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THE FIE

Today, the FIE has 148 member federations and its head office is in Lausanne (SUI), the Olympic Capital. At the FIE Elective Congress held in Moscow (RUS) in December 2012, Mr Alisher Usmanov (RUS) was re-elected as President to lead the federation until 2016. He has been the FIE President since 2008. Mr Usmanov appointed Mr Frederic Pietruszka (FRA) as Secretary General and Mr Jacek Bierkowski (POL) as Secretary Treasurer. The major objectives of the FIE 2012-2016 are

- to actively promote the development of fencing throughout the world
- to establish fencing as a global sport and media product.

The means to reach this aim is to continue giving financial and organisational assistance to confederations and national federations. The FIE conducts and finances administration courses, coaches training courses, athletes training camps and distributes equipment. In addition, the FIE continues to enhance the visual appeal of the sport and to make fencing more accessible to a broader audience.

FIE GOVERNANCE

The FIE is governed by the FIE Executive Committee which is composed of 21 members. 16 members including the President are elected by the FIE Electoral Congress which takes place every four years. The FIE statutes provide that they all have to be of different nationalities and that at least 20% of the members be women.. The President of each of the five continental Confederations recognised by the FIE is also full member of the Executive Committee.

THE FIE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2012-2016

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EDITORIAL



Dear friends,
 The 2013 World Fencing Championships in Budapest, Hungary, are the sporting highlight of this post-Olympics season.
 2013 is a very special year for the International Fencing Federation (FIE) as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. Over the past century, we have seen fantastic fencing events, as well as the sport's ongoing development and innovation. It is fitting that this year's World Championships will take place in a capital city with such a rich tradition in fencing. The Hungarian Fencing Federation was one of the nine federations that met in Paris in November 1913 to set up the FIE. Since then, some of the biggest international fencing events have taken place in Budapest and other Hungarian cities. Taking into account all this expertise and passion, I am confident that we will witness another high level fencing event this year.
 On behalf of the FIE, I would like to thank the Budapest 2013 Organising Committee, the City of Budapest, the Hungarian Fencing Federation, the Hungarian Paralympic Committee and the Hungarian Ministry of Sport for all their efforts and hard work in the preparation of these World Championships. I have no doubt that everything is in place for a successful tournament.

Alisher Usmanov
 President of the International Fencing Federation (FIE)




COMPETITION SCHEDULE

BUDAPEST (HUN)
5-12 AUGUST 2013

MEDIA EVENTS		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
04.08	08:00	Opening of the Press Center
	12:00	«Have a Go opportunity» for Media
	14:30	Photographers' briefing
	17:00	Opening of the FIE Centennial Exhibition
07.08	17:00	Opening Ceremony
	17:35	Press Conference
12.08	20:10-20:20	Closing Ceremony
	20:25	Closing Press Conference

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

DATE	START TIME	EVENT	Semi-finals	Gold medal matches	Medal ceremonies
05.08	9:00	Qualifications	Men's Sabre, Women's Foil, Women's Epee		
06.08	9:00	Qualifications	Women's Sabre, Men's Epee, Men's Foil		
07.08	8:00	Table of 64 and finals	Men's Sabre, Women's Foil	19:20-19:45 Women's Foil	19:45-20:00 Men's Sabre
08.08	8:30	Table of 64 and finals	Women's Epee, Men's Epee	20:30-20:55 Women's Epee	20:55-21:20 Men's Epee
	8:30	Table of 64 and finals	Men's Foil, Women's Sabre	20:30-20:55 Men's Foil	20:55-21:20 Women's Sabre

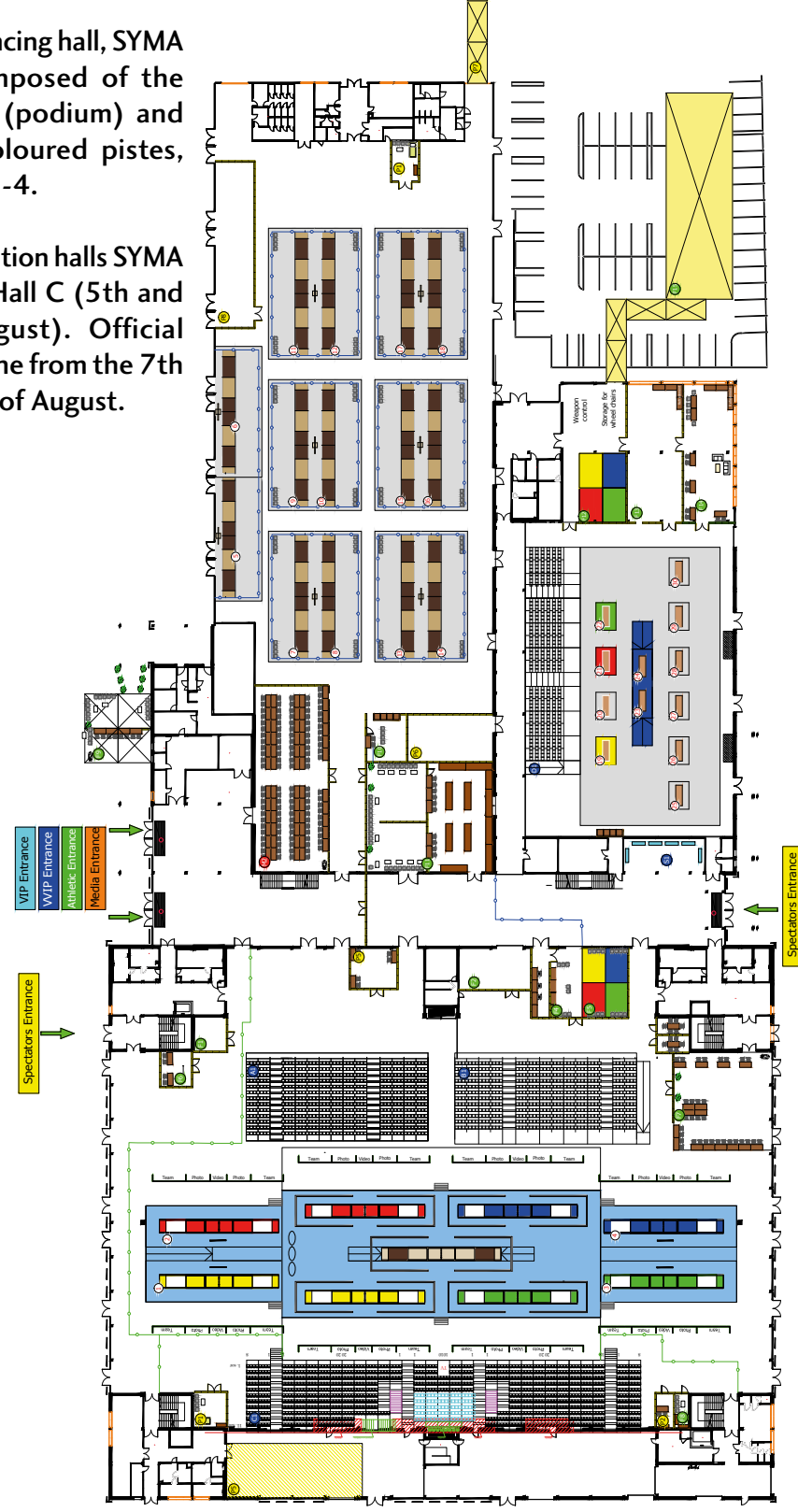
TEAM COMPETITIONS

DATE	START TIME	EVENT	Bronze medal matches	Gold medal matches	Medal ceremonies
10.08	9:00	Direct elimination and finals	16:30-17:40 Women's Foil	19:30-20:40 Women's Foil	20:45-21:30 Men's Sabre
11.08	9:00	Direct elimination and finals	16:15-17:15 Women's Epee	19:25-20:25 Women's Epee	20:30-21:30 Men's Epee
	9:00	Direct elimination and finals	16:00-17:10 Men's Foil	19:00-20:10 Men's Foil	20:30-21:20 Women's Sabre

THE VENUE

The main fencing hall, SYMA Hall A, composed of the finals piste (podium) and the four coloured pistes, and pistes 1-4.

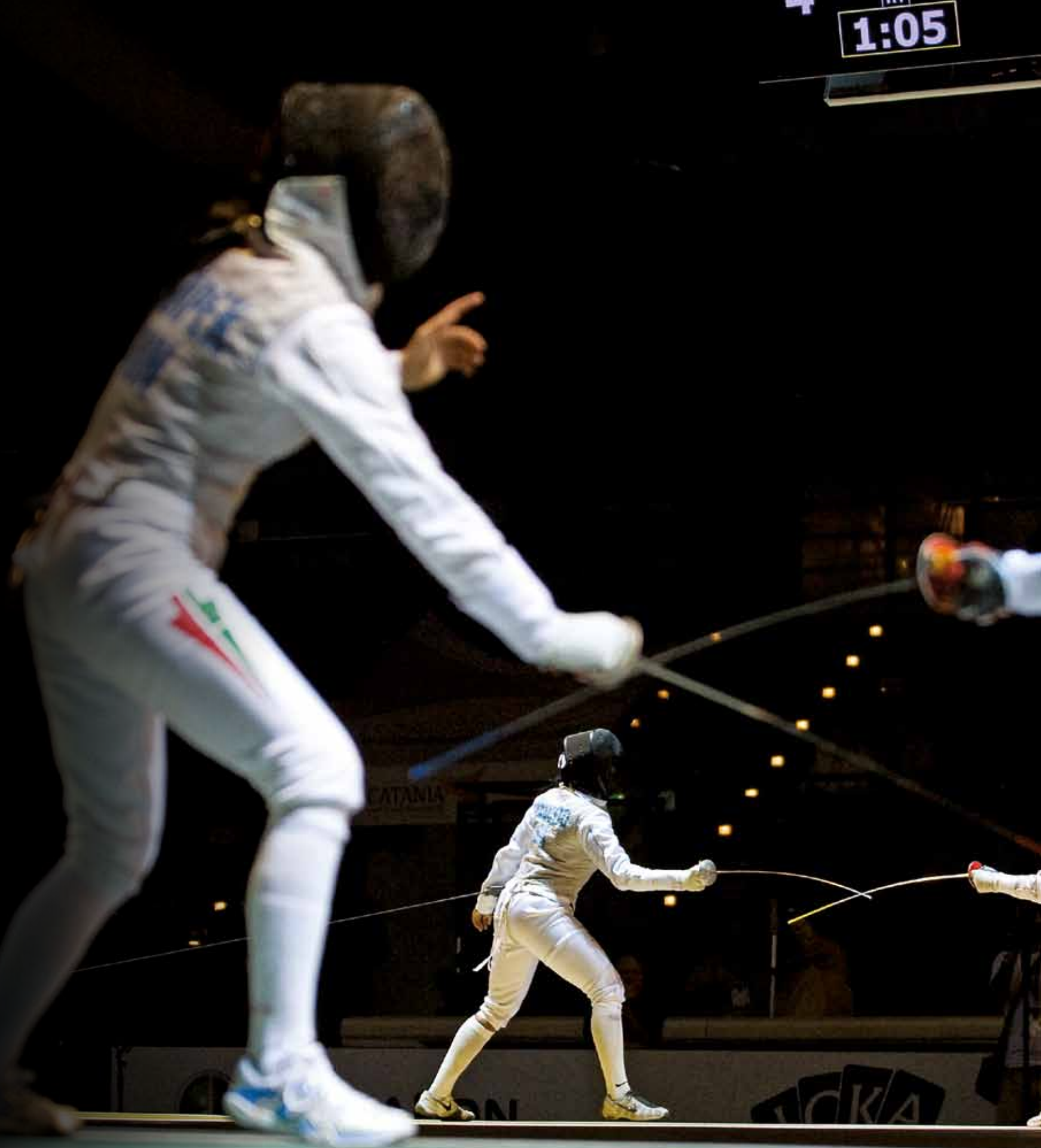
The qualification halls SYMA Hall B and Hall C (5th and 6th of August). Official warm-up zone from the 7th to the 12th of August.



Fencing Areas		Spectator Areas		Media Areas		Production Areas	
1. Photo company	10. Info Center	A. Grandstand - 552 box	1. First Aid point	1. TV Studio	1. High fence (3.5 m x 2 m)	1. Table	1. World Fencing Championships 2013 Budapest (7 to 12 August)
2. Chamber Artilage	11. Weapon Control	B. Grandstand - 552 box	2. VIF Radio Base	2. Media Center	2. Low fence (2.5 m x 1.2 m)	2. Chair	2. Title
3. Software company	12. IWAS Call room	C. Grandstand - 930 box	3. First Aid point	3. Organizers - Technical base	3. Tensa Barrier	3. Bare Resultate	3. Date
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5. Call room	14. IWAS Director, Technique and Software Company	E. FIE 100 Exhibition	5. TV Office	5. FIE Office	5. Access point	5. Access point	5. Hungarian Fencing Federation
6. Call room	15. Catering tent		6. FIE Office	6. FIE Office	6. Access point	6. Access point	6. Date
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9. Medal Ceremony Support	18. Catering tent		9. FIE Office	9. FIE Office	9. Access point	9. Access point	9. Date
10. Accreditation	19. Catering tent		10. FIE Office	10. FIE Office	10. Access point	10. Access point	10. Version

FACTS AND FIGURES

- In 2013, Budapest is hosting the fencing world championships for the 5th time (1959, 1975, 1991, 2000).
- 835 from 100 countries have registered for the 2013 world championships.
- 42 referees (34 international and 8 by the host) officiate the event.
- For the 4th time after 2006 in Turin (ITA), 2010 in Paris (FRA) and 2011 in Catania (ITA), the FIE and IWAS world championships are held together.
- 2013 is the Centennial year of the FIE. The world championships are a major event of the festivities while the main event is the FIE Centennial Congress and Gala Dinner in November in Paris (FRA). The FIE100 Hall of Fame and Travelling Exhibition are displayed in Budapest to showcase the magnificent history of the fencing and the federation.
- The FIE medals awarded to the athletes during the medal ceremonies have been specially designed for the 2013 world championships and bear the FIE100 design. The medals for the first place are gold plated.
- The medal winning athletes will be awarded with prizes offered by the President of the FIE, Alisher Usmanov, for a total amount of 600,000 USD.
Individuals:
Gold - 20,000 USD;
Silver - 10,000 USD;
Bronze - 5,000 USD
Teams (per team):
Gold - 25,000 USD;
Silver - 20,000 USD;
Bronze - 15,000 USD
- The elections to the FIE Athletes' Commission take place during these world championships. All athletes taking part in the competitions have the right to vote. 19 athletes from all four continental zones have submitted their candidature.
- The FIE organised an International Training Camp in the lead up to the world championships 27.07 – 04.08, giving athletes from all over the world the opportunity to prepare for the event under the best conditions. This project is part of the FIE development plan for national federations. 55 fencers from 55 national federations took part.





THE RULES

Duration and scoring:

Individual events

At foil and epee, all bouts in the individual events consist of three periods of three minutes, with one minute between periods, or the bout lasts until one fencer has scored 15 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits is declared the winner. If the scores are tied after the third period, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One fencer is randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer who scores a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority. In sabre, there is a one-minute break after one fencer has scored eight hits. After this break, the bout is resumed until one fencer has scored 15 hits.

Duration and scoring:

Team events

In the team events, each match consists of nine bouts of three minutes each, to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout lasts three minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of five hits: a score of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of 10 hits after the second bout, a score of 15 hits after the third bout, and so on. If in the ninth bout the time elapses before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits is declared winner.

If the score is tied after the ninth bout, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One team is randomly given priority. The winner is the first team who scores a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winning is the team with priority.

Available in French and Spanish at www.fie.ch and in English at www.britishfencing.com



THE THREE WEAPONS

FOIL

The foil has a total length of 110cm and its blade is 90cm long. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 500g.

The foil is a thrusting weapon only. Fencers can only score a hit by striking the point of their weapon on the defined target area of their opponent which is limited to the torso only. Non-valid hits also stop the bout, but are not counted. Foil is governed by the rules of right of way. The fencer who starts an attack has the right of way. In order to avoid being hit, the opposing foil fencer usually attempts to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupes, which are different ways to avoid the opponents' blade.

EPEE

The epee has a total length of 110cm and its blade is 90cm long. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 770g. As foil, the epee is a thrusting weapon only and the epee attack is with the point of the weapon only.

At epee, the target area is the entire body, head to toe, including any clothing and equipment. Unlike in sabre and foil, in epee there are no right of way rules regarding attacks. Any hit which arrives is counted. Touches are awarded solely on the basis of which fencer makes a touch first, according to an electrical recording apparatus. Also, double-touches are allowed in epee, although the touches must occur within 40 milliseconds (1/25 of a second) of each other.

SABRE

The sabre has a total length of 105cm and its blade is 88cm long. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 500g. The sabre's basic difference from the two other weapons is that a hit can be made with the cutting edge and not only with the point. The target area consists of everything above the waist, including the head and both arms.

As foil, sabre is governed by the rules of right of way. The fencer who starts an attack has the right of way. In order to avoid being hit, the opposing sabre fencer usually attempts to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupes, which are different ways to avoid the opponents' blade.

COMPETITION FORMULA

INDIVIDUALS

Qualification: The 16 fencers participating in the competition who are ranked highest in the current FIE ranking are exempt from the preliminary phase and enter directly the main 64 direct elimination table (DE). The competition starts with a qualifying pool (round-robin) of six or seven fencers. The results from the pools are used to establish the seeds for the next part of the competition.

A pool bout ends when one of the fencers has scored five hits or when three minutes of effective fencing time have passed. Then fencer with the higher score is declared winner. If the score is tied after three minutes, there is given one minute extra time. One fencer will be randomly given priority. The winner will be the first fencer to score a valid hit. If no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority.

After the pool stage, the 16 best

seeded fencers enter directly into the main 64 DE. The rest is seeded into preliminary DE from which another 32 fencers qualify for the main 64 DE. At the 2013 World Championships, all qualifications are held on 5 and 6 August.

DIRECT ELIMINATION

At foil and epee, all bouts in the individual events consist of three periods of three minutes, with a one-minute break between periods, or until one fencer has scored 15 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits is declared the winner. At sabre, if one fencer has scored eight hits, there is a one minute break.

Medals: There is no match for the bronze medal. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equally third and are both awarded with the bronze medal.

TEAMS

In team events, all teams are directly seeded into the direct elimination table according to the team world ranking position.

Each match consists of nine bouts to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout lasts three minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of five hits: a score of five hits after the first bout, a score of 10 hits after the second bout, a score of 15 hits after the third bout, and so on. If the ninth bout is completed before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits is declared the winner. If the scores are tied after the ninth bout, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One fencer is randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer to score a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority.

Medals: There is a match for the bronze medal.

REFEREEING

Fencers may ask for a review of a decision by video-refereeing.

Appeals:

- In individual events each fencer has two possible appeals in direct elimination bouts and one in a pool bout. Should the referee agree with fencer who appealed for video-refereeing, the fencer retains his right of appeal.

- In team events, the fencers have the right to a single appeal for video-refereeing per relay and are entitled to retain this right should the referee agree with this appeal.

- In case of an appeal for video-refereeing, the referee walks over to the video-consultant. They watch the video together and after consultation with the consultant delegate,

the referee gives his final decision. No other review of the same action can be requested.

- If the fencer's scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video refereeing.

- The video-consultant may at any time request that the referee review his decision.



WORLD RANKINGS 2013

MEN'S EPEE


1 (VEN) Rubén Limardo Gascón 03.08.85

RESULTS
1 OG London 2012,
7 WCH Catania 2011



2 (SUI) Max Heinzer 10.08.92

RESULTS
12 OG London 2012
19 WCH Catania 2011









3 (VEN) Silvio Fernandez 05.01.86

RESULTS
6 OG London 2012
51 WCH Catania 2011



- 4  (GER) Joerg
- 6  Fiedler (SUI) Fabian Kauter
- 8  (NOR) Bartosz Piasecki
- 10  (UKR) Bogdan Nikishin
- 13  (FRA) Ulrich Robeiri
- 14  (FRA) Ivan Trevejo
- 16  (FRA) Alexandre Blaszyck

- 5  (EST) Nikolai Novosjolov
- 7  (HUN) Gabor Boczko
- 9  (KOR) Jinsun Jung
- 11  (KAZ) Elmir Alimzhanov
- 12  (FRA) Yannick Borel
- 15  (FRA) Daniel Jerent

WORLD RANKINGS 2013

WOMEN'S EPEE

1 (ROU) Branza Ana Maria 26.11.84

RESULTS
11 OG London 2012
3 WCH Catania 2013



2 (CHN) Yujie Sun 10.08.92

RESULTS
3 OG London 2012
2 WCH Catania 2011



3 (UKR) Yana Shemyakina 05.01.86

RESULTS
1 OG London 2012
9 WCH Catania 2011



- 4  (RUS) Anna Sivkova
- 6  (KOR) Lam Shin A
- 8  (GER) Britta Heidemann
- 10  (ITA) Rossella Fiamingo
- 12  (KOR) Injeong Choi
- 14  (RUS) Violetta Kolobova
- 16  (USA) Courtney Hurley

- 5  (HUN) Emese Szasz
- 7  (TUN) Sarra Besbes
- 9  (CHN) Anqi Xu
- 11  (SUI) Tiffany Greoudet
- 13  (GER) Monika Sozanska
- 15  (EST) Irina Embrich






MEDALISTS LONDON 2012 MEN'S EPEE

- 1  (VEN) Ruben Limardo Gascon
- 2  (NOR) Bartosz Piasecki
- 3  (KOR) Jinsun Jung



MEDALISTS LONDON 2012 WOMEN'S EPEE

- 1  (UKR) Yana Shemyakina
- 2  (GER) Britta Heidemann
- 3  (CHN) Sun Yujie

WORLD RANKINGS 2013

MEN'S FOIL



1 (ITA) Andrea Baldini 19.12.85

RESULTS

4 OG London 2012
17 WCH Catania 2011



2 (ITA) Andrea Cassara 03.01.84

RESULTS

5 OG London 2012
1 WCH Catania 2011



3 (RUS) Alexey Cherenisinov 10.03.90

RESULTS

8 OG London 2012
6 WCH Catania 2011



- 4 (USA) Gerek Meinhardt
- 6 (RUS) Artur Akhmatkhzin
- 8 (ITA) Valerio Aspromonte
- 10 (USA) Race Imboden
- 12 (CHN) Jianfei Ma
- 14 (ITA) Giorgio Avola
- 16 (KOR) Jun Heo

- 5 (GBR) James-Andrew Davis
- 7 (GER) Peter Joppich
- 9 (USA) Alexander Massialas
- 11 (EGY) Alaaeldin Abouelkassem
- 13 (CHN) Sheng Lei
- 15 (JPN) Ryo Miyake

WORLD RANKINGS 2013

WOMEN'S FOIL



1 (ITA) Arianna Errigo 06.06.88

RESULTS

2 OG London 2012
33 WCH Catania 2011



2 (ITA) Elisa Di Francisca 13.12.82

RESULTS

1 OG London 2012
2 WCH Catania 2011



3 (RUS) Inna Deriglazova 10.03.90

RESULTS

18 OG London 2012
12 WCH Catania 2011



- 4 (GER) Carolin Golubytskyi
- 6 (USA) Lee Kiefer
- 8 (RUS) Larisa Korobeynikova
- 10 (TUN) Ines Boubakri
- 12 (ITA) Carolina Erba
- 14 (KOR) Gil Ok Jung
- 16 (HUN) Aida Mohamed

- 5 (FRA) Astrid Guyart
- 7 (USA) Nzingha Prescod
- 9 (FRA) Ysaora Thibus
- 11 (RUS) Diana Yakovleva
- 13 (KOR) Hee Sook Jeon
- 15 (FRA) Corinne Maitrejean



MEDALISTS LONDON 2012 MEN'S FOIL

- 1 (CHN) Sheng Lei
- 2 (EGY) Alaaeldin Abouelkassem
- 3 (KOR) Byungchul Choi



MEDALISTS LONDON 2012 WOMEN'S FOIL

- 1 (ITA) Elisa Di Francisca
- 2 (ITA) Arianna Errigo
- 3 (ITA) Valentina Vezzali

WORLD RANKINGS 2013

MEN'S SABRE



1 (ITA) Diego Occhiuzzi 30.04.81

RESULTS
2 OG London 2012
11 WCH Catania 2011




2 (HUN) Aron Szilagyi 14.01.90












RESULTS
1 OG London 2012
6 WCH Catania 2011

3 (KOR) Bongil Gu 27.04.89

RESULTS
10 OG London 2012
3 WCH Catania 2011




- 4  (RUS) Nikolay Kovalev
- 5  (GER) Benedikt Wagner
- 6  (ROU) Tiberiu Dolniceanu
- 7  (USA) Daryl Homer
- 8  (RUS) Veniamin Reshetnikov
- 9  (GER) Nicolas Limbach
- 10  (BLR) Aliaksandr Buikevich
- 11  (ITA) Luigi Samele
- 12  (RUS) Alexey Yakimenko
- 13  (KOR) Junghwan Kim
- 14  (ITA) Enrico Berre
- 15  (ESP) Fernando Casares
- 16  (RUS) Kamil Ibragimov

WORLD RANKINGS 2013

WOMEN'S SABRE

1 (UKR) Olga Kharlan 04.09.90

RESULTS
3 OG London 2012
3 WCH Catania 2011




2 (USA) Mariel Zagunis 03.03.85














RESULTS
4 OG London 2012
2 WCH Catania 2011




3 (KOR) Jiyeon Kim 12.03.88

RESULTS
1 OG London 2012
17 WCH Catania 2011




- 4  (ITA) Irene Vecchi
- 5  (GRE) Vassiliki Vougiouka
- 6  (POL) Aleksandra Socha
- 7  (USA) Dagmara Wozniak
- 8  (RUS) Ekaterina Dyachenko
- 9  (RUS) Dina Galiakbarova
- 10  (RUS) Sofya Velikaya
- 11  (RUS) Yuliya Gavrilova
- 12  (KOR) Rajin Lee
- 13  (TUN) Azza Besbes
- 14  (CHN) Min Zhu
- 15  (USA) Ibtihaj Muhammad
- 16  (USA) Anne-Elizabeth Stone



MEDALISTS LONDON 2012
MEN'S SABRE

- 1  (HUN) Aron Szilagyi
- 2  (ITA) Diego Occhiuzzi
- 3  (RUS) Nikolay Kovalev



MEDALISTS LONDON 2012
WOMEN'S SABRE

- 1  (KOR) Jiyeon Kovalev
- 2  (RUS) Sofya Velikaya
- 3  (UKR) Olga Kharlan



EVENT PREVIEW

MEN'S EPEE

INDIVIDUALS

2012 Olympic Champion Rubén Limardo Gascón (VEN) is currently first in the world ranking. He achieved six top eight positions, among them a victory at the world cup in Buenos Aires and a 3rd place at the Pan-American Championships so far.

Max Heinzer (SUI) is in top shape this year. He won three competitions, among them the Grand Prix in Berne for the third time in a row. However, he did not perform well at the European Championships in Zagreb (CRO) where he lost in the 64 DE.

Silvio Fernandez (VEN), Jörg Fiedler (GER), Nikolai Novosjolov (EST), and Fabian Kauter (SUI) have also achieved several top eight positions, Fernandez and Fiedler even taking the titles at the 2013 zone championships. Hungary's hopes lie on Gabor Boczko (HUN). Having achieved a victory at the Grand Prix event in Doha and four other top eight positions, Boczko is currently ranked 7 in the world.

TEAM

Switzerland is currently the best team in the world. They won two team world cup events and defended their gold medal at this year's European Championships in Zagreb (CRO). Team USA is the current world champion and is ranked second in the world, while Italy and France have won at least one world cup event this season and will have a say, too.

Hungary's team is very experienced and has been performing extraordinarily during the last 12 months: Since the 2012 European Championships in Legnano (ITA) they have been on the podium at every event in which they participated.

WOMEN'S EPEE

INDIVIDUALS

Ana Maria Branza (ROU) is currently dominating the world ranking. Since the 2012 Olympic Games where she finished 11th, she achieved seven top eight positions in eight competitions, among them six on the podium. She also won the title at the 2013 European Championships in Zagreb (CRO).

One of Branza's strongest contenders might be SUN Yujie (CHN). She has been on the podium four times this year and has won a medal at every major competition since her second place at the 2011 World Championships she has won a medal at every major competition. 2012 Olympic Champion Yana Shemyakina (UKR), Anna Sivkova (RUS), Shin A Lam (KOR), Injeong Choi (KOR), and XU Anqi (CHN) have already won a world cup or grand prix event this year. Shin A Lam (KOR) faced Britta Heidemann (GER) in the final of the world cup in Rio de Janeiro (BRA). It was again a very close match but this time it was Shin A Lam who prevailed by just one touch.

Hungary's hopes lie on experienced Emese Szasz who is currently ranked fifth in the world. She was second twice this year and took the bronze medal at the European Championships in Zagreb (CRO).

TEAM

Team China has won every single team world cup event with the exception of the one in St-Maur (FRA) since their gold medal in London 2012. They also took the title at the 2013 Asian Championships in Shanghai (CHN).

Russia, Romania, the Ukraine and Hungary have reached several podium positions so far this year and are always good for a medal.

In addition to China, it was Estonia, the USA and Tunisia who won their respective zone championships and might be also candidates for a top position at the world championships.

MEN'S SABRE

INDIVIDUALS

Diego Occhiuzzi (ITA), silver medallist at London 2012, is the current number one in the world ranking. With eight top eight positions in nine competitions, among them three on the podium, he had an outstanding post-Olympic season. 2012 Olympic Champion Aron Szilagy (HUN) continued to fence at top level throughout the 2012/2013 season. He is currently ranked 2nd in the world, having achieved five podium positions in seven competitions. With four podium positions and being currently ranked fifth in the world, Benedikt Wagner (GER) is the shooting star of the season. He even surpassed his team mate Nicolas Limbach who decided to concentrate on his studies in the post-Olympic year.

There are several other fencers to have an eye on because they all took a victory at an FIE event: While Gu Bongil (KOR), Tiberiu Dolniceanu (ROU) and Renzo Agresta (BRA) and Hichem Samandi (TUN) took the titles at the respective zone championships, there were five other fencers that placed first at a world cup or grand prix event (Nikolay Kovalev (RUS), Aliaksandr Buikovich (BLR), Fernando Casares (ESP), 2013 Junior World Champion Kamil Ibragimov (RUS), Matyas Szabo (GER)).

TEAM

Italy and Korea are dominating the world ranking by far and finish almost always in the top three. Although having lost ground to Italy and Korea in the 2012/2013 season, Russia is always good for a medal. On the world ranking, Romania and Germany are within close reach, however.

Team Hungary did not qualify for the Olympic Games 2012 but they have been performing outstandingly well over the last couple of months. Led by Aron Szilagy the team achieved two victories and a second place at team world cups.

WOMEN'S SABRE

INDIVIDUALS

Olga Kharlan (UKR), third at the Olympic Games in London 2012, is dominating the world ranking 2012/2013. She won three events, the 2013 European Championships and was another two times on the podium.

Double Olympic Champion Mariel Zagunis (USA) who lost the match for bronze in London 2012 against Olga Kharlan, is fencing at top level at the moment. She won two world cup events as well as the Pan-American championships and was another four times on the podium. Olympic Champion Jiyeon Kim (KOR) is also in top shape. She took the title at the Asian Championships and achieved three podiums in the world cup circuit, among them one victory.

Hungary's hopes lie on Anna Marton and Reka Benko. Marton who was born in 1995 and competed still on the junior level this season, was in the top eight at the European Championships 2013.

TEAM

Ukraine is currently the top team in the world. The squad led by Olga Kharlan has won three of five world cup events this season. Thanks to a very balanced performance throughout the season, Russia is ranked second in the world. The team led by Olympic silver medallist Sophia Velikaia defeated the Ukraine in the final of the 2013 European Championships. USA and Korea are besides the Ukraine the two teams that won a world cup event this season. In addition, team USA achieved three third ranks and won the Pan-American Championships. Korea took the title at the Asian Championships in Shanghai (CHN). Hungary showed one very good performance in 2012/2013 when the team placed second at the world cup event in Chicago (USA).



WOMEN'S FOIL

INDIVIDUALS

Arianna Errigo (ITA) is currently leading the FIE world ranking. Since the Olympic Games 2012 where she finished second, she achieved eight top eight positions in nine competitions, among them five on the podium.

Her team mate Elisa Di Francisca, currently ranked second in the world, will be one of the strongest contenders for the gold. Di Francisca has defeated Errigo in several big finals: at the world championship 2010 in Paris (FRA), at the Olympic Games in London 2012 and at the 2013 European Championships in Zagreb (CRO).

Inna Deriglazova (RUS) is ranked third in the FIE ranking. Winning four out of nine competitions since the Olympic Games, she has shown an outstanding performance in the 2012/2013 season. Young talents like Lee Kiefer (USA) who placed fifth in London and won the Pan-American Championships 2013, and Ysaora Thibus (FRA) who achieved three top three positions this year might be candidate for the podium as well. Experienced Aida Mohammed is currently ranked 16 in the world and might be Hungary's most promising candidate for a medal. Six times Olympic and 14 times World Champion Valentina Vezzali (ITA) gave birth to her second child in May 2013 but will nevertheless compete at the World Championships and is eager to win a medal. Nam Hyun Hee (KOR) who has maintained a top three ranking since 2006 also gave birth to a child but does not compete at the 2013 World Championships.

TEAM

Italy is dominating the world ranking and is doubtless the top favourite for the title. With the exception of the world cup in Shanghai (CHN), Italy has won all team world cup events in the 2012/2013 season.

Russia is probably Italy's most important contender. They were the last team to beat Italy at a major title event (WCH Catania 2011). France and Korea are within reach but France is the only team besides Italy that won a team world cup event this season and is currently ranked 3rd in the world.

Host Hungary has a very experienced team that has just achieved a rather unexpected success by winning the bronze medal at this year's European Championships in Zagreb (CRO).

MEN'S FOIL

INDIVIDUALS

Andrea Baldini (ITA) is the current world number one, closely followed by his team mate Andrea Cassara. Both have won two world cup events this season.

Alexey Cheremisinov (RUS), Gerek Meinhardt (USA), James-Andrew Davis (GBR), Artur Akhmatkhuzin (RUS) and Peter Joppich (GER) have one thing in common: They all have won a competition this season and they are always good for a gold medal. Valerio Aspromonte (ITA), 2013 Junior World Champion Alexander Massialas (USA), Race Imboden (USA), and Olympic silver medallist Alaaeldin Abouelkassem (EGY) are within close reach on the world ranking and will definitely want to have a say when the medals are distributed. Olympic Champion Lei Sheng (CHN) does not compete at the world championships as he is preparing for the 2013 Chinese National Championships, a major competition for all Chinese athletes. In view of the world ranking, reaching a top eight position will be a great success for Hungary.

TEAM

Italy is leading the world ranking and with a record of three victories this season, they are one of the top favourites for the gold medal.

USA is ranked second on the world ranking, only a few points behind Italy. The very young team – Race Imboden and Alexander Massialas still competed on the junior level this season – showed extraordinary performances this season. They finished all competitions on the podium this season, winning two competitions and placing three times second. Germany, Russia, Japan and France are also always good for a position on the podium. Hungary is currently 21st in the world ranking.

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