



## **RSEQ GMAA Fencing Handbook**

### **Section 1: Sports Committee**

The Fencing Sports Committee shall consist of the chairperson of the above sport and all the coaches for that season of the above sport.

### **Section 2: Team Entry and Classification**

2.1) All official team entries must be submitted on S1 by the deadline

2.2) Classification: Boys or Girls-Bantam, Cadet, or Juvenile

2.3) This is an individual sport; schools do not have to enter a complete team.

### **Section 3: Player Registration & Eligibility**

3.1) Player Registration is due on S1 prior to the deadline.

### **Section 4: Uniform**

Participants fencing in the competition must have the following equipment: an epee fencing mask, a fencing jacket, a glove in good condition (no holes), an under-arm protector, 1 body cord, fencing pants OR full-length sweatpants, and tennis shoes. Please note: shorts, Lycra tights, leggings or running tights will NOT be allowed.

Masks will be checked for safety.

### **Section 5: Starting Time**

The start time and coaches meeting information will be sent out prior to the tournaments.

### **Section 6: Governing Rules & Rule Modifications**

6.1) Fencing Canada Rulebook shall be used.

6.2) No competitor shall be permitted to compete in any tournament unless accompanied by a staff member from that school. Penalty is disqualification from tournament.  
(see Rule VI, Section 4 of General Governing Rules for clarification)

6.3) Scoring:

Electronic scoring equipment will be provided by the Federation, and all bouts will follow a format of three 3-minute periods or end when a fencer reaches 15 points, whichever comes first. Certified officials will be hired to oversee the event, and scoring will be based on individual results only, with no team scoring included.

### **Section 7: Round Robin**

7.1) The RSEQ GMAA will schedule the round robin portion of the tournament.

7.2) Substitution: Substitutions are permitted during the round robin segment of the tournaments. No substitution will be permitted during the medal round.

### **Section 8: Playoffs & Awards**

8.1) Seeding for Playoff Round: The tournament coordinators will determine the seeding positions for the playoff rounds.

8.2) Breaking of ties to advance: The following criteria will be used to break ties:

a) 2-way ties: will be broken based on the head-to-head results

b) 3-way ties:

- i. Total bouts lost during the entire round robin.
- ii. Total bouts won during the entire round robin.
- iii. Total bouts won vs. the top team in the section
- iv. Total bouts lost vs. the low team in the section

Once someone has been removed (being declared 1st or 3rd), the remaining 2-way tie will be broken based on their head-to-head results.

8.3) The draw will be set by the coordinator ensuring that players from the same section or the same school do not meet in the first round. It is possible that players from the same school or section could meet in the second round.

8.5) Individual Awards:

Medals (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Section 9: Discipline**

9.1) Coaches are responsible for teaching the rules and proper fencing etiquette to their players. Players are expected to abide by these rules during the Tournaments. Failure to do so could result in the player being disqualified from the Tournament. In the case of an infraction, the player shall be given one warning, should the infraction continue, the player shall be disqualified.

9.2) International Federation (FIE) rules concerning the coaching of players during matches will be followed.

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