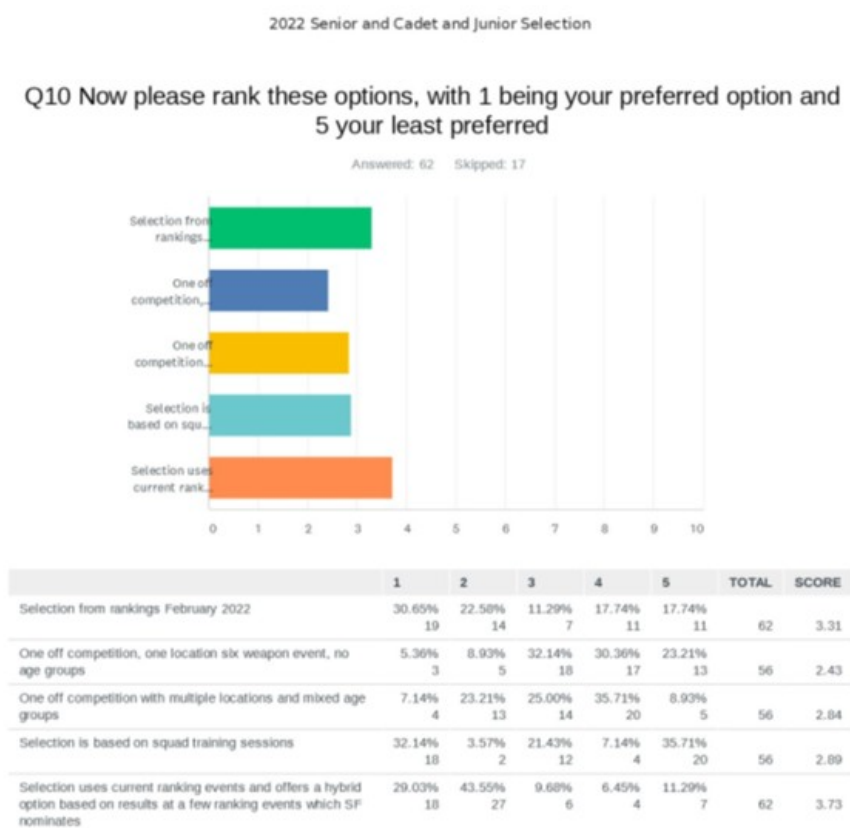


SCOTTISH FENCING SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2021-22 REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS

FAQs

1. **Why have these selection criteria been published?** The impact of COVID 19 on the fencing community has been significant and the ongoing nature of the pandemic creates uncertainties for the foreseeable future. With little fencing over the last 18 months it was agreed to review the selection procedure and prepare a selection approach that would fit with the current public health constraints and the state of the sport following a prolonged period with little training or competitions.
2. **How was the selection criteria agreed?** Scottish Fencing set out a range of options for selection in July 2021 and completed a survey of these in August. The results of that survey influenced the selection process and criteria. The selection criteria and process were agreed at the Scottish Fencing Board meeting in August 2021.
3. **What were the results of the survey?** The survey received over 60 responses and provided good qualitative comments and views about approaches for selection within the current public health situation. A summary of the results is provided:



4. **Why have rankings been used?** The survey results showed a preference for the use of rankings as a method for selection based on the scores for options 1 and 5. However, with a limited competitions calendar being available it was thought best to allow individual athletes to select the competitions most suitable to them for inclusion within the selection criteria using the already understood and recognised BF rankings approach for each category.
5. **Why are the rankings only looking at competitions between September 2021 and March 2022?** Looking at the forward competition schedule and the uncertainties which exist as to competitions later in 2021 or early 2022 it was considered best to allow as much time as possible for athletes to participate in ranking events and to keep this as consistent as possible with the already announced timetable. The March end date was chosen to allow for a balance between competition and post selection squad development. An earlier start date was dismissed because of the differing regulations relating to COVID between home nations and Scottish Fencing's view that the safe enjoyment of the sport is paramount. Scottish Fencing had made this a public statement earlier in the year.
6. **When will the Scottish Youth Championships and Scottish Open be held?** The timing of these competitions is being investigated and further information will be provided as soon as possible.
7. **When will the squad training events be held?** The timing and locations for these training sessions are being planned and further information will be provided as soon as possible.
8. **Who can attend squad training?** The squad training will be available to all categories and individuals who have expressed interest in representing Scotland in 2021-22.
9. **Will there be a cost for attending Squad Training?** Scottish Fencing is seeking to make the selection journey as inclusive as possible and is actively working on ways to minimise costs for pre-selection and post-selection squad training.