

Fencing New Zealand Selection Policy 2026

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Introduction:

1.1 Purpose

The Fencing New Zealand Selection Policy outlines the process for national selection and representation across all age groups and competitions, including both individual athletes and New Zealand teams where applicable.

This policy exists alongside Fencing New Zealand's wider strategy to grow the sport through both participation and high-performance outcomes. While this document defines eligibility and criteria for selection, athlete development pathways are addressed separately under the FeNZ Development Plan.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that the strongest possible teams and individuals are selected for international competition, based on a transparent and equitable system that supports both long-term development and competitive success.

1.2 Living Policy and Review

This policy is intended to be a living document that reflects the evolving High Performance and Development goals of Fencing New Zealand. It will be reviewed every two (2) years by a body appointed by the FeNZ Board (or earlier if required) to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the fencing community.

This review will consider how the policy has functioned in practice, and whether any trends have emerged that require adjustment. In such cases, the introduction of a minimum international experience requirement may be considered as part of the revised policy framework.

The intention is to build trust in a clear, accessible system that can evolve responsibly as the sport grows and matures.

2. Nomination Timeframes:

Nominations for competitions will be opened by Fencing New Zealand five (5) months before that event's start time when the location and dates are known, or - where final dates/locations are not known - no later than 4 months before each event's earliest expected start time. Exemption requests, other than ranking update exemptions, need to be lodged with the Fencing New Zealand Selection Commission at this time.

Nominations for a competition will close two (2) weeks after the date the nominations period opened.

The Selection Commission will decide on and notify the fencers selected for the competition no later than two (2) weeks after the close of nominations. Appeals of selection decisions must be lodged no later than one (1) week after notification of selection decisions. A response to Appeals will be made within one week of the Appeal being lodged.

Further information about the required Appeals process can be found in the Exemptions and Appeals section.

3. Selection Criteria:

For events where there is a requirement to have attended a specific competition, that competition should have been attended in the 12 months prior to the opening of nominations. However, where a New Zealand based qualifying competition is being held after nominations open and before the event being nominated for is held, nominees can still meet the qualifying requirement and be selected by agreeing to compete in that qualifying event.

Ranking points used for selection will be from the 12 months prior to the close of nominations. The Selection Commission will liaise with those responsible for updating the Fencing New Zealand Rankings to ensure that rankings used for selection are up to date for the 12 month period.

4. Eligibility:

Fencers will only be considered eligible for selection if they meet the required National eligibility criteria for the event they are nominating for.

In the case of FIE, Commonwealth or Oceania events (in the case of Oceania competitions, this only applies to team events), this requires New Zealand Citizenship. Fencers must also meet Fencing New Zealand's Minimum Age Policy.

Fencers who are not eligible to represent New Zealand internationally but are on the Fencing New Zealand rankings are not counted as having a ranking number, that number would then pass to the next highest ranked New Zealand eligible fencer.

5. Selection Caps:

Selection Thresholds for New Zealand representation at International events is decided by a "Soft Cap" and a "Hard Cap" based off the Fencing New Zealand Rankings.

5.1 Soft Cap:

The "Soft Cap" allows for selection of fencers ranked within 2x the maximum number of fencers allowed to be entered into this event. E.g. FIE Open World Championships allows 4 entrants in Women's Sabre, the "Soft Cap" for this event is the top 8 ranked New Zealand eligible Women's Sabreurs.

In addition to this, for fencers residing within New Zealand to be "Soft Cap" eligible for Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championship and World Championship events, they must have:

1. Competed in a competition outside of New Zealand and achieved one or more of the following results in the past 24 months:

- a. Top 50% finish in Australian National Championships or National Circuit competition for their age group or above.
- b. Top 75% finish in another country's National Championship or National Circuit competition for their age group or above.
- c. Made the DE round at an FIE event for their age group or above.

5.2 Hard Cap:

The "Hard Cap" allows for selection of fencers ranked within 5x the maximum number of fencers allowed to be entered into this event if at least one fencer from the "Soft Cap" selection range would be selected. E.g. FIE Open World Championships allows 4 entrants in Men's Epee, the "Soft Cap" for this event is the top 8 ranked New Zealand eligible Men's Epeeists and if one or more top 8 ranked New Zealand eligible Men's Epeeist would be selected for this event then fencers ranked in the top 20 may be selected up to the maximum allowed entry places.

6. Selection Process

The process for Selection for an event with a maximum allowed entry number is as follows:

Selection Steps

1. Identify Soft Cap Candidates

- Identify all nominated fencers who fall within the **Soft Cap ranking range** (e.g., top 8).
- From this group, **identify which of them have met the minimum criteria.**

2. Select from Soft Cap

- Choose the top-ranked fencers (up to the team size) **from the Soft Cap group who have met the minimum competition criteria.**
- If this group provides a **full team**, selection is complete.

3. Fill from Hard Cap if Needed

- If the team is **not yet full**, select additional fencers from the **Hard Cap range** (e.g., top 20), until the team is complete.
- This Hard Cap pool **includes** any Soft Cap fencers who were not selected due to not meeting criteria.

For Example

- **Senior World Championships: Team Size Required:** 4
- **Soft Cap:** Top 8 ranked fencers
- **Hard Cap:** Top 20 ranked fencers
- **Nominated Fencers:** #1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 20, 21
- **Fencers who met minimum competition criteria:** #1, 2, 4, 10
(Note: Fencer #2 did not nominate and is therefore ineligible)

Step-by-step:

1. **Soft Cap Fencers (Top 8):** #1, 3, 4
2. **Soft Cap + Criteria Met:** #1 and #4
→ These two are selected first.
3. **Hard Cap Fencers (Top 20):** #3, 9, 10, 20
(Note: Fencer #3 is considered here again as they didn't meet minimum competition criteria in Step 2)
→ Choose the next two highest-ranked among these: #3 and #9

Final Selected Team: #1, 3, 4, 9



Youth (Under 15's):

Australian Under 15 Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Under 15 Championships. Alternatively, participation in an older age group Regional or National Championship in the fencer's country of residence.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.



Cadets (Under 17's):

Australian Cadet Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Cadet Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Oceania Zonal Cadet Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Cadet Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event..
 - If the Oceania Championships are held in New Zealand, no selection criteria apply to Individual events.
 - The fencer must be a New Zealand Citizen in accordance with Oceania Fencing Confederation policy.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Commonwealth Cadet Championships

- Individual

- Participation in the New Zealand Cadet Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
- A maximum of 5 fencers can be selected per event.
- The 5 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Cadet ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 10
 - Hard Cap 25
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Asian Zonal Cadet Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Cadet Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 4 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Cadet ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

FIE Cadet World Cups

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Cadet Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National

Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.

- A maximum of 12 fencers can be selected per event.
- The 12 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Cadet ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 24
 - Hard Cap 60
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the top 4 ranked fencers from the New Zealand Cadet Rankings selected for that event going into the competition, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

World Cadet Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Cadet Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 4 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Cadet ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Secondary Schools:

- There are no current international events in the Secondary School category that require selection. If this changes in the future then this section will be amended to provide selection guidelines in line with the Junior age group requirements.



Juniors (Under 20's):

Australian Junior Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Oceania Zonal Junior Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - If the Oceania Championships are held in New Zealand, no selection criteria apply to Individual events.
 - The fencer must be a New Zealand Citizen in accordance with Oceania Fencing Confederation policy.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Commonwealth Junior Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior Championships.

- Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 5 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 5 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Junior ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 10
 - Hard Cap 25
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Asian Zonal Junior Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 4 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Junior ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

FIE Junior World Cups

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 12 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 12 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Junior ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:

- Hard Cap 60
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the top 4 ranked fencers from the New Zealand Junior Rankings selected for that event going into the competition, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

World Junior Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 4 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Junior ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

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Open:

Australian National Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Open Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Oceania Zonal Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Open Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - If the Oceania Championships are held in New Zealand, no selection criteria apply to Individual events.
 - The fencer must be a New Zealand Citizen in accordance with Oceania Fencing Confederation policy.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
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Commonwealth Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Open Championships.

- Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 5 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 5 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Open ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 10
 - Hard Cap 25
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Asian Zonal Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Open Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 4 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Open ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

FIE World Cups/Satellites

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Open Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 12 fencers can be selected per event.

- The 12 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Open ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Hard Cap 60
- Teams (For Competitions including Team World Cup events)
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the top 4 ranked fencers from the New Zealand Open Rankings selected for that event going into the competition, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

World Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Open Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - The 4 nominating fencers with the highest Fencing New Zealand Open ranking in each event will be selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
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Veterans (Variable but including 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+ age categories):

Australian National Veteran Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Veteran Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Veteran/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Oceania Zonal Veteran Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Veteran Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Cadet/Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - If the Oceania Championships are held in New Zealand, no selection criteria apply to Individual events.
 - The fencer must be a New Zealand Citizen in accordance with Oceania Fencing Confederation policy.
- Teams
 - Teams will be selected from the fencers who finish with the highest placement in the individual event and are available to fence in the teams event. Team match order is decided at the discretion of the team coach or captain, not by individual event placement order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Commonwealth Veteran Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Veteran Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Veteran/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

Asian Veteran Zonal Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Veteran Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Veteran/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - Selection will be based on the Fencing New Zealand combined Veteran Ranking List, with the four highest-ranked nominating fencers within each age category and weapon selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.

World Veteran Championships

- Individual
 - Participation in the New Zealand Veteran Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National

Veteran/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.

- A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
- Selection will be based on the Fencing New Zealand combined Veteran Ranking List, with the four highest-ranked nominating fencers within each age category and weapon selected, with selection caps set at:
 - Soft Cap 8
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager. If no team coach/manager is appointed, the team captain decides the team order.
 - Where there are not enough fencers selected for an event to make up a team but other New Zealand fencers have been selected for other events at that competition, Fencing New Zealand may choose to enter a team with one or more of those fencers filling in, if the fencer from another event is willing to fill in.



Pinnacle Events:

World University Games:

- Individual
 - Fencers must meet all FISU Eligibility Guidelines
 - Participation in the New Zealand Junior or Open Championships.
 - Where a fencer resides overseas and cannot attend New Zealand competitions, participation in their country of residence's National Junior/Open Championship or equivalent level National circuit event.
 - A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event.
 - Selection goes to the 4 highest ranked fencers on the FIE rankings with greater than 0.000 points
 - If fewer than four eligible fencers hold FIE ranking points, any remaining spots will be filled by the highest-ranked nominating fencers on the Fencing New Zealand Open Rankings in each event with selection caps set at:
 - Hard Cap 20
- Teams
 - Teams for each event will be made up of the fencers selected for that event, with team order decided by the appointed team coach/manager.

Youth Olympics

- Individual
 - Meets all the requirements of the FIE, IOC and New Zealand Olympic Committee and the New Zealand Olympic Committee approved FENZ Selection Policy for the specific Olympic Event.
 - In the case of multiple fencers in the same event meeting the above criteria for selection, selection will be based off the fencer with the higher seeding on the National Cadet Ranking for that event.

Olympics and Olympic Qualifier

- Individual - Direct Qualification
 - Meets all the requirements of the FIE, IOC and New Zealand Olympic Committee and the New Zealand Olympic Committee approved FENZ Selection Policy for the specific Olympic Event.
- Individual – Zonal Qualifying Competition
 - Has completed all required processes from the New Zealand Olympic Committee
 - Selection will go to the fencer with the highest FIE ranking, with FIE points being greater than 0.000
 - In the case of multiple fencers in the same event meeting the above criteria for selection, selection will be based on the fencer with the highest ranking on the National Open Ranking for that event.
- Team

- Has completed all required processes from the New Zealand Olympic Committee.
- Meets the current IOC, FIE, and NZOC requirements for Olympic qualification.
- A maximum of 4 fencers can be selected per event, with the 3 highest ranked fencers on the FIE rankings designated to take part in the individual event.



Exemptions and Appeals:

Medical

- Where a fencer is injured and unable to compete in a required event for selection such as their respective age group National Championship, they may provide evidence that they have competed in an equivalent National level competition either in New Zealand or another country.
- If an injury has occurred that is serious enough to prevent competing at all for a period extending longer than 6 months before selection for an event is made, that fencer must:
 1. Provide a doctors certification that they are cleared to resume competing.
 2. Compete in an event that earns Fencing New Zealand ranking points within 4 months of the deadline for Selection.

Residing Internationally

- If a fencer resides internationally (outside New Zealand) and is:
 1. Unable to compete in required National level events in their country of residence due to nationality restrictions,
 2. Unable to have National Championships/Competitions in their country of residence included in the Fencing New Zealand Rankings,
 3. Unable to compete in either New Zealand or any other country's National Championships to achieve the required participation for selection,
- That fencer may apply for an exemption for selection, where the selectors will consider the comparative strength of events that fencer has competed in before deciding on whether or not that fencer is selected.

Ranking System not updating

- If the Fencing New Zealand ranking system has not updated before the close of the nomination period and/or a fencer believes that a competition they have competed in during that time would affect their ranking:
 1. The fencer may lodge an appeal to the selectors in which they provide evidence of the full competition results for that event.
 2. The selectors will then review the impact that this would have on the rankings, then make selections accordingly.
- Competitions that occur either before or after the 12 month window before the nomination period for a competition will not be considered (unless in the circumstances covered in the medical exemptions section).

Examinations

- If a fencer has a School, University or other education institutions examination within 5 days of a required National event, that fencer may apply for an exemption from that National event, provided they include details in the nomination form for the International event before the close of the nomination period. The fencer will also be required to participate in a replacement National Championship or National Circuit event.

Other Extenuating Circumstances

- If a fencer believes that they have been affected by some other extenuating circumstance which is not covered within this selection policy, they may provide details in the nomination form for that event before the close of the nomination period.

Appeal Process

- If a fencer wishes to appeal a selection decision made by Fencing New Zealand then they are required to follow this three step procedure:
 1. Notify Fencing New Zealand of their appeal of a selection decision and reasons supporting it, via email complaintsreceiptofficer@fencing.org.nz, allowing the FENZ disputes panel (Established in accordance with FENZ's Disputes Policy) to review decisions made and correct if necessary.
 2. If a fencer wishes to appeal a decision of the FENZ Complaints and Disputes Committee following step (1), the appellant will be given the option to mediation or to proceed to step (3).
 3. If, after step (1) and then (2) have been completed a fencer still wishes to appeal a selection decision, the appeal proceeds to Sport New Zealand's Sports Disputes Process for independent resolution.
- Note that appeals must be made in the timeframes outlined in the Introduction section of this Selection Policy (Section 2).