

MOFT2012

BFA Membership Guide

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 BFA membership are as follows:

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

Please note the following:

1. Fencers should provide their BFA membership numbers with their entries. The organisers will attempt to validate the details with the BFA in advance of the tournament in order to streamline the registration process. Fencers should still bring their membership cards or email confirmations to registration in case this has not been possible. If BFA membership cannot be confirmed, either in advance or on the day, it must be taken out on the day otherwise the fencer will not be allowed to compete. Please note that the BFA makes a £5 administration charge for returning fees paid in cash by fencers whose membership is subsequently confirmed.
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 MOFT2012.
3. Membership cards for other national associations are valid provided they offer similar insurance cover to BFA membership. However, if the fencer is a full-time resident in the UK, he or she must join the appropriate Home Country association.
4. 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 MOFT2012. 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
5. 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.
6. 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.