

2016 "Friendship Cup Team" Weekend INVITATION

Dear Fencing Association

NSW Fencing Association would like to invite the young fencers of your Fencing Association to attend the "Friendship Cup Weekend". The 2016 Friendship Cup – Team Championships are held in conjunction with the U/7, U/9, U/11 and U/13 Koala Mini Challenge - Individual Championships. NSWFA will invite Minime Fencers from Australia, Asian and Oceania to attend.

Dates: Friday 25th to Sunday 27th November 2016

Venue: Steel Park Leisure Centre
Marrickville PCYC
531 Illawarra Road,
Marrickville.

Timetable:

Friday 25th 1:00pm – 6:00pm
"Koala Mini Challenge" - NSW 2016 State / School Championships
U/7 – U/13 Individual Epee

Saturday 26th 9:00am – 6:00pm
"Friendship Cup"
U/9 – U/13 Teams Sabre and Epee
"Koala Mini Challenge" - NSW 2016 State / School Championships
U/7 - U/13 Individual Foil

Sunday 27th 9:00am – 6:00pm
"Friendship Cup"
U/9 – U/13 Teams Foil
"Koala Mini Challenge" - NSW 2016 State / School Championships
U/7 - U/13 Individual Sabre

Equipment: **U/7 - U/11 Fencers:**

Foil, Sabre and Epee Blade Size: 0 – 3 mini blades
800N Underplastron,
350N Jacket and breeches (thick long tracksuit pants may be worn)
Long socks
Chest protectors for girls
U/7 - U/11 Epee: Both boys and girls must wear chest protectors

U/13 Fencers:

Epee Blade Size: No restrictions

Foil Blade Size: No restrictions

Sabre Blade Size: No restrictions

350N Jacket & Breeches (FIE is recommended, but not mandatory)

800N Underplastron

Long socks

Chest protectors for girls

U/13 Epee: Both boys & girls must also wear chest protectors

Foil Bib masks are not required for any age category (but can be used)

* All Fencers (U/7, U/9, U/11 & U/13) must wear 800N underplastron

Entry Fee: All Fencers must be either Junior Registered or Junior Affiliated with their Association or State.

Individual Entry Fee - \$26

Additional - \$16

Team entry – Free

* Team entry must be sent in by Associations or Countries, not by Clubs (there is no club or school representation)

* If a state or country has insufficient number of fencers of one gender for a team, they may enter a composite gender teams within their age group.

- Formula for teams will be sent closer to date.
- Fencers competing in Team events are also kindly asked to compete in the Individual Championships

In the spirit of 'Friendship' the Team Event is free. NSWFA will need to know expressions of interest or confirmed numbers for the Team competition by **Monday 31st October**.

To assist with hosting an event of this size, NSW Fencing Association asks that States provide referees for the event.

Referee	1-3 Fencers	no referee required
	4-9 Fencers	1 referee required
	10 or more	2 + referees required

All groups are asked to appoint a "Team Manager" for assist with direct communication point and group entry.

To facilitate organization of this expanded weekend of fencing, it would be greatly appreciated if entries can be supplied by **Friday 4th November**. Please contact either Alex Andre for further information or registration.

Entry forms will be sent out closer to date.

In 2015 we had around 320 individual competitors and 58 teams, lets make it more in 2016!

Contact emails:

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
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