

**Irish
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IAFF LETTER TO SQUAD FENCERS Squad Funding Scheme

Following the replies we have received to Philip Lee's letter of 27th June, and Marcos Simpson's letter of 23rd June, which outlined the need for fencers to plan for the 2005/06 season, the IAFF Committee have agreed a formula upon which to base the allocation of funding. The purpose of this letter is to communicate the details of the scheme.

Summary

Between €1,000 and €1,500 has been set aside to fund the scheme*. Fencers will be eligible for a share of this fund by accumulating credits through the year based on achievement. The fund will then be apportioned out based on the credits gained.

**The precise amount set aside will depend on the number of fencers that qualify for funding. If only One Fencer qualifies, they will not necessarily receive the total amount. Conversely, the amount may increase should the scheme prove successful and fencers' results warrant a change.*

Timing

For 2005/06 the scheme will run from 1st June 2005 to 31st August 2006, at which time the first payments will be made. Thereafter the fund will run from 1st September to 31st August.

Eligibility

- To receive funding fencer must hold an Irish licence and be eligible to fence for Ireland in FIE competition.
- Senior fencers must be in the top 15% in the Irish Ranking to receive funds.
- Junior fencers must be in the top 33% in the Irish Ranking
- Carded fencers do not qualify for funding through this scheme (inc those funded by Northern Ireland Sports Council)

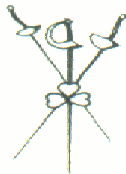
Administration

Marcos Simpson will administer the scheme, with a table of achievement published on the IAFF web pages periodically. A worked example of the scheme can be found at the end of the letter

It is hoped that this commitment to support our stronger fencers will encourage you to seek out opportunities to fulfil your potential. As well as competing domestically and abroad, we hope that you will train hard, keep fit, and enjoy your sport.

As the formula is in its first year, there will no doubt be some amendments needed in the future. These will be made in consultation with the fencers in due course at the end of 2005/2006.

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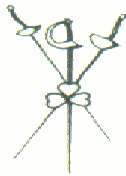
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Senior Funding Formula

Senior

Country	Achievement	Credits	
A Grade or above	Top 32	2.0	Where fencer has finished in top 80%
	Top 64	0.75	Where fencer has qualified from poule round
	Attendance	0.1	Selection as per Selection criteria
Satellite	Top 8	0.5	Where fencer has finished in top 40%
	Top 16	0.3	Where fencer has finished in top 40%
Germany	Top 50% in National comp	0.5	
	Top 75% in National comp	0.3	
Italy	Top 50% in Trofei comp	0.4	
	Top 75% in Trofei comp	0.2	
France	Top 50% in National comp	0.5	
	Top 75% in National comp	0.3	
Spain	L16+	0.6	2/3 credits given if points won from non-Madrid based comps
	L32	0.3	
Hungary	8+ ranking points	0.75	
	4 to 7 ranking points	0.3	
UK	Top 20 ranking	2.5	
	Top 50 ranking	1.5	

Nb a worked example can be found on the last page of this letter



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Junior / Cadet Funding Formula

NB Competitions not covered below may be considered if application is made prior to competition taking place

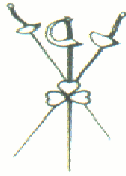
Country	Category	Achievement	Credits	
FIE	A Grade or above	Top 16	2.0	Where fencer has finished in top 50%
		Top 32	1.0	Where fencer has finished in top 50%
		Top 64	0.4	Where fencer has qualified from Poule
		Attendance	0.1	Selection as per Selection criteria
European	U20 / U17 Strong Competition*	Top 40%	0.4	Application to be made prior to event Examples given below*
		Top 80%	0.2	
UK	Senior B grade**	L32	0.4	Examples given below**
	Leon Paul Junior Series	L8	0.1	Where fencer has finished in top 40%

***Examples of European U20 or U17 competitions**

	<u>Spain</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>Germany</u>	<u>Italy</u>
Sabre	San Sebastian	Manchester	Crest	Kenten	Pisa
Foil	Fuengirola	Manchester	Rouen	Koblenz	
Epee	Fuengirola	Manchester	Grenoble	Bonn	Pisa

***Examples of UK B Grades**

Sabre	Hamlet	Bristol	Leicester	Welsh	Newcastle CdN
Foil	Essex	Bristol	Leicester	Welsh	Leon-Paul Int'l
Epee	Essex	Bristol	Leicester	Welsh	Miller-Halle Hereford



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Worked Example

4 Squad Fencers over the age of 20, Mary, Joseph, Fionnuala and Ciaran, all compete through the season with the following results;

Mary:

Attends a variety of competitions, including achieving a L16 in a Madrid Open, a L16 at an FIE Satellite, and a top 75% in a French Senior Open.

Joseph:

Concentrates on FIE satellite circuit at the start of the season and makes two L4 and a L32. He is then selected for an FIE A grade and makes L64. His Irish ranking is top 15%.

Fionnuala:

Concentrates on the UK circuit and achieves a UK ranking of 29. Her Irish Ranking is in the top 15%

Ciaran:

Concentrates on UK circuit and achieves a UK ranking of 11. His Irish Ranking is outside of the top 15%.

Credits	Mary	Joseph	Fionnuala	Ciaran	
A Grade or above		0.75			
Satellite	0.3	1.00			
Germany					
Italy					
France	0.3				
Spain	0.6				
Hungary					
UK			1.5	2.5	
Ireland top 15%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Total Credits	1.2	1.75	1.5	0	4.45
% Allocation	27%	39%	34%	0%	
Money received	404	590	506	-	1,500