

2018 “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 2018 Friendship Cup – Team Championships are held in conjunction with the U/8, U/10, U/12 and U/14 Koala Mini Challenge - Individual Championships. NSWFA will invite Minime Fencers from Australia, Asian and Oceania to attend.

Dates: 5th – 9th December 2018

Venue: NSW Fencing Centre
190 Bourke Road
Alexandria
NSW 2015

Timetable:

Wednesday 5th December
Koala Mini Challenge (Individual) Epee & Sabre
(U/8, U/10, U/12 & U/14)

Thursday 6th December
Friendship Cup (Teams) Epee & Sabre
(U/10, U/12 & U/14)

Friday 7th December
Koala Mini Challenge (Individual) Foil
(U/8, U/10, U/12 & U/14 GF / U/8 & U/12 BF)

Saturday 8th December
Koala Mini Challenge (Individual) Foil
(U/10 & U/14 BF)

Sunday 9th December
Friendship Cup (Teams) Foil
(U/10, U/12 & U/14)

Equipment:

1. **U/8 – U/14 Fencers must wear 800N under-plastrons**
2. U/8 – U/14 Girls must wear plastic chest protectors in all weapons
3. U/8 – U/14 Boy's epee must wear plastic chest protectors
4. U/8 – U/12 Clothing - Mask, jacket and breaches can be 350N or 800N (fencers can wear strong tracksuit pants)
5. U/14 Clothing must wear full whites (including long socks). Jacket, breaches and mask can be 350N or 800N
6. U/8 - U/10 Fencers must use blade size 0 – 3 weapons (foil, epee and sabre)
7. U/12 - U/14 Fencers can use any size blade size 0- 5 weapon (foil, epee and sabre)
8. No Bib required for Foil Mask
9. U/8 – U/12 No check of weight or gauge for Foil and Epee

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

Individual Entry Fee	\$35
Second entry	\$25
Team entry	Free

* Team entry must be sent in by overseas based Australian State Associations, Countries or overseas based Clubs.

* 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.

- 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 **Thursday 22nd November 2018**

To assist with hosting an event of this size, NSW Fencing Association asks that States provide Referees & or DT (able to operate "En Garde") for the event.

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

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 the final entries can be supplied by **Thursday 22nd November 2018**. Please contact me for further information or registration.

Entry forms and final formula will be sent out closer to date.

In 2017 we had just over 430 individual competitors and around 65 teams, lets make it more in 2018!

Contact emails:

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

Kind Regards,
Alex Andre

NSW Fencing Association

Hotel's nearby:

1. Value Suites – Green Square

<http://valuesuites.com.au>

2. Ibis Sydney Airport

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-5957-ibis-budget-sydney-airport/index.shtml>

3. Meriton Suites – Zetland

https://www.meritonsuites.com.au/our-hotels/nsw/eastern-sydney/zetland/?utm_medium=organic&utm_source=google-places&utm_campaign=zetland