



FENCING  
VICTORIA

# COMPETITION PROCEDURES POLICY 2025

## PURPOSE

To document the specific policies unique to competitions run by Fencing Victoria. Where not otherwise specified, standard rules and procedures apply in line with the policies of the FIE and AFF.

## MINIMUM NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

Competitions require a minimum of 4 participants to run. Where fewer than four competitors are registered as of Saturday afternoon prior to the event, registered participants will be informed that the event is cancelled in line with the Competition Registration Policy.

## INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION FORMAT

Unless otherwise specified prior to the event, all competitions will run to the standard format. Competitors will be divided into poules, be ranked on their performance in Poules, and fence Direct Elimination bouts until the winner of the competition is determined.

All poule bouts will be to 5 points.

**The number of points for Direct Elimination bouts will be determined based on the category of event, as outlined in the table below.**

CATEGORY OF COMPETITION	NUMBER OF POINTS FOR DIRECT ELIMINATION
U-8, U-9, U-10, U-11, U-12, Schools' League Individual, Veteran	10
All other categories	15

Please note for the 2025 season that U-13 and U-14 competitions will have Direct Elimination bouts to 15 points for the first time.

Where there are only four competitors, the event format will be to run two rounds of Poules, before Direct Elimination as normal.

## TEAMS' COMPETITION FORMAT

Teams' competitions format is determined on the basis of the number of teams entered in the event.

**This is determined on the basis of the table below.**

NUMBER OF TEAMS	FORMAT OF COMPETITION
2-3	1 Poule, results determined based on rankings after poules.
4	1 Poule, then Elimination bout for top 2 ranked teams
5	1 Poule, then semi-finals and final for top four ranked teams
6-12	Poules of 3-4 teams, then semi-finals and final for top 4 ranked teams
13-32	Poules of 3-4 teams, then elimination bracket of top 8 ranked teams
33+	Poules of 3-4 teams, then elimination bracket of top 16 ranked teams

## NUMBER OF MEDALS AWARDED

The number of medals awarded is determined based on the number of participants entered in the competition. **This is outlined in the table below for individual competitions.**

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	MEDALS AWARDED
4	Gold & Silver
5-9	Gold, Silver & Bronze
10-31	Gold, Silver & Equal Bronze (no fence-off for 3rd place)
32+	Gold, Silver, Equal Bronze & Black Medals for 5th – 8th

The below table applies for teams' competitions.

NUMBER OF TEAMS	MEDALS AWARDED
2	Gold & Silver
3	Gold, Silver & Bronze
4+	Gold, Silver & Equal Bronze

## HANDICAPS FOR VETERANS' COMPETITIONS

Veterans' competitions feature handicaps based on the age of the participants. For each decade above 40 years' old, fencers receive a 1-point handicap in Poule bouts, which is doubled in Direct Elimination bouts. **This is outlined in the table below.**

AGE (AS OF DATE OF COMPETITION)	HANDICAP (IN POULES)
40-49	+0
50-59	+1
60-69	+2
70+	+3

Where both fencers have handicaps, these cancel each other out. This means if Fencer A has a handicap of +2, and Fencer B has a handicap of +1, then the bout starts with Fencer A on 1 point, and Fencer B on 0.