



Northern Ireland Junior Foil Series 2012

It is our intention to run the Junior Series from September to June 2012 with the next series starting again in September 2012. The Junior Series Co-ordinator is David White and can be contacted by email – david.white@nifencing.com.

We would like to invite Clubs in Northern Ireland to apply to host a Junior Series Event. The criteria which a club should meet are as follows;

1. Should have enough equipment to provide 6 Pistes
2. Should be able to supply two referees
3. Should be able to supply volunteers to help with setup/takedown and registration

In return you will receive £6 per entry to cover hall hire costs and/or as a valuable supplement to club funds. If we are oversubscribed then there will be a lottery style draw to determine the host clubs.

The following is a summary of the main changes to the format and structure of the Junior Series;

1. September to June 2012 will consist of four competitions
 - a. 10th December 2011
 - b. 21st January 2012
 - c. 25th February 2012
 - d. 31st March 2012
 - e. 28th April 2012
2. February competition will comprise the BYC Qualifiers (all weapons) and will include Under 16 and Under 18 Age Groups *
3. www.nifencing.com will be central information point
4. Entry Fees fixed at £10
 - a. £2 to NIF for administration
 - b. £2 for NIJFS Fund to be used for Prizes, Courses etc
 - c. £6 to Host Club
5. Age Groups
 - a. Under 10 Mixed – Size 0 Blade
 - b. Under 12 Male and Female – Max Size 3 Blade
 - c. Under 14 Male and Female – Max Size 3 Blade

6. Poules
 - a. U12, U14 one round, fights to 5 hits, time limit 3 minutes
 - b. U10 one round, fights to 5 hits, time limit 2 minutes
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 - a. U14 Fights to 15 hits, 3 periods of 3 minutes with gaps of 1 minute
 - b. U12, U10 Fights to 10 hits, 3 periods of 2 minutes with gaps of 1 minute
8. Pistes may be the shorter length of 12m
9. Breeches MUST be worn.
10. New Points System(as outlined below)

New points scoring system:

Place	Points
1	22
2	18
3	15
3	15
5	13
6	12
7	11
8	10
9	9
10	8
11	7
12	6
13	5
14	4
15	3
16	2
17	1
18	1
etc	all subsequent placings 1 point

Change of points system to give greater reward for top 4 places. 1st and 2nd separated by 4 points, 2nd and 3rd separated by 3 points, 3rd and 5th separated by 2 points. Points for places 5 to 16 reduce by 1 point per place down to 2 points for 16th. All places 17th and lower get 1 point each.

The best 4 results from the 5 rounds contribute to final rankings.

In the event of a points tie in the final rankings the tied fencers (2 or more) will be separated as follows.

Tied fencers will be ordered according to the number of 1st place finishes from all 5 rounds.

If this fails to separate the tie, they will be ordered according to the number of 2nd place finishes from all 5 rounds.

If this fails to separate the tie, they will be ordered according to the number of 3rd place finishes from all 5 rounds.

And so on until the tied place is decided.

** The BYC Qualifiers are run under the direction of British Fencing and are subject to additional requirements which will differ from the format and structure outlined above. They also attract additional costs which require a higher entry fee and additional costs for those who qualify. They are also an annual event and will be included as part of the Junior Series until further notice.

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On Behalf of NI Fencing Ltd