

# Ranking System explained

## Senior Ranking System

The National Circuit is central to the rankings scheme. Ranking points are calculated according to the sum of a fencer's best six results, at least four of which must come from the National Circuit series. Up to two non-Circuit results can be counted, therefore fencers who have not entered at least four National Circuit events will not be able to count a full complement of six results.

## Fencing Ireland Awards

For internal awards purposes, the domestic season will be defined as the period between the South of Ireland Open and the National Championships. National awards will be given on the basis of the rankings at the close of the National Championships. Ranked competitions that fall after the National Championships will still be recognised on the rankings and for the duration of the following season.

## How the System Works

The ranking system is aligned with Fencing Ireland's selection policy, which stipulates that fencers must succeed at FIE satellites before they qualify for World Cup selection. Due to the effort/expense involved in attending these stronger competitions, fencers are awarded Irish ranking points for competing at qualifier events. The Selectors have recommended the inclusion of some of the stronger UK opens in the selection criteria to widen the choice of competitions for weapons in which there are very few satellites.

The fundamental principles of the ranking system are:

- All fencers who enter a tournament will receive ranking points;
- All tournaments on the island that run in accordance with Fencing Ireland standards will attract points;
- A fencer's best 6 results go towards the total ranking for the year;
- The ranking is calculated on a rolling basis.

## Direct Elimination Points Multipliers

The points allocation is based on a multiplier system. Each direct elimination stage has been assigned a multiplier which is used to increase the points as a fencer progresses through a competition. All fencers when entering a ranked competition are awarded a minimum starting points. As a fencer progresses through the competition these points have the multipliers below applied until a they are eliminated –

Number of DE progressed	Multiplier
1	1.88
2	1.87
3	1.65
4	1.48
5	1.36
6	1.28
7	1.23
8	1.23

## Level of Competition

The weighting given to a standard domestic open is 100%. Tournaments are classified into four tiers, with each tier attracting a different weighting depending on the perceived relative difficulty of the competition. The number of points available for any competition will then depend upon the number of fencers who enter in that weapon that year.

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## Points for Competition

The tables show the number of points awarded to fencers in competition, which depends on the number of fencers competing in the event and the round in which the fencer finishes. The columns denote the number of fencers entered in the competition.

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