



SOUTH AFRICAN AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION

APPENDIX 1 – U11 events

The following was discussed and agreed upon by the council via email correspondence during the week following the AGM.

U11 events to be reintroduced at Junior Nationals. The event will be open to both male and female fencers. The event will only take place if there are sufficient fencers from two provinces entered to justify an event (i.e. minimum 4 fencers). If there are insufficient fencers for a separate U11 event, the fencers will be allowed to compete in the U13 event ONLY.

In addition, the following conditions must be met:

- i. The fencer must be 8 years or older.
- ii. There must be a minimum amount of training that a young fencer must have undergone before being allowed to compete. This is to prevent a child who started fencing a month prior to the junior nationals being allowed to compete.
- iii. The child must be accompanied at the piste by their coach or another adult who is an experienced fencer and is known to the child. The accompanying adult's role will be to get the child hooked up to the scoring system and also deal with any problems that may arise.
- iv. The referee must be given the authority to stop the bout if he or she believes continuing the bout will endanger one or both of the children.

If there only four fencers, the top two must fence for gold and silver. No bronze medals to be awarded unless there is DE (i.e. there was 8 or more fencers).

Bout time for the U11 will be two minutes and up to four points (UK system). The use of foil bibs will be waived for the U11 events. In the situation that there is no separate U11 foil event and the fencers want to compete in the U13 foil event, the fencers must use a bib.

The use of smaller sized blades for U11/13 will not be implemented for Junior National 2014.

Junior Nationals is the ONLY competition where the federation will allow participation of fencer under twelve years of age (excluding provincial/school events).