



## **Senior National Team Rules**

1. The national team manager and/or national coach are at all times in charge of the team.
2. Unless travel and accommodation is arranged by FIE, SASCOC, FFSA or another authorized sporting body, all logistical arrangements relating to travel and accommodation will be made by the fencer.
3. The issuing of fencing licences and competition entries will be handled by the national team manager.
4. Except when sponsored by FIE, SASCOC, FFSA or another authorized sporting body, fencers are responsible for their cost of travel, accommodation, fencing licences and entry fees as well as an pro rata contribution to the team overheads (typically the cost of accompanying officials).
5. A fencer is responsible for their contribution to team overheads even if the fencer withdraws from the team after having signed the letter of acceptance which accompanies the invitation to participate.
6. All contribution payments are to be made no later than the deadlines set and communicated by the national team manager.
7. 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.
8. 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 is in working order prior to the departure for the competition.
9. Fencing equipment is to be contained in 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.
10. 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.

11. 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. This form should be submitted at least two months before the competition.
12. Fencers are to advise the national 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 documentation granting the exemption.
13. The laws, customs, religious beliefs of the country hosting the competition are to adhered to and respected at all times.
14. Fencers compete in the individual events as indicated on the competition entry form. Participation in any senior team event will be determined by the national coach or, in the absence of the coach the national team manager, and will be based on the fencer's senior national ranking at the time of selection as well as their performance in the championship
15. Fencers are to adhere 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.
16. Fencers are expected to conduct themselves on the piste according to the rules of conduct of the FIE.
17. Fencers are to attend all team meetings and practices as organized by the national team manager and/or national coach.
18. Fencers are to attend all official events requiring their attendance, including opening ceremonies and awarding of medals to team members.
19. All members of the team will behave in such a way that South African sport and South African fencing will not be damaged or discredited.
20. A disciplinary committee comprising the national team manager and/or national coach 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.
21. In the most serious breaches of discipline and/or the code of conduct, a fencer may be immediately expelled from the competition. Such offences include knowingly taking of banned performance-enhancing substances; cheating in the competition or inciting/ aiding others to cheat; and gross insubordination.