



INVITATION to the EFC MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Colleagues,

Cordial greetings from Manchester in the United Kingdom. We have great pleasure in inviting you to the Manchester Cadet International Foil Championships to be held on October 3rd and 4th, 2015.

The tournament was founded six years ago by Salle Kiss Fencing Club and is part of the European Cadet Circuit run by the European Fencing Confederation (EFC). It is also a nominated ranking event on British Cadet Circuit.

The Manchester Cadet will be the second foil competition of the EFC's 2015 season. The Manchester Cadet International provides an excellent opportunity for cadet fencers to take part in an outstanding competition. The early date will allow young fencers to gain an understanding of the high standards of cadet fencing in a supportive atmosphere. We are offering men's and women's foil individual events on separate days as well as team events.

Venue

The venue is Philips High School, Higher lane, Whitefield, Manchester M45 7PH. The location has excellent road and rail links, being a few hundred metres from the M60 and only half a mile from Whitefield Metrolink station, which is on a direct line from both Manchester Airport and Manchester city centre.

Accommodation and travel to the venue

We can help with booking accommodation, and are offering a shuttle service from the airport to selected local hotels and from hotels to the venue. Please send us your provisional itinerary and we will supply you with likely costs.



Relevant competition information

Age Category

Cadet boys and girls according to EFC rules.

Program

Friday, 2nd October, 2015

Registration and payment of entry fees (no weapon check)	19:00-21:30
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Saturday, 3rd October, 2015

Last check in for men's individual foil	09:00
Last check in for women's team foil	10:30
One round of pools and direct elimination to the final (individual)	09:30-20:30
Team event with direct elimination to the finals	11:00-20:30

Sunday, 4th October, 2015

Last check in for women's individual foil	09:00
Last check in for men's team foil	09:30
One round of pools and direct elimination to the final (individual)	09:30-20:30
Team event with direct elimination to the finals	10:00-20:30

Organisation

The competition is organised by Salle Kiss Fencing Club and its volunteers, together with British Fencing. The organisers will be accountable for only those activities for which they are responsible.

Competition Format

Individual Events

- One rounds of pools with 6-7 fencers, with a cut of about 20%
- Direct elimination without repêchage to the finals, without fence-off for 3rd place
- Trophy for the top 4, medals for 5th to 8th place

Team Events

The actual format will be depend on the number of teams competing. It will be one of the following:

- Poules of 3, eliminating one third, then direct elimination to the final with a fence off for third place
- Poules of 4, eliminating one half then direct elimination to the final with a fence off for third place
- Direct elimination without a seeding round to the final with a fence off for third place

Note that it will be possible to enter the team events on the day.

EFC regulations will apply throughout the competition

Entries for non UK Fencers

The competition is open to fencers from all countries.

Entry fee for the individual events: €20 per fencer to be paid at registration or check in.

Entry fee for the team events: €40 per team to be paid at registration or check in.

All entries must be made through the fencer's national federation via the EFC website before September 14th 2015. As per the 2014 EFC regulations, not more than 20 entries per country can be accepted apart from the host nation where a maximum of 64 is allowed.

Equipment

Equipment should be to FIE (CEN 2) standards, these are:

- 800 Newton jacket and breeches
- 800 Newton plastron
- 1600 Newton mask with a conductive bib
- FIE homologated blade

The FIE regulation for masks with two independent security devices, which came into force on the 1st September 2014, will be enforced at the Manchester Cadet. This regulation only relates to the Leon Paul Contour Masks. These can be upgraded to conform to the new rule by purchasing a new bib and strap.

Fencers whose equipment does not meet these standards will not be allowed to fence.

Printing of the fencer's name on the back of the jacket is not required.

A shop selling Allstar-Uhlmann UK Equipment will be at the tournament.

Referees

Each participating country must supply at its own expense the number of qualified referees indicated in the table below:

Number of Entries	Number of Referees
1-4	0
5-9	1
10-15	2
16-20	3

Failure to comply with this rule will result in a €500 fee for each referee short of the required number. **Please note: All referees must be entered the same way as fencers, i.e. through the EFC web site.**

This fee must be paid before any fencers from the offending country will be allowed to compete.

Please feel free to contact us with any request.

Yours sincerely,



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