



**San José, Costa Rica, April 29 May 2, 2021**

## **Pan American Olympic Qualifying Tournament.**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Pan American Fencing Confederation and the Fencing Federation of Costa Rica, it is with great pleasure to invite you to the Pan American Olympic Qualifying Tournament which will be held at in San José, Costa Rica on April 29 – May 2, 2021

Attached are the Entry and Accommodation forms to facilitate your participation to the competition. Kindly take note of the deadlines with which you are required to complete and submit these forms.

Details about the competition may also be found in the succeeding pages. For further details you may make inquiries through email: [info@esgrimacostarica.net](mailto:info@esgrimacostarica.net)

Thank you very much and we look forward to welcoming you in San Jose.

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## PAN AMERICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, APRIL 29 – MAY 2, 2021.

### 1. Organizers:

Costa Rica Fencing Federation.

### 2. Address of the Organizers:

Gimnasio Nacional Eddy Cortez, La Sabana, San José.

### 3. Competition Venue:

Hotel Real Intercontinental, Escazú, Salones Real II, Real III  
Frente al Centro Comercial Multiplaza Escazú.

### 4. Important Information regarding COVID-19 Specific Rules:

The fundamental principle throughout all FIE events during Covid 19 is to protect and be protected by wearing masks, sanitizing, and respecting the FIE Outline of risk-mitigation requirements. FIE Outline of risk-mitigation requirements apply to all participants. Each participant (athlete, coach, physiotherapist, doctor, official etc.) must have read and understood last version of the FIE COVID 19 Protocol which can be find here [https://static.fie.org/uploads/24/124713-FIE\\_outline\\_risk-mitig\\_Covid19%20ang.pdf](https://static.fie.org/uploads/24/124713-FIE_outline_risk-mitig_Covid19%20ang.pdf)

- The competition will be organized in a “Bubble” system. “Bubble” is an umbrella term for the isolated Competition Venue, the Hotel and the buses involved in the transportation of the Delegations. Participants are not allowed to leave the “bubble” between arrival to and departure from the official hotels.
- Every participant must arrive before April 29, for making of procedure of testing on Covid 19. Upon arrival each participant will transfer to the Hotel, where he/she will have tested (PCR) for Covid-19, after testing they will accompany to the room and they must wait for result during 12 hours.
- The test results will arrive within 12 hours from taking the test.
- Until the test results arrive participants are not allowed to leave their rooms and for them will be organized room service for the meals.
- Accreditation cards will only be given to participants that provided a negative PCR test result in the Hotel.
- Participants are not allowed to leave the hotel or the competition venue. Leaving without permission is considered as violation of the rules and will be penalized. In the event of a breach, following penalties may be imposed:
  - a) first breach: warning and withdrawal of FIE financial support (difference in price between an athlete room and a delegate/coach room and cost of PCR test)
  - b) second breach or multiple breaches: exclusion from the competition with all associated consequences.
- Official transfer buses will take participants to and from the hotel. No other means of transport is allowed.
- Any participant who tested Positive to Covid-19 will not be authorized to take part in the competition. The participant will be quarantined for 10 days in the official declared complementary hotel or hospital, that will be covered by their own insurance .



- In case a negative PCR test is required for participants to return home, the organizers will provide this additional test before departure.
- No spectators will be allowed to the competition venue.

Please send the filled “Appendix B” (COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY) and “Appendix C” (COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FIE EVENT) of the FIE outline of risk-mitigation requirements via email to: [info@esgrimacostarica.net](mailto:info@esgrimacostarica.net) before 20 April 2021.

“Appendix B” (COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY) and “Appendix C” (COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FIE EVENT) of the FIE outline of risk mitigation requirements which are available on: <https://fie.org/fie/documents/other-documents>

#### 5. COVID-19 Protocol:

- obligatory wearing of the masks every time except during the bout and having a meal.
- obligatory distance: 2 m. between each other.
- hand shaking after the end of the bout is forbidden, salute must be applied.
- screaming during a bout is forbidden.
- distance of 1,5 m between the coach and the fencer must be respected at any time.
- Only the fencer who is taking part in the event and one coach will be allowed to enter the competition area.
- any person not participating in the event (eliminated fencer after a pool or a table and his/her coach) must leave the venue and are not allowed to stay in the venue as a spectator.

#### 6. Schedule of the Competition:

**ATTENTION:** All participants who compete on the 1st day (men's epee, women's foil and men's saber) must arrive without exception at the official hotel before midnight on April 29, 2021 and all participants who compete on the 2nd day (women's epee , men's foil and women's saber) must arrive without exception at the official hotel before midnight on April 30, 2021. Upon arrival, all participants will be screened (PCR) for COVID-19.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday, April 30	9:00 – 18:00	Weapon Control
	15:00	DT meeting
	16:00	Delegates Meeting
	17:00	Referee meeting
Saturday, May 1	9:00	Men Epee
	12:00	Women Foil
	14:00	Men Sabre
Sunday, May 2	9:00	Women Epee
	12:00	Men Foil
	14:00	Women Sabre



**\* The competition schedule may change depending on the final number of entries.**

#### **7. Participants:**

- Open only to member countries of the Pan American Fencing Confederation.
- Only federations which do not have any athlete qualified through the team qualification or through the individual AOR by zone, in the weapon concerned, can participate in the respective zone qualifying events, with a maximum of one (1) athlete per federation per weapon. All fencers must have a valid FIE License and entries must be done through the FIE website ([www.fie.org](http://www.fie.org))

#### **8. Entry Fee:**

- As an agreement between the CPE and The Costa Rica Fencing Federation, there's no entry fee for this competition.

#### **9. Accreditations:**

- Accreditation will be organize at the official Hotel, working hours are daily from 09:00 – 19:00 from April 29 until May 1 2021.
- Without accreditation cards no participant will allowed to do the weapon control or enter the competitions hall.
- The chief of the delegation will come to the accreditation office and collect accreditation cards for their participants who had a negative result on the Covid 19 test.
- A personal photo of the representative must send till April 20, 2020.
- Officials and athletes should provide a passport sized photo for making ID Card (a300 dpi, 4,5x5 cm-sized digital image in JPG format) of each the participants, and send them to [info@esgrimacostarica.net](mailto:info@esgrimacostarica.net).
- The format file: name of the photo: <country>\_<official/athlete>\_<name>. for example **CRC\_Athlete\_LASTNAME\_firstname.jpg** or **PUR\_Official\_PEREZ\_Jose.jpg**

#### **10. FIE Rules:**

The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the current Statutes and Rules of the FIE. The format of the competition will be the one published by the FIE and which is available on <https://static.fie.org/uploads/25/125117-regl%20epr.%20cont%20JO%20Tokyo%20ang.pdf>., and according to the rules published.

#### **11. Equipment:**

All equipment to be used must comply with FIE standards and the latest decisions of the FIE. All equipment must be submitted for weapons testing and marked by organizer before they may be used in the competition.

Weapon control will be organized at the hotel.



## 12. Competition Management:

- Referee:  
Referees must present themselves during the Referees' meeting on April 30 at 17:00 at the sport venue.

Referees must be properly attired in jacket/blazer and long pants.

- Directoire Technique:  
Directory Technique (DT) meeting on April 30 at 15:00 at the sport venue.  
The DT shall be responsible for the technical organization of the competition.

## 13. Accommodation and Transportation:

Official Hotel: Real Intercontinental

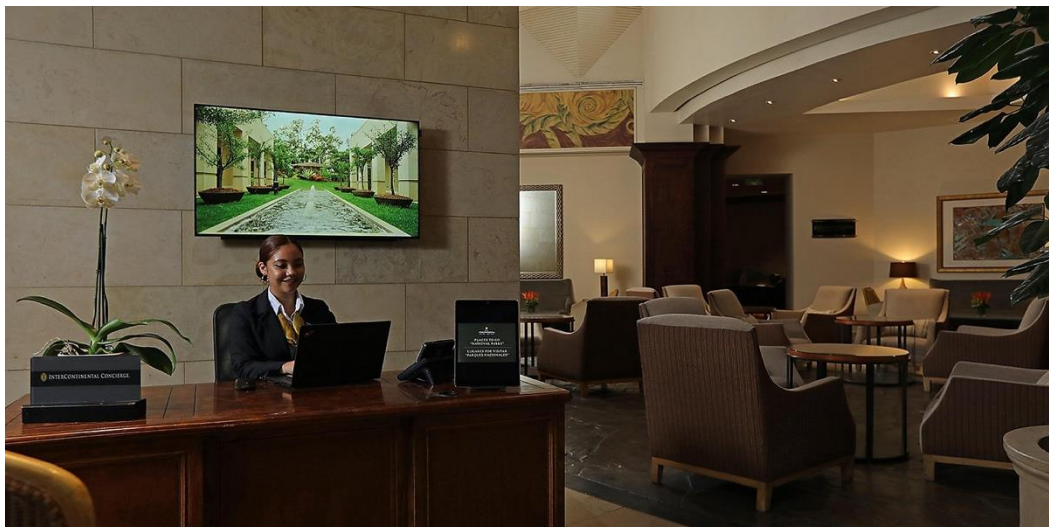
A 5\*star modern hotel, located in front of Multiplaza Shopping Center, Escazú, San José.

Próspero Fernández Hwy. Escazú, 11856, San José, Costa Rica.

### **RATES:**

**\$55.00 per night** single room with breakfast, lunch and dinner and taxes in bubble system ***for athletes only*** (after subsidy by FIE and additional contribution by CPE)

**\$135.00 per night** single room with breakfast, lunch and dinner and taxes in bubble system. ***For delegates and coaches***







## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1- Reservations are only allowed through the organizers.
- 2- Please fill the form (attached at the end) and send it to: [reservation@esgrimacostarica.net](mailto:reservation@esgrimacostarica.net)  
Attention: Katia Salazar
- 3- This information must be sent as soon as possible.
- 4- Filled forms will be received until 23:59 (Costa Rican time) of April, 20th.
- 5- It is NOT permitted to stay in any other hotel or similar lodging.
- 6- Accreditations will only be given to participants after check-in and the Covid test result.

TRANSPORTATION: Transfers from the airport to the hotel and back to the airport will be arranged by the organizing committee according to scheduled flights sent to the organization in advance to [reservation@esgrimacostarica.net](mailto:reservation@esgrimacostarica.net)

The cost of the airport transfers will be \$25.00 round trip per person. We will arrange a special transportation following the protocol established by the Health Ministry of Costa Rica.

Language: Official language of the Pan American Olympic Qualifier are Spanish & English.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS COVID-19

Entry to Costa Rica is authorized for all countries in the world by air, sea and land borders.

You can enter the country on commercial or private international flights that land at Juan Santamaría and Daniel Oduber Quirós airports.

People must meet visa requirements and requirements established in the framework of the pandemic.

The Government of the Republic does not request coronavirus screening tests nor does it issue sanitary confinement orders as requirements to enter the country by air.

Tourists visiting Costa Rica are required to observe the sanitary protocols established for carrying out all tourist, sports and other activities in the country.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

In the framework of the pandemic, the following requirements were also established:

Complete the digital form called HEALTH PASS, which is available at:  
<https://salud.go.cr>

The Health Pass can only be completed 48 hours before boarding. It must be accessed in updated browsers or Internet Explorer. The form must be completed by each person, including minors, without exception.



### **Purchase health insurance**

Tourists must purchase mandatory travel insurance that covers quarantine accommodation and medical expenses due to COVID-19 disease.

### **International Policies**

Regarding the policy, you can choose any international insurance company that meets the following requirements:

1. Valid during the entire stay in Costa Rica (coverage dates).
2. US \$50,000 for medical expenses, including COVID-19 disease.
3. US \$2,000 for accommodation expenses in the event of COVID-19 quarantine.

Please ask your insurance company for a certificate/letter in English or Spanish stating the following:

- Name of the person traveling.
- Validity of the effective policy during the visit in Costa Rica (travel dates).
- Guarantee of coverage for medical expenses in the event of COVID-19 in Costa Rica, for at least US \$50,000.
- Minimum coverage of US \$2,000 for accommodation expenses for quarantine or trip interruption for this same amount.
- This certificate must specify that the policy covers COVID-19 and must be uploaded to the HEALTH PASS in order to be reviewed and approved by the Costa Rican authorities. Insurance cards are not accepted, it must be a document.

### **Costa Rican Policies**

The tourist can also choose any of the following Costa Rican insurance companies, which sell products registered and authorized by the General Superintendency of Insurance of Costa Rica.

INS: <https://micrositios.ins-cr.com/seguroviajero/>

Sagicor: <https://tiendasagicor.com/en/>

BlueCross BlueShield: <https://www.bluecrossblueshieldcr.com/rod>

**IMPORTANT:** For international policies, the minimum coverage was set at US \$50,000, while for policies sold by Costa Rican insurers, the minimum was set at US \$20,000.

### **Country Entry Requirements (VISAS)**

For information on visas, please visit the website of the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners: <https://www.migracion.go.cr/Paginas/Visas.aspx>

Kindly check for visa requirements to Costa Rica before making your ticket reservations. Those who need visa assistance and/or visa support, please contact [presidencia@esgrimacostarica.net](mailto:presidencia@esgrimacostarica.net) no later than April 8th 2021. All participants must have a valid passport not less than 6 months.



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