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INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION

Today, the FIE has 155 member federations over five continental regions. The FIE office is in Lausanne (SUI), the Olympic capital. The management of the FIE in between congresses is entrusted to the Executive Committee.

Composition of the FIE Executive Committee





EMMANUEL KATSIADAKIS

FIE Interim President

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2023 Fencing World Championships in historic and beautiful Milan. On behalf of the FIE and our global fencing family, it is my pleasure to share with you this most important fencing event of the year. On the road to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Milan 2023 is perhaps the most important qualifying event, and our athletes are very enthusiastic and in top competitive form.

This is the first time Milan has hosted the Fencing World Championships, and the last time they were hosted in Italy was 2011 in Catania.

Congratulations and thanks to the Italian Fencing Federation for bringing the World Championships in Milan and for the continuous efforts to promote the sport of fencing. No doubt, they constitute a valuable member of the fencing family.

I would like to congratulate the organizing committee and especially, its Chairman Marco Fichera, for their hard work to provide a high-level competition.

The Italian Fencing Federation and organizers have always created memorable, spectacular and well-managed Championships, and I expect Milan 2023 to be equally as exciting and excellent.

Thank you to all the athletes, coaches, officials, staff and the volunteers, for making this event happen, and a special welcome to all of our spectators. We wish you all a wonderful experience in Milan!



PAOLO AZZI

Italian Fencing Federation President

To All the National Fencing Federations

Dear Presidents, dear friends,

On behalf of the Italian Fencing Federation, I hereby have the honor and pleasure to invite your federation to the World Senior Championships that will take place in Milan from the 22 to 30 July 2023. In this presentation, you will find the "Information for Delegations" Booklet where you can find all the necessary and relevant information for the participation of your federation in the Milan 2023 World Championships.

The Italian Fencing Federation and the Organizing Committee are looking forward to welcoming you to Milan for the biggest international event of the year, wishing you will enjoy the lifestyle and beauty of the city with your fencing family and friends.

See you in Milan!





MARCO FICHERA

Local Organizing Committee President

Dear Presidents,

Dear athletes, coaches, and all members of delegations,

The Local Organizing Committee of the Milano 2023 FIE Fencing World Championships is pleased and grateful to invite you to Milan this July. From July 22nd to 30th, as you know, we will be busy with the most important competition of the season and, as already told during these months, we are trying to organize a sporting event that is functional, innovative, and up to the very high value that our fencing family represents. My experience, as an athlete, delivers a wealth of ideas, knowledge and awareness that will support us in organizing the event.

With my entire team, we are at your complete disposal for any needs, concerns, or requests. The LOC looks forward to welcoming you to Milan and experiencing this crucial sporting event together. With warm and affectionate greetings.

THE CITY OF MILAN

Milan may be considered Italy's fencing hub thanks to a deeply rooted fencing history and tradition that have given birth to some of the sport's Italian and international legends.

The capital city of Lombardy is also home to one of the oldest and most famous fencing clubs in Europe as the "Società del Giardino" (founded in 1783 and still active to this day), the home of the Italian famous fencer Edoardo Mangiarotti.

The World Championships will be held at the MiCo (Milan Convention Center), a 50,000-square-meter space set up solely for the Fencing World Championships.



COMPETITION SCHEDULE*

SATURDAY 22. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EPEE		MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SABRE
09:00	Preliminary - DE up to T64	11:00	Preliminary - DE up to T64

SUNDAY 23. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL FOIL		MEN'S INDIVIDUAL EPEE
09:00	Preliminary - DE up to T64	11:00	Preliminary - DE up to T64

MONDAY 24. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SABRE		MEN'S INDIVIDUAL FOIL
09:00	Preliminary - DE up to T64	11:00	Preliminary - DE up to T64

TUESDAY 25. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EPEE		MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SABRE
08:30	DE of T64 - Final	10:10	DE of T64 - Final

17:25 OPENING CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY 26. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL FOIL		MEN'S INDIVIDUAL EPEE
08:30	DE of T64 - Final	10:10	DE of T64 - Final

THURSDAY 27. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S TEAM EPEE		MEN'S TEAM SABRE
10:00	Preliminary - team up to T8	12:00	Preliminary - team up to T8
	WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SABRE		MEN'S INDIVIDUAL FOIL
10:00	DE of T64 - Final	11:00	DE of T64 - Final

FRIDAY 28. JULY 2023

	MEN'S TEAM EPEE		WOMEN'S TEAM FOIL
09:00	Preliminary - team up to T8	09:00	Preliminary - team up to T8
	MEN'S TEAM SABRE		WOMEN'S TEAM EPEE
10:40	DE T8 - Semifinals - Bronze Medal - Final	10:00	DE T8 - Semifinals - Bronze Medal - Final

SATURDAY 29. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S TEAM SABRE		MEN'S TEAM FOIL
09:00	Preliminary - team up to T8	09:00	Preliminary - team up to T8
	WOMEN'S TEAM FOIL		MEN'S TEAM EPEE
10:00	DE T8 - Semifinals - Bronze Medal - Final	10:50	DE T8 - Semifinals - Bronze Medal - Final

SUNDAY 30. JULY 2023

	WOMEN'S TEAM SABRE		MEN'S TEAM FOIL
10:30	DE T8 - Semifinals - Bronze Medal - Final	11:00	DE T8 - Semifinals - Bronze Medal - Final

18:25 CLOSING CEREMONY

*IN MILAN LOCAL TIME

THE RULES

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

DURATION AND SCORING

In foil and epee, all bouts in the individual events consist of three periods of three minutes, with one minute between periods, or the bout lasts until one fencer has scored 15 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits is declared the winner. If the scores are tied after the third period, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One fencer is randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer who scores a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority. In sabre, there is a one-minute break after one fencer has score eight hits. After this break, the bout is resumed until one fencer has scored 15 hits.

TEAM EVENTS

DURATION AND SCORING

In the team events, each match consists of nine bouts of three minutes each, to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout lasts three minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of five hits: a score of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of 10 hits after the second bout, a score of 15 hits after the third bout, and so on. If in the ninth bout the time elapses before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits is declared winner. If the score is tied after the ninth bout, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One team is randomly given priority. The winner is the first team who scores a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winning is the team with priority.

THE THREE WEAPONS

EPEE

The epee has a total length of 110 cm and its blade is 90cm long. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 770g. As foil, the epee is a thrusting weapon only and the epee attack is with the point 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 area warded solely on the basis of which fencer makes a touch first, according to an electrical recording apparatus. 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 a thrusting 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.

Nonvalid hits also stop the bout, but are not 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 usually attempts to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupes, which are different ways to avoid the opponents' blade.

SABRE

The sabre has a total length of 105 cm 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 sabre fencer usually attempts to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupes, which are different ways to avoid the opponents' blade.

COMPETITION FORMULA

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS

The 16 fencers participating in the competition who are ranked highest in the current FIE ranking are exempt from the preliminary phase and enter directly the main 64 direct elimination table (DE). The competition starts 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. A pool bout ends when one of the fencers has scored five hits or when three minutes of effective fencing time have passed. Then fencer with the higher score is declared winner. If the score is tied after three minutes, there is given one-minute extra time. One fencer will be randomly given priority.

The winner will be the first fencer to score a valid hit. If no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority. After the TEAMS pool stage, the 16 best seeded fencers enter directly into the main 64 DE. The rest is seeded into preliminary DE from which another 32 fencers qualify for the main 64 DE.

DIRECT ELIMINATION

At foil and epee, all bouts in the individual events consist of three periods of three minutes, with a one-minute break between periods, or until one fencer has scored 15 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits is declared the winner. At sabre, if one fencer has scored eight hits, there is a one-minute break. Medals: There is no match for the bronze medal. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equally third and are both awarded with the bronze medal.

TEAM

In team events, all teams are directly seeded into the direct elimination table according to the team world ranking position. Each match consists of nine bouts to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout lasts three minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of five hits: a score of five hits after the first bout, a score of 10 hits after the second bout, a score of 15 hits after the third bout, and so on. If the ninth bout is completed before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits is declared the winner. If the scores are tied after the ninth bout, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One fencer is randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer to score a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority. Medals: There is a match for the bronze medal.

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 walks over to the video consultant. They watch the video together and after consultation with the consultant delegate, the referee gives 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 video-consultant may at any time request that the referee review his decision.

TOP RANKED MEN'S EPEE



1. KANO Koki (JPN)



2. DI VEROLI Davide (ITA)



3. SIKLOSI Gergely (HUN)

- 4. CANNONE Romain (FRA)
- 5. BARDENET Alexandre (FRA)
- 6. LOYOLA Neisser (BEL)
- 7. VISMARA Federico (ITA)
- 8. MINOBE Kazuyasu (JPN)

TOP RANKED MEN'S FOIL



1. MASSIALAS Alexander (USA)



2. LEFORT Enzo (FRA)



3. MEINHARDT Gerek (USA)

- 4. FOCONI Alessio (ITA)
- 5. CHEUNG Ka Long (HKG)
- 6. MARINI Tommaso (ITA)
- 7. HAMZA Mohamed (EGY)
- 8. ITKIN Nick (USA)

TOP RANKED WOMEN'S EPEE



1. KONG Man Wai Vivian (HKG)



2. SONG Sera (KOR)



3. CANDASSAMY Marie-Florence (FRA)

- 4. MOELLHAUSEN Nathalie (BRA)
- 5. KUN Anna (HUN)
- 6. NDOLO Alexandra (KEN)
- 7. MALLO-BRETON Auriane (FRA)
- 8. FIAMINGO Rossella (ITA)

TOP RANKED WOMEN'S FOIL



1. KIEFER Lee (USA)



2. THIBUS Ysaora (FRA)



3. AZUMA Sera (JPN)

- 4. VOLPI Alice (ITA)
- 5. BATINI Martina (ITA)
- 6. FAVARETTO Martina (ITA)
- 7. PALUMBO Francesca (ITA)
- 8. SAUER Anne (GER)

TOP RANKED MEN'S SABRE



1. BAZADZE Sandro (GEO)



2. SZILAGYI Aaron (HUN)



3. SAMELE Luigi (ITA)

-  4. PIANFETTI Maxime (FRA)
-  5. SZATMARI Andras (HUN)
-  6. APITHY Bolade (FRA)
-  7. PAKDAMAN Ali (IRI)
-  8. SZABO Matyas (GER)

TOP RANKED WOMEN'S SABRE



1. EMURA Misaki (JPN)



2. BALZER Sara (FRA)



3. GKOUNTOURE THEODORA (GRE)

-  4. GEORGIADOU Despina (GRE)
-  5. MARTIN-PORTUGUES Lucia (ESP)
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