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Welcome Messages

President of the International Fencing Federation

Dear friends,

It is my honour to welcome you to the Team World Championships 2012. Kiev, one of the oldest cities in Eastern Europe, is ready to host this event and offer its warm welcome to all of you.

We have only a few months to go to the Olympic Games in London and the thoughts of many are already concentrating on this event. However, I would like to underline that these Team World Championships do have highest sporting value and that we are looking forward to seeing exciting matches and fencing on the highest level.

I am sure that the Ukrainian Fencing Federation will present the public a top quality event that will attract many spectators.

On behalf of the FIE, I would like to thank the Ukrainian Fencing Federation, the local organisers and the city authorities for their hard work and support in the organisation of the event

We depend greatly on members of the media to communicate the values of our sport. We understand that it is becoming increasingly difficult for fencing to make its presence felt in newspapers and on TV stations around the world and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuous support and efforts in this field.

I wish all of you a pleasant stay in Kiev.

Alisher Usmanov,

President of the International Fencing Federation (FIE)

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President of Ukrainian NOC

Dear Friends!

I sincerely welcome the participants and organizers of World Team Fencing Championships!

It's a great pleasure that hospitable Ukrainian land famous for its fencing school will host once again the international tournament of the highest level.

All supporters of this beautiful kind of sport will have a wonderful chance to meet the leading fencers of the planet, and the sportsmen will have an opportunity to test their physical and psychological conditions before main event of the quadrennial – Olympic Games in London.

I wish every participant to show the sport character and will to win, and every spectator to get the unforgivable impressions from the action.

Let the strongest win!

Sincerely,

Sergey BUBKA

President of Ukrainian NOC,

Olympic champion

Head of State Service of Youth and Sports of Ukraine

Dear friends!

I sincerely welcome the guests and participants of the World Fencing Championships that will be held this year in Ukraine!

It's a great pleasure to realize that this honour opportunity to organize this event was granted to us by 96 from 100 votes of national federations who took part in voting for defining the host city of competitions.

This event is of a great importance for Ukraine as in 2012 in the Championships will compete only weapons not presented at the Olympic Games in London – women's sabre and men's epee. Therefore Ukrainian

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Musketeers will meet the opportunity to contend for the championship on the Motherland.

The victories in sport couldn't be achieved easily but due to the hours of exhausting trainings and sportsmanship which is possible to get only through the years of persistent work. So let me to thank all sportsmen for their work, spirit and willing to victory.

I wish the Ukrainian hospitality, passion and intensity of competitions stay in the memory of guests for a long time.

I also wish the participants, coaches, organizers and all people concerned the success and inspiration in reaching the tops, getting the new victories, physical and spiritual health as well as the strong support of fans.

With my best regards

Ravil SAFIULLIN

Head of State Service of Youth and Sports of Ukraine

President of the Ukrainian Fencing Federation

Dear friends,

On behalf of Ukrainian National fencing federation and from myself I kindly welcome the participants and guests of Team World fencing championships 2012.

Not for the first time the Ukrainian land will welcome the best fencers of five continents. During the last few years we organize three Junior World Cups and the European Championships 2008 in Kiev was remembered by all spectators and participants as on of the brightest events of the summer. That is why the organization of World Championships is the great honour for us and we will make our best to justify your confidence.

The history of Ukrainian fencing tarts from the Cossack times and I'm proud to state that the intensity of emotions at the fencing pistes of modern times is equal to the strength of medieval real battles. I'm sure that the 2012 World fencing Championships will stay in memory of all his participants and guests by bright bouts and unforgettable victories!

I wish all participants the good health, success, bright emotions, high sport achievements and constant movement forward!

Serhiy Mishchenko

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President of Ukrainian fencing federation

EVENT SCHEDULE FIE TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

FRIDAY, 13 APRIL 2012

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TEAM)

8:00 — Drawing lots

Tour	Pistes	Start	End
16	Color	09:00	9:40
8	Color	10:10	10:50
9-16	1-4	10:10	10:50
Semifinal	Yellow, red	11:20	12:00

SABRE WOMEN

5-16	Green, blue, 1-4	11:20	12:00
5/6, 7/8, 9/10	1-4, green, blue	12:30	13:30

Opening ceremony	14:00		
3-d place	Podium	14:30	15:15
Final	Podium	15:30	16:15

14:00-16:00 LIVE ON EUROSPORT

SATURDAY, 14 APRIL 2012

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TEAM)

8:00 — Drawing lots

Tour	Pistes	Start	End
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16	Color	11:00	13:00
8	Color	13:30	14:30
9-16	1-4	13:00	14:00
Semifinal	Yellow, red	15:00	16:00

EPEE MEN

5-16	Green, blue, 1-4	14:45	15:45
5/6, 7/8, 9/10	1-4, green, blue	16:00	17:00

3-d place	Podium	17:00	18:00
Final	Podium	18:10	19:10

18:00-18:10 CLOSING CEREMONY

THE VENUE

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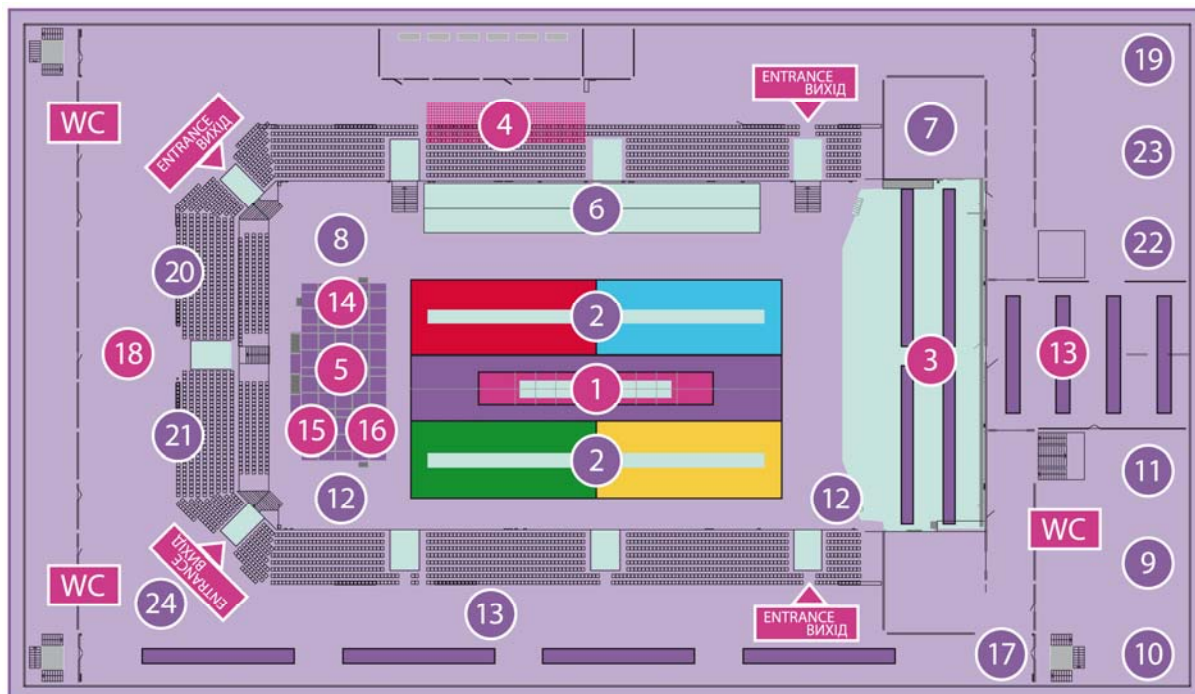


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|--|--|--|
| 1 Final podium
Фінальна зона | 9 Dressing room – men
Роздягальня для чоловіків | 17 Elevator to Press Conference room, VIP Lounge
Ліфт до VIP-ресторану та прес-конференц залу |
| 2 Direct elimination zone
Зона боїв прямого вибування | 10 Dressing room – women
Роздягальня для жінок | 18 Catering (Cafe)
Кафе |
| 3 Pistes 1-4
Зона попередніх змагань | 11 Doping Control
Допінг контроль | 19 Org. Committee office
Офіс організаційного комітету |
| 4 VIP Tribune
VIP-трибуна | 12 Medical aid
Пункт медичної допомоги | 20 Photocopiers
Кімната копіювання |
| 5 Directoire Technique
Технічний директорат | 13 Training warm up
Зона тренування | 21 Information for delegations
Інформація для делегацій |
| 6 Press Gallery
Трибуна преси | 14 Referee's Room
Кімната суддів | 22 FIE President office
Офіс Президента FIE |
| 7 Press room
Прес-центр | 15 Call Room
Кімната виклику | 23 FIE Office
Офіс FIE |
| 8 Mixed Zone
Мікст зона | 16 Wireless, Weapon Control
Контроль зброї | 24 Information point
Інформаційне табло |

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FIE Team World Championships Kyiv 2012

World Championships Preview

Preview women's sabre:

Will the young Ukrainian women's sabre team be able to use its home field advantage and snatch the title?

- RUSSIA won the title at the World Championships in Catania 2011 and in Paris 2010. One of its competitive advantages over the other competitors is the teams' great homogeneity.
- The UKRAINE is currently number two after the RUSSIA and has achieved some big results in the past. At the World Championships in Catania 2011 the team finished 2nd and at the World Championships Antalya 2009 and in Beijing 2008 they took the title. For sure, the team is aiming for the title on home soil.
- Team USA, led by two times Olympic Champion Mariel Zagunis, is another candidate for the podium. In Catania 2011, the US girls won the bronze medal, in Paris 2010 they finished 4th.
- CHINA achieved several top results in 2011 and is one of the best teams in the world. At the World Championships in Catania, however, they ranked 8th and are aiming now for a medal.
- ITALY, POLAND and FRANCE are the most dangerous competitors for the teams mentioned above. They are all experienced and always up for a surprise.

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Preview men's epee:

Will the French team be able to set a new record by winning the 9th gold in men's epee in a row?

- The FRENCH team is determined to defend the title from Catania 2011. It would be the 9th gold in a row for France and set a new record. No other team has achieved this before.
- FRANCE will be contested by KOREA, long-time rival HUNGARY, the USA and ITALY.
- Finishing 4th, KOREA missed a medal in Catania 2011 and is for sure longing for a medal.
- HUNGARY has been on the podium of world championships 4 times in a row, finishing two times 2nd and two times 3rd. For sure, the HUNGARIANS are aiming for the title this time.
- The young SWISS team might again play a role in the fight for the medals. At the World Championships in Catania 2011, the SWISS surprised KOREA in the fight for bronze 15:14 and secured a place on the podium.
- The teams of ITALY and the USA are both experienced and rank among the top 5 teams in the world. They did not win a medal at the last few world championships but are always in the position to challenge any competitor.

Information on host city Kyiv to be added:

Host city Kyiv and the Ukrainian Fencing Federation are experienced in hosting international top level fencing events. The European Championships in 2008 took also place in Kyiv .

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HUNGARY
VENEZUELA
GERMANY
HONG KONG
ISRAEL
IRAN
ITALY
KAZAKHSTAN
CANADA
KYRGYZSTAN
CHINA
NETHERLANDS
NORWAY
POLAND
RUSSIA
USA
SIERRA-LEONE
UKRAINE
FRANCE
CZECH REPUBLIC
SWITZERLAND
ESTONIA

Women's sabre - 14
AZERBAIJAN
BELARUS
GREAT BRITAIN
HUNGARY
GERMANY
HONG KONG
ITALY
KAZAKHSTAN
CHINA
POLAND
RUSSIA
USA
UKRAINE
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FIE Delegates and Referees at the Team World Championships

Bernardini	Raniero	FIE	Président du Directoire technique
Kralik	Julius	SVK	Membre du Directoire technique
Shturbabina	Marina	UKR	Membre du Directoire technique
Mustafa Mourad	Maha	EGY	Délégué de la Commission médicale
Bierkowski	Jacek	POL	Délégué de la Commission SEMI
Siesto	Marco	ITA	Délégué de la Comission d'Arbitrage
Mamedov	Ilgar	RUS	Délégué de la Comission d'Arbitrage
Ranza	Giuliano	ITA	Arbitre
Gaby	Bruno	FRA	Arbitre
Butakov	Andrei	RUS	Arbitre
Sainis	Christos	GRE	Arbitre
Casares	Ignacio	ESP	Arbitre
Sznajder	Rafal	POL	Arbitre
Denzer	Benjamin	GER	Arbitre
Azuma	Nobuyuki	JPN	Arbitre
Dyaokokin	Yevgeniy	KAZ	Arbitre
Abdel Fattah	Hussein	EGY	Arbitre
Besbes	Hayet	TUN	Arbitre
Klinkov	Ariana	USA	Arbitre
Rios Rivera	Juan Carlos	MEX	Arbitre
Trois de Avila	Regis	BRA	Arbitre
Garin	Oleksandr	UKR	Arbitre
Marko	Olena	UKR	Arbitre
Mazur	Yuriy	UKR	Arbitre
Surdin	Yuriy	UKR	Arbitre
Guttsayt	Vadym	UKR	Arbitre
Maksimov	Yvgen	UKR	Arbitre
Shkalikov	Serhiy	UKR	Arbitre

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FIE Technical Information

The Competition format at FIE World Championships

Overview on the relay formula

Bout 1		
Team 1 Fencer C	- The maximum score is five. - There are three minutes of effective fencing.	Team 2 Fencer C

Bout 2		
Team 1 Fencer A	- The opponents take the score where it was left off. - The maximum score is ten. - There are three minutes of effective fencing.	Team 2 Fencer B

Bout 3 to 8		
Team 1	- The opponents take the score where it was left off. - The maximum score is 15, 20, 25 etc. - There are three minutes of effective fencing in each successive bout.	Team 2

Bout 9: winning or loosing		
Team 1 Fencer C	The winning team is the one: - that reaches the total maximum score of 45 first - or that has scored the greatest number of hits at the expiry of the three minutes regulation time.	Team 2 Fencer B

If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the match continues for a deciding hit fought for by the fencers of the 9th bout. The maximum time limit is one minute. The same priority and 'sudden death' rules apply for the direct elimination as they do in individual matches.

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Epee

The epee has a total length of 110cm and its blade is 90cm long. The total weight of the weapon must be no more than 770g. As foil, the epee is a strike weapon only and the epee attack is with the tip 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 the electronic scoring machines. 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 foil fencer will usually attempt to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupés, which are different ways to avoid the opponents blade.

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Refereeing

Refereeing in fencing is considered to be quite difficult, because attacks develop in a very short time, perhaps in a split of a second. It is in the nature of the sport, that in order to be able to judge correctly, fencing referees are often former fencers.

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 will walk over to the refereeing consultant. They will watch the video together and after consultation with the consultant delegate, the referee will give 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 refereeing consultant may at any time request that the referee review his decision.

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Background Information

Current FIE Team World Rankings

Men's epee

Rank	Points	Country
1	416	FRANCE
2	340	COREE
3	320	HONGRIE
4	282	U.S.A.
5	248	ITALIE
6	230	CHINE
7	226	SUISSE
8	203	ALLEMAGNE
9	202	RUSSIE
10	188	CANADA
11	177	VENEZUELA
12	162	UKRAINE
13	159	JAPON
14	157	POLOGNE
15	151	NORVEGE
16	118	KAZAKHSTAN
17	105	ESTONIE
18	104	EGYPTE
19	104	REPUBLIQUE TCHEQUE
20	100	KIRGHIZISTAN
21	90	BRESIL
22	89	IRAN
23	77	ESPAGNE
24	71	HONG KONG
25	66	AUSTRALIE
26	65	BELARUS
27	56	ISRAEL
28	52	TUNISIE
29	52	OUZBEKISTAN
30	44	CHILI
31	40	AFRIQUE DU SUD

Rank	Points	Country
32	40	SUEDE
33	38	HOLLANDE
34	36	SENEGAL
35	36	MEXIQUE
36	32	MAROC
37	30	COLOMBIE
38	30	MALI
39	26	PORTO RICO
40	26	FINLANDE
41	25	THAILANDE
42	24	INDONESIE
43	24	PORTUGAL
44	23	SINGAPOUR
45	22	MALAISIE
46	20	DANEMARK
46	20	MACAO
48	19	CHINE TAIPEI
49	18	GRANDE-BRETAGNE
49	18	QATAR
51	16	ROUMANIE
52	16	LITUANIE
53	8	SLOVENIE
53	8	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
55	8	TURQUIE
56	8	ARGENTINE
57	8	AUTRICHE
58	0	COTE D'IVOIRE
59	0	IRAK
60	0	ALGERIE
61	0	EL SALVADOR

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Women's sabre

Rank	Points	Country
1	424	RUSSIE
2	352	UKRAINE
3	296	U.S.A.
4	264	ITALIE
5	262	CHINE
6	227	COREE
7	216	FRANCE
8	210	POLOGNE
9	185	HONGRIE
10	164	ALLEMAGNE
11	163	AZERBAIDJAN
12	162	GRANDE-BRETAGNE
13	152	HONG KONG
14	145	TUNISIE
15	142	ESPAGNE
16	141	JAPON
17	133	KAZAKHSTAN
18	119	MEXIQUE
19	90	VENEZUELA
20	69	ARGENTINE
21	60	SINGAPOUR
22	58	AUSTRALIE
23	58	ISLANDE
24	54	BRESIL
25	52	EGYPTE
26	40	AFRIQUE DU SUD
27	36	REPUBLIQUE DOMINICAINE
27	36	ALGERIE
29	30	CHINE TAIPEI
30	28	INDONESIE
31	25	THAILANDE
32	23	BELARUS
32	23	VIETNAM
34	16	CANADA
35	8	TURQUIE

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Athletes to have an eye on

Women's sabre



Sophia VELIKAIA (RUS)

08.06.85

Right-handed

Results:

Individual: 1. WCH 2011; 3. WCH 2010; 2. WCH 2005

Team: 1. WCH 2011, 2010, 2004



Mariel ZAGUNIS (USA)

03.03.85

Left-handed

Results:

Individual: 1 OG 2008, 2004; 2. WCH 2011; 1. WCH 2010, 2009

Team: 3. OG 2008; 3. WCH 2011



Olga KHARLAN (UKR)

04.09.90

Right-handed

Results:

Individual: 3. WCH 2011; 2. WCH 2010, 2009

Team: 1. OG 2008; 1. WCH 2009; 2. WCH 2011, 2010



Julia GAVRILOVA (RUS)

20.07.89

Right-handed

Results:

Individual: 3. WCH 2011

Team: 1. WCH 2011, 2010



Ekaterina DIATCHENKO (RUS)

31.08.87

Right-handed

Results:

Individual: 5. WCH 2011

Team: 1. WCH 2011



ZHU Min (CHN)

11.05.88

Right-handed

Results:

Individual: 6. WCH 2011

Team: 8. WCH 2011



KIM Ji Yeon (KOR)

12.03.88

Left-handed

Results:

Individual: 5. Asian Championships 2011



Azza BESBES (TUN)

28.11.90

Right-handed

Results:

Individual: 7. OG 2008; 7. WCH 2010

Men's epee

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Paolo PIZZO (ITA)

04.04.1983
Right-handed
Results:
Individual: 1. WCH 2011
Team: 5. WCH 2011



Bas VERWIJLEN (NED)

01.10.1983
Right-handed
Results:
Individual: 8. OG 2008; 2. WCH 2011;
3. WCH 2005



Kyoung Doo PARK (KOR)

03.08.1984
Right-handed
Results: Individual: 3. WCH 2011
Team: 4. WCH 2011



Nikolai NOVOSJOLOV (EST)

09.06.1980
Right-handed
Results:
Individual: 1. WCH 2010
Team: 2. WCH 2001



Fabian KAUTER (SUI)

22.09.1985
Right-handed
Results:
Individual: 3. WCH 2011
Team: 3. WCH 2011



Gauthier GRUMIER (FRA)

29.05.1984
Left-handed
Results:
Individual: 2. WCH 2010
Team: 1. WCH 2011, 2010, 2009, 2006



Max HEINZER (SUI)

07.08.1987
Right-handed
Results:
Individual: 3. ECH 2011
Team: 3. WCH 2011



Geza IMRE (HUN)

23.12.1974
Left-handed
Results:
Individual: 3. OG 1996;
Team: 2. OG 2004; 1. WCH 2001,
1998; 2. WCH 2011, 2009

More personal info on the athletes is available on www.fie.org in athletes' biographies.

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Results World Championships 2011

Women's Sabre Team	
1	Russia
2	Ukraine
3	USA
4	Azerbaijan
5	Poland
6	Hungary
7	Italy
8	China

Men's Epee Team	
1	France
2	Hungary
3	Switzerland
4	Korea
5	Italy
6	Germany
7	China
8	Norway

Results Olympic Games 2008

Women's Sabre Team	
1	Ukraine
2	China
3	USA
4	France
5	Russia
6	Poland
7	Canada
8	South Africa

Men's Epee Team	
1	France
2	Poland
3	Italy
4	China
5	Hungary
6	Venezuela
7	Ukraine
8	Korea

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Preview: Fencing at the Olympic Games London 2012

- The Olympic fencing events start on 28 July 2012 and end on 5 August.
- Men's epee and women's sabre will be the disciplines with only an individual competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- The Olympic fencing competitions will be held in the ExCeL.
- The number of fencing athletes in London 2012 will be 212 in total:
8 slots out of these 212 are reserved for the NOC of Great Britain, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit.
- The qualification period ended 31 March 2012.
- The last opportunity to qualify are the zonal qualifiers (between 15 April and 5 May 2012).
- The tickets for Olympic fencing competitions are sold out. Around 100.000 spectators are expected to see the competitions, the largest number of spectators ever at Olympic Games.
- More information is available on www.fie.org

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