



Senior competition regulations

Information for fencers

Eligibility

Membership

All competitors must be current members of Fencing Ireland. Members of foreign fencing bodies must hold 'Associate' Fencing Ireland membership to be eligible to compete in Irish fencing events.

The only acceptable Fencing Ireland membership types to allow a member to compete are:

- Adult
- Youth
- Student
- Associate (with proof of membership in foreign fencing organisation)
- Life
- First

The following Fencing Ireland membership types are **not eligible for competitive fencing**:

- Supporter
- Adult leisure

Age

To be eligible to fence in senior events (any event which does not set an upper age limit on entry, including novice events) fencers must be at least thirteen years of age or older on the day of the competition.

Under 18s must be accompanied by a suitable parent or guardian over the age of 18.

Equipment

Fencer personal equipment

For senior events all fencers must wear the following safety equipment:

- Plastron - min 800N
- Breeches - min 350N
- Mask - min 350N - **Starting 2026/27 season:** FIE (1600N) masks will be required
- Glove - 800N for sabre, to be strictly enforced from start of 2024/25 season
- Fencing jacket - min 350N
- Socks pulled up fully to breeches

All gear must be in good condition, i.e. without holes, zips and velcro in proper working order etc., and must fit properly. As set out in m.25.7 of the FIE rules, "the mask must contain two different safety systems at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask."

Anti-doping

Doping is contrary to the spirit of sport and every member has a duty to ensure that the fencing is free of doping.

Fencing Ireland are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Any fencer competing in a Fencing Ireland competition is eligible for testing.

Under the 'Strict Liability' principle within the Anti-Doping regulations athletes are responsible for any substances in their body. The WADA Prohibited List is the comprehensive list of banned substances: <http://list.wada-ama.org/>

For more information on anti-doping rules and regulations please see the Anti-doping page on the Sport Ireland website - <https://www.sportireland.ie/anti-doping>

To report doping please go to <https://www.sportireland.ie/anti-doping/report-doping>