



2020/2021 Fencing Victoria Selection Criteria

U15 & U17 (Cadet) National Championships (2020)

AND

U20 (Junior) National Championships (2021)

The Selection Criteria for Athletes representing Victoria in National Championships for the age categories of **U15, U17 and U20** are listed below. **Please ensure that they are read and understood.**

All Age Categories Information Session

For all fencers wishing attend U15 and/or U17/Cadet and/or Junior National Championships, an information session will be held at the State Fencing Centre on **2 February 2020**. The purpose of this session is to provide information regarding both the competition and the Fencing Victoria Team arrangements for the tour. This is of importance to those who have not previously attended a National Competition. See the Fencing Victoria website for more details.

Attendance at the information session is compulsory.

U15 and U17/Cadet Selection (Nationals held in July 2020)

It is a requirement that to be selected to represent Victoria at U15 and U17/Cadet National Championships, fencers must compete in **TWO** designated State Competitions in 2020. The designated competitions are ANY State Competitions held **BEFORE 30 June**. Fencers must compete in **TWO** such competitions to be eligible for Victorian representation. Please refer to the **State Calendar – 2020** published on the Fencing Victoria website for dates of eligible competitions. Note that an Athlete meeting the competition requirement above will be able to enter multiple events in any weapon category.

U20 Selection (Nationals held in Melbourne Feb/Mar 2021)

It is a requirement that to be selected to represent Victoria at Junior National Championships (**FEB/MAR 2021**), fencers must compete in **THREE** designated State Competitions in 2020. These designated competitions are ANY State Competitions at U20 or higher (i.e. B-Grade or Open level) or if age eligible, at Senior Secondary level in the Schools League held **BEFORE 31 December 2020**. Fencers must compete in **THREE** such competitions to be eligible for Victorian representation. Please refer to the **State Calendar – 2020** published on the Fencing Victoria website for dates of eligible competitions. Note that an Athlete meeting the competition requirement above will be able to enter multiple events in any weapon category.

Exemption from Compulsory Events for U15/Cadet/Junior Selection

Athletes can apply for exemption from these requirements in two ways.

Information Day Requirement

Athletes may request an exemption from the Information Session, if they have previously attended age group national competitions. The request must be made in writing to either the President or Communications Director. The request must be received before **2 February 2020**. The Fencing Victoria Executive will consider the request and advise the athlete of the outcome in writing prior to the event.

Competition Requirement

Athletes may request an exemption from declared competition requirement or the information session after those events on the following grounds:

Medical Withdrawal:

A Medical Certificate will be required, confirming the reason of absence.

Geographical Withdrawal:

Athletes will need to demonstrate they were unable to attend the event due to their location at the time of the event. This will be deemed as being more than 100 kilometres from the event at the time it was held. The request must be made in writing to either the President or Communications Director. The request must be received no more than 7 days after the scheduled date of the event for which exemption is sought. The Fencing Victoria Executive will consider the request and advise the athlete of the outcome in writing within 14 days of lodgement of the request.

Special Circumstances:

Athletes who would like to apply for an exemption from these stipulations under special circumstances (for example: study, international travel) may make a request to alter their qualification. This request must be made in writing to either the President (president@fencingvictoria.org) or Communications/Operations Manager (communications@fencingvictoria.org). The request must be received at least 28 days prior to the commencement of the relevant National Championship. These exemptions or variations will be at the discretion of the Fencing Victoria Executive. This may only qualify you for the individual event and will be taken on a case by case basis, at the discretion of Fencing Victoria Executive.

Appeal Process

If an athlete is not selected for the representative team, they can appeal the non-selection decision. The request must be made in writing to either the President or Communications/Operations Manager. The request must be received at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the relevant National Championship. The Fencing Victoria Executive will consider the appeal and advise the athlete of the outcome in writing at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the relevant National Championship.