

# MOFT2010

The Merseyside Open is a BFA Registered Competition. In order to take part in the tournament, fencers must hold the appropriate class of BFA membership through one of the Home Country associations or the equivalent membership of another national fencing association (see note 3 below). The eligible classes of membership are as follows:

England Fencing	- Full / Under 20
Scottish Fencing	- Full / Under 20
Welsh Fencing	- Full / Over 60 / Junior
Northern Ireland Fencing Union	- Full / Junior
Jersey Fencing	- Full / Under 20
Guernsey Fencing	- Full / Under 20

Please note the following:

1. BAF membership cards are not valid for BFA events. The BAF is a separate organisation and their cards are only valid for BAF events.
2. FIE licence cards cannot be accepted on their own - they are only proof of membership of a national association at the time that the licence was taken out and not as at the date of MOFT2010.
3. Membership cards for other national associations are valid unless the fencer is a full-time resident in the UK, in which case he or she must join the appropriate Home Country association.
4. Membership cards must be presented at registration otherwise BFA membership must be taken out on the day. Please note that the BFA makes a £5 administration charge for returning fees paid in cash by fencers whose membership is subsequently confirmed.
5. If a fencer does not have current membership of any of the Home Country associations, then he or she must take out membership of the appropriate association in order to compete at MOFT2010. The appropriate association is determined by:
  - Country in which the fencer is resident
  - Country in which the fencer is at school or college
  - Country of birth
  - Country of birth of parents or grandparents
6. Membership may be upgraded to an eligible class by the payment of the difference between the subscription fees of the current class and the eligible class.
7. Vouchers issued with BFA Social Membership cannot be used to provide insurance cover to fencers at MOFT. These vouchers do not apply to open events.