

East Midlands region Winton Cup selection procedures **(revised 2023)**



The Winton Cup is an annual competition, taking place in early July, with regional teams fencing in all 6 weapon categories. Selection for the team that represents East Midlands should be as transparent as possible, with a clear process and criteria. These selection procedures aim to produce a team which is both competitive against other regions and representative of the region itself.

Process:

A link will be circulated to regional clubs, individuals on the region's mailing list, via social media and will also be available on the regional website for fencers to complete a form, advising that they wish to be considered for that year's Winton Cup team. This link will be sent out at the beginning of the year and remain open for a maximum of 8 weeks. Please note: fencers may only request to be considered for the team for one weapon.

The minimum age to take part in the Winton Cup is 13. Fencers aged under 16 will be expected to have a parent or carer present for the entire weekend. All fencers representing East Midlands must have current Compete membership of British Fencing and be affiliated to the region – they should not have represented another region in the previous Winton Cup.

An initial team list will be drawn up by the selection team from the responses to the Winton Cup form using the matrix below. Points awarded to fencers on that list will subsequently be adjusted in light of the results of the East Midlands Championships for that year (usually taking place in March or April). In the event of a tie in respect of points awarded by the selection matrix, fencers will be ordered as a result of 1) their senior ranking, 2) their result in the EM championship (if applicable) and 3) alphabetical order by family name.

As competing in the East Midlands Championship is intended to be a significant factor in selection, fencers may request a waiver from the selection team by email if they're unable to do so. No points for the EM championship will be allocated unless a waiver is requested by the fencer concerned. A waiver will be automatic in the event of a clash of dates on the weekend of the competition where fencers are:

- representing GB
- fencing in BUCS individuals
- fencing in a ranking open competition
- fencing in a junior or cadet BRC

Fencers may also email to request a waiver for the EM Championships for any other reason but these will be granted at the discretion of the selection team, on a case by case basis.

Selection team

The selection team will comprise of the regional chair and the Winton Cup team captain (with both roles and contact details to be confirmed at the AGM, usually taking place in November). A maximum of two additional members may be added to the selection team, to increase participation across the region.

None of the selection team will be eligible for selection to fence in the EM team unless they clearly meet the criteria detailed.

Selection matrix:

Points allocated	Criteria to receive points
<i>Link to the region</i>	
1	Currently or usually resident in EM region (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire)
1	Currently or usually fences at a club within the EM region
<i>Senior ranking</i>	
3 (2 or 1)	Senior ranking for that weapon as of January that year, either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 points if ranked in top 30 (ME, MF, MS, WE) or top 50 (WF, WS)• 2 points if ranked in top 50 (ME, MF, MS, WE) or top 75 (WF, WS)• 1 point if ranked in top 100 (ME, MF, MS, WE)
<i>EM Championships</i>	
5	Medalled in EM Championships in that weapon in the current year or
2*	Competed in EM Championships in that weapon in the current year or *has been given waiver (see above)

Confirmation of the team

The region will aim to field a team of 4 fencers for each weapon, in order to provide cover for late withdrawal or injury. Fencers will be selected in the order they appear on the regional selection list (see above).

Fencers who have been selected for the EM team will be contacted by email and are expected to confirm their acceptance of their place on the team within 10 days of receiving that email. In the event they do not confirm their acceptance or fail to respond within the time period stated, the selection team will move on to the next fencer on the list for that weapon until a team of 4 has been confirmed.

Fencers representing East Midlands will usually be asked for a contribution towards the team's entry fee for the Winton Cup. Any contribution requested should be received by the region as soon as possible, preferably by bank transfer – failure to do so may impact on future selection.

Fencers are asked to advise the selection team as soon as possible if they are no longer available to fence for all or part of the weekend, for any reason.

**Procedures last updated:
November 2023**