



# Youth & Cadet State Team Guidelines

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## 1. Introduction

FencingWA has implemented Youth and Cadet State Team Guidelines to assist the FencingWA community with the FWA Youth and Cadet State Team information.

## 2. Definitions

- **Australian Fencing Federation (AFF)** – Australian Fencing Federation is the governing body of the sport of Fencing within Australia.
- **Board** – The FencingWA Board of Directors.
- **Fencing Western Australia (FencingWA/FWA)** – FencingWA is the governing body of the sport of Fencing within Western Australia.
- **International Fencing Federation (FIE)** – is the world governing body of fencing.
- **Member** – an individual, affiliated club, coach or referee who is a member of an FWA affiliated club.
- **State Team** refers to the FWA Youth and Cadet State Team
- **Youth and Cadet State Training** – State training is a designated training by FencingWA for all potential state team members.
- **Youth and Cadet State Team** – A team of athletes, coaches, and management representing Fencing WA at the Australian Youth and Cadet Championships

## 3. Event

Australian Youth and Cadet Championships  
NSW State Fencing Centre  
Building 2, 190 Bourke Rd, Alexandria, 2015  
Sydney, New South Wales

## 4. Dates

- 7 July 2023 – 11 July 2023

Australian Youth and Cadet Championships Age Groups

- Cadet fencers aged 16 on the 31 December, the year before, are eligible to compete
- Minimum age:
  - For Cadet (U/17) events, fencers must be at least 12 years old on 1 January, the year of competition.
  - For U/15 events, fencers must be at least ten years old on 1 January, the year of competition.

## 5. Youth and Cadet State Team Flights, Ground Travel, Accommodation and Food

### 5.1. Air flights

Team Manager

- FencingWA will book the Team Manager's flight and release the flight details to all state team members.

Coaches

- All coaches must book their flights to the event.

Athletes

- All athletes must book their flights to the event.

If athletes are not travelling with a parent or guardian, are expected to be on the same flights as the manager as no additional airport pick-ups/drop-offs will be planned. However, if fencers need to catch a different flight, parents should note that an adult may not accompany them to and from the airport.

## **5.2. Ground Travel**

- All individuals are responsible for their ground travel.
- The accommodation and event are accessible by train from the airport.
- The FWA's accommodation will be within walking distance to the event venue.

## **5.3. Accommodation**

The manager's and coaches' accommodation will be booked by Fencing WA. The manager's and coaches' accommodation will be selected nearby the event, supermarkets, and restaurants.

FencingWA will release the accommodation to the state team members and encourage all state team members to book the same accommodation as the manager and coaches.

### **Arrival at accommodation**

- The State Team manager will arrive at the accommodation the day before the event commences.
- Coaches need to arrive before the first event they are coaching at.
- Athletes are required to arrive at least one day before their first event.

Please make sure you allow for delays and getting from the airport.

## **5.4. Food**

Fencers are required to organise their food. If a state team member is travelling without parents/ guardians, the team manager will assist the athletes in purchasing breakfast for the room.

Lunch options are available at the fencing venue and other meals may be/can be eaten at local restaurants.

All lunches and dinners can also be prepared at the accommodation.

## 6. Youth and Cadet FencingWA State Team Estimated Costs

<b>AFF Event Registration</b>	\$130 per event Where fencers compete in three weapons in the same age group, 3rd weapon is \$80
<b>State Team Levy</b>	\$250 \$50 paid at the time of registration \$200 paid at the time of entering the event online
<b>Accommodation</b>	Individual responsibility
<b>Air flights</b>	Individual responsibility
<b>Food</b>	Individual responsibility
<b>Ground Travel</b>	Individual responsibility
<b>State Team Tracksuit</b>	\$100.00 State team tracksuits are compulsory and ordered through FWA.
<b>State Team Polo Shirt</b>	\$35.00 The polo shirt is not compulsory and can be ordered through FWA.
<b>Black and Gold Sock</b>	Richmond Football Sock (1 required) Individual responsibility to purchase.

## **7. State Team Levy**

All athletes will be charged a state team levy. This levy assists with covering the costs incurred by the State Team Coaches and Team Manager attending the event. These roles are voluntary and the levy contributes to the managers and coaches flights, accommodation and travel.

## **8. Youth and Cadet State Training Camp and Training Sessions**

FencingWA are hosting a Youth and Cadet Training Camp and two training sessions in the lead up to the Australian Championships.

### **Youth and Cadet Training Camp**

Date: 7th of May 2023

### **Youth and Cadet State Squad Training Session 1**

Date: 28th of May 2023

### **Youth and Cadet State Squad Training Session 2**

Date: 18th of June 2023

FencingWA strongly encourages all athletes participating in the Youth and Cadet Australian Championships to attend the Training Camp and Training Sessions. Further details about the camp and training sessions will be released shortly.

## **9. FWA State Team Process - Athletes**

- Complete the online registration on FWA Register Now.
- FencingWA will check the applications and ensure that all members meet the eligibility criteria.
- Attend a Youth and Cadet State Team Information Meeting.
- Team members register and pay for the event and the remainder of the FWA levy on the AFF Register Now link. The AFF Register Now opens 6 weeks prior to the event commencing.
- **Registrations will open on 20 February 2023 and close on 19 April 2023.**
- Fencers will be required to;
  - Complete the registration.
  - Pay the \$50 levy deposit.
  - Order and pay for the uniform (if required)
  - Complete the following forms.
    - Medical Form
    - Emergency Form
- All participants will need to agree to follow the:
  - FWA and Athlete Code of Conduct
  - Social Media Agreement
  - State Team Policy and Guidelines

## **10. FWA State Team Process – Manager and Coaches**

- FencingWA will call for Expression of Interest via the member's newsletter, social media and club email.
- **Expression of Interest forms will open on 20 February 2023 and close on 15 March 2023.**
- Fill in the Expression of Interest Form by the due date.
- FencingWA will check the nominees meet the eligibility and criteria.
- The FWA Board selects managers and coaches. The size of the coaching team will be as per FencingWA Board's discretion.
- Announcement of manager and coaches.

## **11. Youth and Cadet Event Registration Process – AFF**

- Fencers will be required to register for their events via the AFF Register Now, located on the AFF website.
- Fencers will need to pay:
  - The event entry
  - The final payment of the FWA levy of \$200.

## **12. Announcement of Youth and Cadet State Team**

FencingWA shall announce the final team, following the closing of the AFF registration.

## **13. Uniforms**

- State team tracksuit
- State team sock
- State team polo shirt (Optional)

## 14. Fencing Equipment

It is a requirement of the event for all athletes to have International Fencing Federation (FIE) equipment. Information on equipment requirements can be found on the [AFF website](#).

All Youth and Cadet State Team fencers must have their own equipment for the event.

Parents and/or fencers should speak to their coach, to ensure they have the correct and sufficient equipment.

Equipment	Quantity Necessary
FIE Jacket 800 Newton	1
FIE Breeches 800 Newton	1
FIE Plastron 800 Newton	1
Chest protector (COMPULSORY for Females) (OPTIONAL for Males)	1
FIE Weapons (per discipline)	2 or more
Body wires (3 prong epee, 2 prong sabre/foil)	2 or more
FIE Mask 1600 Newton	1 per weapon
Lame (Foil/Sabre)	1 per weapon
White Knee-length socks	1 or more pairs
Glove – 800N for sabre	1 or more
Mask clip (foil/sabre)	2 or more
Repair kit (e.g., 6mm Allen key, jeweller's screwdriver, spare grub screws, springs etc)	Optional – but good idea.
Fencing bag	1

FencingWA recommends that each fencer complete a check of their equipment several weeks before the event.

Fellow fencers may be willing to lend you their equipment if you cannot get your own, but you should organise this well in advance.

## 15. Youth and Cadet State Team Meeting

All Youth and Cadet State Team members and parents are required to attend all Youth and Cadet State Team meetings as required by FWA and the team manager.



## **16. Withdrawing from a Team**

Any team member withdrawing from the Youth and Cadet State Team must notify the Operations and Communications Officer at [fencingwacomms.events@gmail.com](mailto:fencingwacomms.events@gmail.com) accompanied by a medical certificate (if applicable).

Withdrawing from the team may have Fencing WA financial implications, depending on the time of the withdrawal. The FencingWA Youth and Cadet State Team travel fees include, but not limited to, state team management levy, uniform and the Australia Fencing Federation Youth and Cadet Championships fees. Each individual is responsible for their travel insurance (optional), flights and accommodation.

## **17. Youth and Cadet State Team Manager Role and Responsibilities**

- Assist and attend FencingWA with meetings before and at the Australian Youth & Cadet Championships.
- Book personal flight.
- Liaise with parents and athletes with Australian Youth & Cadet Championship updates.
- Represent FencingWA at all management team meetings at the Australian Youth & Cadet Championships.
- Ongoing communication with all Youth and Cadet State Team coaches and athletes as required.
- Liaise with AFF and AFF DT at the event.
- Uniforms.

## **18. State Team Coaches Role and Responsibilities**

- As per the FWA Coaching Policy

## **19. FencingWA Administration Roles and Responsibilities**

- Order uniforms
- Book accommodation
- Assist and attend Youth and Cadet State Team meetings prior to the Australian Youth and Cadet Championships.
- Communication of information.
- Collection of travel forms.

## **20. Australian Youth & Cadet Championships Competition Schedule**

The competition schedule is currently on the [AFF website](#) but is subject to change at the AFF's discretion.

## 21. Communication

FencingWA will communicate information to the Youth & Cadet State Team members via email and the FencingWA newsletter.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the [Operations & Communications Officer](#) via email.

## 22. Code of Conduct

Athlete and Parent Code of Conduct

All team members are expected to conduct themselves appropriately whilst at the event venue, at the accommodation and at all other times whilst being a cadet state team member. All members must follow the FWA Code of Conduct.

## 23. Document Control

These guidelines will be reviewed every year or earlier if required by FencingWA. The review will ensure it reflects both the community expectations and all legal requirements.

## 24. Version History

Date	Version number	Executive Summary of changes
March 2022	1.0	New guidelines that documents all Youth and Cadet State Team information
February 2023	2.0	Updated to 2023 event details and new FWA Branding

## 25. Appendix & Relevant Policies and Procedures

- FencingWA Member Protection Policy
- FencingWA Child Safeguarding Policy
- FencingWA Working with Children Check Policy
- FencingWA Coaches Policy
- FencingWA Member Protection
- FencingWA Youth and Cadet State Team Policy