



# BUCS FENCING REGULATIONS

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**FEN i** The BUCS Fencing Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the Rules of British Fencing. Further event specific requirements, rules, and regulations will be contained within the entry and pre-event information for each Championship.

**FEN ii** In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

**FEN iii** In the event that these regulations contradict those of the Rules of British Fencing, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

**\*FIE regulations not adopted by BUCS\***

[British Fencing have delayed the introduction of the new \(as of 2018\) FIE Mask strap rules \(t.71, t.72 and m.25.7\) until January 2020 and as such BUCS has not adopted these rules and is reviewing whether to do so for the 2020-21 season.](#)

[British Fencing have delayed the introduction of the new \(as of 2019\) FIE passivity/noncombativity rules \(t.124\) and as such BUCS has not adopted these rules and is reviewing whether to do so for the 2020-21 season.](#)

**FEN 1 Championships** BUCS will host annually the following Championships:

**FEN 1.1 Individual Championships** The programme shall include the events listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers.

**FEN 1.2 Team Championships** The programme shall include leagues and knockout competitions as per BUCS general regulations, Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points') and Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information').

**FEN 2 Memberships** British Fencing memberships are required by all competitors; FIE (International Fencing Federation) Licences will not be accepted. For Individual Championships all competitors require a 'Compete' membership. For the Team Championship all competitors require a minimum of 'Recreational' membership. (Note 'Starter' memberships are classed at the 'Recreational' level).

**FEN 3 Fencing Safety Equipment** All competitors clothing and equipment shall conform to current British Fencing regulations:

Jackets	Plastrons	Breeches	Masks	Gloves	Socks
CEN 1, 350 Newtons	CEN 2, 800 Newtons	CEN 1, 350 Newtons	CEN 1 (350N.bib) All masks must be fitted with safety back straps.	Sabre: FIE 800 Newtons Sabre Glove Foil and Epee: 350 Newtons Glove	Long socks covered by the bottom of the breeches.

## Individual Championships

**FEN 4 Tournament structure and entries** See Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points') for all competitions offered as part of the BUCS Fencing Individual Championships. All competition specific event information will be available in the event entry information and pre-event information.

**FEN 5** Electrical apparatus shall be used for all events.

**FEN 6** A competitor's clothing and equipment shall conform to British Fencing regulations and will be subject to a safety check. Any items failing a safety check will be removed from usage for the event.

**FEN 7 Dispute at events** In line with REG 7.7, should a dispute occur at an event, the event appeal panel for Fencing shall comprise of the Tournament Director and a BUCS Staff Member.

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### **Team Championships**

**FEN 8** There shall be separate Team Championships for Men and Women.

**FEN 9 Minimum number of players for a fixture to start** The minimum number of players per team required for a fixture to start will be three.

**FEN 10** Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that a minimum of three hours hall time is booked. Institutions failing to book sufficient time will forfeit any outstanding hits that cannot be completed within the allocated time.

**FEN 11** Matches will include Foil, Epee and Sabre. For each weapon, teams will be of three fencers plus the option of a nominated reserve. A weapon match will use the relay formula. Should there be a tie on hits at time, then an extra minute will be fenced with one team being given priority on the toss of a coin. The next hit or priority at the end of the minute will decide the weapon victory. The winning team will be the team with the highest hits total over the three weapons. The winning team will be awarded three points with the losing team receiving no points.

**FEN 11.1** In the event of a tie on hits after the three weapons, the winner will be the team that has won the most weapons.

**FEN 12** The two team captains, in advance of the match, shall agree the order in which weapons are fought.

**FEN 12.1** In the event of lack of agreement there shall be a draw for the order of weapons. The order of fights shall conform to FIE (International Fencing Federation) regulations.

**FEN 13 Match officials** Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements').

**FEN 14** Electrical apparatus shall be used for all matches.

**FEN 15** Team captains are required to check the British Fencing memberships of the opposing team prior to the start of each league and knockout match. Fencers should bring a print out of their confirmation on the British Fencing website or be able to demonstrate their membership online.

### **FEN 16 Incomplete fixtures**

**FEN 16.1** In the event of a fixture being incomplete due to a late start, with a team at fault, their opposition may claim any hits not completed or unplayed.

**FEN 16.2** In the event of a fixture being incomplete due to an institution booking insufficient facility time as per FEN 10, their opposition may claim any hits not completed or unplayed.

**FEN 17 Scoresheets** In the case of a need to separate teams tied in a league, BUCS will request scoresheets to undertake the process of REG 8.3.7.

**FEN 17.1** If BUCS does not consider the scoresheets satisfactory, then the teams that tie shall fight off.

### **FEN 18 Additional Premier League/Championship specific requirements**

**FEN 18.1** Facilities should be of an appropriate quality for Premier League/Championship matches and should comply with British Fencing regulations for matches of this standard. Specific attention should be paid to the quality of electrical apparatus and hall lighting.

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