ENGLAND FENCING

CHALLENGE WRATISLAVIA 2027

U14 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRIP • SELECTION POLICY

Selection is designed to be clear, transparent and based entirely on the published England U14 Rankings. There are no discretionary selections.

1. Purpose

England Fencing will select fencers to represent England at Challenge Wratislavia 2027 in Poland.

This policy sets out the ranking date, selection limits, eligibility requirements, acceptance deadlines and the process for filling places that become available.

2. Selection Method

Selection will be made using the **England U14 Rankings as published on 14 December 2026**.

England Fencing will work down the ranking in order from **1st to 20th place** in each weapon and gender.

A maximum of **15 fencers per weapon and gender** may be selected. Selection will be made strictly in ranking order, subject to the eligibility requirements in this policy.

Fencers ranked below 20th on the ranking list used for selection will not be considered. **No discretionary selections will be made.**

3. Selection Timeline

14 December 2026 — The England U14 Rankings published on this date will be used for all selections.

By 21 December 2026 — First-wave selection invitations will be sent to eligible fencers.

31 December 2026 — Deadline for first-wave selected fencers to accept their place.

1–10 January 2027 — Where places remain available because a selected fencer declines or does not accept by the deadline, England Fencing may issue a second wave of selections.

Second-wave selections will continue down the same ranking list taken on 14 December 2026. The rankings will not be recalculated for the second wave.

4. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, a fencer must:

• be appropriately age-eligible for Challenge Wratislavia 2027;
• be an England Fencing member;
• be in good disciplinary standing;
• be ranked within the **Top 20** of the relevant England U14 Ranking on 14 December 2026; and
• hold a British passport, or provide appropriate evidence that they are progressing towards British citizenship.

Fencers must also satisfy any eligibility requirements imposed by the competition organisers, British Fencing or England Fencing.

5. Competition Age Categories

The England U14 Ranking is used as the basis for selection.

Selected fencers will compete in the appropriate **Challenge Wratislavia competition age category according to their year of birth**. This may mean that fencers appearing on the same England U14 Ranking compete in different age categories at Challenge Wratislavia.

6. Declined Places and Second-Wave Selection

If a selected fencer declines their place or fails to accept by the stated deadline, England Fencing may offer the place to the **next eligible fencer in ranking order**.

England Fencing will continue working down the ranking until either the maximum of **15 selected fencers per weapon and gender** has been reached, or 20th place in the ranking has been reached.

England Fencing will not make discretionary selections below 20th place. All replacement and second-wave selections will continue to use the ranking positions recorded on **14 December 2026**.

7. Acceptance of Selection

Selection invitations will explain how the fencer or their parent/guardian must accept the place and will include any information available at that time regarding travel, accommodation, staffing, costs and competition arrangements.

Failure to accept by the stated deadline may result in the place being offered to the next eligible fencer.

Accepting selection represents a commitment to participate in the England Fencing trip and to comply with the requirements communicated by England Fencing.

8. Ranking Queries

Fencers and parents are responsible for checking the published England U14 Rankings before the selection date.

Any suspected missing or incorrect competition result should first be raised in accordance with the England Fencing Youth Ranking Scheme, including checking with the relevant competition organiser that results have been submitted.

Ranking queries should be raised with the appropriate Ranking Coordinator as early as possible and, wherever possible, **before 14 December 2026**.

Once selection has taken place, England Fencing will not retrospectively change a selection solely because of a result or ranking issue that was not raised before the selection date, except where England Fencing determines that a clear administrative error requires correction.

9. Conduct and Representation

Selected fencers are representing England Fencing and are expected to maintain appropriate standards of behaviour throughout the trip and competition.

Fencers must follow the reasonable instructions of England Fencing Team Managers, coaches and other appointed staff and comply with relevant England Fencing and British Fencing codes of conduct and safeguarding requirements.

10. Final Selection Principle

The England U14 Rankings on 14 December 2026 will be used to select, in ranking order, up to 15 eligible fencers per weapon and gender from those ranked 1st–20th. There are no discretionary selections.