

FENCING COMPETITION  
PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

FORMULA, PLACEMENT AND DRAWING OF LOTS

**Individual Events**

All events will be fenced in a direct elimination format throughout.

Individual competitions at Paris 2024 will comprise approximately 34 to 37 fencers per weapon and will be run as an incomplete direct elimination table of 64.

The initial order of fencers will be established according to the latest FIE Official Ranking ([www.fie.org/results-statistic/ranking](http://www.fie.org/results-statistic/ranking)). If there are fencers qualified who do not appear in the FIE Official Ranking, and/or if there are fencers equally ranked in the FIE Official Ranking, the FIE will carry out a preliminary drawing of lots as follows:

- First, a drawing of lots will be carried out for any fencers equally ranked
- Then, a drawing of lots will be carried out for any fencers who do not appear in the FIE Official Ranking

Once all fencers have an initial ranking, there will be a drawing of lots in pairs for all fencers in the table.

The individual events will be run by direct elimination throughout and the bout for third place will be fenced.

**Team Events**

All teams are composed of three fencers and there can be a P alternate athlete. Teams will be seeded according to the FIE Official Team Ranking at each weapon. Where teams are equally ranked, a drawing of lots will be carried out.

Teams will be placed in a complete direct elimination table of 8.

The teams will retain their initial ranking without a drawing of lots. If there is a host country team, it will be placed in the direct elimination tableau according to its place in the latest FIE Official Team Ranking in the weapon concerned.

All team events will be run by direct elimination format throughout. Places five to eight 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

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

#### 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 Paris 2024 an Application for Accreditation form for each replacement athlete, which must be received according to the deadline established by Paris 2024, with a copy also being passed to the FIE.

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

#### Venue Access

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

During the match, P alternate athletes are in their national team box.

P Alternates athletes take part to the presentation of the team.

#### 2) Replacement due to injury

The circumstances under which a team member may be replaced for injury are described in article o.99.6 of the FIE Organisation Rules, but the following describes the applicable special rules for the substitution of athletes injured in the Team Events of Olympic Games, Paris 2024:

An injured athlete may be replaced either by an already accredited athlete or 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, a 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 team captain completes the Team Substitution form and one or both of the FIE medical delegates sign the medical confirmation part 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 in the team box and ready to fence without delaying the team event.
- c) The team captain submits a Team Substitution form to the Technical Directorate as well. 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/her 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 in article o.99.5 of the FIE Organisation Rules, but the following describes the applicable special rules for the replacement for tactical reasons in the Team Events of Olympic Games, Paris 2024:

**In the Olympic Games, a competitor who is replaced cannot be replaced again in the team either during the same match or the rest of the competition.**

The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted must be made at the latest before the beginning of the relay preceding the next relay of the fencer who is to be replaced.

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

In this case, the team captain completes a Team Substitution form and submits it to the Technical Directorate.

The Technical Directorate must inform the team captain of the opposing team and the referee of the match about the replacement.

This form is then passed to the results staff prior to the commencement of the bout.

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**Team Substitution Form**

Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

NOC: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of substitute fencer to enter competition

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Name of substituted fencer leaving the competition

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**Reason**

1) Injury

2) Tactical reasons

Before the start of the team match

During the team match

Once a replacement has been made for any of the above reasons, no further replacements may be made for any reason either during the same match or during the rest of the competition

Name of Team Captain

Signature of Team Captain

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Name of Medical Delegate

Signature of Medical Delegate

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Name of Technical Directorate member

Signature of Technical Directorate member

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**1. Procedures**

- The appropriate size of the two electrical jackets on the body of the fencer is checked by the designated referees in the Call Room before presentation at the beginning of the bout/match.
- Please note that no protest against the size of the electrical jacket will be accepted on the piste once the fencers have left the call room.
- Chest protectors with the FIE logo will be accepted in the men’s competitions.
- There will be a control that also under-plastrons are in accordance with the rules.

**2. Weapon control schedule**

24 July 2024	Women’s Épée and Men’s Sabre
25 July 2024	Women’s Foil and Men’s Épée
26 July 2024	Women’s Sabre and Men’s Foil
27 July 2024	Women’s Épée and Men’s Sabre
28 July 2024	Women’s Foil and Men’s Épée
29 July 2024	Women’s Sabre and Men’s Foil
30 July 2024	Women’s Épée
31 July 2024	Men’s Sabre
1 August 2024	Women’s Foil
2 August 2024	Men’s Épée
3 August 2024	Women’s Sabre
4 August 2024	Men’s Foil

**3. The fencers**

- The fencers/teams should appear in the call room 30 minutes before the start of the competition to check their equipment.
- After this check, the fencers must be absolutely ready to fence, in fencing uniform wearing their glove, with the body-wire connected to their weapon.
- All zippers must be closed. The shoe-laces must be tied with care and socks according to the rules. Long hair must be tied in a secure way so as not to fall free at any time during the bout and to ensure a correct positioning of the mask on the head.
- The fencers should choose the weapon which they intend to use during the bout for the

presentation. Change of weapons before the start will not be allowed.

- The fencers are requested to be present in the call room without extra gadgets or additional equipment outside the fencing equipment. Under no circumstances may gadgets or additional equipment be used during the presentation or on the piste

**4. The following spare equipment and its quantity are mandatory in the fencing bag:**

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

**5. Dress code for coaches**

The coaches should be dressed in the tracksuit (long length) of their fencers' NOC and sport shoes. No T-shirts are allowed.

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<b>Delegations' officials</b>
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This document duly filled in and signed should be remitted to the FIE during the Heads of Delegations meeting to be held on the 25 of July in Paris (Grand Palais).

NOC: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the names and the functions of the accredited officials for fencing during the competitions (Please use block letters)

First name	Surname	Weapon (E, F, S)	Function

Please provide the names of the two persons that will accompany your team(s) in the team box. Please specify the function of the second person (coach, medical)

Note: 2nd Person in the team box can be different in next match.

Weapon		First name	Surname	Function	
<b>Women's Epée</b>	1.			<b>Team Captain</b>	
	2.			Coach/medical	
	2			Coach/ medical	
	<b>Men's Sabre</b>	1.			<b>Team Captain</b>
		2.			Coach/medical
	2			Coach/ medical	
	<b>Women's Foil</b>	1.			<b>Team Captain</b>
2.				Coach/ medical	

	2			Coach/ medical
<b>Men's Epée</b>	1.			<b>Team Captain</b>
	2.			Coach/ medical
	2			Coach/medical
<b>Men's Foil</b>	1.			<b>Team Captain</b>
	2.			Coach/medical
	2			Coach/medical
<b>Women's Sabre</b>	1.			<b>Team Captain</b>
	2.			Coach/medical
	2			Coach/medical

Date and place

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Signature

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