

South West of England Age Groups Competition **SABRE**
British Youth Championships Regional Qualifying Event 2026

- When:** SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026 Fencers unable to attend the RQE can apply to BF for a BYE
NOTE: THIS IS THE SAME DAY AS EPEE. The timetabling will all entry to both weapons.
- Where:** BARRACUDA Hall, Millfield School, Street, BA16 0YD
Parking in school car park: Butleigh Road, Street, BA16 0YD
Entry to campus is via the GATE HOUSE opposite the car park.
- Eligibility:** U18 – Year of birth 2008/2009
(Age as of 1st Jan 2025) U16 – Year of birth 2010/2011
U14 – Year of birth 2012/2013
U12 – Year of birth 2014/2015
** “Compete” level British Fencing membership with South West as the registered region.
- Check in closes:** U12 Boys & Girls Afternoon
U14 Boys & Girls Afternoon
Times to be confirmed U16 Boys & Girls 9:30 am
U18 Boys & Girls 9:30 am
Fencing is scheduled to start 15 minutes after check in closes.
If you are running late on the day, please phone the organiser – we cannot guarantee late arrivals will be able to fence, but we will make best efforts to accommodate you.
- Entries:** Online entry via SPORT80
£25.00 until 1 December 2025 **USE CODE: SWageSABRE**
£30.00 to 19 January 2026
Late entry at £35.00 until 26 January at discretion of organisers. **No entry after 26 January 2026**
- Organiser:** Jane Browne Email: competitions@swfencing.co.uk Phone: 07913636227
On day of competition: 07913636227
- Kit:** All 350N jacket, 350N breeches, sabre lamé, sabre mask and wire. 2 body wires, 2 working foils. Long socks. Sabre glove - long sleeves to cover gloves not permitted.
Girls Chest protectors
U12/U14 350N plastron. Maximum blade size 3.
U16/U18 800N plastron. 800 N glove. Maximum blade size 5.
- Format:** The organisers reserve the right to change the format to ensure smooth running of the competition. The current proposed format is below:
All: 1 round of poules. All progress to DE's.
U12: DEs first to 10 hits, 6 mins with a 1 min break at 5 hits
U14: DEs first to 12 hits , 6 mins with a 1 min break at 6 hits
U14-U18: DEs first to 15 hits, 9 mins with a 1 min break at 8 hits
- Refreshments** Water fountains are available on site. Other refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day from Michele Golding (fencingstuff.org.uk)
- Disclaimer:** The organisers accept no responsibility for loss/damage to equipment or damage to fencers. Any contact info collected may be used to contact you regarding future events in the South West. It will not be shared with anyone else.
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- BYCs:** The South West Age Groups are also the region's British Youth Championship Qualifiers
When: 2 - 4 May 2026, general schedule will be announced by BF in January 26.
Where: EIS Sheffield, Coleridge Road, Sheffield, S9 5DA
Qualification formula: If 1-16 entries=8 will qualify. 17-19 entries=9 qualify. 20 – 22 entries=10
Those who qualify will be notified at the competition.
Entry is by invitation from BF in March 2026