**INVITATION**

July 11, 2023

TO ALL FENCING FEDERATIONS IN ASIA and OCEANIA

 Subject: FIE REFEREES EXAM in Almaty City, Kazakhstan.

Dear Mr. / Ms. Presidents,

 We are pleased to announce that an FIE Referees Exam will be held in Almaty City on **October 03-06, 2023**. This exam will be open to candidates coming from Asia and Oceania. After successfully passing the exams, the referees will be awarded the FIE category "B".

The conditions for this exam are as follows:

1. The exam will consist of 3 parts (theoretical examination, video analysis and practical examination. Only candidates who passed the theoretical examination and the video analysis test will be allowed to continue with the practical examination. The following schedule are as follows:

**03 October 2023**

09:00 SABRE theoretical and video parts

**04 October 2023**

09:00 SABRE practical examination

13:00 EPEE theoretical and video parts

**05 October 2023**

09:00 EPEE practical examination

13:00 FOIL theoretical and video parts

**06 October 2023**

09:00 FOIL practical examination

1. All practical examinations will be held in a Asian Under 23 Fencing Championships venue.
2. Host federation will be entitled to nominate 2 candidates per weapon (total 6 candidates). If with at least 1 woman candidate per weapon (then maximum of 9 candidates) Reserved slots.
3. Other federations will be entitled to nominate 1-2 candidates per weapon (maximum of 4 candidates. If with at least 1 woman (then maximum of 5 candidates) First-come, first served.
4. A maximum of 25 candidates per weapon will be accepted.
5. All interested federations should specify on which language their candidates will pass the theoretical part (English, French or Spanish )
6. All candidates must be at least 20 years old.
7. Interested federations may apply by:

 (a) All the Applications forms have to be filled & sent to Natalia Bodrova (natalia.bodrova@fie.ch) by 3 of September 2023 the latest.

 (b) Pay the entry fee of 60 EUR to the FIE.

 The payment should be made on the FIE account:

  **Fédération Internationale d’Escrime**

 **Banque Lombard Odier & Cie SA**

 **Place St-François 11, 1003 Lausanne, Suisse**

 **Compte : 546057 00**

 **IBAN CH10 0876 0000 0546 0570 0**

 **Code SWIFT : LOCYCHGGXXX**

 No payment is needed for the renewal of the license

 (c) Deadline for registration is on September 03, 2023. No application will be accepted

 if not registered and paid before the deadline.

1. The results of the examination will be published on the FIE website, after evaluation and approval by the FIE Executive Committee
2. Accepted candidates must make their own travel arrangements and hotel bookings in Almaty. Please coordinate with the National Fencing Federation of Kazakhstan (for your hotel accommodation, visa and airport transfer.)

**ACCOMMODATION**

Participants will be accommodated in a comfortable (\*\*\*\*) SADU Hotel next to the building of the competition venue.

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| **Room type** | **Prices, USD** |
| **Standard** | **Junior Suite** | **Suite** |
| **Single** | **$ 130** | **$ 195** | **$ 250** |
| **Double** | **$ 160** | **$ 225** | **$ 280** |

Each double room can be equipped with one extra bed at a cost of $25.

Kindly contact office@kazfencing.com **no later than** **25th August 2023** for guaranteed accommodation of candidates in the official hotel on the eve of the Asian Championship.

Payment will be accepted upon arrival in cash.

**EXAMINATION venues**

For theoretical and practical examinations **- SADU Hotel** and **SADU Arena.**

Address of both venues - 128/7 Al-Farabi Avenue, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Kindly check for visa requirements to Kazakhstan before making your ticket reservations. To check if you need a visa to Kazakhstan, follow the link <https://www.visakazakhstan.com/visa-requirements/> or <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/mfa/press/article/details/6764?directionId=3053&lang=ru>

For more information about the visa regime in Kazakhstan, see <https://kazembassy.ru/rus/konsulstvo/servis/vizy_v_kazakhstan/> (please use auto-translate as the page is not in English)

Today, all restrictions on COVID-19 in Kazakhstan have been lifted. No need to provide vaccination passports or PCR tests.

Those who need visa assistance and/or visa support, please contact office@kazfencing.com **no later than** **25th August 2023**.

**AIRPORT TRANSFER**

Airport transfer costs **$ 40** roundtrip per person.

Kindly send transfer form to office@kazfencing.com no later than 15th September 2023.

Payment will be accepted upon arrival in cash.

**COVID-19 Pandemic related measures:**

Despite the absence of restrictions in Kazakhstan, the competition must be held according to the FIE Covid-19 outline for the season 2023-2024.

Other sanitary measures at the competition may be implemented by Organizer at their option or as required by the national authorities if the situation worsens.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Accommodation, transfer and visa forms available via link <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16G1qZozUnol61Id1t_d7xX9Lu58eiYX0/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117827266633623718573&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Warm regards,

**Mirbulat Abuov**

President