

Special rules for the Youth Olympic Games 2018 Fencing Competition

Formula Individual Competition

The initial seeding will be based on the results obtained at the World Cadet Championships 2018. The formula for the individual competition is one round of pools where **no fencer is eliminated**. This is followed by a direct elimination table where the fencers are put in the table according to their results in the pools.

Video Refereeing

Video refereeing will be used for all matches in individual and team competitions, including the pools of the individual competitions. In the pools, each fencer has one possibility per match to challenge the referee's decision. This possibility is retained if the decision of the referee is changed. There will be no documentation of the decisions of the referee and the video referee during the pools.

Formula for Mixed Team Competition

The ranking of the teams is calculated by adding together the positions obtained by the six team members in the individual events. The competition is run by integral direct elimination.

Selection Process in the Mixed Team Competition

There are 9 teams participating in the team competition. For the first team of each continental zone, the fencers with the best result in each weapon are selected for the team. For the continental zones who have more than one team, the fencers with the second best result are selected for the second team etc.

The final team members in each team for Women's Foil, Men's Sabre, Women's Epee and Men's Epee are announced at 16.00 the day preceding the team competition. The final team members in Men's Foil and Women's Sabre are announced directly after the individual competitions in these weapons.

Order of Relays in the Mixed Team Competition

During the mixed team competition female and men's relays of the same weapon follow one after another, the order of the relay for matches of a mixed team will be established only once, which will occur in the day preceding a mixed team competition in the presence of Chiefs of Delegation of the relevant National Federations. The draw will define a gender (man/woman) of fencers for the first match of the first relay and will be fixed in the next matches.

The order of weapons will be as follows: Sabre, Foil and Epee.

Injury in the Mixed Team Competition

a) Withdrawal caused by injury duly recognised by the FIE Medical Commission delegate before 12.00 on the day before the competition

In case of withdrawal caused by injury of one of the team members, which is certified by the FIE delegate at the latest at 12.00 on the day preceding the team competition, a substitute is selected, if possible, from the group of fencers that have participated in the individual competition but not eligible for the first team selection. The substitute should preferably fence the same weapon but must have the same gender and belong to the same continental zone as the fencer who is withdrawn.

If the continental zone has more than one team in the competition, and the injured fencer belongs to a team that has higher ranking than another team belonging to the same continental zone, the equivalent fencer(s) in the lower ranked team(s) will move up into the higher ranked team(s). The substitute will then enter into the team with the lowest ranking.

The name of the substitute must be announced by the Directoire technique before 16.00 on the day preceding the competition. If a substitute cannot be found, the team in which a substitute fencer would have fenced can continue the competition. However, the result of the fight in the team match in which the substitute fencer would have fenced will be that his or her team scores zero hits and the opponent's team scores the maximum number of hits possible.

b) Withdrawal caused by injury occurring after 12.00 the day before the competition

In case of withdrawal caused by injury to one of the team members occurring after 12.00 on the day before the team competition, there is no possibility for the team to call a substitute. The team can continue the competition but the result of the fight in the team match, in which the withdrawn fencer should have fenced, will be that the withdrawn fencer scored zero hits and his or her opponent the maximum number of hits possible.

c) Withdrawal of a competitor fencing the last relay of the match

After the drawing of lots organized the day before the team competitions, we will know the gender of the athlete that will perform the final relay in every bout. The competing team is able to designate one more athlete that can take part in the last relay of every bout. The replacement can be made only after the beginning of the final relay and only due to medical reasons, confirmed by the member of the FIE medical commission. The return substitution during the last relay of the match is not allowed.

Coaches in the Mixed Team Competition

For each team a head coach and an assistant coach should be selected by joint decision of the delegations. The head coach and the assistant coach are allowed to remain with their teams within the team box. For the personal coaches of the fencers, special seatings will be provided in the spectator stands, as close as possible to the fencing area. The names of the head coach, the assistant coach and the personal coaches for each team must be announced to the Directoire technique at the latest at 12.00 the day preceding the competition.