## South East Region Qualifier for National Sabre Competitions Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014

Dear Fencer.

These details and entry form are long because this has been found necessary for this event. Please do read on and bring this with you.

The entry form is at: www.surreyfencing.com/Entry Region BYC S.html

Entry fee £18 in advance (£20 if paid on the day), cheques payable Surrey County Fencing Union.

Qualifiers will be required to pay another £18 for the finals, whether you go or not (see here if querying this).

Please enter via the website and also print/post with the competitors name on the back of the cheque.

- 1. Venue: Eltham College, Eric Liddell Sports Centre, Mottingham Lane, SE9 4RU
- 2. Report Times: Check in closes at 10:00 for U16/U18 and 13:00 for U12/U14

U12 event - Born 2002 or 2003 only

U14 event - Born 2000 or 2001 only

U16 event - Born 1998 or 1999 only

U18 event - Born 1996 or 1997 only (please expect to referee!).

- 3. BFA\* Cards: It would be advisable to bring some proof of BFA membership with you (eg print of email). This will be essential if you are entering on the day but not necessary for early entries if valid. Please make sure you include your BFA number on your entry form and that your membership is up to date.
- 4. BYC\*Finals: A minimum of four fencers in each event qualify for the British Youth Championships finals. I recommend that you read the BYC finals rules. It is expected that these will be available via the BFA website. Byes are now managed directly by the finals organisers (enter directly to British fencing, not via this qualifier). The BYCs take place on the first bank holiday weekend in May.
- 5. If you need paper details for the BYC finals then please request them from the organiser of this event.
- 6. Referees: We rely on clubs bringing referees. If coaches are reserved for coaching / chaperoning then please bring additional referees. Unless enough referees from clubs can volunteer, you will be asked to referee each other. At organisers discretion referees may be offered refreshments and a contribution towards expenses.
- 7. Kit: Please note all events will be "electric". You must bring your kit in good working order and in a safe condition. The organiser reserves the right to refuse to allow a fencer to compete in kit they consider to be unsafe. Plastrons are mandatory. Breeches are mandatory for U16 & U18. Pockets must be closed.
- 8. Blade size 2 required for U12 and U14. Blade size 5 acceptable for U16 and U18. See above to translate year of birth to age group.
- 9. Disclaimer: All fencers are reminded that they compete at their own risk. The organisers will take all reasonable care, but do not accept liability for loss or injury, howsoever caused. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form. If you object to photography then consult the organiser.
- 10. Any changes or announcements will be posted at http://www.southeastregionfencing.org.uk/competitions.html
- 11. No food and no drink (except water) is allowed in the main hall. Store it in your bag and consume outside the main hall please. Please clean up as you go and before you leave.
- 12. Boxes (central judging apparatus): We do not require clubs to bring boxes to this event.
- 13. You may only enter one regions' qualifier for BYC events. Even if you live and fence in multiple regions then still only enter BYC events in one region.

I hope we will have a great day of fencing and that many South East fencers will qualify for the BYC Finals (see BFA Web site for details). Yours.

Ian de Whalley on behalf of Jon Milner Tim O'Conor (Webmaster) (Entries) (Event Organiser)

\*BFA=British Fencing Association. +BYC=British Youth Championships. SCFU=Surrey County Fencing Union.

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