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## TBILISI 2025

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# INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION

Today, the FIE has 157 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

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## WELCOME TO TBILISI

**TBILISI could be considered Georgia's fencing hub and it has a great fencing history.**

TBILISI is the capital and largest city of Georgia, located on the banks of the Kura River with a population of around 1.2 million. Tbilisi was founded in the fifth century AD by Vakhtang I of Iberia, and since then has served as the capital of various Georgian kingdoms and republics. Between 1801 and 1917, then part of the Russian Empire, Tbilisi was the seat of the Caucasus Viceroyalty, governing both the northern and the southern parts of the Caucasus.

Because of its location at the crossroads between Europe and Asia, and its proximity to the lucrative Silk Road, throughout history, Tbilisi has been a point of contention among various global powers. To this day, the city's location ensures its position as an important transit route for energy and trade projects. Tbilisi's history is reflected in its architecture, which is a mix of medieval, neoclassical, Beaux Arts and Modern structures.

Historically, Tbilisi has been home to people of multiple cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds, though its population is overwhelmingly Eastern Orthodox Christian. Notable tourist destinations include cathedrals Sameba and Sioni, Freedom Square, Rustaveli Avenue and Agmashenebeli Avenue, medieval Narikala Fortress, the pseudo-Moorish Opera Theater and the Georgian National Museum. The climate in Tbilisi mostly ranges from 20 to 32 °C (68 to 90 °F) in summer and -1 to 7 °C (30 to 45 °F) in winter.



Dear Friends in the Media and Press:

Welcome to the 2025 Fencing World Championships in the historical city of Tbilisi. On behalf of the FIE and our global fencing family, I am honoured to present to you the year's most important fencing event. After a spectacular Olympic Games last year in the magnificent Grand Palais in Paris, Tbilisi represents the first major senior event in our next journey together, the Road to LA28.

This is the first time the country of Georgia has hosted a Senior Fencing World Championships, and we are sincerely grateful for the tremendous work they have undertaken to accomplish an excellent event.

With 12 women's and men's individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre, this competition promises to bring top-level athletes performing at the pinnacle of their training to give you as well as our spectators and viewers here and worldwide nine days of excitement and thrilling fencing action.

Fencing has been expanding, growing and developing all over the world. As a result of this success, our sport is attracting each year more participants, more fans and more visibility. We are seeing many new faces and talents, just beginning their world and Olympic fencing careers, and we are pleased to see many familiar faces, as well, who once again are seeking to become world champions.

The FIE media staff as well as the communications staff of the Tbilisi organising committee are available prior to and at the Championships to support you and help with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your forthcoming coverage of the World Championships, and we look forward to meeting you in Tbilisi!



## ABDELMONEIM EL HUSSEINY

FIE Interim President

Dear Members of the Press and Media,

On behalf of the Georgian Fencing Federation, I hereby have the honour and pleasure to welcome the media and press to the FIE Senior World Fencing Championships taking place in Tbilisi from the 22 to 30 July 2025. Your coverage of the Championships is an essential part of our competition and our worldwide fencing family and audience.

In this FIE Press Kit, you will find a schedule, information about officials and referees, media contacts, descriptions of fencing and our competition format, and more to support your coverage of the event.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Tbilisi!

Sincerely,



## MERABI BAZADZE

President of the Fencing Federation of Georgia



# SCHEDULE OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TBILISI 2025

<b>22 July</b>	9:00	Men's Individual Foil Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64
	11:00	Women's Individual Epee Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64
<b>23 July</b>	9:00	Men's Individual Foil DE of T64 - Final
	10:25	Women's Individual Epee DE of T64 - Final
	18:00	Men's Individual Foil & Women's Individual Epee - 1/2 Final and Final
	20:40	MEDAL CEREMONY
<b>24 July</b>	9:00	Men's Individual Sabre Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64
	10:00	Women's Individual Foil Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64
<b>25 July</b>	9:00	Men's Individual Sabre DE of T64 - Final
	10:00	Women's Individual Foil DE of T64 - Final
	10:30	Men's Team Foil Preliminary Team up to T16
	11:30	Women's Team Epee Preliminary Team up to T16
	17:30	OPENING CEREMONY
	18:00	Men's Individual Sabre & Women's Individual Foil - 1/2 Final and Final
<b>26 July</b>	20:25	MEDAL CEREMONY
	8:30	Men's Individual Epee Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64
	11:00	Women's Individual Sabre Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64
	10:00	Men's Team Foil DE T16, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, Final
	11:00	Women's Team Epee DE T16, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, Final
	18:00	Men's Team Foil & Women's Team Epee - Final
	20:10	MEDAL CEREMONY

<b>27 July</b>	9:00	Men's Individual Epee DE of T64 - Final
	10:40	Women's Individual Sabre DE of T64 - Final
	10:00	Men's Team Sabre Preliminary team up to T16
	11:00	Women's Team Foil Preliminary team up to T16
	18:00	Men's Individual Epee & Women's Individual Sabre 2/1 Final and Final
<b>28 July</b>	20:25	MEDAL CEREMONY
	9:00	Men's Team Sabre DE T16, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, Final
	9:45	Women's Team Foil DE T16, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, Final
	18:00	Men's Team Sabre & Women's Team Foil - Final
	19:55	MEDAL CEREMONY
<b>29 July</b>	9:00	Men's Team Epee Preliminary team up to T16
	9:30	Women's Team Sabre Preliminary team up to T16
<b>30 July</b>	9:00	Men's Team Epee DE T16, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, Final
	10:00	Women's Team Sabre DE T16, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, Final
	17:30	CLOSING CEREMONY
	18:00	Men's Team Epee & Women's Team Sabre - Final
	20:00	MEDAL CEREMONY

# 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 scored 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 are awarded 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 epee has a total length of 110 cm and its blade is 90 cm 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 are awarded 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.

## 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 WOMEN'S EPEE



1

Sera SONG



2

Eszter MUHARI



3

Giulia RIZZI

- 4. Hadley HUSISIAN (USA)
- 5. Nelli DIFFERT (EST)
- 6. Alberta SANTUCCIO (ITA)
- 7. Kaylin Sin Yan HSIEH (HKG)
- 8. Man Wai Vivian KONG (HKG)



## TOP RANKED MEN'S EPEE



1

Mohamed ELSAYED



2

Koki KANO



3

Gergely SIKLOSI

- 4. Davide DI VEROLI (ITA)
- 5. Tibor ANDRASFI (HUN)
- 6. Masaru YAMADA (JPN)
- 7. Akira KOMATA (JPN)
- 8. Ruslan KURBANOV (KAZ)



## TOP RANKED WOMEN'S FOIL



1

Lee KIEFER



2

Martina FAVARETTO



3

Eleanor HARVEY

- 4. Arianna ERRIGO (ITA)
- 5. Anna CRISTINO (ITA)
- 6. Komaki KIKUCHI (JPN)
- 7. Lauren SCRUGGS (USA)
- 8. Yuka UENO (JPN)



## TOP RANKED MEN'S FOIL



1

Ka Long CHEUNG



2

Tommaso MARINI



3

Nick ITKIN

- 4. Filippo MACCHI (ITA)
- 5. Alexander CHOUPENITCH (CZE)
- 6. Alexander MASSIALAS (USA)
- 7. Guillaume BIANCHI (ITA)
- 8. Mohamed HAMZA (EGY)

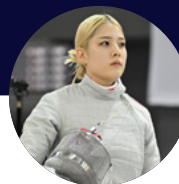


## TOP RANKED WOMEN'S SABRE



1

🇰🇷 Hayoung  
JEON



2

🇯🇵 Misaki  
EMURA



3

🇧🇬 Yoana  
ILIEVA

- 4. Sarah NOUTCHA (FRA)
- 5. Despina GEORGIADOU (GRE)
- 6. Manon APITHY (FRA)
- 7. Michela BATTISTON (ITA)
- 8. Theodora GKOUNTOURA (GRE)

## TOP RANKED MEN'S SABRE



1

🇰🇷 Sanguk OH



2

🇫🇷 Sebastien  
PATRICE



3

🇹🇳 Fares  
FERJANI

- 4. Jean-Philippe PATRICE (FRA)
- 5. Sangwon PARK (KOR)
- 6. Luca CURATOLI (ITA)
- 7. Sandro BAZADZE (GEO)
- 8. Michele GALLO (ITA)



These rankings are current as of 05/06/2025. Please check <https://fie.org/athletes> for the most current information.







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Tatia APTSIAURI	GEO	Member of Directoire Technique
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