

Competition System

1) The MFA tournaments:

- a- MFA Open 1 - December first weekend
- b- MFA Open 2 - February first weekend
- c- MFA Open 3 - March last weekend
- d- Golden Boy: The Manitoba Provincials. First Week End of May
- e- Manitoba Cup

2) Points System: Here is the points grill for the 3 MFA Open and the Golden Boy. Note that the Golden Boy results will be with the 1,5 coefficient.

Place		5th	12	10th	8	15	8
1st	32	6th	12	11th	8	16	8
2 nd	25	7th	12	12th	8	17	0
3rd	20	8th	12	13th	8		0
3rd	12	9th	8	14th	8	32	0

Rules : All of the MFA Tournaments will follow the FIE rules. Youth 13 and under events can have more lenience within the rules (equipment and otherwise)

- As a referee at any MFA tournament, you, and the participants, should respect the rules.
- Sanctions: During the youth competitions the referee must behave as a teacher and educator. First, they must explain the issue to the fencer. Only after the fencer has understood the issue should the referee follow with the appropriate consequence.
- The referee must make sure that the fencers follow proper pre and post-match procedures. They must salute each other, the referee and the public.

3) Categories :

- Veteran Category: 30 and older.
- Senior Category: 20 and older.
- Junior Category: must be under 20 years old at midnight on 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place
- Cadet Category: must be less 17 years old at midnight on the 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place.
- U15 Category: must be less 15 years old at midnight on the 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place.

- U13 Category: must be less 13 years old at midnight on the 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place.
- U11 Category: must be less 11 years old at midnight on the 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place.

4) EVENT FORMULA:

The Mixed-Formula will be the one that we have to apply in our tournaments.

- 5-9 fencers. One round of poule without elimination and direct elimination table to the final without repechage.
- 10-12 fencers. Two poules of 5 or 6, with 2 rounds of poules and direct elimination table to the final without repechage.
- Over 12 fencers. one round of poules and direct elimination table to the final without repechage.
- Fencers do not get eliminated after poules. Every fencer who fenced in poules is guaranteed 1 Direct Elimination bout. After poules, proceed to the Direct Elimination Tableau.
- The Directoire technique can decide to eliminate (scratch) fencers after poules if the Number of participants is **over 25 fencers.**
- The poules will be elaborated based on the National High Performance Ranking and then National Domestic Ranking and then the local one.
- For fencers who have no ranking the Directoire technique will have the discretion to rank them.

5) REGISTRATION:

- The MFA tournaments are open to all the fencers who have valid CFF licenses, and those who's federation is affiliated to the FIE.
- MFA tournament registration will be done online via the MFA website.
www.fencingmb.ca
- MFA tournament registration deadlines should one week before the competition, fencers registering after the deadline will triple the event fees.
- The Tournament information has to be posted at least 4 weeks before.
- The registration fees for the MFA Tournaments are as follow:
 - Open Mix/Junior / Cadet: 25 \$ - Any subsequent event 20\$

- U15 / U13 /U11: 20\$ - second event 15\$, Third event 10\$

6) NUMBER OF HITS AND DURATION OF MATCHES

	Individual Events		Team Events
	Poules	Direct Elimination	Relays of 3 fencers
Open/Junior/Cadet	5 Hits 3 Minutes	15 Hits 3 x 3 minutes	45 hits of 9 relays of 5 hits a bout for 3 minutes
Veteran	5 Hits 3 Minutes	10 Hits 2 x 3 minutes	45 hits of 9 relays of 5 hits a bout for 3 minutes
U15	5 Hits 3 Minutes	15 Hits 3 x 3 minutes	45 hits of 9 relays of 5 hits a bout for 3 minutes
U13	4 hits 3 minutes	10 hits 2 x 3 minutes Sabre: 30 s pause at 5	Not applicable
U11	4 hits 3 minutes	6 Hits 2 x 2 minutes	Not applicable

7) EQUIPMENT :

Weapons:

Weapons	U13 blade N 2 12/13 years old			U11 Blade N 0 10/9 years old		
	F	E	S	F	E	S
Blade Length	82 cm	82 cm	82 cm	77cm	77 cm	77 cm
Weapon Length	105 cm	105 cm	105 cm	97 cm	97 cm	97 cm
Guard Diameter	100 mm	115 mm	140 x 150 mm	90 mm	115 mm	125 x 140 mm
Grip Type	Free			French Grip		

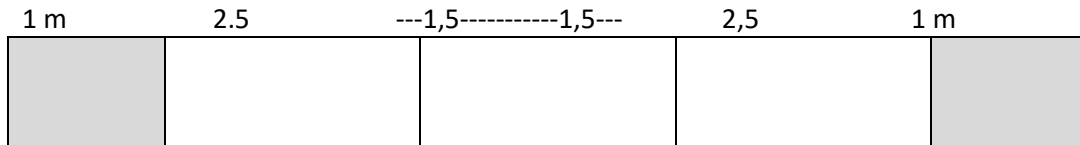
Jackets/Pants/Mask

Gears	Veteran - Senior – Junior Cadet – U15	U 13 – U11
Mask	350 NW or better	350 NW
Jacket	350 NW or better	350 NW
Sous Plastron	350 NW or better	Not Required
Pants	350 NW or better	350 NW
Foil Bavette	Yes	Yes

Note: The application has to be progressive.

8) Piste:

	Piste Width	Piste Length	Guard line distance
U13	1,5 - 2 m	10 m	3 m
U11		10 m	3 m
Others		14	4 m



10 m

9) Responsibility :

Fencers compete of their own accord, at their own risk and peril. Security measures are intended to maximize the safety of the fencers without being able to guarantee it and does not take the organizer a responsibility for any incident.

10) Directoire Technique: The DT should be composed by 3 members.

MFA tournament Directoire Technique will be designated. The Directoire Technique members must be expert in the area. Its composition will be as follow:

- At least one National Referee
- 2 Provincial referees.

Its role is to resolve any technical issues during the competition.

The 3 directoire technique members will be designated before any MFA Open by the MFA Technical Director or the provincial referee commission if it exists.

For the MFA Provincials the Directoire Technique will designated by the MFA Technical Director.

11) The competition will be run by the official Engarde Software.

12) Results file has to be posted on the MFA website and also sending it to the CFF.

13) **Schedule:** The competition schedule will be based on referee's availability.

14) **Medical Coverage:** The MFA and the Competition Organizer will make sure to have a First Aid kit in the place of the competition.

15) Surclassement: The club coach must decide and take responsibility to register their athletes to a category where the age difference is minimum 2 years.

16) **Medal Ceremony:** The MFA or the Tournament organizer must give special attention and importance to the Medal Ceremony. Every ceremony will include the following: