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WELCOME MESSAGES



Dear friends!

Let me on behalf of the International Fencing Federation cordially welcome all participants and guests of the World Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships.

The best athletes from all over the world will participate in this tournament which is considered to be the most important and significant for the young fencers.

It was believed until recently that fencing is a sport for mature, experienced athletes. Athletes need years of training to study all the technique and tactics. But the young fencers break outdated stereotypes. Many juniors and even cadets take leading positions in the world ranking and many of them compete successfully for their national teams, showing very elaborate techniques with their weapon and an astonishing strength of mind.

I am sure that at these championships we will not only witness magnificent fencing bouts but also athletes that will be the stars of tomorrow.

*Alisher Usmanov
President of the FIE,
International Fencing Federation*



Dear friends!

Let me on behalf of the Russian Fencing Federation and in my own name welcome all the participants, coaches and guests of the World Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships.

It is a great honour and great responsibility for the Russian Fencing Federation to receive the best young fencers from all over the world.

We try to pay a huge amount of attention to the development of junior and cadets fencing because we know that the future victories of the Russian athletes at Olympics Games and World Championships depend on this.

Russian juniors and cadets always represented their country at the international arena honourably, showing high skills and a firm character. I am sure that on home soil, where according to a Russian proverb "everything is easier", the Russian team will demonstrate everything it is capable of and we will be the witnesses of bright victories of the representatives of Russian fencing school.

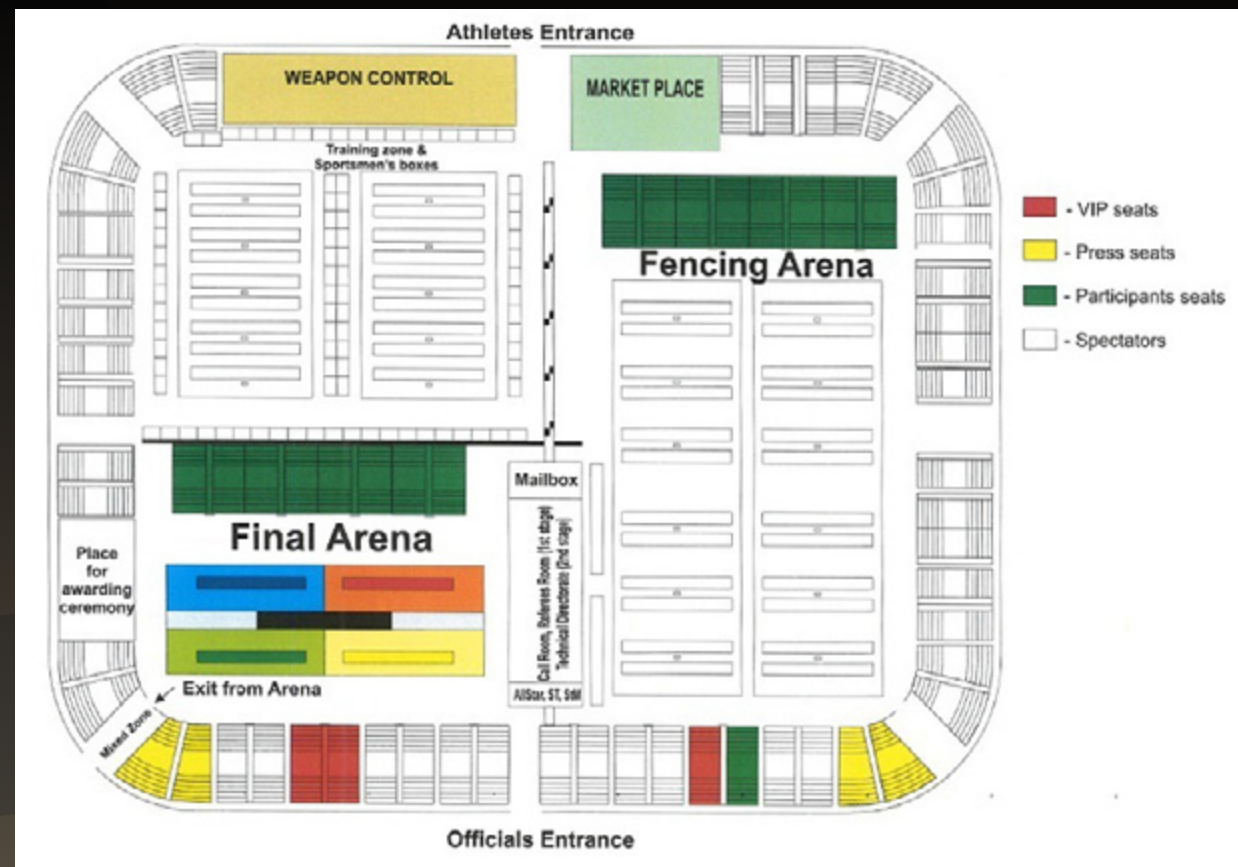
I wish all the athletes good luck on the pistes. May the spectators experience beautiful and breathtaking performances and my all guests take memorable impressions from their stay in Moscow.

*Alexander Mikhailov
President of Russian Fencing Federation*

THE VENUE

The world's best cadet and junior fencers compete in an impressive surrounding. In all 18 events, the showdown for the coveted medals takes place in the famous "Olimpiyskiy" arena, the Olympic sport complex of the 1980 Olympic Games.

With a total capacity of 35,000 spectators this arena is currently the largest indoor arena in Europe. Many world championships and other big sports events have taken place here since 1980. In addition, the arena was host to the concerts of renowned artists such as Ozzy Osbourne, Rammstein, and Shakira.



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Cadets individuals		
31.03.2012	09:00	Men's sabre
	10:00	Women's foil
01.04.2012	09:00	Women's sabre
	10:00	Men's foil
02.04.2012	08:00	Women's epee
	10:00	Men's epee

Juniors individuals		
03.04.2012	09:30	Men's sabre
	10:30	Women's foil
04.04.2012	09:30	Women's sabre
	10:30	Men's foil
05.04.2012	08:00	Women's epee
	11:30	Men's epee

Juniors teams		
06.04.2012	08:30	Men's sabre
	09:00	Women's foil
07.04.2012	08:30	Women's sabre
	09:00	Men's foil
08.04.2012	08:30	Women's epee
	09:00	Men's epee



PREVIEW

The World Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships will kick off on 31 March with individual cadet men's sabre and women's foil and close with the team events in juniors' epee on 8 April.

During the nine days of competition the medals will be distributed in 6 cadet and 12 junior events. While the cadets compete only in the individuals, the junior championships feature both individual and team events.

All events will be live streamed on the FIE Channel on www.fie.org and on the FIE Channel on YouTube www.youtube.com/fievideo.

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP

However, FIE World Championships are not only about medals. 60 national federations are invited to send a young representative to a 7-days international junior training camp right before the start of the World Championships. The camp will take place 23.-29. March 2012 and the participants will have also the opportunity to take part in the individual competitions.

PREVIEW CADET EVENTS

Results of cadet world championships are hardly ever predictable. For some cadets the world championships are the first high level competition. Others compete already quite successfully in the junior category and possess an extraordinary tactical understanding for their young age and already sophisticated techniques.

What makes results even less foreseeable is the huge diversity with regard to podium positions. In Jordan 2011, fencers from 11 countries made it to the podium and 16 nations from all continental zones achieved a position in the top 8.

Some of the following athletes might be able to reach a podium position: In women's epee, Daria Strelnikov (ISR) is already in the top ten of junior ranking and her team mate and 2011 silver medallist Alona Komarov is still competing in the cadet category.

Yuval Shalom Freilich (ISR) and Balazs Hamar (HUN) are already a threat to the juniors in men's epee and they are both successful in the European Cadet Circuit.

Martina Sinigalia (ITA) who finished 3rd in women's foil in Jordan 2011 might be able to win the title this year. She is currently the only cadet fencer in the top 20 in junior women's foil.

In men's foil we will see a new cadet generation reaching for the stars. Who will be able to follow Alexander Massialas and the likes?

Anna Márton, 2011 bronze medallist in the junior's category in women's sabre, is still cadet. Finishing only 12th in the cadets last year, she is for sure longing to win the title. However, Valeria Bolshakova (RUS) and her team mate Anastasia Gogoleva will also strive for the gold.

In men's sabre, Dmitriy Danilenko (RUS) will probably be one of the favourites for the title. He has some very good results in the European Cadet Circuit. Isaac Buchwald (USA) made an excellent 6th place at the junior world cup in Dourdan, France, in January.

PREVIEW

PREVIEW JUNIOR EVENTS

INDIVIDUAL

In women's epee, Tatiana Gudkova (RUS) is longing to win the title at home. She was the top junior fencer 2010/2011 and finished 6th in Jordan. Her biggest contenders will probably come from Italy and also from Russia. However, SUN Yujie, silver medallist at the senior World Championships in Catania 2011 and number 1 in the senior ranking is also still a junior.

Frederik von der Osten (DEN) and Marco Fichera (ITA) dominated the junior men's epee 2011/2012 ranking. However, last year's World Champion Philip Marsh (GBR) and bronze medallist Nikita Glazkov (RUS) will definitely try to stop him from winning the gold.

Women's foil seems to be dominated by Italian athletes. There are four Italian girls in the top five and Alice Volpi is leading the ranking as she did in 2010/2011. Will she be able to win her first junior title or will Nzingha Prescod (USA) again triumph or maybe Lee Kiefer, bronze medallist at the senior World Championships in Catania 2011?

The men's foil event can be expected to be a real goody for fencing fans. 2011 cadet World Champion Alexander Choupenitch (CZE) and 2011 junior World Champion Edoardo Lupari (ITA) will try everything to stop Alexander Massialas (USA) and Race Imboden (USA) - the two youngsters that are currently competing so extremely successfully in the senior's circuit. Kirill Lichagin (RUS) is another candidate to take home the title if he is able to use his home field advantage.

Three out of the four 2011 medal winners in women's sabre do still compete in the junior category: silver medallist Yana Egorian (RUS) and bronze medallists Ana Marton (HUN) and Martina Petraglia (ITA). It is very likely that the biggest rivals for the gold will come from their own countries or from the Ukraine. Olena Kravatska (UKR) and Alina Komashchuk (UKR) have both also been quite successful this season.

In men's sabre, Maximilian Kindler and Richard Huebers are striving for the gold, trying to bring the 5th junior title in 8 years to Germany. However, we can bet that their rivals from Russia, Hungary, Ukraine and Italy will try to stop them.

TEAM

The team events are hardly predictable as there are no team competitions in the Junior World Cup circuit. However, the following nations won medals at the last three World Championships and are have usually strong teams: Italy, Russia, China, USA, Germany, Hungary, France, Poland, Ukraine, Switzerland, Korea, Estonia, and Canada.

ATHLETES' FEATURE

Women's epee	
Tatiana Gudkova	Russia
Left-handed	11.01.1993
Results: 6. JWCH 2011; 1. Junior World Ranking 2011	

Lauren Rembi	France
Right-handed	09.03.1992
Results: 5. JWCH 2011; 1. European JCH 2012	

SUN Yujie	China
Left-handed	10.08.1992
Results: 2. Senior WCH 2011; 1. Senior World Ranking 2011; 2. JWCH 2011, current 4th Senior World Ranking	

Men's epee	
Frederik von der Osten	Denmark
Right-handed	04.08.1993
Results: 1. European JCH 2012	

Marco Fichera	Italy
Right-handed	04.09.1993
Results: 1. Junior World Ranking 2011	

Philipp Marsh	Great-Britain
Left-handed	23.10.1994
Results: 1. Junior WCH 2011	



Tatiana Gudkova



Lauren Rembi



SUN Yujie



Frederik von der Osten



Marco Fichera



Philipp Marsh

ATHLETES' FEATURE

Women's foil	
Alice Volpi	Italy
Right-handed	15.04.1992
Results: 6. JWCH 2011; 1. Junior World Ranking 2011; 1. European JCH 2012	

Camilla Mancini	Italy
Right-handed	10.06.1994
Results: 2. European JCH 2012	

Lee Kiefer	USA
Right-handed	15.06.1994
Results: 3. Senior WCH 2011; 2. Junior WCH 2011; current 7th in Senior World Ranking	

Men's foil	
Alexander Choupenitch	Czech Republic
Right-handed	02.05.1994
Results: 2. Junior ECH 2012	

Kirill Lichagin	Russia
Left-handed	21.05.1993
Results: 3. JWCH 2011; 1. Junior ECH 2012	

Alexander Massialas	USA
Right-handed	20.04.1994
Results: 2. JWCH 2011; current 11th in Senior World Ranking	



Alice Volpi



Camilla Mancini



Lee Kiefer



Alexander Choupenitch



Kirill Lichagin



Alexander Massialas

ATHLETES' FEATURE

Women's sabre	
Yana Egorian	Russia
Left-handed	20.12.1993
Results: 2. JWCH 2011; 2. Junior ECH 2012	

Anna Márton	Hungary
Right-handed	15.03.1995
Results: 3. JWCH 2011; 1. Junior World Ranking 2011; 1. Junior ECH 2012	

Martina Petraglia	Italy
Right-handed	22.03.1992
Results: 3. JWCH 2011	

Men's sabre	
Andras Szatmari	Hungary
Right-handed	03.02.1993
Results: 7. JWCH 2011; 1. Junior ECH 2012	

Maximilian Kindler	Germany
Right-handed	09.04.1993
Results: 3. JWCH 2011	

Stefano Scepi	Italy
Right-handed	19.08.1992
Results: 3. Junior ECH 2012	



Yana Egorian



Anna Márton



Martina Petraglia



Andras Szatmari



Maximilian Kindler



Stefano Scepi

OFFICIALS AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

OFFICIALS

Country	Name	Surname	Function
FIE	Bernardini	Raniero	President of the Directoire Technique
ARG	Groupierre	Victor	Member of the Directoire Technique and Chef of the Protocol
FRA	Picot	Patrick	Member of the Directoire Technique
RUS	Tsoukhlo	Evgueni	Member of the Directoire Technique
SEN	Faye	Cécile	Member of the Directoire Technique
CHN	Yuan	Xiagyang	Member of the Directoire Technique
SWE	Thullberg	Pierre	Member of the Directoire Technique
EGY	El Motawakel	Mohamed	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission (President)
TUN	Ferjani	Salah	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
KOR	Kim	Changgon	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
USA	Cotton	Derek	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
GER	Janka	Claus	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
JPN	Nakata	Reiko	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
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FRA	Defoligny-Renault	Catherine	Delegate of the Medical Commission
RUS	Rikhtman	Semen	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
POL	Bierkowski	Jacek	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
USA	De Chaine	Daniel	Delegate of the SEMI Commission

REFEREES AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

REFEREES

	Nation	Name	First name	Function		Nation	Name	Function
1	TUN	Ferjani	Ayoub Mohamed	FIE Referee	23	TUR	Gucluer Ilgin	FIE Referee
2	EGY	Ali	Sherif	FIE Referee	24	AUT	Genser Martina	FIE Referee
3	MAR	Nasrallah	Rachid	FIE Referee	25	GER	Boecker Jens	FIE Referee
4	SEN	Ndiaye	Pape Mamadou	FIE Referee	26	ROU	Gheorghe Florin Sebastian	FIE Referee
5	CAN	Mcguire	Joshua	FIE Referee	27	SVK	Kralik David	FIE Referee
6	USA	Johnson	Kelly	FIE Referee	28	ESP	Vallejo Guillermo	FIE Referee
7	MEX	Cortes	Alberto	FIE Referee	29	KAZ	Dyaokokin Yevgeniy	FIE Referee
8	BRA	Schneider	Arno Perillier	FIE Referee	30	HUN	Deli Dora	FIE Referee
9	CHI	Moreno Briones	Luis Samuel	FIE Referee	31	POL	Witkozski Andrzej	FIE Referee
10	CUB	Mola Fuentes	Walfrido V.	FIE Referee	32	CRO	Limov Darko	FIE Referee
11	VEN	Liendo	Juan	FIE Referee	33	SUI	Papp Zsolt	FIE Referee
12	CHN	Jiang	Yei fei	FIE Referee	34	DEN	Hejrskov Mads-Vetli	FIE Referee
13	KOR	Hong	Sun Yeong	FIE Referee	35	ISR	Ivanov Alexandre	FIE Referee
14	JPN	Takuma	Masanori	FIE Referee	36	BLR	Lahotska Maksim	FIE Referee
15	THA	Phimkaeo	Nuanchan	FIE Referee	37	AZE	Valiyev Fikrat	FIE Referee
16	HKG	Zheng	Kang zhao	FIE Referee	38	GBR	Braine Gildas	FIE Referee
17	IRI	Fakhri	Payman	FIE Referee	39	RUS	Shamis Vladislav	FIE Referee
18	IRQ	Falah	Alaa A.	FIE Referee	40	RUS	Butakov Andrey	FIE Referee
19	VIE	Pham	Anh Tuan	FIE Referee	41	RUS	Feoktistov Valerian	FIE Referee
20	AUS	Backer	David	FIE Referee	42	RUS	Bykov Andrey	FIE Referee
21	ITA	Martilotti	Luigi	FIE Referee	43	RUS	Khovrich Evgeniy	FIE Referee
22	GRE	Douvis	Andreas	FIE Referee	44	RUS	Egorov Viacheslav	FIE Referee
					45	RUS	Kulaev Dmitry	FIE Referee
					46	RUS	Zhuravleva Natalia	FIE Referee

THE THREE WEAPONS

ÉPÉE

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.

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 strike 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 will also stop the bout, but will not be 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 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.

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.

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 the 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.



COMPETITION FORMULA

All competitions are run on one single day per weapon.

INDIVIDUALS

POOL STAGE

The competitions start with one round of pools of six or seven fencers (round robin), in which all the fencers present take part.

The results from the pools are used to establish the seeds for the next part of the competition, the direct elimination table.

The seeding is calculated by adding up a fencers' victories first and then his/her indicator, which is the total number of hits scored minus the total number of hits received.

Pool bouts end when one of the fencers has scored five hits or when three minutes of effective fencing time have passed. If after three minutes there is a difference of at least one hit between the scores of the two fencers, the fencer who has scored the greater number of hits is declared winner. If the scores are equal after three minutes, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute. Before fencing recommences, the referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute. It is 'sudden death', so whoever scores first wins.

DRAWING POOLS IN CADET EVENTS

When drawing pools in the World Cadet Championships, the Directoire Technique will take account of the following orders of strength:

1. The top 8 in the previous year's World Cadet Championships;
2. The 64 highest ranked in the official FIE junior ranking of the year in course;
3. Those placed 9–32 in the previous year's World Cadet Championships;

4. Those ranked 65 onwards in the official FIE ranking of the year in course;
5. The seeding provided by the national federations;
6. The DT's decision.

All fencers qualifying from the round of pools are placed in a direct elimination table, complete or incomplete, according to the indices resulting from the pools.

This table is fenced right through to the final. From the last 32 the direct elimination bouts will take place on 4 pistes, with each quarter of the table fenced on one piste.

DIRECT ELIMINATION

The qualifying pool is followed by a preliminary direct elimination table. The fencer seeded first fights against the fencer entered 64. The fencer entered second competes against the fencer entered 63 and so on. A fencer who wins his direct elimination bout is through to the next stage. The fencer who loses is out.

MEDALS

There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are equally placed third and are both awarded with the bronze medal.

COMPETITION FORMULA


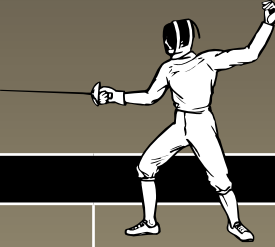
TEAM


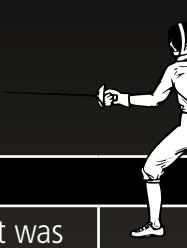
A team consists of three fencers, plus a reserve. The reserve is not mandatory, however. Each fencer has to compete against every fencer from the other team. A match therefore consists of nine bouts.


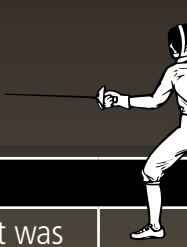
SEEDING OF THE TEAMS


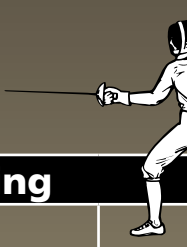
As there are no team competitions in the Junior World circuit, the teams are seeded into the direct elimination table according to the results in the individual event: The positions obtained by the best three team members in the junior individual event are added together. If a fencer did not take part in the individual competition, but is participating in the team event, he/she will be assigned points equal to the total number of fencers appearing in the individual junior ranking plus one.

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 losing	
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

MEDALS

The first four places will be fought for. From fifth place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.

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