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1. Welcome Messages

a. Welcome Message of the FIE president

After an exciting season with the beginning of the Olympic qualification period in April and the zonal championships in July, the thoughts of the whole fencing community have now turned to this year's edition of the World Fencing Championships in Catania.

Each year, we look forward to this event with great anticipation as it is the highlight of our year. This year will be especially important as the Championships are an important milestone on the road to London 2012.

Italy has a wonderful tradition in fencing and in the organization of big fencing events. It will be the 6th World Fencing Championships in Italy and some of the most successful fencers ever come from Italy.

I am sure that Catania 2011 will be another memorable event and it will be the peak event of the wonderful project "SiciliaScherma" that over the last three years has truly fulfilled its objectives of promoting the region and fencing in Sicily.

I know from my various visits to the country that Italian people love fencing and sport in general and have no doubt that we will have a great atmosphere here in the Palaghiaccio in Catania.

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.

On behalf of the International Fencing Federation, I would also like to thank the City of Catania, the regional government of Sicily and the Italian Fencing Federation and the local organising committee for all their hard work so far on the organisation of the championships. We are all looking forward to another outstanding fencing event in the coming days.

Alisher Usmanov

President of the International Fencing Federation (FIE)



b. Welcome Message of the IWAS President

Dear Friends, Fencers and Spectators

On behalf of IWAS and the sport of Wheelchair Fencing, I have the pleasure to express our sincere appreciation of the initiative and support of the Federazione Italiana di Scherma (FIS) to include the Paralympic sport of IWAS Wheelchair Fencing in their programme for the 2011 FIE World Fencing Championships here in Catania.

There is no doubt that such an initiative cannot be achieved without the focus of an outstanding Organising Committee and the commitment of volunteers, sponsors and supporters. Within the Wheelchair Fencing community, in particular, the involvement of expert volunteers is paramount to maintaining and expanding the opportunity and participation in the sport.

Our congratulations therefore are extended to FIS and the LOC in this respect, where they have identified and established the foundation for creating a closer collaboration in the sport family of fencing in a context where the elite of the sport can be viewed and appreciated on equal terms.

Alberto Martinez Vassallo

President IWAS Wheelchair Fencing



c. Welcome Message of the President of the Italian Fencing Federation

Dear friends,

We are ready to live together the emotions of a World Championship that promises to be rich in contents, and not just because from the technical and sports viewpoint this is the most important fencing event on the way to the Olympic and Paralympic Games of London 2012.

In fact, this is also the Event that marks the end of the "SiciliaScherma 2009-2011" project that led Italy and Sicily in particular to host the FIE Congress of 2009, the Italian Championship 2010 and now the World Championships. In particular, this project spread the image of Sicily and of Italy all over the World, through a planned and careful promotional campaign, firstly supporting the candidacy and, subsequently, prior to the Championships, confirming the virtuous relationship between FederScherma and the Sicily Region, one supporting the other with a view to the attainment of specific goals.

The World Championships that are about to begin represent an opportunity for Sicily and for the Sicilian fencing in terms of spreading this sport throughout the territory, but also and most of all for the Italian fencing movement - that has the chance to exploit the organization "at home" of the pre-Olympic Championships - both to obtain the highest possible number of points for the qualification to the London Olympics, and to reaffirm the role as a leader at international level not only in competitions but also from the organizational perspective.

The Italian fencing movement, in fact, has been carefully observed and monitored by the entire world of fencing in consideration of the things it achieved over the last years. In fact, this is the second World Championship taking place in Italy, only five years after Turin 2006; in this period, we also hosted several other international competitions and events of the Fencing World Cup, and we are getting ready to organize the European Championships of Legnano next June. The World Championships can also represent an occasion for an increasing awareness by the Italian sports of what Fencing means to Italy, not only in terms of "medals" but also in terms of promotion, honor and pride for our Nation.

I believe that this event also represents an opportunity for world Fencing. In Sicily, in fact, the International Federation found a breeding ground, thanks to an Organizing Committee and an Institution as the Regional Government, which succeeded in reaping the potential entailed by a World Championship, as it was already shown by the experiences of the Junior and Cadet World Championships of Trapani2003 and Acireale 2008.

It is also noteworthy to consider the integrated organization of Paralympic Fencing World Championships. This event represents for the Italian fencing movement the point of arrival of a gradual step of collaboration with the Paralympic Committee, but also the starting point of a new way of considering the world of fencing as a single and integrated one.



From the sports viewpoint, the Italian fencing aims at holding on to expectations, being aware that – as it happens in life – victories and defeats go hand in hand, and that success exclusively comes from sacrifices and dedication.

Now, finally, the World Championships – the great challenge of the Italian Fencing Federation – are kicking off. Someone told us that doing something in Sicily is difficult. We answered that the Italian Fencing loves to win. Real talents emerge and victories become even more rewarding and exciting when assaults are harder to achieve.

A big "Thanks" to mass-media operators by the Italian Fencing movement for what was done and for what will be done in telling the extraordinary reality of this sport, as well as an invitation to fully appreciate the opportunities that these World Championships and this Land of Sicily will be able to offer in terms of emotions and feelings.

Giorgio Scarso

President Italian Fencing Federation



d. Welcome Message of the President of the Catania 2011 Organising Committee

It is a great honor and satisfaction for me to present, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, the "Catania 2011" World Fencing Championships. For a whole week, this event will place Sicily - and the city of Catania in particular - in a special dimension, at the center of the fencing world.

This represents a great opportunity for this territory, which will welcome athletes, experts and attendants coming from the four corners of the world. At the same time, this territory will unveil and showcase a unique "treasury", represented by several landscape, architectural and artistic beauties, in addition to those peculiarities that make it really special: an ancient and charming history, the warmth of people, the wealth of wine-and-food, the impressive Etna volcano, and the marvelous Ionian Sea.

We are convinced that this unique and fascinating setting will enchant and conquer everyone.

From the technical viewpoint, the competition promises to be particularly interesting and spectacular, not only for the high number of participating athletes, but also for their outstanding technical value.

The sport that we love so much will therefore have the chance to further grow and obtain the great visibility it deserves.

For this reason I wish to address a heartfelt thank to all those who worked with passion and sacrifice for this event, as well as those who strongly believed in this project since its candidacy: the Italian Fencing Federation, the Sicily Region and the Organizing Committee.

We are ready to turn into wonderful reality a wish nurtured for a long time, a dream passed on from generations to generations: seeing Sicily (a land that – among other things – offered great champions to fencing) as absolute protagonist and under the spotlight of world attention.

Sebastiano Manzoni

President of "Catania 2011" World Fencing Championships Organizing Committee



2. Event Schedule FIE World Fencing Championships Catania 2011 and

Event Schedule IWAS World Wheelchair Fencing Championships Catania 2011

Event schedule FIE

OPENING CEREMONIES

October 8, 2011	7 pm	Opening Ceremony
QUALIFING ROUND		
October 9, 2011	9 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm	Men's Sabre Women's Foil Men's Epee
October 10, 2011	9 am 11:30 am 3:30 pm	Women's Sabre Women's Epee Men's Foil
INDIVIDUAL		
October 11, 2011	9 am 2:20 pm	Women's foil Men's Sabre
October 12, 2011	9 am 2:00 pm	Men's Epee Women's Sabre
October 13, 2011	8:30 am 12:45 pm	Women's Epee Men's Foil
TEAMS		
October 14, 2011	9 am 10am	Women's foil Men's Sabre
October 15, 2011	9 am 10 am	Men's Epee Women's Sabre
October 16, 2011	9 am 10 am	Women's Epee Men's Foil



Date	IWF	FINAL
08/10/11	Classification Technical Meetings Opening Ceremony	Classification Technical Meetings Opening Ceremony
09/10/11	Classification Technical Meetings	Classification Technical Meetings
10/10/11	Individual Men's Foil A,B Women's Epee A,B Men's Foil C	Podium 16h30 -17h00 ½ Final WE - A 17h00 -17h30 ½ Final WE - B 17h30 -18h00 ½ Final MF – C 18h00- 18h30 ½ Final MF – A 18h30 -19h00 ½ Final MF –B 19h00 Final WE –A Final WE - B Final MF – C Final MF – A Final MF – A
11/10/11	Individual Men's Sabre A,B Women's Foil A,B	Podium 19h00- 19h45 ½ Final WF FIE 19h50 – 20h10 Final IWF (to be announced by IWF) 20h10 – 20h30 Final WF FIE 20h30 – 21h10 ½ Finale MS FIE 21h10 – 21h300 Final IWF WF 21h30 Final MS FIE
12/10/11	Individual Women's Sabre A Men's Epee A,B Men's Epee C	Podium 19h00 - 19h35
13/10/11	Team Men's Sabre Women's Foil	Podium 19h00- 19h45 ½ Final MF FIE 19h45 -20h30 Final MS Team – IWF after FIE
14/10/11	Team Men's Foil Women's Epee	Podium 18h00 - 19h00 MF Team –IWF 19h00 - 20h10 WF Team – FIE 20h10 – 21h00 WE Team – IWF 21h00 – 21h45 MS Team – FIE
15/10/11	Team Women's Sabre Men's Epee	Podium 18h00 - 19h00 WS Team IWF 19h00 – 19h45 WS Team FIE 19h45 – 20h45 ME Team - IWF 20h45 – 21h45 ME Team FIE



3. The Venue: The Palaghiaccio of Catania

The venue chosen, located in the "Playa" area of Catania, in Viale Presidente Kennedy, is made up of the existing "Palaghiaccio" (the Ice Rink) and the neighboring "free areas", hosting all those activities that – due to their extent and nature – could not be arranged inside and outside of the "Palaghiaccio".

A metal portal, whose entire visible structure is covered with a sheet showing the graphic design of the event, placed at the beginning of the frontage road leading to the entire championships area, visibly marks the venue and acts as a main entrance.

As regards the public parking area, the facilities already adapted to this purpose will be available, located on the beach side near Viale Presidente Kennedy.

The accreditation, reception and information area is located outside, immediately after the entrance portal. The V.I.P. area, the restoration area, the technical area, the medical area and the entire media area are arranged inside of the **Palaghiaccio**, in suitable premises behind the grandstand, featuring at the ground floor a reception area and the mixed-zone, and at a upper tier the press room.

The parterre will host the knockout competitions for able-bodied athletes, and the finals for able-bodied and disabled athletes. The facility was endowed with an audio-video and a special lighting effects service, in order to guarantee a good acoustic level and to highlight the moments of great interest of competitions, as well as the medal award ceremonies.

The grandstand is destined to the general public, whereas the South-West stands are destined to Heads of Delegations, Officials and athletes; at the top of these stands, there is the working and commentary area for the accredited press. The connection between the **Palaghiaccio** and the other **Areas** is always guaranteed by a preferential, protected and sheltered pathway.

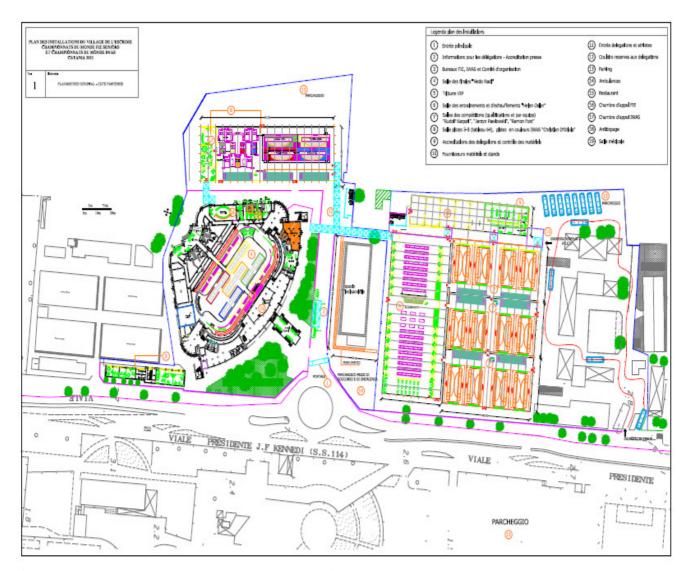


The Area located in the North side of the Palaghiaccio contains the tensile structures destined to the training sessions of able-bodied and disabled athletes, to the carrying out of preliminary rounds for able-bodied athletes, to the exhibition areas of technical sponsors, the weapons control room and the waiting and parking areas of rescue and emergency vehicles. An area called "Fencing Lab" was also arranged, destined to practical and/or playing demonstrations, as well as areas destined to the various National Delegations attending the event.

The **Area** located in the North side of the Palaghiaccio contains the tensile structure destined to host the knockout competitions for able-bodied and disabled athletes, as well as the finals of disabled athletes; it will also contain the technical area destined to **I.W.A.S.**

The existing premises in the South side of the Palaghiaccio host the secretarial offices of **F.I.E.**, **I.W.A.S.**, **F.I.S.** and **C.O.L.**









4. The FIE World Fencing Championships Catania 2011

a. 2011 World Championships Preview

- Taking 6 out of 12 possible gold medals, ITALY was the most successful team at the European Championships in Sheffield in July 2011. In addition, Italy leads 3 out of 6 world team rankings (women's foil, men's foil, men's sabre) and dominates also the foil individual rankings: Andrea CASSARA (men's foil) and Elisa DI FRANCISCA (women's foil) are both top ranked.
- Earning 9 gold medals at the Asian Championships respectively all 12 gold medals at the Pan-American Championships, KOREA and the USA dominated their respective zone championships and had a great start into the Olympic qualification period.
- In women's individual epee, Emese SZASZ (HUN), last year's silver medalist, is leading the world rankings. Favourites for the medal spots are reigning world champion Maureen NISIMA (FRA), Britta HEIDEMANN (GER) and Ana BRANZA (ROU). Nathalie MOELLHAUSEN (ITA) won a bronze medal last year and was also third at this years' European Championships.
- In men's individual epee, 2010 silver medalist Gauthier GRUMIER (FRA) leads the world rankings.
 His biggest rivals will be reigning European Champion Joerg FIEDLER (GER), Gabor BOCZKO from Hungary and Max HEINZER (SUI). Italian Olympic Champion Matteo TAGLIAROL will also be one to watch.
- Valentina VEZZALI (ITA) could win her eleventh gold medal at World Championships. So far, she has
 won five individual and five team world titles. Her biggest rivals will be reigning world champion
 and top-ranked Elisa DI FRANCISCA and Hyun Hee NAM (KOR) who won the bronze medal in Paris
 2010 and is Asian Champion 2011.
- Four-time World Champion Peter JOPPICH (GER) is the one to watch in men's individual foil. His most dangerous opponents are likely to be Andrea CASSARA (ITA), the current world number 1, and his teammates Andrea BALDINI and Giorgio AVOLA who was first at the European Championships in July in Sheffield. LEI Sheng (CHN) is also likely to perform well.
- Mariel ZAGUNIS (USA) is the favourite in women's individual sabre. Catania 2011 could be her third consecutive gold in a row. She is also two times Olympic Champions (2004 and 2008). She will be challenged by Ukrainian Olga KHARLAN who lost the last two world championships finals to ZAGUNIS and is aiming for gold this year. Irene VECCHI and Gioia MARZOCCA are the most promising Italian contestants.



- In men's sabre, Russian top fencer Alexey YAKIMENKO will be contested by reinging world champion Woo Young WON (KOR) and the German Nicolas LIMBACH, world champion in 2009 and silver medalist 2010 in Paris. The Italians will be pinning their hopes on Olympic Champion Aldo MONTANO (ITA) and Luigi TARANTINO (ITA).
- In the team events, battles are shaping between ROMANIA, CHINA, and ITALY (women's epee)
 FRANCE, HUNGARY, USA, and KOREA (men's epee)
 ITALY, RUSSIA, KOREA and POLAND (women's foil)
 ITALY, CHINA, JAPAN and RUSSIA (men's foil)
 RUSSIA, UKRAINE, CHINA and USA (women's sabre)
 ITALY, RUSSIA, GERMANY and ROMANIA (men's sabre)
- PRIZES TO THE ATHLETES: The medal winning athletes will be generously awarded with prizes offered by the President of the FIE, Alisher Usmanov, for a total amount of 570,000 US\$:

Individual events

Gold medal: 20,000 US\$ per athlete Silver medal: 10,000 US\$ per athlete Bronze medal: 5,000 US\$ per athlete

Team events

Gold medal: 30,000 US\$ per team Silver medal: 15,000 US\$ per team Bronze medal: 10,000 US\$ per team

 QUALIFICATION FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES: The World Championships 2011 are an important milestone on the way to qualifying for the OLYMPIC GAMES LONDON 2012, as the points obtained for the official FIE world ranking are (as usual) multiplied by factor 2.5 in individual and by factor 2 in team competitions.

In women's epee, women's foil, men's foil and men's sabre, the results of the team event are crucial for the QUALIFICATION to the Olympic Games 2012 in London. Women's sabre and men's epee are the two disciplines in London 2012 with only an individual event and therefore the focus of most athletes is on the individual competition.

- WIRELESS FENCING: For the first time, all weapons will be wireless (starting from 32 direct elimination table).



- The FIE World Championships and the IWAS World Wheelchair Fencing Championships are held together for the 3rd time (2006 Turin, 2010 Paris).
- ITALY is for the 5th time host of senior World Fencing Championships. (1955 Rome, 1961 Turin, 1982 Rome, 2006 Turin)
- The Catania 2011 World Championships are part of the project SICILIASCHERMA supported by the European Union. In the lead up to the World Championships 2011, the SiciliaScherma team visited 20 Sicilian schools to teach young kids fencing.
- As every year, the FIE has organized an INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CAMP in the run up to the World Championships (1-8 October 2011). The objective is to offer fencers from all over the world training and preparations for the World Championships under the best conditions. 70 fencers representing 70 national federations took part in this year's edition in the Sicilian town of Enna.



b. Registered Nations with Number of Registered Athletes

937 athletes from 113 countries are registered.

COUNTRIES	COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF ATHLETES
Albania	ALB	1
Algeria	ALG	11
Argentina	ARG	15
Armenia	ARM	1
Aruba	ARU	1
Australia	AUS	16
Austria	AUT	7
Azerbaijan	AZE	5
Bahrain	BRN	1
Bangladesh	BAN	1
Belarus	BLR	13
Belgium	BEL	3
Benin	BEN	1
Bermuda	BER	1
Bolivia	BOL	2
Botswana	BOT	1
Brazil	BRA	23
Brunei Darussalam	BRU	3
Bulgaria	BUL	13
Burundi	BUR	1
Cameroon	CMR	2
Canada	CAN	23
Chile	CHI	7
China	CHN	25
Chinese Taipei	TPE	4
Colombia	COL	13
Costa Rica	CRC	4
Côte d'Ivoire	CIV	5
Croatia	CRO	2
Cuba	CUB	4
Cyprus	CYP	1
Czech Republic	CZE	16
Democratic Republic of the Congo	COD	16
Denmark	DEN	12
Dominican Republic	DOM	2
Ecuador	ECU	2
Egypt	EGY	14
El Salvador	ESA	7
Equatorial Guinea	GEQ	1
Estonia	EST	8
FIE	FIE	1
Finland	FIN	8
France	FRA	24
Georgia	GEO	10
Germany	GER	24
Great Britain	GBR	19
Greece	GRE	13
Guatemala	GUA	1
Honduras	HON	1
Hong Kong	HKG	24
Hungary Iceland	HUN	24
Iceland India	ISL	4 2
IIIuia	IND	4



Indonesia	INA	1
Iran	IRL	2
Iraq	IRQ	10
Ireland	IRI	11
Israel	ISR	18
Italy	ITA	25
Japan	JPN	25
Jordan	JOR	1
Kazakhstan	KAZ	19
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	7
Latvia Lebanon	LAT LIB	5 4
Libya	LBA	1
Lithuania	LTU	6
Luxembourg	LUX	1
Malaysia	MAS	6
Mali	MLI	1
Malta	MLT	3
Morocco	MAR	3
Mexico	MEX	15
Moldova	MDA	4
Mongolia	MGL	5
Nepal	NEP	1
Netherlands	NED	8
New Zealand	NZL	1
Niger	NIG	1
Nigeria	NGR	1
Norway	NOR	7
Panama	PAN	4
Peru	PER	1
Philippines	PHI	2
Poland	POL	22
Portugal	POR	8
Puerto Rico	PUR	5
Romania	ROU	20
Russia	RUS	24
Senegal	SEN	1
Serbia	SRB	7
Sierra Leone	SLE	10
Singapore	SIN	14
Slovakia	SVK	2
Slovenia	SLO	3
South Africa	RSA	7
South Korea	KOR ESP	24 13
Spain Sri Lonko		
Sri Lanka Sweden	SRI	2 9
Switzerland	SWE SUI	6
Tajikistan	TJK	1
Thailand	THA	6
Togo	TOG	1
Tunisia	TUN	9
Turkey	TUR	9
Turkmenistan	TKM	8
Ukraine	UKR	24
Uruguay	URU	2
USA	USA	24
Uzbekistan	UZB	3
Venezuela	VEN	22
Vietnam	VIE	8
Virgin Islands	ISV	1



c. FIE Delegates and Referees at the World Championships Catania 2011

FIE Delegates

Name	Country	Function
Raniero Bernardini	FIE	President of the TD
Pierre Thullberg	SWE	Member of the TD
Victor Groupierre	ARG	Member of the TD
Evgeni Tsoukhlo	RUS	Member of the TD
Patrick Picot	FRA	Member of the TD
Luan Luan	SIN	Member of the TD
Alessandro Cecchinato	ITA	Member of the TD
Julio Cesar Gonzalez Tirador	CUB	Protocol
Mohamed El Motawakel	EGY	President of the Referees' Commission
Salah Ferjani	TUN	Member of the Referees' Commission
Claus Janka	GER	Member of the Referees' Commission
Ilgar Memedov	RUS	Member of the Referees' Commission
Marco Siesto	ITA	Member of the Referees' Commission
Keith Smith	GBR	Member of the Referees' Commission
George R. Van Dugteren	NED	Medical Commission
Catherine Defoligny-Renault	FRA	Medical Commission
Eduardo Dos Santos	POR	SEMI Commission
Gianandrea Nicolai	ITA	SEMI Commission
Gamil Elzeftawi	EGY	SEMI Commission

FIE Referees

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Name	Country	Zone	Weapons
Barbara CSAR	AUT	Europe	foil, epee
Olivier BASTYNS	BEL	Europe	foil, epee
Maksim LAHOTSKA	BLR	Europe	foil, sabre
Vasil MILENCHEV	BUL	Europe	foil, sabre
Ignacio CASARES	ESP	Europe	foil, epee, sabre
Bruno GABY	FRA	Europe	foil, epee, sabre
Nick PAYNE	GBR	Europe	foil, epee
Bodo VOGEL	GER	Europe	foil, epee
Constantinos LYBEROPOULOS	GRE	Europe	foil, epee
Zsolt KAPOSVARI	HUN	Europe	foil, epee, sabre
Alexander IVANOV	ISR	Europe	foil, epee
Mihail PAGHIEV	MDA	Europe	foil, epee, sabre
Piotr KIELPIKOWSKI	POL	Europe	foil, epee
Miguel MACHADO	POR	Europe	foil, epee
Marius FLOREA	ROU	Europe	foil, sabre
Vladislav SHAMIS	RUS	Europe	foil, sabre
Zsolt PAPP	SUI	Europe	foil, epee
Martin MAGNUSSON	SWE	Europe	foil, epee
Cihan PALABIYIK	TUR	Europe	foil, epee
Vadym GUTTSAYT	UKR	Europe	foil, sabre
Guillermo ROVITTI	ARG	America	foil, sabre
Regis TROIS DE AVILA	BRA	America	foil, epee, sabre
Pascal CANTIN	CAN	America	foil, epee, sabre
Juan Carlos RIOS RIVERA	MEX	America	foil, epee, sabre
Douglas FINDLAY	USA	America	foil, sabre
Juan LIENDO	VEN	America	foil, epee, sabre
David BAKER	AUS	Asia	foil, epee



Yefei JIANG	CHN	Asia	foil, sabre
Kang Zhao ZHENG	HKG	Asia	foil, epee, sabre
Alireza POURSALMAN	IRI	Asia	foil, epee, sabre
Masahiko KAI	JPN	Asia	foil, sabre
Sang Won SEO	KOR	Asia	foil, epee
Dennis Kok Seng LEONG Tamer Mohamed EL ARABY Rachid NASRALLAH	SIN	Asia	foil, epee
	EGY	Africa	foil, epee, sabre
	MAR	Africa	foil, epee
Irina KNYSCH Pape Khassoum TOURE	RSA	Africa	foil, epee
	SEN	Africa	foil, sabre
Mohamed Ayoub FERJANI	TUN	Africa	foil, epee, sabre foil, epee, sabre
Luca CHIEI	ITA	Host Country	
Martina GANASSIN Gaspare LO SCHIAVO Luigi MARTILOTTI	ITA	Host Country	foil, epee
	ITA	Host Country	foil, sabre
	ITA	Host Country	foil, epee, sabre
Marco PISTACCHI Giuliano RANZA	ITA ITA	Host Country Host Country Host Country	foil, epee, sabre foil, epee, sabre foil, epee, sabre

Reserves

Europe

Europe			
1. David SAKHVADZE	GEO	Europe	foil, epee, sabre
2. Mads Vetli HEJRSKOV	DEN	Europe	foil, epee
3. Zoltan ROMAN	SRB	Europe	foil, epee
America			
1. Walfrido MOLA FUENTES	CUB	America	foil, sabre
2. Rodrigo VASQUEZ	CHI	America	foil, epee, sabre
Asia			
1. Alaa FALAH	IRQ	Asia	foil, epee
2. Bilal RAHHAL	JOR	Asia	foil, epee
Africa			
Samir MEZAGHCHA	ALG	Africa	foil, epee, sabre



d. FIE Technical Information

i. The Competition Format at FIE World Fencing Championships

Individual Events

Pool Stage: In FIE senior World Championships, competitions start 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, the direct elimination table.

Seeding is calculated by adding up a fencers' victories first and then his/her indicator, which is 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 the next hit wins.

Direct Elimination: The qualifying pool is followed by a preliminary direct elimination table. The 16 fencers entered who are ranked highest in the most recent official FIE ranking, are exempt from the pools (preliminary phase) and enter directly the main direct elimination table of 64 fencers.

In the main direct elimination table, the fencer entered 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: The winners of the semi-final bouts fight for the gold and silver medal. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equally third and are both awarded with the bronze medal. Only at the Olympic Games where there is a decisive match for the third and fourth place.

Team Events

General Facts: In FIE senior team competitions, teams are entered into the direct elimination table according to the most recent official team ranking of the FIE. All places in the table up to 16th place will be fought for.

A team consists of three fencers, with or without a reserve. In a team match, each fencer has to compete against every fencer from the other team. A match therefore consists of nine bouts.



The Relay Formula

Bout 1

Team 1

Fencer 3

- maximum score is five
- three minutes of effective fencing

Team 2

Fencer 6

Bout 2

Team 1

Fencer 1

- the opponents take the score where it was left
 off
- the maximum score is ten
- three minutes of effective fencing

Team 2

Fencer 5

Bouts 3 to 8

The next two opponents take again the score where it was left and fence up to a maximum score of 15, 20, 25 etc with successive bouts.

Bout 9: Winning or Loosing

Team 1

Fencer 3

The winning team is that

- which reaches the maximum score of 45 hits or
- which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time.

Team 2

Fencer 5

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.



ii. 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 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 my use several tactics, such as disengages or coupés, 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 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 my use several tactics, such as disengages or coupés, which are different ways to avoid the opponents blade.



iii. 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.



5. The IWAS World Wheelchair Fencing Championships 2011

a. An Introduction to Wheelchair Fencing Competitions

Wheelchair fencing was introduced into the International Stoke Mandeville Games (ISMG) by Sir Ludwig Guttmann in 1954 and has featured in every Paralympic Games since Rome, 1960. The rules are based on those of FIE, with amendment appropriate to the wheelchair fencers' needs, one such example is the fact that wheelchairs are fixed in frames on the piste.

Wheelchair Fencing is governed by the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) and managed by the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Committee.

b. Classification

There are three classification categories in wheelchair fencing; Category A is for athletes with minimal disabilities (such as amputees, low level paralysis, etc), Category B for athletes with higher level disabilities (such as higher level spinal injuries, etc), and Category C for athletes with high level disabilities and limited hand function (such as tetra/quadriplegics, cerebral palsy, etc).

Classification is undertaken by medical professionals who use a range of functional tests to ascertain athletes abilities, and observation during competitions before finally awarding a classification category.

c. Specific Wheelchair Fencing Rules

In Wheelchair Fencing the wheelchair is considered to be part of the fencer's equipment and must be tested and measured to ensure it complies with the rules of wheelchair fencing.

The main difference between wheelchair fencing and Non-disabled fencing is the piste area. Instead of moving up and down a long, narrow piste, for safety, wheelchair fencing utilises a frame specially designed to clamp the fencing wheelchairs to secure them. Fencing frames vary in style from heavy sheet metal frames to light weight transportable frames.

Fencers are seated at a specific angle to allow a large range of movement and separated from each other with a system (called 'taking distance') based on the length of arm and sword. Both fencers sit upright and one holds their arm out straight with the sword in hand. The other holds their arm out with the arm bent. The distance is correct when the point of the sword is just touching the elbow for Epee and Sabre and level with the crook of the elbow for Foil. The fencer with the shortest arm decides which distance is fenced to. Fencers can lean backwards and forwards during fencing but must sit upright until 'Allez' is called.

Whilst fencing, the fencer must keep part of their buttocks in touch with the seat of the wheelchair. If a clear gap is observed by the Referee this is known as 'lifting', and is an infringement of the rules which is

penalised by a yellow card offence. Persistent abuse of this rule may require the Referee to appoint independent 'Seat Judges' to watch both fencers to indicate if lifting occurs.



d. Target Areas

Different areas of the body are considered valid targets for 'scoring' hits to be landed on opponents.

Foil target area is the front and back of the body, with the arms, legs and head not being a valid area.

Epee target area for wheelchair fencers who may have no or limited feeling in lower limbs, below the waist is not a valid target area. A metal lame apron is used to cover the 'off target' area.

Sabre has the whole body from the waist up including the arms and head as a valid area. The target area is the same for both wheelchair and standing fencers.

e. The Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS)

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6. FIE Background Information

a. Current FIE World Rankings (01.10.2011)

Women's Epee Individual: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country	Date of Birth
1	175	SZASZ Emese	HUN	07.09.82
2	168	NISIMA Maureen	FRA	30.07.81
3	160	PIEKARSKA Magdalena	POL	28.11.86
4	154	FLESSEL-COLOVIC Laura	FRA	06.11.71
5	150	SHEMYAKINA Yana	UKR	05.01.86
6	150	LOGOUNOVA Tatiana	RUS	03.07.80
7	141	DEL CARRETTO Bianca	ITA	28.08.85
8	120	SIVKOVA Anna	RUS	12.04.82
9	119	GEROUDET Tiffany	SUI	03.09.86
10	118	BRANZA Ana	ROU	26.11.84
11	118	MOELLHAUSEN Nathalie	ITA	01.12.85
12	114	SUN Yujie	CHN	10.08.92
13	103	ALEXANDRU Simona	ROU	12.04.85
14	102	LUO Xiaojuan	CHN	12.06.84
15	101	SHUTOVA Lubov	RUS	25.06.83
16	89	SOZANSKA Monika	GER	13.03.83

Women's Epee Team: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country
1	360	ROUMANIE	ROU
2	326	CHINE	CHN
3	276	ITALIE	ITA
4	266	ALLEMAGNE	GER
5	257	COREE	KOR
6	250	ESTONIE	EST
7	228	FRANCE	FRA
8	219	POLOGNE	POL
9	213	RUSSIE	RUS
10	208	U.S.A.	USA
11	208	HONGRIE	HUN
12	196	UKRAINE	UKR
13	171	SUEDE	SWE
14	168	CANADA	CAN
15	149	JAPON	JPN
16	138	SUISSE	SUI

Men's Epee Individual: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country	Date of Birth
1	206	GRUMIER Gauthier	FRA	29.05.84
2	173	FIEDLER Joerg	GER	21.02.78
3	167	NOVOSJOLOV Nikolai	EST	09.06.80
4	162	BOCZKO Gabor	HUN	01.04.77
5	147	TAGLIARIOL Matteo	ITA	07.01.83
6	138	IMRE Geza	HUN	23.12.74
7	133	HEINZER Max	SUI	07.08.87
8	119	LUCENAY Jean-Michel	FRA	25.04.78
9	115	LIMARDO Ruben	VEN	03.08.85
10	112	KAUTER Fabian	SUI	23.09.85
11	112	SUKHOV Pavel	RUS	07.05.88
12	106	SCHMITT Martin	GER	30.04.81
13	105	PIZZO Paolo	ITA	04.04.83
14	105	KELSEY Weston	USA	24.08.81
15	101	VERWIJLEN Bas	NED	01.10.83
16	90	ROTA Alfredo	ITA	21.07.75



Men's Epee Team: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Countr
1	380	FRANCE	FRA
2	332	HONGRIE	HUN
3	330	U.S.A.	USA
4	292	COREE	KOR
5	276	RUSSIE	RUS
6	222	ITALIE	ITA
7	216	CHINE	CHN
8	202	ALLEMAGNE	GER
9	194	CANADA	CAN
10	194	UKRAINE	UKR
11	185	POLOGNE	POL
12	182	NORVEGE	NOR
13	159	JAPON	JPN
14	150	SUISSE	SUI
15	146	VENEZUELA	VEN
16	125	ESTONIE	EST

Women's Foil Individual: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country	Date of Birth
1	303	DI FRANCISCA Elisa	ITA	13.12.82
2	246	VEZZALI Valentina	ITA	14.02.74
3	222	NAM Hyun Hee	KOR	29.09.81
4	219	ERRIGO Arianna	ITA	06.06.88
5	120	SALVATORI Ilaria	ITA	05.02.79
6	119	SHANAEVA Aida	RUS	23.04.86
7	117	MAITREJEAN Corinne	FRA	08.11.79
8	110	LAMONOVA Eugyenia	RUS	09.08.83
9	110	JEON Hee Sook	KOR	16.06.84
10	109	MOHAMED Aida	HUN	12.03.76
11	97	GRUCHALA Sylwia	POL	06.11.81
12	97	BOUBAKRI Ines	TUN	28.12.88
13	88	DERIGLAZOVA Inna	RUS	10.03.90
14	86	KIEFER Lee	USA	15.06.94
15	83	BIRYUKOVA Julia	RUS	17.03.85
16	83	PRESCOD Nzingha	USA	14.08.92

Women's Foil Team: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country
1	448	ITALIE	ITA
2	332	RUSSIE	RUS
3	316	COREE	KOR
4	282	POLOGNE	POL
5	234	ALLEMAGNE	GER
6	232	U.S.A.	USA
7	210	FRANCE	FRA
8	202	HONGRIE	HUN
9	199	JAPON	JPN
10	195	CHINE	CHN
11	179	UKRAINE	UKR
12	177	CANADA	CAN
13	160	GRANDE-BRETAGNE	GBR
14	146	SINGAPOUR	SIN
15	109	HONG KONG	HKG
16	84	EGYPTE	EGY



Men's Foil Individual: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country	Date of Birth
1	199	CASSARA Andrea	ITA	03.01.84
2	171	LEI Sheng	CHN	07.03.84
3	165	JOPPICH Peter	GER	21.12.82
4	160	AVOLA Giorgio	ITA	08.05.89
5	148	BALDINI Andrea	ITA	19.12.85
6	145	SINTES Victor	FRA	08.80.80
7	124	EL SAYED ABOUELKASSEM Alaaeldin Mohamed	EGY	25.11.90
8	124	OTA Yuki	JPN	25.11.85
9	120	LE PECHOUX Erwan	FRA	13.01.82
10	102	CHEREMISINOV Alexey	RUS	09.07.85
11	100	CHOI Byung Chul	KOR	24.10.81
12	100	MEINHARDT Gerek	USA	27.07.90
13	99	MA Jianfei	CHN	29.07.84
14	96	CHAMLEY-WATSON Miles	USA	03.12.89
15	92	KWON Young Ho	KOR	03.05.85
16	91	SIMONCELLI Luca	ITA	05.03.85

Men's Foil Team: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country
1	424	ITALIE	ITA
2	340	CHINE	CHN
3	324	JAPON	JPN
4	288	RUSSIE	RUS
5	250	FRANCE	FRA
6	231	U.S.A.	USA
7	230	COREE	KOR
8	230	ALLEMAGNE	GER
9	192	GRANDE-BRETAGNE	GBR
10	178	AUTRICHE	AUT
11	171	POLOGNE	POL
12	151	ISRAEL	ISR
13	140	EGYPTE	EGY
14	138	HONG KONG	HKG
15	130	UKRAINE	UKR
16	129	BRESIL	BRA

Women's Sabre Individual: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country	Date of Birth
1	298	ZAGUNIS Mariel	USA	03.03.85
2	270	KHARLAN Olga	UKR	04.09.90
3	223	VELIKAIA Sophia	RUS	08.06.85
4	163	GAVRILOVA Julia	RUS	20.07.89
5	152	KHOMROVA Olena	UKR	16.05.87
6	151	DIATCHENKO Ekaterina	RUS	31.08.87
7	134	BESBES Azza	TUN	28.11.90
8	133	SOCHA Aleksandra	POL	30.03.82
9	124	ZHU Min	CHN	11.05.88
10	112	VECCHI Irene	ITA	10.06.89
11	109	MARZOCCA Gioia	ITA	22.06.79
12	90	KIM Ji Yeon	KOR	12.03.88
13	90	MUHAMMAD Ibtihaj	USA	04.12.85
14	85	JOZWIAK Bogna	POL	05.04.83
15	79	SCHNEIDER Daria	USA	21.05.87
16	78	WOZNIAK Dagmara	USA	01.07.88



Women's Sabre Team: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country
1	424	RUSSIE	RUS
2	332	UKRAINE	UKR
3	324	CHINE	CHN
4	276	U.S.A.	USA
5	260	ITALIE	ITA
6	250	FRANCE	FRA
7	218	POLOGNE	POL
8	194	COREE	KOR
9	184	HONGRIE	HUN
10	176	ALLEMAGNE	GER
11	167	JAPON	JPN
12	160	GRANDE-BRETAGNE	GBR
13	159	TUNISIE	TUN
14	138	KAZAKHSTAN	KAZ
15	138	ESPAGNE	ESP
16	108	MEXIQUE	MEX

Men's Sabre Individual: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Country	Date of Birth
1	252	YAKIMENKO Alexey	RUS	31.10.83
2	219	WON Woo Young	KOR	03.02.82
3	201	LIMBACH Nicolas	GER	29.12.85
4	177	GU Bon Gil	KOR	27.04.89
5	157	DUMITRESCU Rares	ROU	24.10.83
6	149	SZILAGYI Aron	HUN	14.01.90
7	144	MONTANO Aldo	ITA	18.11.78
8	115	TARANTINO Luigi	ITA	10.11.72
9	113	KOVALEV Nikolay	RUS	28.10.86
10	107	APITHY Bolade	FRA	21.08.85
11	106	OCCHIUZZI Diego	ITA	30.04.81
12	101	PILLET Julien	FRA	28.09.77
13	98	HOMER Daryl	USA	16.07.90
14	95	PASTORE Giampiero	ITA	07.05.76
15	94	LAPKES Dmitri	BLR	04.06.76
16	93	ZALOMIR Gelu Florin	ROU	01.04.81

Men's Sabre Team: Top 16

Rank	Points	Name	Countr
1	372	ITALIE	ITA
2	372	RUSSIE	RUS
3	324	ALLEMAGNE	GER
4	276	ROUMANIE	ROU
5	264	BELARUS	BLR
6	230	COREE	KOR
7	209	CHINE	CHN
8	206	U.S.A.	USA
9	203	FRANCE	FRA
10	193	HONGRIE	HUN
11	193	UKRAINE	UKR
12	187	CANADA	CAN
13	156	ESPAGNE	ESP
14	153	POLOGNE	POL
15	114	JAPON	JPN
16	104	TUNISIE	TUN



b. Results FIE World Fencing Championships Paris 2010

Women's Epee Individual	Women's Epee Team
Maureen NISIMA (FRA)	1. Romania
2. Emese SZASZ (HUN)	2. Germany
3. Nathalie MOELLHAUSEN (ITA)	3. Korea
3. Tatiana LOGOUNOVA (RUS)	4. China
5. Magdalena PIEKARSKA (POL)	5. France
6. Laura FLESSEL-COLOVIC (FRA)	6. Russia
7. OH Yun Hee (KOR)	7. Poland
8. Edina ANTAL (HUN)	8. Estonia

Men's Epee Individual	Men's Epee Team
Nikolai NOVOSJOLOV (EST)	1. France
2. Gauthier GRUMIER (FRA)	2. USA
3. Gabor BOCZKO (HUN)	3. Hungary
3. Jean-Michel LUCENAY (FRA)	4. Russia
5. Martin SCHMITT (GER)	5. Germany
6. Enrico GAROZZO (ITA)	6. Ukraine
7. Weston KELSEY (USA)	7. Poland
8. Pavel SUKHOV (RUS)	8. Korea

Women's Foil Individual	Women's Foil Team
Elisa Di FRANCISCA (ITA)	1. Italy
2. Arianna ERRIGO (ITA)	2. Poland
3. Valentina VEZZALI (ITA)	3. Korea
3. NAM Hyun Hee (KOR)	4. Germany
5. JEON Hee Sook (KOR)	5. France
6. Aida SHANAEVA (RUS)	6. Russia
7. Sylwia GRUCHALA (POL)	7. Ukraine
8. Corinne MAITREJEAN (FRA)	8. USA

Men's Foil Individual	Men's Foil Team
1. Peter JOPPICH (GER)	1. China
2. LEI Sheng (CHN)	2. Italy
3. Yuki OTA (JPN)	3. Japan
3. Gerek MEINHARDT (USA)	4. Russia
5. Miles CHAMLEY-WATSON (USA)	5. Germany
6. Victor SINTES (FRA)	6. France
7. Rostyslav HERTSYK (UKR)	7. Korea
8. Maor HATOEL (ISR)	8. Great Britain

Women's Sabre Individual	Women's Sabre Team
Mariel ZAGUNIS (USA)	1. Russia
2. Olga KHARLAN (UKR)	2. Ukraine
3. Olena KHOMROVA (UKR)	3. France
3. Sophia VELIKAIA (RUS)	4. USA
5. Irene VECCHI (ITA)	5. China
6. Stefanie KUBISSA (GER)	6. Poland
7. Azza BESBES (TUN)	7. Italy
8. Carole VERGNE (FRA)	8. Hungary



Men's Sabre Individual	Men's Sabre Team
1. WON Woo Young (KOR)	1. Russia
2. Nicolas LIMBACH (GER)	2. Italy
3. Veniamin RESHETNIKOV (RUS)	3. Romania
3. Cosmin HANCEANU (ROU)	4. Belarus
5. Luigi TARANTINO (ITA)	5. Germany
6. Aron SZILAGY (HUN)	6. China
7. Jaime MARTI (ESP)	7. Ukraine
8. Alexey YAKIMENKO (RUS)	8. Korea

c. Results Olympic Games Beijing 2008

Women's	s Epee Individual	Women's Epee Team
1.	Britta HEIDEMANN (GER)	
2.	Ana BRANZA (ROU)	
3.	Ildiko MINCZA-NEBALD (HUN)	no team event
4.	LI Na (CHN)	
5.	Imke DUPLITZER (GER)	
6.	Lubov SHUTOVA (RUS)	
7.	Laura FLESSEL-COLOVIC (FRA)	
8.	Emma SAMUELSSON (SWE)	

Men's Ep	ee Individual	Men's Epee Te	eam
1.	Matteo TAGLIAROL (ITA)	1.	France
2.	Fabrice JEANNET (FRA)	2.	Poland
3.	Jose Luis ABAJO (ESP)	3.	Italy
4.	Gabor BOCZKO (HUN)	4.	China
5.	JUNG Jin Sun (KOR)	5.	Hungary
6.	Radoslaw ZAWROTNIAK (POL)	6.	Venezuela
7.	Diego CONFALONIERI (ITA)	7.	Ukraine
8.	Bas VERWIJLEN (NED)	8.	Korea

Women's	s Foil Individual	Women's Foil	Team
1.	Valentina VEZZALI (ITA)	1.	Russia
2.	NAM Hyun Hee (KOR)	2.	USA
3.	Margherita GRANBASSI (ITA)	3.	Italy
4.	Giovanna TRILLINI (ITA)	4.	Hungary
5.	Edina KNAPEK (HUN)	5.	Germany
6.	Eugyenia LAMONOVA (RUS)	6.	China
7.	Chieko SUGAWARA (JPN)	7.	Poland
8.	Katja WAECHTER (GER)	8.	Egypt

Men's Fo	il Individual	Men's Foil Team
1.	Benjamin KLEIBRINK (GER)	
2.	Yuki OTA (JPN)	
3.	Salvatore SANZO (ITA)	no team event
4.	ZHU Jun (CHN)	
5.	Peter JOPPICH (GER)	
6.	Andrea CASSARA (ITA)	
7.	Erwan Le PECHOUX (FRA)	
8.	LEI Sheng (CHN)	



Women's	Women's Sabre Individual		Women's Sabre Team	
1.	Mariel ZAGUNIS (USA)	1.	Ukraine	
2.	Sada JACOBSON (USA)	2.	China	
3.	Rebecca WARD (USA)	3.	USA	
4.	Sophia VELIKAIA (RUS)	4.	France	
5.	TAN Xue (CHN)	5.	Russia	
6.	BAO Yingying (CHN)	6.	Poland	
7.	Azza BESBES (TUN)	7.	Canada	
8.	Olena KHOMROVA (UKR)	8.	South Africa	

Men's Sa	Men's Sabre Individual Men's Sab		bre Team
1.	ZHONG Man (CHN)	1.	France
2.	Nicolas LOPEZ (FRA)	2.	USA
3.	Mihai COVALIU (ROU)	3.	Italy
4.	Julien PILLET (FRA)	4.	Russia
5.	Luigi TARANTINO (ITA)	5.	Belarus
6.	Keeth SMART (USA)	6.	China
7.	Jorge PINA (ESP)	7.	Hungary
8.	Aliaksandr BUIKEVICH (BLR)	8.	Egypt

d. Preview: Fencing at the Olympic Games London 2012

- The qualification period ends 31 March 2012.
- The competitions relevant for the qualification are the World Cup and Grand Prix competitions counting for the official world ranking until 31 March 2012, the Zone Championships 2011 and the World Championships 2011
- The last opportunity to qualify is the zonal qualifiers (between 15 April and 5 May 2012).
- 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.
- 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 events start on 28 July 2012 and end on 5 August.



e. Overview on the FIE Qualification Rules for the Olympic Games London 2012

There are different qualification rules for disciplines that feature both an individual and a team event and for the two disciplines that do not have a team event in London 2012.

Individual competitions			
Disciplines with a team event (women's epee, men's foil, women's foil, men's sabre)	Disciplines without a team event (men's epee, women's sabre)		
the 24 fencers that qualify through team selection	the top 12 fencers from the FIE Official Ranking (up to a max of 2 per country in the event)		
the 7 highest ranked fencers in the FIE Adjusted Official Ranking (2 from Europe, 2 from Asia Oceania, 2 from Pan-America, 1 from Africa)	the 8 highest ranked fencers in the FIE Adjusted Official Ranking per zone (2 from Europe, 2 from Pan-America, 2 from Asia-Oceania, 2 from Africa; with only 1 fencer from any one country)		
the 5 fencers who qualify through zonal qualifying tournaments (2 from Europe, 1 from Pan-America, 1 from Asia-Oceania, 1 from Africa)	the 10 fencers who qualify through zonal qualifying tournaments (4 from Europe, 2 from Pan-America, 3 from Asia-Oceania, 1 from Africa)		
Total 36	Total 30		
plus possibly slots for the host nation	plus possibly slots for the host nation		

Team competitions Women's epee, men's foil, women's foil, men's sabre		
first 4 teams in the official FIE ranking	the best team from each of the four zones (Europe, Pan-America, Africa, Asia-Oceania) *	
Total plus a possibly a slot for the host nation	8	