



## England Fencing Under 10 and U12 Ranking Schemes

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# Rankings

## Overview

The U10 and U12 ranking schemes are compiled purely for fun. No selections are made from these rankings but they allow the fencers to enjoy comparing their results with others in their age groups across the various competition series.

We hope this will encourage you to seek out as many competitive opportunities as possible while keeping safe enjoyment of the sport as the main focus.

## Eligibility for inclusion in the 2023 rankings

**U12 events do not count towards the U14 rankings in the 2022/23 season.**

An athlete born on or after 1 January 2011 counts as U12 for the 2022/23 season.

It is important to gain experience in the right age group and to have as much fun as possible in as many sports as possible so we don't encourage young athletes to 'fence up' into higher age groups. Children develop at different rates and that fact needs to be taken into consideration.

We felt that the best way to encourage young athletes would be to create separate U12 and U10 rankings for them.

Under 12 and U11 events will be eligible (subject to certain criteria) for inclusion in the England Fencing U12 rankings.

There are no current plans to make international selections at that age group but the athletes will gain greater recognition of their achievements.

The ranking scheme is very similar to the U14 ranking scheme.

## U10 events and age criteria

An athlete born on or after 1 January 2013 counts as U10 for the 2022/23 season.

## Ranking system

1. The ranking list co-ordinators will assign points according to the final position achieved in each eligible competition (England Ranking Event).
2. Points are only awarded to fencers finishing in the L32.
3. The BEST 5 results count for your England Ranking
4. The ranking system is a rolling ranking so points will remain valid for 12 months or until the same competition is repeated.

In the event that competitions start to have more than 40 entries England Fencing will revise these rules to provide points for everyone finishing in the top 80% of the competition. We hope this will soon be necessary.

The rankings season will run from 1 January to 31 August for the 22/23 season as this is a transition year. Previous rankings have run on the calendar year which is not in line with international practice. The 23/24 season will start on 1 September 2023 and continue until 31 August 2024.

The rankings start from ZERO as at 1 January 2023 but will then roll over on 1 September for the 23/24 season. The U10 and U12 rankings are new for this season.

## Rolling rankings for 2023/24 and beyond

The rankings will be rolling rankings starting from events from 1 January 2023. Competitions will stay in the rankings until they are **either** repeated **or** 12 months elapses.

So all the events from 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023 will still be in the rankings for 2023/24 when they start on 1 September 2023.

On or around 1 January 2024 the oldest of the events counting in the rankings will start to either be replaced by the next edition of the same event or drop off the rankings due to being 12 months earlier.

## Ranking points calculation

The way points are calculated has been changed from previous U14 seasons.

We hope this will stimulate participation and reward athletes for taking part. It will also avoid athletes turning up only to find that they will gain no points due to others either not entering or withdrawing.

A compromise has been made to acknowledge that not all competitions are equally well attended.

The points for a competition are calculated by multiplying

$$(\text{Age group multiplier}) \times (\text{Number factor}) \times (\text{Additional factor}) \times (\text{Position multiplier})$$

The **Number factor** replaces the Number of fencers in the competition which was previously used.

There are only 2 possible Number factors:

- 0.5 if the competition has less than 10 participants; and
- 1.0 if the competition has 10 or more participants.

Participants includes all fencers who start the competition regardless of whether they have to abandon or are removed for disciplinary reasons.

For U12 rankings the **Age group multipliers** will be 100 for U11 competitions and 200 for U12 competitions

For U10 rankings the **Age group multipliers** will be 100 for U9 competitions and 200 for U10 competitions

The only **Additional factor** is for the England Youth Championships, for which a multiplier of 1.2 will be applied.

### Position Multipliers

The position multipliers used by British Fencing for Senior rankings are designed to spread over 64 places and are not ideal for a system that only gives points for a L32, or for competitions with only 15 or 20 entries. We have used the following multiplier (known as a Points Key) as follows:

#### Normal points key

Place	Mult.
1	20.00
2	17.00
3=	14.00
5	11.00
6	10.00
7	9.00
8	8.00

Place	Mult.
9	5.00
10	4.80
11	4.60
12	4.40
13	4.20
14	4.00
15	3.80

Place	Mult.
16	3.60
17	2.00
18	1.96
19	1.92
20	1.88
21	1.84
22	1.80

Place	Mult.
23	1.76
24	1.72
25	1.68
26	1.64
27	1.60
28	1.56
29	1.52

Place	Mult.
30	1.48
31	1.44
32	1.40

#### Repechage points key

## Position Multipliers (for competitions with repechage from the last 32)

We have used a different multiplier as follows:

Place	Mult.
1	20.00
2	17.00
3=	14.00
5	11.00
6	10.00
7	9.00
8	8.00

Place	Mult.
9	5.80
10	5.60
11	5.40
12	5.20
13	4.20
14	4.00
15	3.80

Place	Mult.
16	3.60
17	2.50
18	2.46
19	2.42
20	2.38
21	2.34
22	2.30

Place	Mult.
23	2.26
24	2.22
25	1.68
26	1.64
27	1.60
28	1.56
29	1.52

Place	Mult.
30	1.48
31	1.44
32	1.40

Note that there are steps in the position multiplier table at 3rd/5th, 8th/9th and 16th/17th rewarding the fencer who succeeds in winning more Direct Elimination (DE) fights.

### Examples

Q: Jane competed in the U11 competition at the weekend. It was shown in the calendar as an England Ranking Competition for the U12 rankings. She came 5th. There were 10 competitors but 1 had to abandon half way through. How many points will she get please?

A: Thanks for asking. Well done Jane!. This is an U11 competition so the **Age group multiplier** is 100. There were 10 or more competitors at the start so they all count. So the **Number factor** is 1.0. The competition was not the England Youth Championships so there is no **Additional factor**.

Jane came 5th so her **Position Multiplier**, reading off the table, is 11.00.

This gives a calculation of:  **$100 \times 1 \times 11.00 = 1,100$**  points.

Q: Jane's friend came 12th in her U12 competition . How many points does she get? Oh, by the way there was this funny system where her friend lost the first Direct Elimination but was not actually eliminated. She got to fence again and actually got through that one and ended up 12th. I think they called it Repechage or something like that. Glad they did it, or she would have gone home a lot earlier but not as happy. It was not part of the England Youth Championships.

A: Glad you enjoyed the day and that the organisers gave you so much fencing. That's great. The points calculation is basically the same as for Jane, but we need to take the Position multiplier from the Repechage table. So here goes. U12 competition, so the **Age group multiplier** is 200. The Number factor is 1.0 as there are clearly 10 or more competitors. There is no **Additional factor**.

Jane's friend came 12th and it was a competition with Repechage, so we need that table. This gives us a **Position Multiplier** of 5.2. If we had used the wrong table this would have been only 4.4.

So the end calculation is  **$200 \times 1 \times 5.2 = 1,040$**  points.

## Requirements for organisers of England Ranking Events for inclusion in the U14, U12 or U10 rankings

We want to make it easy to compile the rankings and, most importantly, we want to provide the fencers and the referees with as much useful data for their fencing and refereeing biographies as possible.

In order to achieve this there are a few simple things that need to be done by the competition organisers in addition to any requirement for competitions set out by British Fencing from time to time:

- register your club and club admin in Ophardt (many clubs are already listed by admins are not allocated)
- put your competition in the events calendar in Ophardt at least 4 weeks before the event (with some leeway for January and February 2023 of course, due to timing of publication of the requirement)
- produce your results in FencingTime, Engarde or Ophardt, or another system which can produce XML files for the results.
- Enter at least the name, sex, club, handedness and date of birth for each fencer (1 January in the correct year will do, but correct birth dates are preferred)
- Enter the referees with their correct names for each poule and each DE round (it doesn't matter if they are qualified or not at this stage)
- provide XML files of the results to the relevant rankings coordinator within 24 hours of the competition end.

Organisers do **not** have to take entries via any particular system as far as England Fencing is concerned. That is a matter of choice. They do have to provide XML files, however, so running the competition manually or in Excel is not an option.

The email addresses to use are:

Epee: [epeerankings@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:epeerankings@englandfencing.org.uk)

Foil: [foilrankings@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:foilrankings@englandfencing.org.uk)

Sabre: [sabrerankings@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:sabrerankings@englandfencing.org.uk)

Please send the files through either on the day of the competition or within 24 hours so the rankings can be updated as quickly and smoothly as possible.

In this transition year we expect mistakes will be made and we will all learn in the process. In future years we hope the procedures will become better embedded and less help will be required. Help will still be available of course as England Fencing is there to help not hinder.

## England Ranking Events

For the remainder of the 22/23 season and for 23/24 and beyond the following types of events will be potentially eligible for inclusion in the U12 and U10 rankings:

Events currently expected to be in the England Ranking Events Calendar

- 1) All weapons:

- a) England Youth Championships
  - b) Leon Paul Junior Series competitions
  - c) The Youth Series events
  - d) The Northern Youth Challenge
  - e) Open youth competitions for the relevant ages which have successfully applied for inclusion into the ranking scheme (Conditions apply. Submissions to Head of Representative fencing Paul Davis <paul.davis@englandfencing.org.uk>)
- 2) Foil only:
- a) Newham Swords Junior Challenge Series events
- 3) Epee only:
- a) Elite Epee open competitions;
  - b) Cocks Moors Wood Epee
- 4) Sabre only:
- a) for Sabre: Stratford Sabre
  - b) Paul Davis Fencing Academy Sabre competitions

Results from international competitions are NOT included in the England Fencing rankings as these are for development purposes only.

## Help for organisers

Help will of course be provided to all the clubs and organisers in setting up competitions in the calendar and any other aspects related to the rankings and the calendar. Many of the competitions are already there as they were run in 2022 so just need to be rolled over and the correct competition dates input. Then further details such as links to the entry platform, timetable and the like can be added.

If help is required in purchasing licences for the competition software, England Fencing will very possibly help with that – especially for small and new competition organisers.

Please send any questions or feedback on the U10 and U12 rankings to [Peter Howes](#)

# Selections

There are NO England selections based on the U10 or U12 England Fencing rankings.

## Links

Link to England Fencing ranking lists: <http://englandfencing.co.uk/rankings/>

Questions specific to the ranking lists should be directed to the ranking co-ordinators:

Foil – [foilrankings@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:foilrankings@englandfencing.org.uk)

Epee – Rodney Francis ([rodneymfrancis@hhl.me.uk](mailto:rodneymfrancis@hhl.me.uk)) AND to [epeerankings@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:epeerankings@englandfencing.org.uk)

Sabre – [sabrerrankings@englandfencing.org.uk](mailto:sabrerrankings@englandfencing.org.uk)

## Further changes planned for 2023/24

For the season 2023/24 further changes are planned, including:

- requirement to have qualified referees or trainee referees with a qualified mentor throughout, This will encourage the training of referees. Funding may well be available for the mentor to attend as well as organisational help with this.
- feedback questionnaire to allow for continuous improvements

It was felt that this would be too much to ask at short notice for the start of 2023 but that it would be useful to flag these up in advance so organisers could prepare.

## Rankings links

### Individual U14 rankings

The individual rankings will be available at:

[England Rankings ALL WEAPONS](#)

Please note that, as we transition to using Ophardt fully and clubs and coordinators match the fencers to the clubs, the foil and epee rankings will not necessarily show the clubs for the fencers.

You will see from the sabre rankings that this does get done – compare with previous seasons to see the difference using the date box at the top left as shown in the picture below.



Why is there a Union Jack and not the England Flag? This is because England comes under GBR for FIE purposes. It is neither a slight on England nor an appropriation of the Union Jack.

On the public rankings page you will see it in more context and with the England Fencing logo as shown below.



## Club rankings

We will be producing club rankings at U10, U12 and U14 based on the results achieved by club members in the relevant season.