



GFA POLICY STATEMENT for the Award of GFA Colours as at October 2016

Annually, the Gauteng Fencing Association (GFA) bestows Provincial Colours on a fencer who is accomplished*, is a good role model and displays qualities of good sportsmanship, whilst showing both commitment to and enthusiasm for, the sport of Fencing.

- An accomplished fencer is considered to be one that is Highly Ranked** in each relative Age Group***, Gender and Weapon, contested in the GFA Ranking 1, 2 & 3 competitions, plus the Gauteng Closed Championship in a calendar year.
- **Highly ranked meaning being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall with 4th place being awarded colours depending on the number of fencers in a specific age and event****.
- ***Age Group means the age of a fencer in the calendar year of annual competition eg in the current year of competition 2016, a fencer who is born between 1 January and 31 December of eg 2003 will be eligible to fence U13 during the whole of 2016.
- ****An event is a competition of weapon type epee, foil or sabre, in an age and/or gender category eg Cadet Women's Foil.

Provincial Fencing Colours are awarded to the Top Ranked fencers on a fixed percentage ratio of 30% of the average number of fencers across all Ranking and GFA Closed competitions, up to a maximum of 4 fencers per weapon.

To be considered for a GFA Colours Award, a fencer will have to:

1. Participate in the Gauteng Closed Championships NB this is compulsory ie if a fencer does not compete in the GFA Closed competition, they cannot be considered for Colours at all.
2. Participate in at least 50% of the GFA Ranking Competitions during the calendar year ie 2 of the current 3 Ranking competitions.
3. Be ranked in the top 4 on the ranking table after the GFA Closed results are published on Charles Kohler's website (www.charleskohler.co.za/fencing/fencing.htm).
4. Exhibit exemplary behaviour and be regarded as a credit to the GFA.



The Award is made up of:

1. Provincial Colours Award Badge:

An embroidered badge of the GFA Lion logo with the year of the Award below it. This should be displayed on the non-weapon arm of the fencer's fencing jacket.

2. An Award Certificate.

Signed by the current Chairman of the GFA.

3. Top Ranked Fencer Trophy:

The fencer who is Ranked No1 in their event will be presented with a Top Ranked Fencer trophy.

The following General Principles are applied to the awarding of GFA Colours, but are not limited to:

1. Where the AVERAGE number of Fencers in the FOUR Competitions are:

- 4 to 6 fencers in the age group/category, only the first ranked fencer will receive Colours.
- 7 to 9 fencers, the first and second ranked fencers will receive Colours.
- 10 to 12 fencers, the first, second and third ranked fencers will receive Colours.
- 13 or more fencers, the top 4 fencers will receive Colours.

2. To determine a Top Ranked fencer where two fencers are equally ranked (both have same number of points), the trophy will be awarded to the fencer who has the highest placing in the relevant category at the Gauteng Closed Championship.

3. For the determination of the Colours awards for categories where an event was scratched, e.g.

- a. Where only two Ranking competitions were held in which a fencer could compete, then a result in one of those will represent the required 50% participation so long as the Fencer participated in the Gauteng Closed.
- b. or there was no separate women's event (scratched due to low entries), points from participating in the corresponding men's event will be used to calculate the final ranking in women's categories. The women's points received in the men's event will be used.

4. If there was no Closed Championship in the year, no Colours will be awarded.



5. In exceptional circumstances as deemed solely by the GFA Committee, they reserve the right to deviate from this policy and award, or not award, Colours.
6. The responsibility and final decisions of the awarding of Provincial Fencing Colours rests solely with the GFA Chairman and Competition Supervisor, who jointly review the competition results as published on the Charles Kohler website which is where all GFA ranking competition results (and GFA Closed) are calculated and published. Their decision is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into.

Fencers are expected to

- attend the Annual Awards Dinner in order to receive the award.
- undertake to return any Floating Trophy previously received, to the GFA Committee by no later than the following year's GFA Closed Competition.
- participate in the Gauteng Closed Championship. However, where a fencer is not able to participate, advance notification in the form of an acceptable medical doctor's certificate, must be given to the Organizing Committee (copy sent to GFA Committee) to be excused from the Gauteng Closed Championship. This will then be taken into account and may then not jeopardize the awarding of Colours

A Top Ranked Fencer may - GFA funds permitting and at the discretion of the GFA Committee - also receive a financial contribution to the value of the per person cost of the awards dinner at the discretion of the GFA Committee.

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DATE (after GC)

Coefficient de force : Nombre de tireurs :	GR1	GR2	GR3	GC	Total
	1	1	1	1	
	5	4	3	3	
Ranking	Name	Country	Club	YOB	
1)	Fencer A	RSA	A	2002 ≥	0 28 24 24 ≥ 76 ≥
2)	Fencer B	RSA	B	2000 ≥	20 22 19 19 ≥ 61 ≥
3)	Fencer C	RSA	C	2002 ≥	16 18 15 15 ≥ 49 ≥
-4)	Fencer D	RSA	D	2000 ≥	31 0 0 0 ≥ 31 ≥
-5)	Fencer E	RSA	E	2002 ≥	25 0 0 0 ≥ 25 ≥
-6)	Fencer F	RSA	F	2000 ≥	20 0 0 0 ≥ 20 ≥
-7)	Fencer G	RSA	G	2002 ≥	16 0 0 0 ≥ 16 ≥

Step 1. Are all the fencers in the table above eligible for Colours?

Ans: (No)

Rule: Minimum requirement //Have to Compete in 50% of Ranking Competitions
(4 - 7) did not comply

Therefore there are 3 eligible fencers:

Fencer A Competed in 2 of the 3 Ranking Competitions

Fencers B&C competed in all Ranking Competitions

Step 2 Average Number of Fencers who participated

Ans: (3)

(add Nombre de tireurs divide by 4 Competitions) 3,75

However, Those eligible = 3

Rule: Where the average Nombre of Tireurs is 4 or less then 1 award is given

Email of 24 October 2015

Hi All

We would like to remind all GFA Fencers that it is a prerequisite for Colour Awards that a fencer participate in the Gauteng Closed Championship.

The rules for Colour Awards for the GFA 2015 are as follows:

The responsibility of the Award of Provincial Fencing Colours rests with the GFA under the following terms:

Only the top 4 Fencers will be awarded Colours (with a maximum of 1/3 of the Ranked Fencers).

The Fencers will be ranked according to the latest GFA Ranking list which will include the best 50% of the Fencers competitions (with a minimum of three (3)* ***Error (should read 2 if 3 Ranking Competitions are held, or 1 if two Ranking competitions are held)** Ranking Competitions and the Gauteng Closed Championship.

Attendance at the Gauteng Closed Championship (all age groups) and National Championship (Cadet, Junior, Senior Age groups) is compulsory for being awarded colours. (As amended in 11/2/2010).

*** Amended again in 2016 – participation in National Competitions is not compulsory for the award of GFA colours.**

A Fencers current ranking (prior to the GC) is available on the Charles Kohler Fencing website: <http://www.charleskohler.co.za/fencing/fencing.htm>- GFA Rankings showing Points.