

# Press release

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## Despite the hard times, we are still going strong road to Tokyo!

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the FIE canceled numerous competitions in 2021.

Until now, only necessary competitions have been held for the final selection of athletes that will participate in the Olympic Games in Tokyo, as well as the World Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships.

The Pan American Confederation has put a lot of effort into organizing and hosting the qualifying tournament for the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Thanks to the good joint work of the CPE and the National Federation of Costa Rica, in a very short time, the qualifying tournament for the Olympic Games in Tokyo was organized and successfully held on May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2021 in San Jose, Costa Rica. 84 athletes from 25 countries took part in the competition.

As a result of the competition, 6 direct licenses for the Olympic Games in Tokyo were awarded. It is gratifying to note that athletes from 6 different countries became the winners of the competition.



This result clearly shows the dynamic development of Fencing on the Pan American continent.

### Congratulations to the winners:

Maria Luisa Doig – Feminine Epee PERU,  
Marc-Antoine Blais – Masculine Epee CANADA,  
Katina Proestakis – Feminine Foil CHILE,  
Diego Cervantes – Masculine Foil MEXICO,  
Maria Belen Perez – Feminine Saber ARGENTINA,  
Jose Quintero – Masculine Saber VENEZUELA

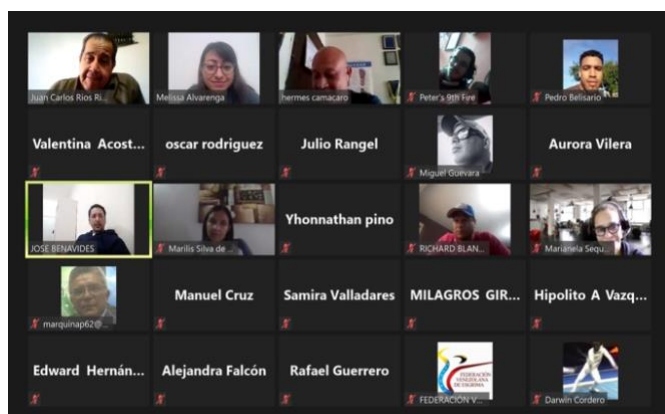


We also congratulate the rest of the athletes from Brazil, Venezuela, Canada, Colombia, and the United States, who were able to win a license to participate in the Olympic Games in Tokyo even earlier.

The CPE wishes all the fencers from our continent success and victory in the upcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo.

During this difficult period of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CPE continues to make efforts and tries to keep all the NFFs from our continent active.

### Training seminars on the FIE refereeing rules continue in 2021



With the assistance of the FIE, the Pan American Confederation continues the systematic implementation of a special project of online training seminars on the FIE refereeing rules for the NFFs in 2021 through Zoom.

As a reminder, Our Pan American project consists of three stages:

1. Seminars on Epee refereeing.
2. Seminars on Foil refereeing.
3. Seminars on Saber refereeing.



At present, the first stage of training in Epee refereeing has already been fully completed. The total number of participants in the Epee seminars was of 271 people from 23 countries. The online seminar consisted of 12 sessions: 9 in Spanish, and 3 in English

The second stage of the training based in Foil refereeing is close to completion. So far, the number of participants in the Foil seminars was 242 people from 15 countries. This online seminar has had 8 sessions so far. As of June 20, the final third stage of Epee's refereeing training will begin.

In the process of training participants, a member of the FIE referee commission Irina Knysch, and FIE referees, including Juan Carlos Rios, Vasil Milenichev, and Alex Kuznetsov, are taking their part in the seminars.

### Online Pan American Cups Project of Fencing Technique 2021

On July 3rd and 4th of 2021, the CPE plans to hold the third online Pan American Cup for the technique and quality of the execution of Fencing actions - cadet and junior Sabre Fencing (men and women).



These competitions are very interesting for fencers who participate in these tournaments with enthusiasm and demonstrate their individual technique of performing Fencing actions.

The quality of performance is assessed by a panel of referees of three official referees of the FIE and the victory is awarded to the best participant.

The formula for the competition will be a direct elimination system, and the winners will be awarded with special prizes.

We expect that the Third Pan American Cup in Fencing Technique will attract not only athletes, but also a large number of spectators; which will contribute to the popularization of Fencing in our continent.

**Together we will win!**



Joining Fencers from all Continental Confederations !!!

