration will be open only to individual fencers and school teams who have been endorsed by their Member State. Member states will be required to confirm eligibility of individual entries, once entries have closed.

Individuals will register online:

- Seniors: <https://www.ausfencing.org/tribe-events/national-senior-schools-championships/>
- Intermediate: <https://www.ausfencing.org/tribe-events/australian-junior-schools-championships/>

### 5. ENTRY FEES

Individuals: \$95      Second/third weapons \$70 each

Teams: \$130

## 6. COMPETITION FORMAT

The following formats are indicative and may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Management Commission and the Directoire Technique, with AFF approval, once final entries are known.

### **Individual:**

One round of pool matches to 5 hits in 3 minutes followed by direct elimination bouts of 15 hits in up to 3 sessions of 3 minutes.

### **Teams:**

One round of pool matches followed by direct elimination. If there is only one entry in a team event, that team will win by default.

## 7. TIMETABLE

The timetable will be published on the AFF website as soon as possible after entries close.

## 8. MEDALS AND TROPHIES

A full set of AFF medals (gold, silver, two bronze) will be awarded for both Individual and Team events. Fencers who win medals must be present for the medal presentation ceremony, wearing their school tracksuit.

## 9. EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

Mask - 350N in good condition with two safety strap securing points

Under plastron - 800N

Jacket/breeches - 350N

Glove - in good condition with no holes

Sabre glove - FIE standard

Socks - long socks

Weapons - FIE/S200 stamped

Note: Fencers must present on the piste with at least two weapons and two wires.

There will be a Weapons Control check before competition. Weapons Control inspection times will be specified in the timetable. Rusty blades and those without clearly visible FIE stamps will be rejected.

## 10. COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

COVID-19 precautions will be in accordance with the host state health advice at the time of the competitions.

At a minimum:

- All persons entering the venue will need to be fully vaccinated
- Sanitise hands
- Observe social distance wherever possible
- Only one parent per student
- Facemasks are required except when competing

A COVID Marshal will be on duty and will control entry. If the venue becomes too crowded, adults may be prevented from entry or asked to leave.

## 11. Contact

If Member States, or schools, have any queries, please contact the AFF Operations Manager, John Huskins, at: [operations@fencing.org.au](mailto:operations@fencing.org.au)