

Gauteng Fencing Calendar 2026

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Gauteng Govt School Terms	January 14 - March 27	April 8 - June 26	July 21 - September 23	October 2 - December 9
Universities	Semester 1 = 16 Feb to Mid-June		Semester 2 = July to November	



Date	Type	Title	Venue	Organised by	Age Groups	Events	Inscription by	Qualifying Event for:
January 2026								
9 Jan	Coupe de Monde	World Cup	Fujairah	UAE	Senior	Ind. MEp, WEp,	FFSA/FIE	FIE Ranking
17 - 18 Jan	GA Ranking	GFA Ranking 1	Curro Waterfall	Gauteng	Senior to U11	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	GFA	GFA Colours
23 - 25 Jan	Grand Prix	Grand Prix du Qatar	Doha	Qatar	Senior	Ind. MEp, WEp,	FFSA/FIE	
31 Jan & 1 Feb	National Open	FFSA National Open	Gauteng Paterson Park	TBA	Senior/Junior/U17	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	FFSA	Qualifier for Senior African Champs & Senior World Champs
February 2026								
5 - 6 Feb	Coupe de Monde	World Cup	Heidenheim	Germany	Senior	Ind. & Team Epee	FIE	FIE Ranking
16 to 21 Feb	African Zone	Junior African Championship	Dakar, Senegal	FIE	U20, U17 & U15	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	FIE	
Mar 2026								
21 March	Schools League	GFA Schools League 1	TUKS, Groenkloof	TUKS, Groenkloof	U11 - U20	Ep, Limited Fo	Club/Athlete	GFA Top Ranked Schools Trophy
21 March	Varsity League	Varsity League 1	TUKS, Groenkloof	TUKS, Groenkloof	Senior	Epee Only	Club/Athlete	Varsity Trophy
23 - 25 March	Grand Prix	Westend Grand Prix	Budapest	Hungary	Senior	ME & Team	FFSA/FIE	
21 March Public Holiday		Saturday						
26 - 29 March	Coupe de Monde	World Cup	Marrakesh	Morocco	Senior	Ind. & Team	FIE	FIE Ranking
Apr 2026								
4 - 12 April	FIE CHAMPIONSHIP	Junior World Championship	Rio	Brazil	U17 - Junior	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	FFSA	N/A
School Holidays:		National school holiday / mini break		March 27th to April 8 th	Easter 3rd to 6th 2026			
18 & 19 April	GFA Ranking 2	GFA Ranking 2	Tuks, Groenkloof	Tuks, Groenkloof	Senior to U11	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	Club/Athlete	GFA Colours
LONG WEEKEND 25 & 26 April	FFSA Championship	Senior National Championship	Cape Town	TBA	U17, U20 & Senior & Teams	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	FFSA	Qualification for SWC & Commonwealth
May 2026								
8 - 10 May	Grand Prix	World Cup	Bogota	Colombia	Senior	MEp	FFSA	FIE Ranking
22 - 24 May	Coupe de Monde	World Cup	Berne	Switzerland	Senior	ME & Team	FIE	FIE Ranking
30th May	Schools League	GFA Schools League 2	TBA	TBA	U11 - U20	Ep, Limited Fo	Club/Athlete	GFA Top Ranked Schools Trophy
30th May	Varsity League	Varsity League 2	TBA	TBA	Senior	Epee Only	Club/Athlete	Varsity Trophy
31 May to 6 June	African Zone Championship	Senior African Championship	Yamoussoukro	Cote d'Ivoire	Senior	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	FIE	
Jun 2026								
16 June	Public Holiday		Tuesday					
20 & 21 June	GFA Ranking 3	GFA Ranking 3	TBA	TBA	Senior to U11	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	Club/Athlete	GFA Colours
27 June	PBHS Invitational Friendly	PBHS Invitational	Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS)	PBHS	U20 to U15	Epee Only	Club/Athlete	N/A Invitational Friendly
School Holidays 26 June to 21 July								
Jul 2026								
22 - 30 July 2026	World Championship	Senior World Championship	Hong Kong	China	Senior	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	FIE	
25 July 2026	TuksFencing Invitational Friendly	Johan van den Berg Friendship Tournament	Tuks, Groenkloof	TuksFencing	Senior to U11	Epee Only	Club/Athlete	N/A Invitational Friendly
Aug 2026								

9 to 18 August	Commonwealth Fencing Championship		Lagos	Nigeria	U23, Senior & Veterans	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	Commonwealth Fencing	
15 Aug	Schools League	GFA Schools League 3	TBA	TBA	U11 - U20	Ep, Limited Fo	Club/Athlete	GFA Top Ranked Schools Trophy
15 Aug	Varsity League	Varsity League 3	TBA	TBA	Senior	Epee Only	Club/Athlete	Varsity Trophy
29 - 30 Aug	National Open	Bloem	TBA	TBA	U17, U20 & Senior	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	Club/Athlete	No reason
NEW FIE SEASON 2026/2027		Olympics LA2028		(1 September to 31 August)				
Sep 2026								
12 of September is World Fencing Day 2026 (Saturday of the second weekend of September)								
12 & 13 Sept	Gauteng Championship	GFA Championship 2026	TUKS, Groenkloof	Gauteng	U11 to Senior	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	Club/Athlete	GFA

Oct 2026								
12 - 23 October	Veteran World Championships		Tbilisi, Georgia					FIE
31 October - 14 November	Youth Olympics	IV Summer Youth Olympic Games	Senegal	Senegal, Africa	U17	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	SASCOC	Placement on National Ranking
Nov 2026		MATRIC EXAMS 1 Nov to 7 Dec						
21 Nov	GFA Awards Dinner & FIE Coaches Academy Graduation			TBA				GFA
Dec 2026								
5 & 6 December	Junior National Championship	Limpopo	TBA		U11 to U20	MFo, WFo, MEp, WEp, MSa, WSa	Club/Athlete	FFSA Qualifying for Junior African Champs in 2027

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Religious Holidays		
Ramadan: 20 March	Passover: 1 - 9 April	Easter April: 3 April to 6 April
Eid Al-Fitr: 27 May	Rosh Hashanah: 11 & 13 September	Christmas: 25 December 2026
	Yom Kippur: 21 Sept	

Season	2025/2026	YOB	Age	YOB	Age
	Age Groups				
	Senior	2005	20	2013	12
	Under 20 (u20)	2006	19	2013	12
	Under 17 (u17)	2009	16	2013	12
	Under 15 (u15)	2011	14	2016	9
	Under 13 (u13)	2013	12	2016	9
	Under 11 (u11)	2015	10	2016	9