ENGLAND FENCING

YOUTH RANKING SCHEME

U10 • U12 • U14 | 2026/27

This scheme sets out the rules for the England Fencing U10, U12 and U14 rankings, including how events qualify, how points are calculated and the responsibilities of organisers, parents, fencers and volunteer Ranking Coordinators.

1. Scope and How the Rankings Work

The same ranking framework applies across the **U10, U12 and U14** age groups. A fencer's results contribute to the ranking for the relevant age category in which the event is recognised.

Rolling rankings. A competition remains in the rankings for **12 months or until the same competition is repeated**, whichever comes first.

At the start of a new season on **1 September**, fencers who are no longer eligible for an age category are removed from that ranking. Points are not transferred between age-group rankings.

Best five results. A fencer's best five eligible results count towards their ranking. No more than **two counting results may come from competitions held at the same geographical location**.

Last 32. Ranking points are awarded according to final position and only to fencers finishing in the Last 32.

If competitions regularly attract more than 40 entries, England Fencing may review the scheme with the intention of awarding points to fencers finishing in the top 80%.

2. Eligible Ranking Events

All appropriately aged events are eligible to contribute to the relevant England U10, U12 or U14 Ranking provided that all of the requirements below are met.

• The event holds the relevant competition/event licence through **British Fencing Sport80**.

• The event is **open to all appropriately eligible fencers** and is not restricted to a particular club, region or invitation-only group.

• The event is run in accordance with the appropriate British Fencing rules and competition requirements.

• Results are produced using FencingTime, Engarde, Ophardt or another competition management system capable of producing an **XML results file**.

• The XML results file is submitted to the relevant England Fencing Ranking Coordinator **within 14 days of the competition**.

There is no requirement to use a particular entry platform. Organisers may use whichever entry system best suits their event.

3. Good Practice for Event Organisers

Ophardt. England Fencing would like organisers to register and advertise their own ranking events on Ophardt. This is encouraged rather than required for ranking eligibility. England Fencing can provide guidance and education to organisers who need help setting up or registering an event.

Refereeing. Organisers are encouraged to use qualified referees, or trainee referees working with appropriate support or mentoring from a qualified referee.

Feedback. Organisers are encouraged to give competitors and parents/guardians an opportunity to provide feedback after the event.

4. Ranking Points Calculation

Ranking points are calculated using the existing England Fencing formula:

POINTS = AGE GROUP MULTIPLIER x NUMBER FACTOR x POSITION MULTIPLIER

Number factor: 0.5 where there are fewer than 10 competitors; 1.0 where there are 10 or more competitors.

Age group multipliers

Event type	Multiplier
U13 competition	100
U14 competition	200
UK-hosted EFC U14 international	250
England Youth Championships	300

The existing multiplier structure is retained for 2026/27. Where a competition category differs from the England ranking category, the applicable multiplier is determined by the existing scheme.

Normal points key

Place	Mult.	Place	Mult.	Place	Mult.	Place	Mult.
1	20.00	9	5.00	17	2.00	25	1.68
2	17.00	10	4.80	18	1.96	26	1.64
3=	14.00	11	4.60	19	1.92	27	1.60
3=	14.00	12	4.40	20	1.88	28	1.56
5	11.00	13	4.20	21	1.84	29	1.52
6	10.00	14	4.00	22	1.80	30	1.48
7	9.00	15	3.80	23	1.76	31	1.44
8	8.00	16	3.60	24	1.72	32	1.40

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Place	Mult.	Place	Mult.	Place	Mult.	Place	Mult.
1	20.00	9	5.80	17	2.50	25	1.68
2	17.00	10	5.60	18	2.46	26	1.64
3=	14.00	11	5.40	19	2.42	27	1.60
3=	14.00	12	5.20	20	2.38	28	1.56
5	11.00	13	4.20	21	2.34	29	1.52
6	10.00	14	4.00	22	2.30	30	1.48
7	9.00	15	3.80	23	2.26	31	1.44
8	8.00	16	3.60	24	2.22	32	1.40

5. Important Information for Parents and Fencers

Use the same name at every competition. Parents and guardians should ensure that their child is entered under the same name at every event, ideally matching the name held on their British Fencing/Sport80 record.

Different spellings, shortened names or alternative names can prevent results from being matched correctly and may delay the ranking update.

If a result is missing from the ranking:

1. First check with the **competition organiser** that the results have been submitted to England Fencing.

2. Remember that organisers have **up to 14 days after the competition** to submit their results.

3. Once the organiser has confirmed submission and sufficient time has passed, contact the relevant Ranking Coordinator if the result is still not showing.

Please respect our volunteers. England Fencing Ranking Coordinators give their time to maintain and update the U10, U12 and U14 rankings. Parents, fencers and coaches are asked to communicate politely and respectfully and allow reasonable time for results and corrections to be processed.

6. Ranking Coordinators

England Fencing appoints volunteer Ranking Coordinators to maintain the **U10, U12 and U14 rankings**. They receive and process submitted XML results, update the rankings, apply the Best 5 and geographical-location rules, remove expired results and correct genuine administrative errors where possible.

Responsibility for submitting competition results rests with the **event organiser**. Responsibility for entering a fencer consistently under the same name rests with the **fencer, parent or guardian**.

7. Eligibility and Age Groups

England Fencing members in the correct age category are included in the relevant rankings. **Year of birth determines the age category.**

Younger fencers may fence in an older age group where permitted by the organiser, parent/guardian and coach. England Fencing encourages appropriate age-group competition, with development, enjoyment and safety as the priority.

Results remain within their own age-group ranking. U10 results do not count towards U12 rankings, and U12 results do not count towards U14 rankings.

8. Questions and Ranking Corrections

Questions about a specific ranking should be directed to the relevant Ranking Coordinator **after the organiser has confirmed that the competition results have been submitted**.

Genuine corrections will be handled using the existing England Fencing approach. Where an issue cannot be resolved administratively, it may be referred to England Fencing for review.