



Junior and Cadet National Team Rules

1. The national team manager is head of delegation for the team.
2. All logistical arrangements relating to travel, accommodation, fencing licences, and competition entries will be made by the team manager.
3. All fencers departing from South Africa will travel together, under the supervision of the team manager and/or members of the management team.
4. All fencers will be accommodated together in the country in which the competition is held.
5. Any request for special travel or accommodation arrangements from a fencer or their parent/legal guardian is to be directed to the team manager, who, in consultation with the FFSA executive committee, will consider the request and revert back to the fencer or parent/legal guardian with a decision as soon as is possible. The decision by the team manager is final.
6. Parents/legal guardians traveling to the competition as spectators are responsible for their own transport and accommodation arrangements. Team management will supply parents with details of the team's transport and accommodation arrangements. Where possible and practical, team management will assist with transport and accommodation arrangements.
7. Parents/legal guardians are not part of the team structure.
8. Fencers are responsible for all necessary identification and travel documentation and the safe keeping of the documents during the duration of the competition. Costs associated with the loss of any identification or travel documents during the competition and the need for replacement documents will be for the account of the fencer and/or their parent/legal guardian.
9. Fencers and/or their parents/legal guardians are responsible for the cost of travel, accommodation, relevant fencing licences and entry fees as well as a pro rata contribution to the team overheads (typically the cost of accompanying officials).
10. A fencer and/or their parents/legal guardians are responsible for their contribution to team overheads even if the fencer withdraws from the team after having signed the letter of acceptance of invitation document. Should a fencer withdraw after transport and accommodation costs have been paid they will be responsible for any cancellation fee and/or non refund of payment.
11. All payments are to be made no later than the deadlines set and communicated by the team manager.
12. Fencers may carry foreign currency with them and are responsible for the safe keeping of the currency during the duration of the competition. Fencers are to be discreet about the amount of currency they have with them.

13. Fencers are responsible for their own fencing and fitness training and preparation for the competition and are expected to arrive at the competition in a condition that will allow them to perform to the best of their ability.
14. Each fencer is responsible for their own equipment (all clothing, protective devices, weapons and connectivity wires). The equipment must meet the standards as set out by the FIE and be in working order prior to the departure for the competition.
15. Fencing equipment is to be contained in a suitable fencing bag. Fencing equipment must at all times be packed in the bag when in transit or at the competition venue when not in use.
16. Each fencer who is on medication is responsible for ensuring their medication is not on the list of banned substances as published by the World Anti-Doping Agency and available via the website of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport.
17. If a fencer is taking a prohibited substance for legitimate medical reasons they are to complete and submit a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) form to the South African Institute for Drug free Sport. The TUE form is available from the website of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport.
18. Fencers are to advise the team manager before the departure of the team of any medication they are taking, regardless whether it is on the list of prohibited substances. Any fencer who has submitted a TUE form is to provide a copy of the form and proof of submission.
19. The laws, customs, religious beliefs of the country hosting the competition are to be adhered to and respected at all times.
20. Fencers compete in the individual events as indicated on the fencer Information form. Participation in any junior team event will be determined by team management and will be based on the fencer's junior national ranking at the time of selection as well as performance in the championship.
21. Fencers are to adhere to all FIE regulations and rules and specific competition rules set by the organizers. It is the responsibility of the fencer to be aware of all FIE regulations and rules which can be found on the FIE website.
22. Fencers are expected to conduct themselves on the piste according to the rules of conduct of the FIE.
23. Fencers are to attend all team meetings and practices as organized by the team manager.
24. Fencers are to adhere to all curfews set by the team manager.
25. No fencer may leave the accommodation or competition venues without the permission and conditions of the team manager.
26. All fencers who are not competing or warming-up to compete will support fellow team members who are competing.
27. Fencers will attend all official events requiring their attendance, including opening ceremonies and awarding of medals to team members.
28. All members of the team will behave in such a way that South Africa and South African fencing will not be damaged or discredited.

29. A disciplinary committee comprising the national team manager and at least one other member of the management / coaching team will be in force for the duration of the competition including flights to and from the host country. Disciplinary measure will be as mandated by the FFSA council and will be communicated to the fencers before the start of the competition.

30. In the most serious breaches of discipline and/or the code of conduct, a fencer may be sent home on the first available flight. The cost of the flight will be for their or their parents/legal guardians' account. Such offences include knowingly taking of banned performance-enhancing substances; cheating in the competition or inciting/ aiding others to cheat; and gross insubordination.