

FENCING COMPETITION  
2016 OLYMPIC GAMES IN Rio de Janeiro

FORMULA, PLACEMENT AND DRAWING OF LOTS

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

Formula with direct elimination throughout:

- 1) The individual competitions at weapons having a team event which will bring together approximately 35 fencers per weapon, and those having only an individual event, with presumably 33 or 34 fencers per weapon, will be run with an incomplete direct elimination table of 64.
- 2) The initial order of the fencers will be established according to the latest official FIE ranking.
- 3) If there are fencers qualified who do not appear in the FIE official ranking and/or if in the rankings there are fencers classified ex-aequo, the FIE will carry out preliminary drawing of lots as follows:
  - First, a drawing of lots will be carried out for the fencers ranked ex-aequo;
  - Then, a drawing of lots will be carried out for the fencers who do not appear in the FIE official ranking.
- 4) As soon as all the fencers have an initial classification, a drawing of lots in pairs will be carried out from the first to the last fencer.

These drawing of lots will be held on 4 August, 2016 from 10.00 am, Fencing competition area, at Carioca Arena 3, in the Barra Olympic Park.

- 5) The individual events will be run by direct elimination throughout and the match for the 3rd place will be fenced.

**TEAM EVENTS**

- 1) The classification of the teams will be made according to the FIE Team Official Ranking at each weapon. In case there are teams ranked ex-aequo, a drawing by lots will be carried out.
- 2) The teams will be placed in a complete direct elimination table of 8 or an incomplete direct elimination table of 16, depending on the number of teams participating, the teams keeping their initial place without a drawing of lots.

The team of the Host Country will be placed in the direct elimination table according to its place in the latest FIE Team Official Ranking at the weapon concerned.

- 3) The team events will be run by direct elimination throughout and the places 5 to 8 will be fenced.

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OLYMPIC GAMES REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES FOR TEAM EVENTS

The teams will have the possibility of replacing one fencer in the two following cases:

- 1) for injury
- 2) for tactical reasons: before or during the match

Once a replacement has been made for one of the above reasons, no further replacements may be made for any reason.

**1) Process for accreditation of replacement athletes**

NOCs may name a replacement athlete for each team event for which they are qualified. NOCs who are entitled to a replacement athlete must submit to Rio2016 an Application for Accreditation form for each replacement athlete, which must be received according to the deadline established by Rio2016, with a copy also being passed to the FIE.

Replacement athletes will receive an Accreditation Card in the "P" category as Alternate Athletes, providing access to Fencing Training and Competition Venue only.

By Rio2016 Entry by Name deadline, NOCs must confirm all athletes to fill their qualified positions, and also nominate the replacement athletes to which they are entitled for team events.

**Venue Access**

Alternate athletes accredited as a "P" category have access to the training and competition venue(s) of a single sport only (Fencing).

These "P" accredited personnel have the right to enter the Olympic Village and access to the athlete transportation system

**2) Replacement due to injury**

The circumstances under which a team member may be replaced for injury are described in *The FIE Rules for Competitions*, Book 2, Chapter 6, Section 0.44, Point 11.

The following describes the special rules for the substitution of athletes injured in the Team Events of Olympic Games, Rio 2016.

An injured athlete may be replaced either by an already accredited athlete or by a replacement athlete duly appointed by his/her NOC under the process outlined in 1) above. The replacement will be made through the following process which will be managed by the FIE:

- a) Verification of the accredited athlete's injury:* At the venue, the FIE Medical Delegate(s) personally and physically examine the athlete after the injury, before the athlete leaves

the venue. At least one medical officer must be present constantly at the venue during the competition to be able to perform this task in a timely fashion.

Away from the venue, an injury report signed by the medical officer responsible for the site where the injury happened (e.g. training site or village) must be submitted by the team captain to the FIE Medical Delegate(s) as soon as possible after the incident.

After carefully verifying the type and extent of the injury, the FIE Medical Delegate(s) decide whether the injury justifies the withdrawal of the fencer from the team event. The Directoire Technique provides them with a Team Substitution Form and one or both FIE Medical Delegate(s) sign the medical verification portion of the form.

*The determination of injury by the FIE Medical Delegate(s) will be final. There shall be no right of appeal against this decision.*

- b) The replacement athlete is present within the venue and ready to fence without delaying the team event.
- c) The Directoire Technique provides the team captain with a Team Substitution Form to confirm the replacement of the injured athlete, which the team captain shall complete and return to the Directoire Technique. This form is then passed to the results staff  
Once this notification to the results staff has taken place, the competition shall proceed from the point at which the injury took place.
- d) **Only one replacement per team is authorised throughout the competition. A competitor who is replaced cannot again take his place in the team either during the same match or the rest of the competition.**

### **3) Replacement for tactical reasons**

The circumstances under which a team member may be replaced for tactical reasons are described within *The FIE Rules for Competitions*, Book 2, Chapter 6, Section o.44, Point 10.

The following special rules will apply for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and take precedence over the above rules where specified.

The replacement for tactical reasons can intervene either before the beginning of a match or during the match and will be final. **A competitor who is replaced cannot again take his place in the team either during the same match or the rest of the competition.**

An athlete could be replaced by a replacement athlete duly appointed by his/her NOC under the process outlined in 1) above. The replacement will be made through the following process which will be managed by the FIE:

Before the replacement, the team captain informs the Directoire Technique and provides proof that the replacement fencer is ready to fence without causing any delay in the competition.

In this case, the Directoire Technique provides the team captain with a Team Substitution Form, which the team captain shall complete and return to the President of the The Directoire Technique. This form is then passed to the results staff prior to the commencement of the bout. The Directoire

technique must inform the team captain of the opposing team and the referee of the match about the replacement.

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Equipment advice for delegations and dress code for coaches

**1) Procedures**

- The appropriate size of electrical jacket on the body of the fencer is checked by the Refereeing Delegate in the weapon control before presentation.
- Please note that no protest against the size of the electrical jacket will be accepted on the piste once the fencers have left the weapon control area in the call room.
- Chest protectors will not be accepted in the men's competitions.
- There will be a control that also under-plastrons are in accordance with the rules.

**2) The fencers**

The fencer should appear in the call room absolutely ready to fence, wearing his glove, with the body-wire connected to his weapon and to the wireless device.

- All zippers must be closed. The shoe-laces must be tied with care and socks must be according to the rules. Long hair must be tied in a secure way so as to not fall free at any time during the match and to ensure a correct positioning of the mask on the head.
- The fencers should choose the weapon which he intends to use during the match for the presentation. Change of weapons before the start will not be allowed.
- The fencer should carry the mask under his arm for the presentation to be ready to fence immediately.
- The fencers are requested to be present in the call room without extra gadgets or additional equipment outside the fencing equipment.

**3) Spare equipment in the fencing bag**

The following spare equipment is required:

- 3 extra weapons
- 1 extra body wires
- 1 extra glove
- 1 extra electrical jacket with correct name printed on the back (foil & sabre)
- 1 extra mask with wire (for foil & sabre)

**4) Dress code for coaches**

The coaches should be dressed in the tracksuit with long legs of their NOC. No T-shirts are allowed.