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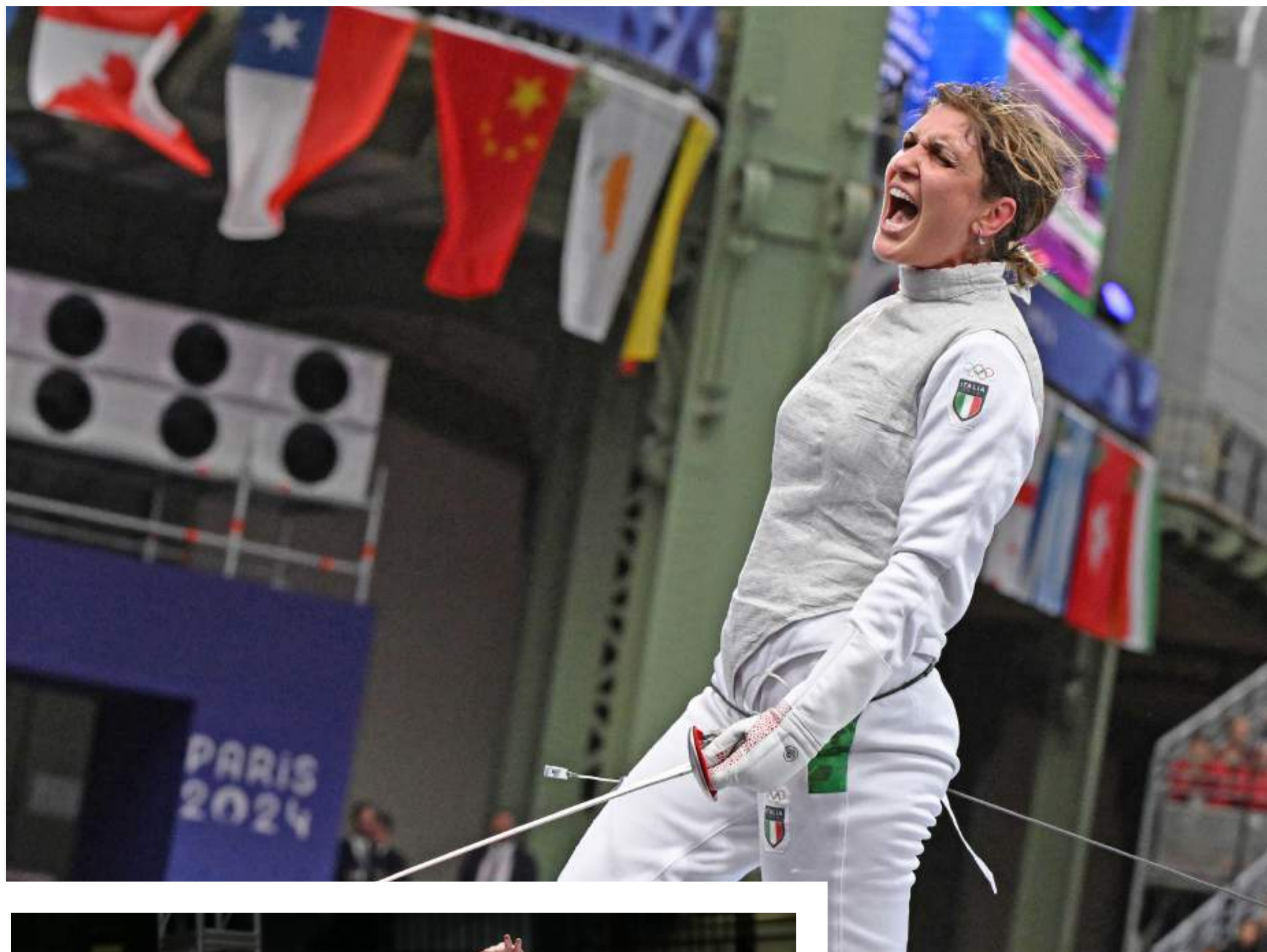
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# CHAMPIONS



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MEN'S FOIL INDIVIDUAL  
2x OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST



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PARIS 2024

78 GRAND PRIX 2024



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## Q&A WITH FIE SECRETARY-GENERAL GULNORA SAIDOVA

### Overall, how would you assess the FIE in its operation and oversight of world fencing in 2024?

In 2024, the FIE has shown it is both modernizing and strengthening the foundation of our sport. We continued to reinforce governance by ensuring transparency and athlete participation in decision-making. We also began implementing a great plan for technical development, focusing on innovation and modernization of competitions, refereeing and event presentation.

A key achievement is we began working on the fencing ecosystem, connecting athletes, coaches, referees and fans in a unified framework. This includes looking for new technological ideas to improve competition standards and fan experience.

I must also underline the excellent teamwork of our Executive Board, Commissions, Councils and staff of FIE. Each of them makes in-kind contributions to the development of fencing, bringing their expertise and commitment to realize our ambitious plans. Thanks to this collective leadership, the FIE is not only managing today's needs but also shaping a long-term strategic vision for the sport.

### What do you see as the most notable achievements and successes of the FIE in 2024?

In addition to having one of the most spectacular Olympic Games in the history of fencing, Paris 2024, another great success of 2024 is that fencing has become more diverse and global, with athletes from developing countries achieving strong results. Another important achievement is that we advanced safeguarding policies, moving beyond the World Championships and working toward implementation at all FIE and Continental competitions. This reflects our commitment to athlete welfare at every level.

We also started attracting more attention to the programmes such as Donate Your Fencing Gear, Fair Play, Fencing for the Planet initiatives, and sustainability projects to align fencing with the UN SDGs and the IOC Action Plan. Strengthening governance standards has been another area of success, giving federations more confidence in our direction.

In addition, our work on visibility and promotion is progressing — including preparations for a dedicated fencing TV channel — ensuring fencing reaches new audiences worldwide. These successes have been made possible thanks to the collaboration of the Executive Board, Commissions and Councils and staff of FIE, who work hand-in-hand to turn our strategy into reality.

### Why do you consider 2024 an important year for fencing?

I consider 2024 an especially important year for fencing for several reasons. First, it marked the moment when our sport celebrated and took part in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in the Grand Palais, and then moved forward to actively building the future.

With the 2024 Congress, it also marked the beginning of the newly elected Executive Board, Commissions, and Councils, when we began working together as a united and friendly team. We were deeply saddened that our elected President had to step down in order to protect the FIE, and we sincerely

hope that one day he may return. His role in the development of fencing has been extraordinary, and most of what we have today is thanks to his remarkable achievements. In the meantime, it is our duty to continue the work and to do our very best for fencing until that moment comes.

In 2024, we began to craft our Strategic Plan 2025–2028, with a clear vision of how we will develop fencing step by step on the road to Los Angeles 2028.

It is also important because we linked our sport more closely with global issues: sustainability, gender equality, safeguarding, education and good governance, which will continue forward and define who we are as a leading Olympic sport. These elements, combined with our technical development plan and fencing ecosystem, are making our sport more modern, fair, and attractive. And this work is possible thanks to the close cooperation between the Executive Board, Commissions and Councils, each contributing their expertise to every area of development.

### The FIE is more diverse today than ever before, as so many different countries and athletes achieved success in 2024. To what do you attribute this positive trend in world fencing?

This is the result of our long-term development projects, combined with the dedication of national federations. Training camps, scholarships and equipment programmes gave new countries the chance to compete internationally. The diversity on the podium is also the fruit of collaboration across the fencing family, where federations share knowledge and support one another.

But another factor is that the FIE has set a strategic vision that includes inclusivity, fairness and safeguarding for all athletes. With our ecosystem approach, and the leadership of the Executive Board, Commissions and Councils, every stakeholder — athletes, coaches, referees, federations — has a role in growing the sport. This collaborative model explains why fencing is more global and representative than ever.

### In your opinion, what can members – individual athletes, coaches, federations – of the FIE world fencing family do to continue this strong momentum in building and cultivating our sport?

In my opinion, every member of our fencing family has a special role to play in shaping the future of our sport. Our athletes are not only competitors — they are also our best ambassadors, inspiring others by living the values of discipline, respect, and fair play. Our coaches have the unique gift of discovering and nurturing new generations of fencers, especially in places where opportunities are still limited, and their dedication can open doors that change lives. Our federations are the backbone of fencing's growth, and by investing in schools, grassroots programmes and accessibility, they ensure fencing is truly open to everyone.

Together, we can achieve much more if we stand behind the FIE's initiatives — whether it is Donate Your Fencing Gear, Fair Play, safeguarding, sustainability or governance. These are not just programmes; they are the building blocks of a stronger, fairer and more inspiring future for fencing. I warmly invite every athlete, coach and federation to join hands in this mission, so that our sport continues to grow, touch lives and shine brightly on the road to Los Angeles 2028 and beyond.

### Emerging from 2024, what are the most significant challenges and opportunities facing the FIE as we continue this Olympic cycle?

One challenge is to maintain momentum while delivering our ambitious projects sustainably. We need to ensure safeguarding and governance standards are applied not only at major events but also across all levels. Another challenge is financial inequality within the Olympic Movement; fencing must secure fair support while also diversifying its own revenues.

The opportunities, however, are immense. We are entering a period where fencing can reach unprecedented visibility — with a TV channel, stronger promotion and closer partnerships with IOC, ASOIF, and other federations and organisations. We are also aligning fencing with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and IOC Action Plan, showing that our sport contributes to peace, education, inclusion, and sustainability.

With innovation, inclusivity, and teamwork, I am confident that fencing will reach LA 2028 stronger than ever before. **FIE**

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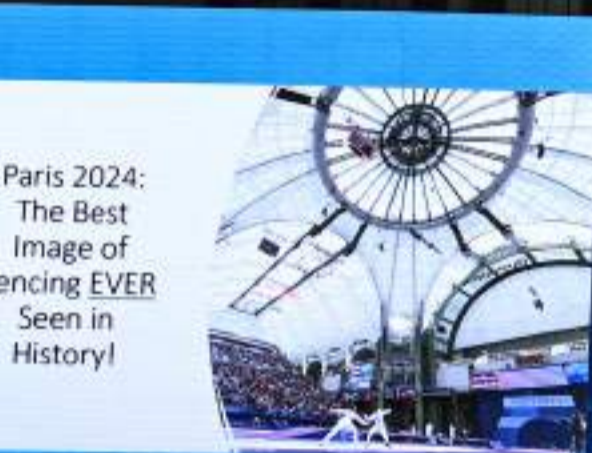
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# 2024 FIE Congress

Paris 2024:  
The Best  
Image of  
Fencing EVER  
Seen in  
History!

**FIE** CONGRÈS  
2024  
CONGRÈS DE LA FIE  
TACHKENT 2024



## TASHKENT, Uzbekistan, Nov. 30, 2024

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) 2024 elective Congress was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 30 November 2024, with 150 national federations of which 133 were present and 17 represented.

Details of the election results, along with the decisions and announcements made during the Congress, can be found [here](#).



The FIE set up a Fair Play Council at its 2015 Congress in China and actively promotes the ideals of sportsmanship at all competitions. The annual FIE Fair Play award was awarded to one athlete by the FIE Executive Committee, based on proposals from the Fair Play Council:

Ole Petersen (GER)

An annual award was given to the junior and senior top-ranked individuals and teams, including the following:

### Junior Individual

- Men's Epee:** Samuel Imrek (USA)
- Women's Epee:** Leehi Machulsky (USA)
- Men's Foil:** Chase Emmer (USA)
- Women's Foil:** Vittoria Pinna (ITA)
- Men's Sabre:** Vlad Covaliu (ROU)
- Women's Sabre:** Luisa Fernanda Herrera Lara (UZB)

### Junior Teams

- Men's Epee:** Italy
- Women's Epee:** USA
- Men's Foil:** USA
- Women's Foil:** Italy
- Men's Sabre:** USA
- Women's Sabre:** Uzbekistan

### Senior Individual

- Men's Epee:** Koki Kano (JPN)
- Women's Epee:** Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG)
- Men's Foil:** Ka Long Cheung (HKG)
- Women's Foil:** Lee Kiefer (USA)
- Men's Sabre:** Sanguk Oh (KOR)
- Women's Sabre:** Sara Balzer (FRA)

### Senior Teams

- Men's Epee:** Japan
- Women's Epee:** Italy
- Men's Foil:** Italy
- Women's Foil:** Italy
- Men's Sabre:** Korea
- Women's Sabre:** France

### Grand Prix of the Nations

- Cadet:** USA
- Junior:** USA
- Senior:** Japan
- Veteran:** USA



# 2024 RANKINGS



Each year, the FIE recognizes the best junior and senior athletes in the world. Based on competitive results in the 2024 Olympic Games (senior) and World Championships (junior) as well as World Cups, following are the top-three junior and senior athletes, ranked in each weapon for women and men. The top-three countries for each team are also included in these rankings.

## SENIOR INDIVIDUAL

## JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL

### SENIOR INDIVIDUAL

Place	Points	Lastname	Firstname	Nation	Weapon	Gender
1	265.000	KONG	Man Wai Vivian	HKG	E	F
2	198.000	MALLO-BRETON	Auriane	FRA	E	F
3	174.000	RIZZI	Giulia	ITA	E	F
1	212.000	KANO	Koki	JPN	E	M
2	198.000	SIKLOSI	Gergely	HUN	E	M
3	196.000	BOREL	Yannick	FRA	E	M
1	310.000	KIEFER	Lee	USA	F	F
2	235.000	FAVARETTO	Martina	ITA	F	F
3	231.000	ERRIGO	Arianna	ITA	F	F
1	240.000	CHEUNG	Ka Long	HKG	F	M
2	220.000	ITKIN	Nick	USA	F	M
3	188.000	MACCHI	Filippo	ITA	F	M
1	204.000	BALZER	Sara	FRA	S	F
2	186.000	APITHY	Manon	FRA	S	F
3	175.000	JEON	Hayoung	KOR	S	F
1	210.000	OH	Sanguk	KOR	S	M
2	202.000	FERJANI	Fares	TUN	S	M
3	192.000	ELSISSY	Ziad	EGY	S	M

### JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL

Place	Points	Lastname	Firstname	Nation	Weapon	Gender
1	136.000	MACHULSKY	Leehi	USA	E	F
2	119.000	MAKSYMENKO	Anna	UKR	E	F
3	115.000	CONRAD	Emily	UKR	E	F
1	196.000	IMREK	Samuel	USA	E	M
2	93.000	GALASSI	Matteo	ITA	E	M
3	87.750	SHAMEL	Youssef	EGY	E	M
1	128.000	MOLINARI	Matilde	ITA	F	F
2	109.000	PINNA	Vittoria	ITA	F	F
3	90.000	NAGASE	Rino	JPN	F	F
1	155.000	TOLBA	Abdelrahman	EGY	F	M
2	135.000	SOSNOV	David	GBR	F	M
3	112.000	COOK	Jaimie	GBR	F	M
1	167.000	PAN	Qimiao	CHN	S	F
2	140.000	SPIESZ	Anna	HUN	S	F
3	124.000	HERRERA LARA	Luisa Fernanda	UZB	S	F
1	141.000	HESHAM	Ahmed	EGY	S	M
2	128.000	MORRILL	William	USA	S	M
3	125.000	JI	Cody Walter	USA	S	M



## ABOUT THE RANKINGS

**The official Senior ranking** of the FIE takes into account the best five results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

**The official Junior ranking** of the FIE takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.

# SENIOR TEAM

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Place	Points	National Federation	Nation	Weapon	Gender
1	388.000	United States Fencing Association	USA	E	F
2	296.000	Federation Francaise d'Esgrime	FRA	E	F
3	267.000	Federation d'Esgrime d'Ukraine	UKR	E	F
1	332.000	United States Fencing Association	USA	E	M
2	304.000	Federation Egyptienne d'Esgrime	EGY	E	M
3	292.000	Federazione Italiana Scherma	ITA	E	M
1	356.000	Federazione Italiana Scherma	ITA	F	F
2	352.000	United States Fencing Association	USA	F	F
3	332.000	Federation Francaise d'Esgrime	FRA	F	F
1	448.000	United States Fencing Association	USA	F	M
2	352.000	Federazione Italiana Scherma	ITA	F	M
3	304.000	Federation Francaise d'Esgrime	FRA	F	M
1	360.000	Federation Francaise d'Esgrime	FRA	S	F
2	344.000	Federation d'Esgrime d'Ouzbekistan	UZB	S	F
3	333.000	Magyar Vivo Szovetseg	HUN	S	F
1	412.000	United States Fencing Association	USA	S	M
2	336.000	Federazione Italiana Scherma	ITA	S	M
3	326.000	Federatia Romana de Scrima	ROU	S	M

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2	296.000	Federation Francaise d'Esgrime	FRA	E	F
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# DEVELOPMENT



► In 2024 the FIE engaged in multiple activities, events and programmes to help its member athletes, coaches and federations and serve as a responsible and active participant as an Olympic governing body of sport. Notable areas of this for the year are included in this report.

**Clean Sport.** In March, the International Testing Agency (ITA), on behalf of the FIE hosted a Clean Sport Education Webinar that was open to all members of the FIE world fencing community. Designed to inspire and provide tools for participants to understand and exercise their individual roles and responsibilities in keeping sport clean, the timing of the webinar was notable as it preceded the 2024 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships. Educating the youth of fencing is especially important in embedding the concepts of clean sport for the benefit of all its activities and events.

### ▲ FIE Coaches' Academy

Led by ITA staff, FIE Medical Commission President Jeremy Summers and Commission member Dr. Sabrina Halaimia also joined in the discussion to answer questions. The webinar addressed various topics including practical information on the Prohibited List, how to check medications, how to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), useful tips and details about supplement risks and support available for you to make informed decisions.

A second ITA and FIE webinar was held on June 14, titled "FIE-ITA Out-of-Competition Testing: A Practical Guide for Athletes and ASP". This programme was led by ITA Education Team MD Armando Urgan and FIE Medical Commission Member Sabrina Halaimia, and covered topics including the following:

- Understanding the different types of testing pools
- Understanding the contents of the Letter of Inclusion
- Understanding the Whereabouts requirements
- Knowing how to use ADAMS and Athlete Central
- Being aware of the consequences of not complying with Whereabouts requirements
- Knowing where to go or whom to ask if athletes have any questions

This programme was available and open to all FIE member federations, confederations, RTP/TP, staff, athletes, coaches and other athlete support personnel (ASP).

Additional webinars in 2024 in partnership with the FIE and ITA were held in in September and October, including an Introduction to Anti-doping system and its rights and responsibilities and ADRVs (Sept. 26); the Doping Control Process including urine and blood testing procedures and BP (Oct. 3); Medications, Supplements, the Prohibited List and TUEs (Oct. 14); Values, Consequences and Reporting including athlete testimonials and decision-making (Oct. 17); and Out-of-Competition Testing including requirements of RTP/TP, whereabouts and use of ADAMS (Oct. 24).

Webinars were presented in English with simultaneous interpretation in multiple languages. After completion of the programmes, participants received a PDF of the presentations as well as links to various resources and topics addressed in the meetings.



**Fencing for the Planet**, an FIE sustainability programme following initiatives driven by the International Olympic Committee, was celebrated on April 13 during the Championships. The Saudi Fencing Federation, in enthusiastic compliance with the host venue organisation, King Saud University, and its sustainability programme, undertook multiple efforts in the competition facilities and operation to follow best-practices in protecting the environment. Their efforts also served to follow the FIE's directives inspiring and encouraging fencers, coaches, supporters, clubs and federations to actively pursue sustainable environmental practices and programmes.



The **Donate Your Fencing Gear!** programme, which began in 2017, received 10 recipient country applications in 2024, which were all beneficiaries,

including Benin, Costa Rica, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Montenegro, Palestine, Pakistan, Syria and Togo. The programme had been promoted on the social networks and the official FIE site, as well as through communications from the Athletes Commission and Fencing Manufacturers.

At the Riyadh Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships, equipment was received totalling 234 items of good quality, used gear. The equipment is reviewed by the SEMI Commission to be of acceptable quality, led by SEMI Delegate Zeyad Saleem (IRQ), and was distributed to recipients.

**FIE Educational Programmes** in 2024 included providing professional and expert-level instruction for coaches and armorers in various parts of the world.

**The FIE Coaches' Academy**, based in Johannesburg, South Africa, hosts a ten-month coaching programme in three weapons, where students study under an ETA College ([www.ETACollege.com](http://www.ETACollege.com)) independent programme providing an internationally recognized diploma in Sport Management. They also earn an equally recognised FIE three-weapon diploma. Students in 2024 included eight (plus one, an alternate) members of the class from five countries (Angola, Kenya, Togo, Mauritius and South Africa), all of whom graduated in November, 2024. Each graduate received a full set of coaching equipment, courtesy of the FIE.

The FIE pays for travel and accommodations, as well as a daily stipend for students.

Students follow a comprehensive curriculum of both theoretical and practical fencing instruction covering everything from sports philosophy and psychology to anatomy and physiology, as well as topics such as coaching planning and training methods.

As part of the FIE Coaches' Academy in South Africa, an **Equipment Repair** course took place in Johannesburg from Sept. 23-27, at the FIE Coaches' Academy with eight students—two each from Kenya, Angola, Togo and one each from Mauritius and South Africa. Led overall by French armourer Gilles Martinage, through hands-on instruction, practical exercises and theory of armoury, trainees learned to correctly and completely dismantle foils and epees, do any necessary repairs and reconstruct them so as to be competition-ready.

In addition, students in the programme learned about weapons control at events and how to install and verify competition pistes using testing equipment and DIY tools.

The **Budapest FIE Coaches' Academy** provides comprehensive, certified and academic training for qualified coaches. The three-part (one semester for each weapon) programme, which is to take place in 2025, was announced in October, 2024 for three-month, on-site training in sabre, epee and foil and the application process was open and coaches were invited to apply via their respective federations.

The programmes each include a variety of instruction covering academic, theoretical and practical instruction including focal areas such as psychology, physiology, sport theory and biomechanics as they relate to fencing, as well as weapon-specific coaching education and hands-on/practical training.



▲ *Equipment Repair, Johannesburg, South Africa*



▲ *FIE Coaches' Academy, Hungary*

Each of the three Level-2 programmes has a maximum of eight students and concludes with an examination, and successful graduates of it receive FIE-recognised diplomas as well as homologated diplomas from the Hungarian University of Sports Science.

Candidates receive support from the FIE with accommodations, local transportation and full board as well as a travel subsidy.

For a full description and syllabus of the Academy curriculum, including course content, coaching principles covered, Hungarian University of Sports Education theory and the daily course schedule, [click here](#).



The annual celebration of **World Fencing Day** took place on September 14, giving member federations and their athletes, staff and coaches an opportunity to develop fencing in their respective regions through community programmes and outreach, demonstrations and hands-on activities. The 2024 theme of “We Welcome the World to Fencing” was driven by resource kits provided by the FIE to federations to help them promote their activities and programmes, and to build worldwide unity and cohesion in celebrating World Fencing Day. The resource kits contained customizable FIE-designed posters to be printed or used on social media, design concepts, banners and graphics, selfie frames and guidelines for how to best-use the kits. Federations and everyone were also encouraged to share their celebrations on social media, which the FIE reposted on its own social media channels.



The global fencing community produced numerous posts and reports of World Fencing Day activities. As a result of this initiative, more than 31,000 social media engagements took place on Instagram with 1.04 million impressions, 200K impressions on Facebook and 26K on Twitter/X, which all represented a 147% increase over results from 2023 World Fencing Day activities. As part of the celebration, the FIE also produced 255 posts, 1,264K impressions and 31K engagements across its social media platforms.



**WORLD FENCING DAY 2024 WE WELCOME THE WORLD TO FENCING**

▲ Poster designed by Nuoyin Wang from China for World Fencing Day 2024



# EUROPEAN FENCING CONFEDERATION (EFC)

## ORGANISATION OF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Cadet European Championships was held in Napoli (Italy) in date of 22.02-02.03.2024:
- Cadets – number of participants (563 + 117 teams):

## U-23 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WAS HELD IN ANTALYA (TÜRKIYE) IN DATE OF 01-04.06.2024:

Participants (379 fencers + 77 teams):

## EUROPEAN CUP OF CLUB CHAMPIONS

Number of teams (57 teams):

## CADET CIRCUIT COMPETITIONS

- 48 competitions (8 per weapon)
- 8888 total number of participation
- 39 European countries participating
- 32 Countries outside of Europe coming to get practice at the highest level

## EFC LICENCES 2023/2024 SEASON

- License's holders from European countries 7640 from 43 countries.
- License's holders outside Europe: 823 from 40 countries.

## EFC REFEREES MASTER LIST - 2024

- 76 referees from 26 countries
- 54 referees from 19 countries – reserve list

## REFEREES WITH EFC C LICENSE:

- Sabre:** 9 referees from 8 countries
- Foil:** 17 referees from 9 countries
- Epee:** 23 referees from 14 countries

## 2024 EFC ORDINARY AND ELECTIVE CONGRESSES

New President: Pascal Tesch.

## Bureau Members:

Vice President: Etienne Van Cann.  
Secretary General: Jacek Slupski.  
Treasurer: Nuala McGarrity.

## Comex members:

1. Vilem Madr
2. Zsolt Csampa
3. Martina Zmaic
4. Vincenzo De Bartolomeo
5. Nikolay Mateev
6. Hilary Philbin
7. Irem Karamete - Baldini

## SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME

It was launched in January 2023 to foster organisational and technical exchange among federations. Events include a seminar in Riccione focusing on youth categories and their development.

Events include classic coaching but also innovative Laser Fencing and a seminar focusing on youth categories and the specific requirements for the development.

## Courses:

1. Fencing Managers – 12 participants from 12 countries
2. Laser Fencing – 13 participants from 8 countries
3. Sabre Coaching Course – 8 participants from 8 countries
4. Safeguarding Officers – 15 participants from 14 countries
5. Management of International Competitions – 15 participants from 13 countries
6. Coaching Foil Course – 12 participants from 8 countries
7. Coaching Epee Course – 18 participants from 16 countries

## FESTIVAL U-14

A celebratory event emphasizing on unity, with a focus on young fencers' growth and cultural exchange.

## PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME

Efforts to expand fencing in less developed regions, deploying teachers to Macedonia, Kosovo, and Montenegro.



## U14 CIRCUIT

### WINNERS OF THE CIRCUIT CADET CUP IN 2023/2024 SEASON

- Men's Foil Cadets: Aron BODOR - Hungary
- Women's Sabre Cadets: Vittoria MOCCO - Italy
- Men's Sabre Cadets: Leonardo REALE - Italy
- Women's Epee Cadets: Anna MAKSYMENKO - Ukraine
- Men's Epee Cadets: Sameer SUNDER RAJAN – Great Britain
- Women's Foil Cadets: Natasza KUS - Poland

### TEAM WINNERS OF THE CIRCUIT CADET CUP IN 2023/2024 SEASON

- Men's Foil Cadets: Italy
- Women's Sabre Cadets: Great Britain
- Men's Sabre Cadets: Türkiye
- Women's Epee Cadets: Ukraine
- Men's Epee Cadets: Ukraine
- Women's Foil Cadets: Poland



# AFRICAN FENCING CONFEDERATION (EFC)

## CAE CONGRESS

The CAE 2024 Congress was organised by the CAE in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 4th of May 2024, before the 4th Intercontinental Conference “GLOBAL FENCING DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORLD” which was organised on 5th of May.

The CAE Elective Congress was organised on 1st of December 2024 in Tashkent, after the FIE Congress. Congress was opened at 15:15 by the CAE President and then delegates were then addressed Mr. MATEEV Nikolay, the official FIE Representative, who congratulated African fencing for making history in Paris and confirmed that the FIE will continue to support development of fencing in Africa.

Out of 31 countries members of the CAE 30 were presented or represented. Official representatives of 27 countries were present, and 3 absent countries have allocated valid Proxies.

**The following candidates were elected:**

The CAE President			
No	Name and Surname	Country	Votes
1	MBAGNICK NDIAYE	Senegal	29

The CAE Executive Committee			
No	Name and Surname	Country	Votes
1	Omar BENADOUDA	Algeria	27
2	Meven Nuno PEREIRA	Angola	27
3	Jacques T. OKOUMASSOUN	Benin	27
4	Mohamed Soufiane CHAOUACHI	Tunisia	27
5	Idrissa Adamou TIEMO	Niger	25
6	Oumar MAIGA	Senegal	25
7	Novak PEROVIC	South Africa	25
8	Wahabou ZOROME	Mali	24
9	Youssef FATHI	Morocco	24
10	Harinelina Jean Alex RANDRIAMANARIVO	Madagascar	23
11	Aarti DESCANN	Mauritius	23
12	Abdelmoneim ELHUSSEINY	Egypt	22
13	Marcel AMOUGOU	Cameroon	22
14	Dhw TOUMI	Libya	16

After the Election, according to **Articles 5.3. and 5.4.** of the CAE Constitution, the CAE President appointed:

- The Secretary General: **Novak Perovic.**
- The Deputy Secretary General: **Jacques T. Okoumassoun.**
- The Treasurer General: **Oumar Maiga.**

Also, according to the Article 5.2. of the CAE constitution, the CAE President proposed the following 5 elected Executive Committee Members for the position of Vice Presidents and the Executive Committee elected them:

1. **Abdelmoneim ELHUSSEINY**
2. **Wahabou ZOROME**
3. **Omar BENADOUDA**
4. **Marcel AMOUGOU**
5. **Mohamed SOUFIANE CHAOUACHI**

## THE CAE BOARD (EXCOM) MEETINGS

Members of the CAE Executive committee were constantly in contact, and whenever it was possible meeting were organised, mostly during the African Championships:

- 6th of March 2024 in Cairo (Egypt)
- 8th of June 2024 in Casablanca (Morocco)

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Presidents of the CAE National Fencing Federations participated at the Intercontinental Conference “GLOBAL FENCING DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORLD” which was organised on 5th of May 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- Some African countries are founding members of the Alliance Francophone d’Escrime and they were involved in activities of this alliance.
- On 13th of October 2024 the CAE President participated at the Constitutive General Assembly of African Confederation of Olympic Sports (CASOL) in Yaoundé, Cameroon. He was elected as General Treasurer, and he is member of the Executive Committee.

## CONTINENTAL ACTIVITIES

- The CAE President visited Equatorial Guinee and had meetings with national Olympic Committee and Ministry of Sport and helped them to resolve problem of the Fencing Federation that was suspended due to the organisational problems.
- The CAE President made official visit to Burkina Faso to help restoring fencing in this country
- In August 2024 the CAE President visited Angola and had meetings with Minister of sport and President of the NOC. Subject of discussion was development of fencing and involvement of the Angolan FF in organising international competitions.
- Guinea Bissau September 2024 – Creation of the new federation
- The CAE President contacted the authorities in Sierra Leone to discuss open issues and to report back to the CAE

## FIE REFEREEING EXAMS

The 2024 Refereeing Exams were organised by the FIE Refereeing Commission in Dakar (Senegal) from 3rd to 6th of October 2024 with 70 participants.

## FIE TRAINING CAMPS

The FIE is traditionally organising Training Camps before the Senior and Junior & Cadet World Championships in all three weapons. Fencers from different African countries participated at each of these camps. Usually 5 African Fencing Federations are sending their athletes to the training camps based on rotation basis that is applied.

## EQUIPMENT GRANTS

The CAE National Federations applied and received sets of equipment organised by the FIE from recognised FIE suppliers in total value of CHF 6000 (including shipment).

## ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The 2024 African Juniors & Cadets & U15 Championships were organised in Cairo (Egypt) from 4th to 6th of March.
- 2024 African Seniors Championships were organised in Casablanca (Morocco) from June 6th to 10th

## ORGANISATION OF THE FIE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

In 2024 Fencing federations of Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Nigeria very successfully organised Senior and Junior World Cups in all three weapons.

## 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

In 2024, 9 African countries qualified 30 fencers for the Olympic Games in Paris: Egypt 16, Algeria 4, Ivory Coast 2, Morocco 2, Tunisia 2, Kenya 1, South Africa 1, Senegal 1 and Niger 1

That is the best achievement of African fencing in the history of Olympic Games which makes us all proud of being part of the African Fencing Confederation.

That achievement was not the only one 2024 Olympic Games success. At the probably most attractive fencing competition in recent times, 2 African fencers won medals:

- **FERJANI Fares** from Tunisia won Men’s Sabre Individual Silver Medal
- **ELSAIED Mohamed** from Egypt won Men’s Épée Individual Bronze Medal

## FIE WORLD CUPS, GRAND PRIX AND SATELLITES

African fencers participated at numerous World Cups, Grand Prix and Satellites competitions around the world.



# PAN AMERICAN FENCING CONFEDERATION (CPE)

## PAN AMERICAN CADET AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

This important event in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 22 to 27 February 2024, in the Arena Carioca 1 at the Olympic Park, with many competitors who gave their best to be crowned as Pan American Cadet and Junior Champions.

## PAN AMERICAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

The Pan American Senior Championships 2024 took place in the city of Lima, Peru, from 25 to 30 June 2024. The competition was carried out in the velodrome of the VIDENA high performance centre. This tournament brought together the best fencers of the continent, some of them already qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

## PANAMERICAN CHILDREN'S AND VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

From 14 to 19 August 2024, the Pan American Children and Veterans Championship was held in Escazú, Costa Rica. Once again, this event brought together a considerable number of children and veterans who, accompanied by their families and friends, enjoyed this joyful competition, which sees an increase in the number of participants at each edition.

## CPE 2024 ELECTIVE CONGRESS

The elective congress of the CPE took place in the city of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, unanimously electing by acclamation Mr. Vitaly Logvin as president for the period 2024 - 2028. The following members were elected as vice-presidents: Mr. Yann Bernard (CAN) as 1st vice-president, Mr. Angel Garcia (PER) as 2nd vice-president and Ms. Ana Irene Delgado (PAN) as 3rd vice-president. The following Members of the executive committee were elected: Mr. Otto Balderramos (GUA), Mr. Alhjadis Bandera (CUB) and Ms. Barbara Blumel (CHI). Mr. William Genet (NCA) was ratified as Secretary General and Ms. Melissa Alvarenga (ESA) as Executive secretary. The elective assembly was attended by Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis, FIE Interim President.

## EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVITIES

During the Pan American Children's and Veterans' Championships and the Junior Epee World Cup, both held in Costa Rica, a campaign to obtain the ecological blue flag for special events was developed, which meant a collaboration between all participants to adopt measures of cleanliness, recycling and care of the environment. Both events qualified for the approval and in a historical way, the Panamerican Confederation obtained these certifications in an official FIE event.

## 2024 COACHES COURSES

From 10 to 20 December 2024, the FIE Pan-American Foil Coaching Course was held in the city of San Salvador, El Salvador, carried out by master Petru Kuki. With a total of 35 coaches from 25 national federations, different topics were developed for the training of national coaches.



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# ASIAN FENCING CONFEDERATION (FCA)

- Mutual aid and support for small, developing, and leading federations.
- Development of a special project of Asian championships for children from 9-10 years old, and 11-12 years old.
- Development of high-performance fencing in our region for Asia to reach a leading position in the world.
- Development of cooperation and mutual assistance with the African and the Pan American Confederations in the framework of the signed agreement.
- Expansion of professional employment in the field of fencing and the support of fencing-related professions.
- Development of gender equality.

#### SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- 38 athletes from developing countries supported to allow their participation in different competitions of FCA and FIE.
- 15 coaches supported by FCA concerning participation in seminars and competitions.
- 16 Heads of National Federations supported concerning participation in FCA GA 2024 in Tashkent.
- 13 of Heads of different federations supported for participation in the different important FCA fencing events.
- 25 selected national Federations in 2024 for support by FIE in the framework of the material aid programme.
- 12 National Federations supported by the FIE training programme.
- 3 women referees candidates, from 3 FCA regions, were supported by FCA to the Seminar in Malaysia and FIE exams.

#### FIE COMPETITIONS IN ASIA 2023-2024

The Fencing Confederation of Asia actively wants to increase the amount of FIE Competitions in Asia. In 2023/24 in the Asian Region the following competitions were organised:

1. JCAFC 2024 – Bahrain
2. Zonal Senior Asian Fencing Championship – Kuwait
3. Asian Cadet Fencing Cup – Hong Kong, Uzbekistan, Jordan, UAE, Malaysia
4. Asian Veterans and Children Fencing Championship in Hong Kong
5. 17 World Cups and GPs-in Hong Kong, China, Japan, Thailand, Iran, Kuwait, Bahrain, Uzbekistan
6. JC World Championship in Saudi Arabia
7. Olympic Qualification Tournament in UAE

#### CONFERENCES IN THE ASIA REGION

- In the framework of the development and promotion of fencing globally, the Fencing Confederation of Asia successfully organized its annual Conference and General Assembly:
- Organisation of the 4th Intercontinental Conference in Tashkent, where an agreement was signed for the cooperation between 3 Confederations: Pan-American, African and Asian one.
- Organisation of the Elective General Assembly in Tashkent, where the President, new Board members and new members in FCA Commissions and Councils were elected for the period of 2024-2028.

#### NEW FIE CATEGORY REFEREES IN ASIA

- The FIE exams were held in Malaysia for the Asian region at the three weapons.
- Organisation of 2 webinars for the referees at the three weapons.

#### FANTASTIC PARTICIPATION OF ASIAN ATHLETES IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN PARIS

- 4 Gold medals
- 2 Silver medals
- 2 Bronze medals



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# OCEANIA FENCING CONFEDERATION (OFC)

## DEVELOPING NEW FEDERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC

- The OFC currently comprises six full members—American Samoa, Australia, Guam, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa—and two associate members, Tahiti and New Caledonia.
- The OFC has continued its support of the Fiji Fencing Federation by including its coaches in training programmes. In 2024, the Regional Development Officer (RDO) visited Fiji to advance fencing development efforts.

## DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2024

- The OFC Annual General Meeting was held online in August.
- Six OFC Board meetings were conducted virtually throughout the year.
- OFC administration was managed through email, online meetings, and phone calls, with regular coordination between the OFC President, Secretary-General, Regional Development Officer (RDO)/OFMA Coaching Programme Director, and Secretary/Finance Officer.
- The OFC Coaching Commission met online seven times.
- The OFC partnered with the Oceania Fencing Master's Academy (OFMA) and Global Fencing Masters (GFM) to deliver the GFM Level 2 Online Epee Course, following the success of the Level 1 course. Twenty students from across Oceania participated, with 17 achieving OFMA Level 2 accreditation in January 2025.
- The OFC is collaborating with the Sydney International Fencing Camp (SIFC) in January 2025 for an eight-day coaching course and final assessments for the GFM Level 2 Epee participants.
- The OFC provided funding support for referee development courses in Sydney, Australia, and Christchurch, New Zealand.

## NEW OFC BOARD ELECTED IN AUGUST 2024

The OFC held the OFC Elective Congress in August 2024 and a new Board was elected for 2024-2028.

**President:** Andrea Chaplin – Australia

**Vice President:** Anthony Camacho – Guam

**Elected Directors:** David Elder – New Zealand  
Anzillah Miro – Papua New Guinea

**Appointed Directors:** Davide Wheeler – Australia

**Athlete Director:** Matthew Baker – New Zealand

**Appointed Non-voting role:** Finance Officer/  
Company Secretary - Robert Thomas – Australia

## OFC extend its thanks to the retiring President, Board director and Company Secretary :

1. Helen Smith, AUS for her dedication to the promotion of fencing in the Oceania Zone and more broadly her significant contribution to the development of fencing over 22 years as OFC President and FIE Executive Committee member.
2. Irene Kane, ASA for her contribution to the OFC Board over the past 4 years.
3. Carol Bond, AUS for her work and support in both the secretariat and financial areas of the OFC.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT 2024 FIJI

Leon Thomas, the OFC Regional Development Officer (RDO), visited Fiji from March 10–27 to assist with coaching programmes and meet with the Fiji Sports Council to discuss Fiji Fencing's progress toward recognition by FASAHOC. Opportunities for involvement in Inter-Uni Sport and the identification of local coaching resources were explored.

### Key activities completed:

- Seven introductory fencing sessions at ISS with 122 participants (50 male, 72 female).
- Two fencing classes at ISS with up to 9 students (7 male, 2 female).
- Three teacher training classes at ISS with up to 8 participants (4 male, 4 female).
- Ongoing training of two ISS coaches.
- Assessment of Apisalome Dumuyawa as a Level 1 Foil Group Coach.
- Meetings with Fiji sports officials, including Peter Masey (Fiji Sports Council) and Katerina Toga (Fiji National University).
- During his visit, the RDO also represented the OFC at the ONOC/OSFO Conference.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT 2024 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG)

- The RDO visited PNG from May 21–30, meeting with the FPNG President and the PNG Olympic Committee Secretary-General, Desmond Kaviagu, to discuss development plans and funding opportunities.
- Key activities completed:
- Try sessions and beginner courses for fencers and coaches.
- Introduction to Epee coaching and equipment use.
- Training in electric Epee fencing.
- In October 2025, the RDO returned to PNG to further support development efforts.
- Additional activities included:
- Guidance on the ongoing beginner programme, including coach support.
- Level 1 Foil Group Course for new coaches.
- Level 1 Epee individual instruction for Keina Laka, Andrew Molen, and Reeves Papaol.
- Meetings with PNG Olympic Committee representatives.
- Assistance with implementing and expanding the Fencing PNG Development Plan.
- Inventory assessment of new and existing equipment for future planning.

## OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Oceania Junior Championships:
- Held in Melbourne, Australia (February 1–4, 2024), attended by Andrea Chaplin (Secretary-General), Leon Thomas (OFC RDO/OCPD), and referee Michael Claydon (NZL).
- Oceania Veteran's Championships:
- Hosted in Feilding, New Zealand, alongside the NZL North Island Championships (June 1–3, 2025). OFC representatives included David Elder and Leon Thomas, with Clayton Ferguson (AUS) appointed as the referee.
- Fencers from New Zealand and Australia participated, though attendance from other member federations was limited due to prohibitive travel costs. The OFC continues to support aspiring international referees by funding their participation in these events.

## PARTICIPATION IN FIE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- OFC President Helen Smith and RDO Leon Thomas attended the OSFO and ONOC Annual General Assemblies in Nadi, Fiji (March 23–27), engaging in discussions critical to fencing development in Oceania.
- Oceania fencers participated in various international events, including the World and Asian Junior, Cadet, Senior, and Veteran Championships.
- Despite an invitation for New Zealand to participate in the 2024 FIE Training Camps in Riyadh, KSA, no Oceania fencers attended.
- OFC President Helen Smith, accompanied by Secretary-General Andrea Chaplin, attended the World Junior & Cadet Championships in Riyadh (April 15–20), fostering international relationships for future OFC succession planning.
- Helen Smith represented OFC at the Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament in Fujairah, UAE (April 27–28). Nine athletes from AUS and NZL competed, with Veronika Vassileva (AUS) earning a bronze medal in Women's Sabre. The OFC provided each athlete with an AUD 1,000 grant for participation.
- Helen Smith also attended the 2024 Paris Olympics from 25 July to 6 August where she was privileged to attend the Opening Ceremony and the nine days of the Fencing events. The Grand Palais proved to be a majestic & atmospheric venue to showcase our sport & the largely French spectators were very knowledgeable & deeply engaged in the action on the pistes.
- Oceania referees officiated at FIE events, including World Cups, Junior World Cups, Satellites, Grand Prix, University Games, and Asian Championships. Two referees successfully obtained FIE B Licences in Kuala Lumpur in 2024.
- The OFC acknowledges the FIE Sports Department's assistance with the 2024 Material Aid Programme, which provided equipment grants to Papua New Guinea, American Samoa, and New Zealand.
- With FIE travel subsidies, five of six Oceania federations were represented at the FIE Congress in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (November 2024) by either a delegate or proxy.

## SUPPORT FROM THE FIE

- The OFC is deeply grateful for the administrative and technical support provided by the FIE Interim President, CEO, and staff.
- We hope that funding for the Regional Development Officer position, previously included in the FIE budgets, will be reinstated to sustain essential OFC development initiatives.

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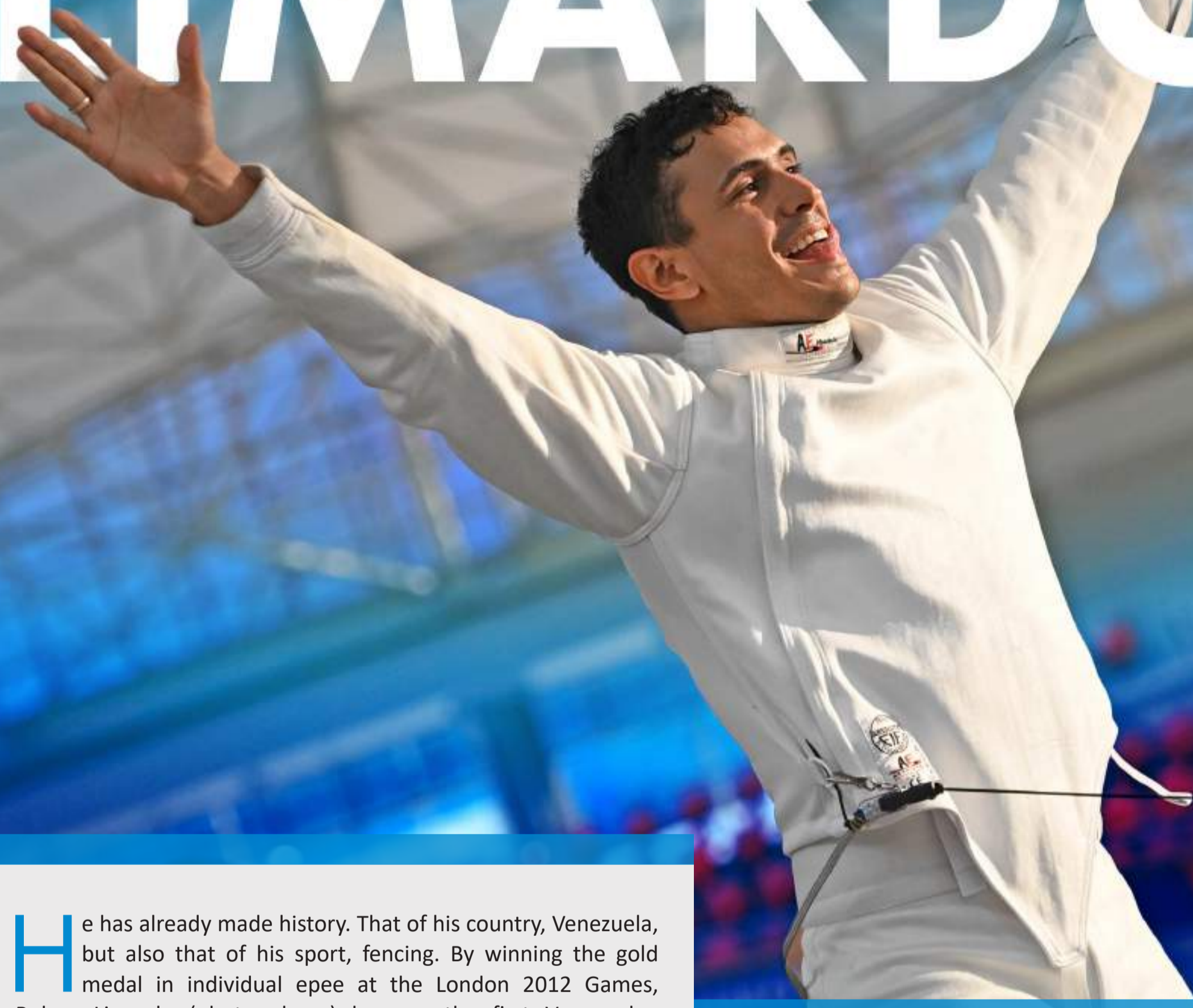
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# RUBEN LIMARDO



He has already made history. That of his country, Venezuela, but also that of his sport, fencing. By winning the gold medal in individual epee at the London 2012 Games, Ruben Limardo (photo above) became the first Venezuelan Olympic champion since the Mexico 1968 Games. And the first Latin American fencer to be crowned at the Games summer since 1904. At 38 years old, the fencer continues to live his passion in the present. On the field, but also off it. Very involved in the development of his discipline, he chairs the athletes' commission of the International Fencing Federation (FIE), a position which guarantees him a place on the executive committee of the body. Less than 150 days before the Paris Games 2024, where he is aiming for a fifth Olympic participation, Ruben Limardo answered questions from FrancsJeux.

*Article courtesy of FrancsJeux*



**FrancsJeux :** How did you discover fencing in Venezuela?

**Ruben Limardo:** I discovered fencing thanks to my former coach, Ruperto Gascón. He came to Venezuela from the Soviet Union in 1993 as a coach.

**What place does fencing occupy in your country?**

After my Olympic gold medal in epee at the London Games in 2012, fencing experienced significant growth in Venezuela. Until then little known, it suddenly became a widely recognized sport. As in the rest of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has halted its momentum and slowed its pace. But the Venezuelan Fencing Federation has increased efforts and initiatives to regain good growth, particularly among new generations.

**Where is the development of fencing in Venezuela today, and more broadly in South America?**

In Venezuela, the number of fencers has been increasing for two years. But we lack coaches for the high level. It is no secret that the Venezuelan population has moved around the world, an exodus which has not been without consequences on the national sporting dynamic. But, despite often limited means, the efforts have been considerable and the results are now recognized almost everywhere on the planet. On the rest of the South American continent, countries have really tried to progress to join international competition. This is especially true in men's epee, where South American athletes are increasingly numerous at the top of the world rankings.



**How could fencing accelerate its development in this part of the world?**

Development happens through school. With a better presence in the school system, in primary and secondary, fencing could gain a large number of new participants. Ultimately, this would also make it possible to create university competitions. But the question of coaches is also decisive. It is essential to accelerate the training of technical managers on the continent. At present, it remains very difficult for a South American fencer to attend high-level training courses outside of Latin American and Caribbean countries.

**How do you see your role as president of the FIE Athletes' Commission?**

I want to defend athletes, their interests, concerns and demands. And, thus, deserve the trust placed in me to carry out this function. The presidency of the Athletes' Commission really allowed me to broaden my vision of fencing and all its aspects. Many programs have already been launched by the FIE for athletes. Projects are also in the development phase, by and for fencers. I intend to contribute to extend and consolidate them.

**What changes or initiatives would you like to promote as spokesperson for FIE athletes?**

I wish to work for a balance of resources and means of promotion between continents. By its history and its results, Europe concentrates a large part of the resources. I believe I have a role to play so that the countries furthest from the practice, and those where the development potential is the greatest, can benefit from increased resources. A globally balanced policy will benefit everyone. It will help to grow the fencing community, and make it even stronger. **FIE**



# YOUNG PEOPLE OPEN NEW DOORS

The future is underway in international fencing. And it's moving forward at a good pace. The discipline is gaining new territories, for its competitions as well as the nationality of its best athletes. The Cadet and Junior World Championships, held April 12-20 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, demonstrated this throughout nine days of competition at the King Saud University Sports Arena.

The place, first of all. The World Championships has never been held in Saudi Arabia, one of the new strongholds of the international sport. By setting the scene for the event in the heart of the capital, Riyadh, the International Fencing Federation (FIE) adds a line to the long list of countries having hosted at least one world championship, all age categories combined.



Article courtesy of FrancsJeux



No coincidence: the 2024 Cadet and Junior World Championships coincided with the 50th anniversary of the affiliation from Saudi Arabia to the FIE.

Next year, the global meeting of the best hopes of fencing will discover China. The competition is planned for the city of Wuxi, neighboring Shanghai, in the east of the country. China had already hosted the senior world championships in 2018, but has never yet organized the cadet and junior world championships.

Participation now. Massive. Not less than 1.439 young fencers took part in the events, in epee, foil or sabre as individual and/or team. They represented 103 countries.

A habit: a training camp offered by the FIE brought together nineteen young fencers from nineteen countries in the world championships hall, during the week preceding the official competition. On the program: six days of training, with two three-hour sessions per day, in the three weapons of the program. The trainees then participated in the world championships. Three of them, from Niger, Puerto Rico and Greece, have entered the top 25 individual in their discipline. A special mention for the Greek Anna Kalliopi Kourousi, ranked 10th in the individual saber among the cadets.

Another ritual, in line with the FIE's development policy for the least well-equipped countries: the presence at the King Saud University Sports Arena in Riyadh, throughout the competition, of a stand dedicated to one of the programs beacons of the instance, "Donate your fencing gear! ». Young fencers from eleven countries benefited during the 2024 Cadet and Junior World Championships. Saudi Arabia set an example, in its capacity as host country, by being the first donor.

The results, finally. When it came time to count, the United States took its place at the top of the medal rankings. With thirteen places on the podium, including four titles, they beat two other regulars of the top 3: Italy, second with 11 medals including two gold, and France, which also left the Saudi kingdom with two world titles, but a smaller number of medals (6).

The rest of the ranking says a lot about the growing universality of fencing, particularly in the youth categories. Not less from nineteen countries have won at least one medal, all metals combined, in one or other of the eighteen events of the competition. They come from four continents: Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Further proof that fencing today has highly talented athletes all over the world: thirteen nations left Riyadh, the day after the world championships, with at least one world title in their luggage. The future is on the move. It promises to be more global than ever. **FIE**





# VIVIAN KONG

INSIDE THE MIND OF A MODERN SUPERHERO AND OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPION



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It has been a whirlwind journey for Vivian Kong.

The fencer from Hong Kong, China won her NOC's first gold medal of the Olympic Games Paris 2024, and eight days later announced that she would be stepping away from the sport.

Coming off the back of a dream summer in Paris, the 30-year-old is ready to move on to pastures new and turn her attention to the next generation.

"Fencing was a huge part of my life for the longest time," Kong said to Laureus on behalf of Olympics.com. "Everything I did was for fencing, to become a better fencer, a better athlete, to be more disciplined, everything I ate or just my sleep. There's so much more to life than fencing and sport."

"It's taught me so many life lessons: to have the right attitude to face any sort of difficulties, to not give up so easily, to have more faith and confidence in myself. I think it will be with me for the rest of my life."

Fencing has given so much to Kong – now it is time for Vivian, Queen of Swords to reap the rewards.

Kong won Hong Kong, China's first ever medal in women's fencing, a sport in which the NOC has claimed three of their four Olympics golds.

She overcame the pressure of the home crowd at the Grand Palais to defeat French fencer Auriane Mallo-Breton 13-12 in overtime, a dramatic finale to a decorated professional career.

"I still can't believe that I won gold in Paris because it's just been the longest dream," Kong recalled. "At the same time, I didn't want to think about it too much every day. I just loved training, getting better at my sport. I enjoyed becoming a better athlete."

"But knowing how hard it is to win gold and having all these amazing opponents that I look up to, we all deserve gold medals, all those struggles and hardship that everyone has to go through in order to be on the piste at the Olympics is just unimaginable. I convinced myself that it's okay if I don't win, but I'll still work as hard as I could to try and win. So when I did win, it was a shock."

Kong is nothing short of a history maker for her homeland. She was the 2018 Asian Games flagbearer for Hong Kong, China and became the first athlete representing the NOC to win either an Olympic fencing match or a World Cup title.

Now she has become Hong Kong's first female Olympic champion in 28 years, since Lee Lai-shan secured sailing gold at Atlanta 1996.

Kong's announcement came only a week after she had won the gold medal, her first in three Olympic appearances dating back to Rio 2016.

She said on Instagram upon winning gold, "After competing in my third Olympics, I have decided to take a break from professional fencing. I look forward to starting a new career and work towards having my own charity to help kids find joy and playfulness back into sports."

It came perhaps as a shock to the fencing world, yet it was perfect timing for Kong, who now wants to focus on further inspiring the new generation.

She explained, "Being an athlete has always been a very big part of my identity, especially in the past seven, eight years. Stepping away from that or trying to find out more to who I am to more than a fencer and to do more than be an athlete and to create a bigger impact and do more for the community has been something I've been thinking a lot about."

It is all about encouraging young people back home to share the same passion that Kong has had for fencing, in what is a golden era for Hong Kong, China fencing.

Along with double Olympic men's foil champion Cheung Ka-long, there has been a huge uptake in the sport across the territory, with a huge increase in facilities and people participating in the sport.

Kong concluded, "I hope that kids and everyone watching can see how much passion and dedication we put into our sport, into something we love, and to have the courage to pursue our dreams and to really give it our all to something we truly enjoy with all our hearts."

"Even if we don't win, it's okay, and trying to be okay with that and still work really, really hard every day." **FIE**



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# 2024 PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES



The Paris 2024 Olympic Games was a “spectacular success” for fencing, taking place in the beautiful and iconic Grand Palais between July 27 and August 4. With a sold-out audience of more than 155,000 spectators attending the 12 individual and team gold-medal events in epee, foil and sabre, and millions of fans watching on television and social media, it was the largest-ever global audience for fencing in the history of our sport.

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games included a total of 53 NOCs participating in the fencing programme. These included 212 fencers overall that were evenly divided between 106 women and 106 men.

The increasing growth and diversity in fencing was demonstrated at Paris 2024, with Japan leading the fencing medals table, earning two gold, one silver and two bronze. This was followed by the USA with four (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) and Korea with three (2 gold, 1 silver).

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MEDAL TALLY						MEDAL TALLY					
RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	JAPAN	2	1	2	5	10	CZECHIA	0	0	1	1
2	USA	2	1	1	4	10	EGYPT	0	0	1	1
3	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	2	1	0	3	10	POLAND	0	0	1	1
4	HONG KONG, CHINA	2	0	0	2						
5	FRANCE	1	4	2	7						
6	ITALY	1	3	1	5						
7	HUNGARY	1	1	1	3						
8	UKRAINE	1	0	1	2						
9	TUNISIA	0	1	0	1						
10	CANADA	0	0	1	1						



Fencing development and fencing outreach was active in Paris 2024, with programmes introducing the public and distinguished guests to the sport in activation sessions where they could enjoy hands-on instruction and a behind-the-scenes look at Olympic fencing. This was led by French fencing masters and the French Fencing Federation.



**Numerous and notable fencing results, achievements and records took place during Paris 2024:**

- The Paris 2024 Opening Ceremony included two French Olympic champions participating in the final torch relay, Laura Flessel and Jean-Francois Lamour
- Seven fencers competing in Paris 2024 served as flag-bearers for their respective countries, including Yousef Alshamlan (KUW), Ka Long Cheung (HKG), Zaynab Dayibekova (UZB), Maria Luisa Doing Calderon (PER), Arianna Errigo (ITA), Emura Misaki (JPN) and Kruz Schembri (ISV)
- Five countries had athletes participating in fencing at the Olympic Games for the first time in history: Cape Verde, Cyprus, Kenya, Niger and Rwanda
- Hong Kong, China's Man Wai Vivian Kong won her country's first-ever women's Olympic fencing medal, gold in women's individual epee
- USA's women's foil fencer Lee Kiefer is the first U.S. fencer in history to win three Olympic gold medals, including individual and team titles in Paris 2024 events
- Japan's Koki Kano won the first-ever gold medal in an individual Olympic fencing event for Japan, in men's epee
- France's Manon Apithy-Brunet won the first-ever Olympic medal for France in women's sabre, in the individual event
- Italy won its first-ever gold medal in women's team epee
- USA won the gold medal in women's team foil, the first time the country has won an Olympic gold medal in any team fencing event
- For the first time in 52 years, Hungary won the Olympic gold medal in men's team epee
- Japan won the men's team foil gold medal, the first time the country has ever won the event



Numerous Olympic and world champions from fencing as well as other sports visited the Grand Palais throughout the fencing competitions, most notably including snowboarding three-time Olympic gold medallist Shaun White and Olympic, world champion figure skater Brian Boitano and French epee fencer Laura Flessel (who has won the most Olympic medals of any French sportswoman and served as the French Minister of Sports from 2017-2018). The multiple celebrity guests attending fencing competitions notably included French football stars Zinedine Zidane and Antoine Griezmann, F1 driver Sir Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton MBE HonFREng, actress Nina Dobrev and music stars Sir Michael Philip (Mick) Jagger of The Rolling Stones, Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden and Snoop Dogg.

Multiple dignitaries and VIPs visited fencing at the Grand Palais throughout the Games, most notably including President of France Emmanuel Macron, President of Kosovo Vjosa Osmani, President of Singapore Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of Slovakia Peter Pellegrini, HRH Grand Duke Henri de Luxembourg (IOC member), HSH Albert II Prince of Monaco (IOC member), President of Italy Sergio Mattarella, Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni, President of Estonia Alar Karis, President of Hungary Tamás Sulyok and former President of Hungary Mr. Pál Schmitt (former IOC member, Olympic champion fencer), USA First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Kobakhidze, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach, Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, Paris 2024 Organising Committee President Tony Estanguet, French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, French Minister for Sport and the Olympic and Paralympic Games of France Amélie Oudéa-Castéra, and numerous other dignitaries.

In an official statement from the International Olympic Committee, IOC President and Men's Team Foil Olympic gold medallist Thomas Bach stated, "...you have never seen fencing until you have seen it in the Grand Palais, where thousands of people are singing and cheering for every competitor in a magnificent setting". Mr. Bach presented the medals with FIE Interim President Emmanuel Katsiadakis for men's team foil on the final day of fencing in the Grand Palais.





**PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES RESULTS**

**Women's Individual Epee  
July 27 (36 fencers)**

1. Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG, gold)
2. Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, silver)
3. Eszter Muhari (HUN, bronze)
4. Nelli Differt (EST)
5. Alberta Santuccio (ITA)
6. Sihan Yu (CHN)
7. Vlada Kharkova (UKR)
8. Olena Kryvytska (UKR)

**Men's Individual Sabre  
July 27 (34 fencers)**

1. Sanguk Oh (KOR, gold)
2. Fares Ferjani (TUN, silver)
3. Luigi Samele (ITA, bronze)
4. Ziad Elsisy (EGY)
5. Matyas Szabo (GER)
6. Mohamed Amer (EGY)
7. Chenpeng Shen (CHN)
8. Fares Arfa (CAN)

**Women's Individual Foil  
July 28 (34 fencers)**

1. Lee Kiefer (USA, gold)
2. Lauren Scruggs (USA, silver)
3. Eleanor Harvey (CAN, bronze)
4. Alice Volpi (ITA)
5. Arianna Errigo (ITA)
6. Martina Favaretto (ITA)
7. Anne Sauer (GER)
8. Flora Pasztor (HUN)

**Men's Individual Epee  
July 28 (35 fencers)**

1. Koki Kano (JPN, gold)
2. Yannick Borel (FRA, silver)
3. Mohamed Elsayed (EGY, bronze)
4. Tibor Andrasfi (HUN)
5. Federico Vismara (ITA)
6. Ruslan Kurbanov (KAZ)
7. Masaru Yamada (JPN)
8. Neisser Loyola (BEL)

**Women's Individual Sabre  
July 29 (36 fencers)**

1. Manon Apithy-Brunet (FRA, gold)
2. Sara Balzer (FRA, silver)
3. Olga Kharlan (UKR, bronze)
4. Sebin Choi (KOR)
5. Theodora Gkountoura (GRE)
6. Hayoung Jeon (KOR)
7. Luca Virag Szucs (HUN)
8. Anna Marton (HUN)



**2024 PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES  
ATHLETE PARTICIPATION**

EVENT	WOMEN	MEN	%
EPEE	36	35	33%
FOIL	34	37	33%
SABRE	38	34	34%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>106</b>	

**53 NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES**



**Men's Individual Foil**  
July 29 (37 fencers)

1. Ka Long Cheung (HKG, gold)
2. Filippo Macchi (ITA, silver)
3. Nick Itkin (USA, bronze)
4. Kazuki Iimura (JPN)
5. Mohamed Hamza (EGY)
6. Enzo Lefort (FRA)
7. Guillaume Bianchi (ITA)
8. Maxime Pauty (FRA)

**Women's Team Epee**  
July 30 (8 teams)

1. Italy (gold)
2. France (silver)
3. Poland (bronze)
4. China
5. Korea
6. Ukraine
7. USA
8. Egypt

**Men's Team Sabre**  
July 31 (8 teams)

1. Korea (gold)
2. Hungary (silver)
3. France (bronze)
4. Iran
5. Italy
6. Egypt
7. USA
8. Canada

**Women's Team Foil**  
August 1 (8 teams)

1. USA (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. Japan (bronze)
4. Canada
5. France
6. Poland
7. China
8. Egypt





**Men's Team Epee**  
August 2 (8 teams)

1. Hungary (gold)
2. Japan (silver)
3. Czechia (bronze)
4. France
5. Italy
6. Kazakhstan
7. Venezuela
8. Egypt

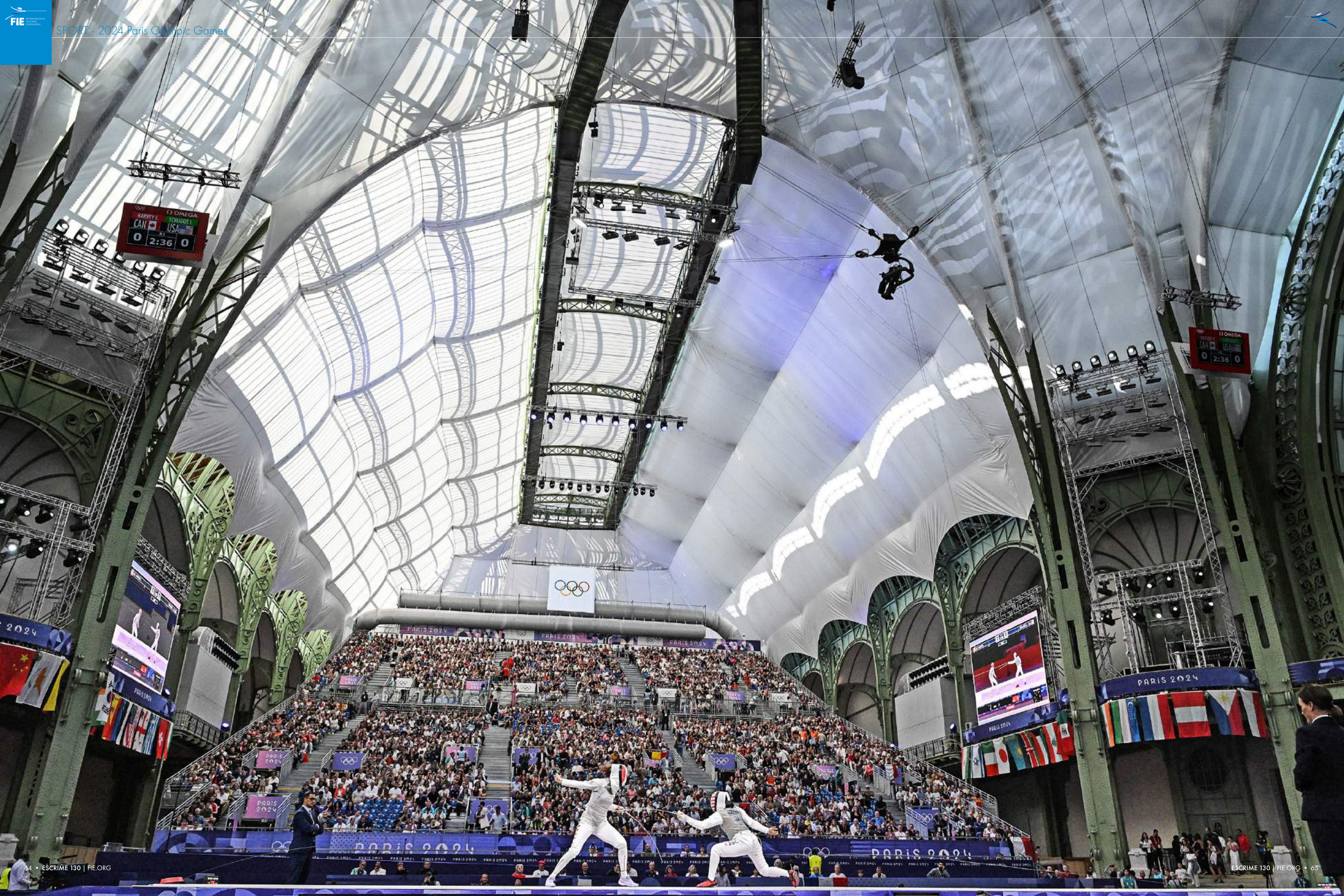
**Women's Team Sabre**  
August 3 (8 teams)

1. Ukraine (gold)
2. Korea (silver)
3. Japan (bronze)
4. France
5. USA
6. Hungary
7. Italy
8. Algeria

**Men's Team Foil**  
August 4 (8 teams)

1. Japan (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. France (bronze)
4. USA
5. China
6. Poland
7. Canada
8. Egypt





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# 2024 JUNIOR AND CADET FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

The first-ever Fencing World Championships to be held in Saudi Arabia took place from April 12-20 in the country's capital, Riyadh, with 1,439 Junior and Cadet athletes from 103 countries competing in 18 individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre. The Championships took place at the King Saud University Sports Arena, and were livestreamed worldwide over the FIE YouTube Channel and promoted daily with videos, interviews and stories posted on FIE social media channels.

Topping the medal count for the Championships was the USA, with a total of 11 (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze), followed by Italy with 13 (2 gold, 5 silver, 6 bronze) and France with 6 (2 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze).

This annual event provided the opportunity for young fencers from around the world to compete on a world stage, as well as to experience development, training and educational programmes. Some of the fencers competing were also qualified to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games to take place later in the summer, which was an excellent opportunity for all the competitors to build their athletic dreams and fence at one of the highest-level events in the world.

"We appreciate the hospitality and excellent organisation provided to us by our hosts, the Saudi Fencing Federation, at the beautiful King Saud University Sports Arena", said the FIE's Mr. Abdelmoneim Elhamy El Hussein, who officially closed the Championships on the final day of competition. "We congratulate the Saudi Federation both for 2024 being its 50th anniversary as an FIE member federation, and for this first time in its history to host a World Championships. I extend sincere acknowledgement to the organising committee."

"I would like to thank Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the ambitious vision of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Prime Minister", said Mr. Ahmed Alsabban, President of the Saudi Fencing Federation. "We are grateful for their support not only of fencing, but all sports in Saudi Arabia. I would also like to thank His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, Saudi Minister of Sport and President of the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee, as well as His Highness Prince Fahad bin Jalawi Al Saud, Vice-President of the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee, for their tremendous support for this competition."

Alsabban thanked everyone at the Championships for their participation, spirit of Fair Play, support and work to successfully complete this significant and large event. He formally passed the FIE flag to Mr. Li Haihong, Deputy Director of the Wuxi Sports Bureau, for the 2025 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships in Wuxi, China.

Numerous VIPs were in Riyadh to present medals at the Championships, as well as attending and watching the finals competitions.

Saudi dignitaries included His Excellency Abdulelah Aldalak, Assistant Minister of Sports; HH Prince Fahad Bin Jalawi Al Saud, Vice President of Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee; HRH Prince Homoud Bin Saud Al Saud, Honorary Chairman of the Saudi Fencing Federation; HRH Princess Dilayl Bint Nahar Al Saud, CEO of the 2034 Asian Games Organizing Committee; HRH Princess Reham bint Saif Al-Islam Al Saud, Executive Director of Protocol & Events for Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee; and HRH Princess Dr. Ahad Bint Alhassan Al Saud, Chief Operating Officer, Saudi Automobile and Motorcycle Federation.

Distinguished dignitaries included H.E. Professor-Doctor Emrullah İşler, Türkiye Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; and Ms. Claudia Botha, Chief Operation Officer of Motus One.

Saudi Fencing Federation members included Mr. Ahmed Alsabban, President; Mr. Mohammed Bin Ahmed Buali, Vice President; Dr. Wasem Bin Eissa Al Hassan, Board Member; Ms. Lama Alfozan, Board member; Mr. Abdullah Bin Mohammed Alsunaid, CEO; and Mr. Adel Bin Majed Alrumaihi, Head of Saudi National Team.

FIE Executive Committee members included Ms. Ferial Salhi, Secretary-Treasurer of the FIE; Mr. Abdelmoneim Elhamy El Hussein, Vice-President; Ms. Erika Aze, Vice-President; Mr. Donald Anthony; Mr. Paolo Azzi; Ms. Velichka Hristeva; Mr. Novak Perovic; Sheikh Salem Bin Sultan Alqasimi, President of the Asian/Arab Fencing Confederation; Ms. Helen Smith, President of the Oceania Fencing Confederation.





Federation members included Mr. Murat Atali, President of the Türkiye Fencing Federation; Mr. Mohamed Soufiane Chaouachi, President of the Tunisian Fencing Federation; Mr. Dawoud Miwali, President of the Palestinian Fencing Federation; Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Shamlan, President of the Kuwait Fencing Federation; Mr. Muhammad Tariq Al-Husseini, Vice President of the Egyptian Fencing Federation; Dr. Henriette Brigitt Tamas, Secretary-General of the Hungarian Fencing Federation; Mr. Fahad Abdulla Al-Mulla, Assistant Secretary-General of the Qatar Fencing Federation; and Ms. Gulnora Saidova, Executive Secretary of the Asian Fencing Confederation.

Diplomatic dignitaries in attendance included Choi Byung-Hyuk, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Neil Crompton, UK Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Alireza Enayati, Iranian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Jean-Philippe Linteau, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen, and Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman; Nuno Mathias, Ambassador of Portugal to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, covering also Bahrain, Oman & Yemen; H.E. Petra Menander, Swedish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Liselotte Plesner, Ambassador of Denmark to Saudi Arabia; Mr. Ludovic Pouille, Ambassador of France to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Robert Rostek, Polish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Balázs Selmeçi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Embassy of Hungary in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain and Republic of Yemen. Anu-Eerika Viljanen, Finnish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Chen Weiqing, Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; and Yasmine Chatila Zwahlen, Swiss Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

## RIYADH JUNIOR & CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

EVENT	WOMEN	MEN	%
EPEE	241	306	38%
FOIL	203	257	32%
SABRE	190	242	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>805</b>	



The FIE hosts several development programmes at the Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships designed to build awareness and education among the global fencing community. In Riyadh, these included the following activities:

The FIE Clean Sport programme educates and promotes the concept of anti-doping among all athletes, and educating young fencers is an important part of this initiative and was on-site in Riyadh to continue its efforts. Through a series of interactive games and activities, Clean Sport representatives engaged athletes to take part in learning about anti-doping and how it directly affects them and their fellow fencers. They were given prizes and educational gifts and links to numerous resources to help them continue to learn about this important aspect of sportsmanship.

Members of the Saudi National Anti-Doping Organisation, under the leadership of Mr. Ali Alateeq, NADO Public Relations and Awareness Director, provided leadership at the stand, and, prior to the Championships, the NADO also gave a lecture to the Saudi national team about anti-doping and Clean Sport.



The Donate Your Fencing Gear! programme, which has been highly successful in recent years, was on-site in Riyadh and received numerous donations of good-quality used fencing equipment from fencers and coaches, and the Saudi Fencing Federation also provided a generous equipment donation. The gear received is distributed to in-need recipient countries, who apply annually to be selected, providing them with physical resources that give many athletes opportunities to train, compete and develop their fencing careers.

“We are proud to support countries from around the world with equipment received from donors”, said FIE Executive Committee member Novak Perovic. “This year, we have 11 countries receiving equipment and the Saudi Federation is our major donor.”

“Through these Championships we want to show the world how countries can come together as one nation”, said Abdullah Alsunaid, CEO of the Saudi Fencing Federation. “The Saudi Federation tries to use the opportunity we have with this event to support other countries.”

Fair Play is an important programme encouraging and recognizing examples and inspirational stories of true sportsmanship taking place in FIE competitions. FIE Fair Play Council members were in Riyadh for the duration of the Championships, working to educate and inform athletes about Fair Play concepts and practices, and how they directly benefit and promote athletic unity and the spirit of sports.

“The International Fair Play Committee is proud for its long-term cooperation with the FIE”, said Fair Play Executive Director Gabor Deregán. “The FIE is one of our exemplary partners with its Fair Play awards and stands at youth events. The FIE Championships in Riyadh are a perfect competition from the Fair Play viewpoint, and our staff of Saudi LOC volunteers have been very reliable and enthusiastic. We are represented here by Dr. Eyyad Maghayreh, and we are grateful to the FIE for this excellent promotion and looking forward to future cooperation.”

The FIE is committed to ensuring fencing is practiced in a safe environment, where athletes can develop harmoniously and all the members of the FIE Family are granted respect and are protected from all forms of harassment and abuse. In keeping with this mission, FIE Safeguarding representatives made themselves available in Riyadh to any athletes, coaches, officials or staff in-need of support or counsel. Their stand at the Championships was staffed by two IOC-certified Safeguarding officers, Georgina Usher and Hossam Ellaboudy.

“The FIE first started its SafeSport education and awareness programme for cadet and junior fencers in 2018”, said Usher. “Five years later we continue to deliver on our commitment to promote SafeSport and train athletes on how to spot harassment and abuse and how to report it.”



Fencing for the Planet, an FIE sustainability programme following initiatives driven by the International Olympic Committee, was celebrated on April 13 during the Championships. The Saudi Fencing Federation, in enthusiastic compliance with the host venue organisation, King Saud University, and its sustainability programme, undertook multiple efforts in the competition facilities and operation to follow best-practices in protecting the environment. Their efforts also served to follow the FIE’s directives inspiring and encouraging fencers, coaches, supporters, clubs and federations to actively pursue sustainable environmental practices and programmes.

Symbolising Fencing for the Planet, a tree was planted on the grounds of King Saud University with FIE Executive Committee Vice President Erika Aze (LAT) and member Rusni Abu Hassan, along with Saudi Fencing Federation CEO Abdullah Alsunaid and King Saud University Director of Sustainability and Environmental Development Department and Engineer Abdullah Mohammed Al-Qahtani.

“We are proud to have a sustainability programme at King Saud University ... to help save the planet and the people”, said Al-Qahtani.



“The International Fencing Federation is pleased to be here and in support of the King Saud sustainability programme and we appreciate the Saudi Federation’s commitment to it, for here and for the world”, said Aze.

“Sustainability is important as it helps to reduce global warming and its effects”, said athlete Jae Jia En Lim (SIN). “I feel that sustainability will help everyone on the Earth, allow us to breathe better air, and to live healthily.”

“We have to do something different for our planet for the sake of the environment, especially with plastic and carbon”, said athlete Ziyad Almutairi (KSA). “As young fencers, Fencing for the Planet is important because we need to save the future, and the future is for our families.”

Athlete Julie Xiao (CAN) said, “We’re on this planet together and should be mindful of the things we’re using that are our planet’s resources, and we have to conserve and use them for the future.”

“It’s very important to support this green project with the sport of fencing and all over the world”, said Greek Coach Ioannis Notaras. “Protecting the future is through the ‘green way’, and with fencing we are trying our best to support that.”

“Sustainability is a very important term today”, said Paolo Azzi, Italian Federation President and FIE Executive Committee member. “In Italy this year, during the Junior World Cup competition in Udine, it was for the first time we’ve held a competition with a certification of sustainability issued by the authorities. I think it’s a step in the right way.”

FIE Executive Committee member Donald Anthony (USA) said, “We know that weather impacts every place in the world, so let’s take care of our planet, and Fencing for the Planet is something we should all support.”



Participants included fencers from the following regions and countries:

- Africa: Angola, Benin, Niger, Senegal, Tunisia
- Asia-Oceania: Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Sri Lanka
- Pan America: Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Puerto Rico
- Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Slovenia

The training took place in the King Saud University Sports Arena, the same facility as the Championships, and all the Camp fencers competed in the World Championships following their training. Notably, three camp participants achieved significant results following the Camp:

- Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG) – 21st place in junior men’s individual sabre
- Adrian Figueredo Suliveres (PUR) – 25th place in junior men’s individual sabre
- Anna Kalliopi Kourousi (GRE) – 10th place in cadet women’s individual sabre

Junior and Cadet Training Camp coaches included Rita Abou Jaoude (LBN, foil), Alexandros Emmanouilidis (CYP, epee) and Andrew Fischl (USA, sabre). Topics covered theoretical and tactical areas and addressed practical concepts and training exercises in competition strategy and simulation, footwork and other group and individual coaching.



Each year a Junior and Cadet Training Camp is held at these Championships, and in Riyadh the FIE again hosted its programme and sponsored 19 fencers from 19 countries in three weapons. High-level coaches were provided by the FIE to give athletes a unique opportunity to train with exceptional coaching talent, each for six days of training for two three-hour daily sessions.

A special IOC programme targeting countries who have 50 or fewer Olympic athletes in the most-recent Olympic Games provided some of the financial aid to 12 fencers at the Camp. The other participants were sponsored by the FIE, including travel, accommodations, fees, visas and pocket expenses.

### Day 1

#### Junior Women’s Individual Foil

1. Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN, gold)
2. Irene Bertini (ITA, silver)
3. Rino Nagase (JPN, bronze)
3. Vittoria Pinna (ITA, bronze)
5. Andreea Dinca (ROU)
6. Yunjia Zhang (CAN)
7. Enqi Jiao (CHN)
8. Ariadna Tucker (ESP)

#### Junior Men’s Individual Foil

1. Ryosuke Fukuda (JPN, gold)
2. David Sosnov (GBR, silver)
3. Eliot Chagnon (FRA, bronze)
3. Samarth Kumbha (USA, bronze)
5. Abdelrahman Tolba (EGY)
6. Anas Anane (FRA)
7. Jaimie Cook (GBR)
8. Pavel Puzankov (AIN)

### Day 2

#### Cadet Women’s Individual Foil

1. Jaelyn Liu (USA, gold)
2. Polina Volobueva (AIN, silver)
3. Natasza Kus (POL, bronze)
3. Yunjia Zhang (CAN, bronze)
5. Adeline Senic (MDA)
6. Sara Amr Hossny (EGY)
7. Ludovica Franzoni (ITA)
8. Yuqiao Song (CAN)

#### Cadet Men’s Individual Foil

1. Weiqiao Lyu (CHN, gold)
2. Don Jeidus Deseranno (USA, silver)
3. Jia Bao Xu (CAN, bronze)
3. Chun Lok Luk (HKG, bronze)
5. Luao Yang (USA)
6. Thibaut Gaven Mary (FRA)
7. David Kelly (GBR)
8. Guillaume Watson (FRA)

RIVADH 2024 JUNIOR & CADET FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 12-20.04.2024					
MEDAL TALLY					
RANK		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	USA	3	2	5	10
2	ITALY	2	3	4	9
3	CHINA	2	0	1	3
4	FRANCE	1	1	3	5
5	CANADA	1	1	2	4
5	JAPAN	1	1	2	4
7	SWITZERLAND	1	0	1	2
7	UKRAINE	1	0	1	2
9	ROMANIA	1	0	0	1
9	TÜRKIYE	1	0	0	1

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MEDAL TALLY					
RANK		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
11	AIN	0	3	0	3
12	GREAT BRITAIN	0	2	0	2
13	HONG KONG, CHINA	0	0	1	1
13	KOREA	0	0	1	1
13	POLAND	0	0	1	1
13	SPAIN	0	0	1	1
13	UZBEKISTAN	0	0	1	1

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**Day 3**  
**Junior Women's Team Foil**

1. Italy (gold)
2. Japan (silver)
3. Korea (bronze)
4. France
5. Great Britain
6. USA
7. Poland
8. Hong Kong, China

**Junior Men's Team Foil**

1. USA (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. Japan (bronze)
4. France
5. Hungary
6. Hong Kong, China
7. Great Britain
8. Poland

**Day 4**  
**Junior Women's Individual Epee**

1. Oceane Francillonne (FRA, gold)
2. Julia Yin (CAN, silver)
3. Anita Corradino (ITA, bronze)
3. Leehi Machulsky (USA, bronze)
5. Emily Conrad (UKR)
6. Michaela Joyce (USA)
7. Dilnaz Murzataeva (UZB)
8. Ekaterina Kolbeneva (AIN)

**Junior Men's Individual Epee**

1. Alban Aebersold (SUI, gold)
2. Alec Brooke (GBR, silver)
3. Nicolo' Del Contrasto (ITA, bronze)
3. Samuel Imrek (USA, bronze)
5. Jungbeom Kim (KOR)
6. Erik Tobias (EST)
7. Matteo Galassi (ITA)
8. Kohaku Yasui (JPN)



**Day 5**  
**Cadet Women's Individual Epee**

1. Anna Maksymenko (UKR, gold)
2. Sharika Gajjala (USA, silver)
3. Emily Conrad (UKR, bronze)
3. Huishuang Jiang (CHN, bronze)
5. Anna Szilard (HUN)
6. Mariachiara Testa (ITA)
7. Laura Misiak (POL)
8. Arina Zakharova (AIN)

**Cadet Men's Individual Epee**

1. Doruk Erolcevik (TÜR, gold)
2. Eslam Osama (EGY, silver)
3. Alexander Bezrodnov (USA, bronze)
3. Federico Varone (ITA, bronze)
5. Ole Petersen (GER)
6. Kerkko Jarvi (FIN)
7. Elisei Pisarev (AIN)
8. Noam Duchene (FRA)




**Day 8**
**Cadet Women's Individual Sabre**

1. Dorottya Csonka (HUN, gold)
2. Francesca Romana Lentini (ITA, silver)
3. Vittoria Mocchi (ITA, bronze)
3. Nargiza Jaksybaeva (UZB, bronze)
5. Qimiao Pan (CHN)
6. Sofia Novikova (AIN)
7. Maria Tretyakova (AIN)
8. Julie Xiao (CAN)

**Cadet Men's Individual Sabre**

1. Sardor Abdugarimbekov (UZB, gold)
2. Alpamis Urakboev (UZB, silver)
3. Motoki Kawahara (JPN, bronze)
3. Doyeon Kim (KOR, bronze)
5. Julian Maklakov (GER)
6. Massimo Sibillo (ITA)
7. Enno Chiang (NED)
8. Yigit Ayaz (TÜR)

**Day 9**
**Junior Women's Team Sabre**

1. France (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. Hungary (bronze)
4. Uzbekistan
5. USA
6. Kazakhstan
7. Poland
8. Mexico

**Junior Men's Team Sabre**

1. USA (gold)
2. Romania (silver)
3. Italy (bronze)
4. Egypt
5. Korea
6. Spain
7. Uzbekistan
8. Hungary

**Day 6**
**Junior Women's Team Epee**

1. USA (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. France (bronze)
4. Canada
5. China
6. Hungary
7. Ukraine
8. Hong Kong, China

**Junior Men's Team Epee**

1. Italy (gold)
2. France (silver)
3. Switzerland (bronze)
4. Hungary
5. USA
6. Egypt
7. Korea
8. Spain

**Day 7**
**Junior Women's Individual Sabre**

1. Qimiao Pan (CHN, gold)
2. Aleksandra Mikhailova (AIN, silver)
3. Luisa Fernanda Herrera Lara (UZB, bronze)
3. Alejandra Manga (FRA, bronze)
5. Magda Skarbonkiewicz (USA)
6. Alexandra Kuvaeva (GEO)
7. Anna Spiesz (HUN)
8. Amalia Stan (ROU)

**Junior Men's Individual Sabre**

1. Vlad Covaliu (ROU, gold)
2. Pavel Gaudyn (AIN, silver)
3. Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze)
3. William Morrill (USA, bronze)
5. In Park (KOR)
6. Remi Garrigue (FRA)
7. Ilia Kostjukov (AIN)
8. Cody Walter Ji (USA)



## 2024 GRAND PRIX

The 2024 Grand Prix schedule included nine events around the world comprising three women's and men's competitions each in epee, foil and sabre. Of these, eight Grand Prix events were part of the 2023-2024 competition season and were especially well attended with the forthcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and one event (Orléans sabre in December) was part of the 2024-2025 season. In all, there were 3,703 entrants in 2024 Grand Prix competition globally.

Epee Grand Prix events included Doha, Qatar; Budapest, Hungary; and Cali, Colombia. There were 1,505 total entries for epee, including 675 women and 830 men.

Foil Grand Prix events included Turin, Italy; Washington, D.C., USA; and Shanghai, China. There were 1,189 total entries for foil, including 523 women and 666 men.

Sabre Grand Prix events included Tunis, Tunisia; Seoul, Korea; and Orléans, France. There were 1,009 total entries for sabre, including 460 women and 549 men.

### GRAND PRIX ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

EVENT	WOMEN	MEN	%
EPEE	675	830	40%
FOIL	523	666	32%
SABRE	460	549	27%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1658</b>	<b>2045</b>	

#### TUNIS, TUNISIA SABRE GRAND PRIX – JANUARY 12-14

##### Men

Colin Heathcock (USA, gold)  
Fares Ferjani (TUN, silver)  
Sandro Bazadze (GEO, bronze)  
Aron Szilagyi, (HUN, bronze)

#### DOHA, QATAR EPEE GRAND PRIX – JANUARY 29-31

##### Women

Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG, gold)  
Giulia Rizzi (ITA, silver)  
Hadley Husisian (USA, bronze)  
Darja Varfolomyeyeva (UKR, bronze)

##### Men

Yuval Shalom Freilich (ISR, gold)  
Federico Vismara (ITA, silver)  
Samuel Imrek (USA, bronze)  
Yeisser Ramirez (USA, bronze)

#### TURIN, ITALY FOIL GRAND PRIX – FEBRUARY 9-11

##### Women

Lee Kiefer (USA, gold)  
Martina Favaretto (ITA, silver)  
Arianna Errigo (ITA, bronze)  
Anne Sauer (GER, bronze)

##### Men

Ka Long Cheung (HKG, gold)  
Alexander Choupenitch (CZE, silver)  
Nick Itkin (USA, bronze)  
Enzo Lefort (FRA, bronze)



**BUDAPEST, HUNGARY “WESTEND”  
EPEE GRAND PRIX, MARCH 8-10**

**Women**

Anna Kun (HUN, gold)  
Eszter Muhari (HUN, silver)  
Marie-Florence Candassamy (FRA, bronze), Nathalie Moellhausen (BRA, bronze)

**Men**

Yannick Borel (FRA, gold)  
Gergely Siklosi (HUN, silver)  
Mate Tamas Koch (HUN, bronze)  
Youngjun Kweon (KOR, bronze)

**WASHINGTON, D.C., USA FOIL GRAND  
PRIX – MARCH 15-17**

**Women**

Lee Kiefer (USA, gold)  
Arianna Errigo (ITA, silver)  
Lauren Scruggs (USA, bronze)  
Anne Sauer (GER, bronze)

**Men**

Nick Itkin (USA, gold)  
Enzo Lefort (FRA, silver)  
Filippo Macchi (ITA, bronze)  
Kyosuke Matsuyama (JPN, bronze)

**CALI, COLOMBIA EPEE GRAND PRIX –  
MAY 3-5**

**Women**

Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, gold)  
Giulia Rizzi (ITA, silver)  
Federica Isola (ITA, bronze)  
Nathalie Moellhausen (BRA, bronze)

**Men**

Koki Kano (JPN, gold)  
Gergely Siklosi (HUN, silver)  
Mate Tamas Koch (HUN, bronze)  
Mohamed Nada Saleh (EGY, bronze)

**SEOUL, KOREA SK TELECOM SABRE  
GRAND PRIX – MAY 4-6**

**Women**

Araceli Navarro (ESP, gold)  
Sarah Noutcha (FRA, silver)  
Sara Balzer (FRA, bronze)  
Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, bronze)

**Men**

Ziad Elsisy (EGY, gold)  
Sandro Bazadze (GEO, silver)  
Filip Dolegiewicz (USA, bronze)  
Colin Heathcock (USA, bronze)

**SHANGHAI, CHINA FOIL GRAND PRIX –  
MAY 17-19**

**Women**

Martina Favaretto (ITA, gold)  
Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL, silver)  
Lee Kiefer (USA, bronze)  
Pauline Ranvier (FRA, bronze)

**Men**

Ka Long Cheung (HKG, gold)  
Gerek Meinhardt (USA, silver)  
Mohamed Hamza (EGY, bronze)  
Kazuki Iimura (JPN, bronze)

**ORLÉANS “TROPHÉE NUOMA” SABRE  
GRAND PRIX – DECEMBER 5-7**

**Women**

Hayoung Jeon (KOR, gold)  
Theodora Gkountoura (GRE, silver)  
Yoana Ilieva (BUL, bronze)  
Despina Georgiadou (GRE, bronze)

**Men**

Jean-Philippe Patrice (FRA, gold)  
Colin Heathcock (USA, silver)  
Fares Ferjani (TUN, bronze)  
Sebastien Patrice (FRA, bronze)



# 2024 WORLD CUPS

▼ Vancouver, Canada



## FENCING WORLD CUP vias

### WORLD CUPS ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

EVENT	WOMEN	MEN	%
EPEE	1052	1475	39%
FOIL	919	1164	32%
SABRE	818	1064	29%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2789</b>	<b>3703</b>	

**T**wenty-four Senior World Cups, which include **Individual** and **Team** competition, took place in all three weapons and in 22 cities around the world in 2024, including a total of 6,633 **Individual** and 698 **Team** entries. About one-third of the World Cups took place in the Fall of 2024, which was the 2024-2025 competition season. Some of the events combined **Men's** and **Women's** events, while others were gender-specific.



Vancouver, Canada ▼

#### TBILISI MEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP FEB 9-11

##### Individual

- Aron Szilagy (HUN, gold)
- Ali Pakdaman (IRI, silver)
- Sandro Bazadze (GEO, bronze)
- Luigi Samele (ITA, bronze)

##### Team

- Korea (gold)
- Hungary (silver)
- USA (bronze)

#### HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY "70 HEIDENHEIMER POKAL" MEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP FEB 22-24

##### Individual

- Masaru Yamada (JPN, gold)
- Enrico Piatti (ITA, silver)
- Federico Vismara (ITA, bronze)
- Paul Allegre (FRA, bronze)

##### Team

- Hungary (gold)
- Japan (silver)
- France (bronze)

#### CAIRO, EGYPT NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT WOMEN'S & MEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP FEB 2

##### Women's I

- Martina Favaretto (ITA, gold)
- Lee Kiefer (USA, silver)
- Jacqueline Dubrovich (USA, bronze)
- Martina Sinigalia (ITA, bronze)

##### Men's Individual

- Tommaso Marini (ITA, gold)
- Edoardo Luperi (ITA, silver)
- Ziwei Mo (CHN, bronze)
- Daniel Dosa (HUN, bronze)

##### Women's Team

- USA (gold)
- Italy (silver)
- Japan (bronze)

##### Men's Team

- Italy (gold)
- Japan (silver)
- USA (bronze)

#### ATHENS, GREECE, "COUPE ACROPOLIS" WOMEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP - MARCH 1-3

##### Individual

- Sara Balzer (FRA, gold)
- Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, silver)
- Manon Apithy-Brunet (FRA, bronze)
- Olga Kharlan (UKR, bronze)

##### Team

- France (gold)
- Ukraine (silver)
- Bulgaria (bronze)

Madrid, Spain ▼



#### PARIS WOMEN'S & MEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP - JAN 15

##### Women's Individual

- Qingyuan Chen (CHN, gold)
- Elena Tangherlini (ITA, silver)
- Martina Favaretto (ITA, bronze)
- Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN, bronze)

##### Men's Individual

- Tommaso Marini (ITA, gold)
- Alessio Focconi (ITA, silver)
- Guillaume Bianchi (ITA, bronze)
- Filippo Macchi (ITA, bronze)

##### Women's Team

- Italy (gold), France (silver), Poland (bronze)

##### Men's Team

- USA (gold), Japan (silver), France (bronze)

#### BARCELONA WOMEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP FEB 9-11

##### Individual

- Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG, gold)
- Sera Song (KOR, silver)
- Eszter Muhari (HUN, bronze)
- Renata Knapik-Miazga (POL, bronze)

##### Team

- Italy (gold)
- Korea (silver)
- China (bronze)

#### LIMA WOMEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP FEB 9-11

##### Individual

- Olga Kharlan (UKR, gold)
- Sugar Katinka Battai (HUN, silver)
- Zaynab Dayibekova (UZB, bronze)
- Elizabeth Tartakovsky (bronze)

##### Team

- France (gold)
- Italy (silver)
- Hungary (bronze)



▼ FUJAIRAH, UAE ▲

**PADUA, ITALY "TROPHÉE LUXARDO"  
MEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP – MARCH 1-3**
**Individual**

Colin Heathcock (USA, gold)  
Luigi Samele (ITA, silver)  
Ziad Elsisy (EGY, bronze)  
Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze)

**Team**

Korea (gold)  
USA (silver)  
France (bronze)

**SINT-NIKLAAS, BELGIUM WOMEN'S  
SABRE "SGK LADIES WORLD CUP"  
MARCH 15-17**
**Individual**

Sara Balzer (FRA, gold)  
Misaki Emura (JPN, silver)  
Martina Criscio (ITA, bronze)  
Theodora Gkountoura (GRE, bronze)

**Team**

France (gold)  
Hungary (silver)  
Ukraine (bronze)

**BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, MEN'S SABRE  
WORLD CUP – MARCH 22-24**
**Individual**

Andras Szatmari (HUN, gold)  
Luca Curatoli (ITA, silver)  
Ali Pakdaman (IRI, bronze)  
Enver Yildirim (TÜR, bronze)

**Team**

USA (gold)  
Korea (silver)  
Germany (bronze)

**NANJING, CHINA, WOMEN'S EPEE  
WORLD CUP – MARCH 22-24**
**Individual**

Giulia Rizzi (ITA, gold)  
Sera Song (KOR, silver)  
Alberta Santuccio (ITA, bronze)  
Martyna Swatowska-Wenglarczyk (POL, bronze)

**Team**

Italy (gold)  
China (silver)  
Hungary (bronze)

**TBILISI, GEORGIA, MEN'S EPEE WORLD  
CUP – MARCH 22-24**
**Individual**

Romain Cannone (FRA, gold)  
Neisser Loyola (BEL, silver)  
Alexandre Bardenet (FRA, bronze)  
David Nagy (HUN, bronze)

**Team**

France (gold)  
Czechia (silver)  
Kazakhstan (bronze)

**HONG KONG, CHINA WOMEN'S & MEN'S  
FOIL WORLD CUP MAY 1-4**
**Women's Individual**

Maia Mei Weintraub (USA, gold)  
Elena Tangherlini (ITA, silver)  
Jacqueline Dubrovich (USA, bronze)  
Arianna Errigo (ITA, bronze)

**Men's Individual**

Guillaume Bianchi (ITA, gold)  
Takahiro Shikine (JPN, silver)  
Carlos Llavador (ESP, bronze)  
Tommaso Marini (ITA, bronze)

**Women's Team**

Italy (gold)  
France (silver)  
Ukraine (bronze)

**Men's Team**

Hong Kong-China (gold)  
Italy (silver)  
Korea (bronze)





◀ TUNIS, TUNISIA ▶

**FUJAIRAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WOMEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19**
**Individual**

Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG, gold)  
 Pauline Brunner (SUI, silver)  
 Alberta Santuccio (ITA, bronze)  
 Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, bronze)

**Team**

Korea (gold)  
 Italy (silver)  
 Switzerland (bronze)

**MADRID, SPAIN MEN'S SABRE "VILLA DE MADRID" WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19**
**Individual**

Sebastien Patrice (FRA, gold)  
 Hansol Ha (KOR, silver)  
 William Morrill (USA, bronze)  
 Matteo Neri (ITA, bronze)

**Team**

USA (gold)  
 Egypt (silver)  
 Hungary (bronze)

**PLOVDIV, BULGARIA WOMEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19**
**Individual**

Sara Balzer (FRA, gold)  
 Olga Kharlan (UKR, silver)  
 Misaki Emura (JPN, bronze)  
 Despina Georgiadou (GRE, bronze)

**Team**

Ukraine (gold)  
 Spain (silver)  
 France (bronze)

**SAINT-MAUR-DES-FOSSÉS, FRANCE MEN'S EPEE "CHALLENGE MONAL" WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19**
**Individual**

Gergely Siklosi (HUN, gold)  
 Masaru Yamada (JPN, silver)  
 Davide Di Veroli (ITA, bronze)  
 Zijie Wang (CHN, bronze)

**Team**

Japan (gold)  
 France (silver)  
 Kazakhstan (bronze)

**BERN, SWITZERLAND MEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP – NOVEMBER 8-10**
**Individual**

Mate Tamas Koch (HUN, gold)  
 Giacomo Paolini (ITA, silver)  
 Matteo Galassi (ITA, bronze)  
 Xinkun Zhang (CHN, bronze)

**Team**

Hungary (gold)  
 Japan (silver)  
 France (bronze)

**FUJAIRAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WOMEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP – NOVEMBER 8-10**
**Individual**

Sara Maria Kowalczyk (ITA, gold)  
 Giulia Rizzi (ITA, silver)  
 Irina Embrich (EST, bronze),  
 Lauren Rembi (FRA, bronze)

**Team**

Estonia (gold)  
 Italy (silver)  
 USA (bronze)

**ORAN, ALGERIA WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP – NOVEMBER 7-10**
**Women's Individual**

Hayoung Jeon (KOR, gold)  
 Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, silver)  
 Sugar Katinka Battai (HUN, bronze)  
 Celia Perez Cuenca (ESP, bronze)

**Men's Individual**

Sebastien Patrice (FRA, gold)  
 Radu Nitu (ROU, silver)  
 Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze)  
 Sangwon Park (KOR, bronze)

**Women's Team**

Hungary (gold)  
 Poland (silver)  
 Korea (bronze)

**Men's Team**

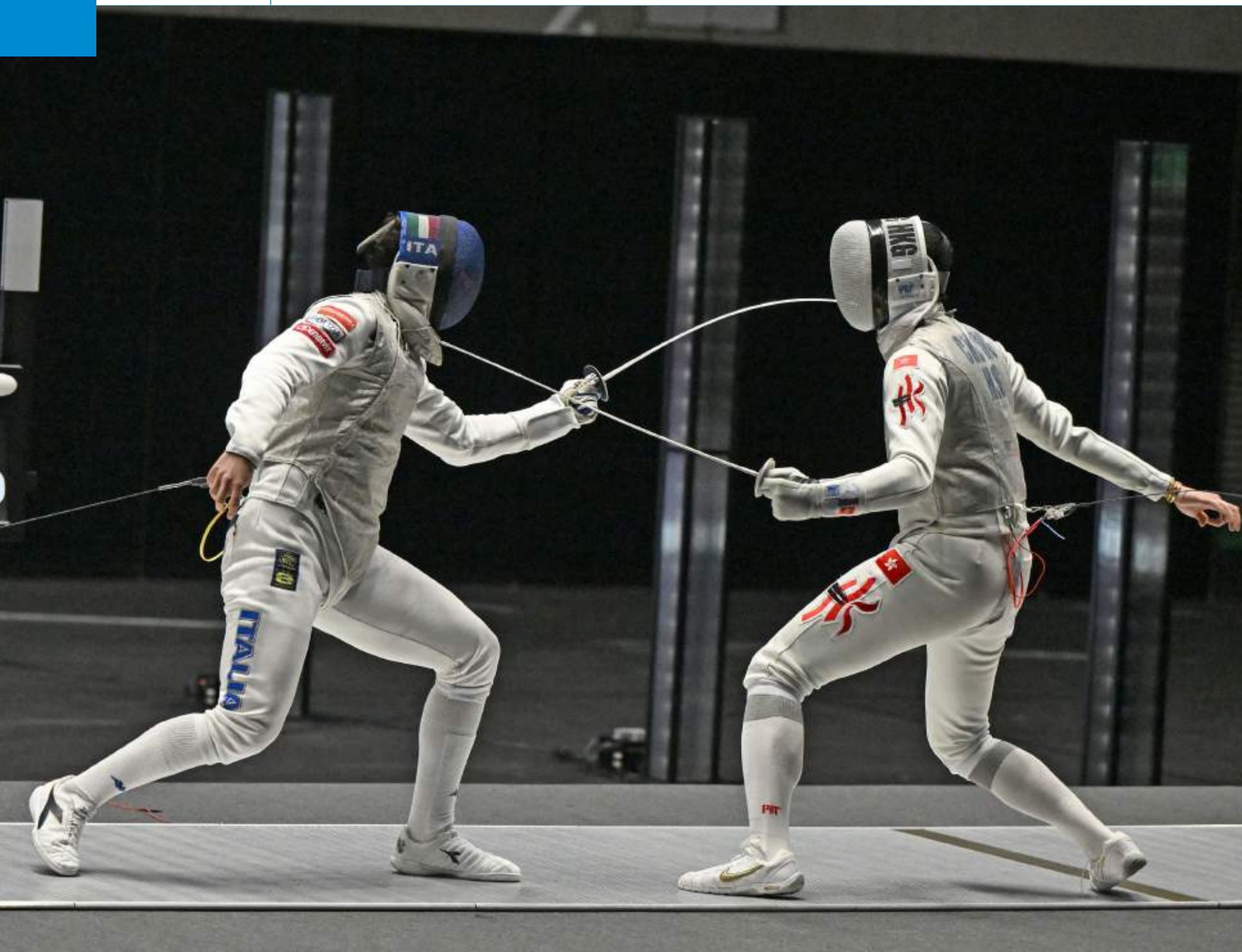
Korea (gold),  
 Iran (silver)  
 Italy (bronze)



Busan, South Korea



▲ BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA



▲ TAKASAKI, JAPAN

**TUNIS, TUNISIA WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP – NOV. 21-24**
**Women's Individual**

- Martina Favaretto (ITA, gold)
- Arianna Errigo (ITA, silver)
- Eleanor Harvey (CAN, bronze)
- Julia Walczyk-Klimaszuk (POL, bronze)

**Men's Individual**

- Alexander Massialas (USA, gold)
- Bryce Louie (USA, silver)
- Alexander Choupenitch (CZE, bronze)
- Mohamed Hamza (EGY, bronze)

**Women's Team**

- Japan (gold)
- Ukraine (silver)
- Korea (bronze)

**Men's Team**

- Italy (gold)
- USA (silver)
- France (bronze)

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA WOMEN'S AND MEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP – NOV. 21-24**
**Women's Individual**

- Sera Song (KOR, gold)
- Katrina Lehis (EST, silver)
- Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh (HKG, bronze),
- Nelli Differt (EST, bronze)

**Men's Individual**

- Yuval Shalom Freilich (ISR, gold)
- Eugeni Gavalda (ESP, silver)
- Dylan French (CAN, bronze)
- Wai Hang Ho (HKG, bronze),

**Women's Team**

- Korea (gold)
- Ukraine (silver)
- France (bronze)

**Men's Team**

- Hungary (gold)
- Japan (silver)
- Kazakhstan (bronze)

▼ TAKASAKI, JAPAN


**BUSAN, KOREA WOMEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP – DEC. 5-7**
**Individual**

- Elena Tangherlini (ITA, gold)
- Eleanor Harvey (CAN, silver)
- Anna Cristino (ITA, bronze)
- Yuka Ueno (JPN, bronze)

**Team**

- Italy (gold)
- USA (silver)
- France (bronze)

**TAKASAKI, JAPAN NEXUS MEN'S FOIL PRINCE TAKAMADO TROPHY WORLD CUP – DEC. 6-8**
**Individual**

- Alessio Foconi (ITA, gold)
- Filippo Macchi (ITA, silver)
- Alexander Massialas (USA, bronze)
- Ka Long Cheung (HKG, bronze)

**Team**

- Italy (gold)
- USA (silver)
- France (bronze)

▼ BUSAN, KOREA



# 2024 DUBAI VETERAN FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Dubai, United Arab Emirates hosted the 2024 Veteran Fencing World Championships, welcoming 736 fencers for seven days of individual and team competition from October 11-17. In all, 24 medals were awarded in 18 individual and 6 team events in all three weapons. There were 58 countries represented, and competitor age groups included athletes in their 50s, 60 and 70s-plus. The event took place at the Hamdan Sports Complex, the same venue as where the 2022 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships were held.

## 2024 DUBAI VETERAN FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

EVENT	ATHLETES	%
EPEE	370	44%
FOIL	247	30%
SABRE	216	26%

### WOMEN MEN TOTAL

**328 505 833**

Total fencers participating (individual events): **833**

Total fencers (individually): **736**

**58 NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES**

## TEAM & INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS

DATE	AGE	EVENT	WEAPON	GENDER	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	BRONZE
11-Oct	50-59	Individual	Sabre	Women	Nicole Thome (GER)	Zarina Tiliakhodzhaeva (AIN)	Julie Seal (USA)	Dorothea Tanzmeister (AUT)
	60-69	Individual	Sabre	Women	Robin Pernice (USA)	Lydia Fabry (USA)	Michele Narey (GBR)	Min Yi Du (AUS)
	70+	Individual	Sabre	Women	Jennette Starks-Faulkner (USA)	Vivien Ena Frith (GBR)	Jeannine Bender (USA)	Linda Dunn (USA)
	70+	Individual	Sabre	Men	Giulio Paroli (ITA)	Joseph Streb (USA)	Donald Malnati (USA)	Riccardo Carmina (ITA)
12-Oct	50-59	Individual	Sabre	Men	Oliver Emmerich (ITA)	Stefano Lanciotti (ITA)	Kim Phillips (USA)	Ronald Thornton (USA)
	60-69	Individual	Sabre	Men	George Matt (USA)	Aleh Pimenau (NED)	Alberto Feira Chios (ITA)	Joshua Runyan (USA)
13-Oct	50-59	Individual	Foil	Women	Inessa Rodionova (AIN)	Hilke Kollmetz (GER)	Valerie Preaux (FRA)	Jane Carter (USA)
		Individual	Foil	Women	Sheila Anderson (GBR)	Jenny Bonney-Millett (AUS)	Astrid Kircheis (GER)	Stefanie Reese (GER)
	70+	Individual	Foil	Women	Anne-Marie Walters (USA)	Kaoru Amari (JPN)	Jane Clayton (GBR)	Antoinette Willard (FRA)
		Team	Sabre	Men	USA	Great Britain	Austria	
14-Oct	50-59	Individual	Foil	Men	Cyril Lacroix (FRA)	Nicolas Piofret (FRA)	C. Rafael A. Suarez (USA)	Darko Limov (CRO)
	60-69	Individual	Foil	Men	Christian Dousse (SUI)	Igor Tarasov (AIN)	Greerson McMullen Sr. (GBR)	Yury Shvarts (AIN)
	70+	Individual	Foil	Men	Richard Purdie (AUS)	Maurizio Galvan (ITA)	Philippe Bennett (USA)	Joseph Streb (USA)
		Team	Foil	Women	USA	Germany	Italy	
15-Oct	50-59	Individual	Epee	Women	Georgina Usher (GBR)	Gianna Hablutzel-Burki (SUI)	Pia Albertson (SWE)	Annalisa Avancini (ITA)
	60-69	Individual	Epee	Women	Paula Soitjala (FIN)	Sarah Osvath (AUS)	Carole Poncelet (FRA)	Frauke Hohlbein (GER)
	60-69	Individual	Epee	Men	Achim Bellmann (GER)	Herve Le Barbier (FRA)	Federico Strano (ITA)	Mariusz Krzeminski (POL)
		Team	Foil	Men	France	USA	Italy	
16-Oct	50-59	Individual	Epee	Men	Francois Wacquez (FRA)	Emmanuel Payret Lacombe (FRA)	Tobias Lee (USA)	Raphael Crespelle (FRA)
	70+	Individual	Epee	Men	Daryl Taylor (USA)	Eiichi Ide (JPN)	Bruno Goossens (USA)	Volker Fischer (GER)
	70+	Individual	Epee	Women	Elizabeth Kocab (USA)	Jane Clayton (GBR)	Marja-Liisa Tuulikki Someroja (FIN)	Angela Kummich (GER)
17-Oct	Team	Team	Epee	Women	Germany	USA	France	
		Team	Epee	Men	Germany	France	Great Britain	





VETERAN FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DUBAI - 2004						VETERAN FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DUBAI - 2004					
PLACE	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL	PLACE	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	USA	9	4	13	26	9	FINLAND	1	0	1	2
2	GERMANY	4	2	5	11	10	JAPAN	0	2	0	2
3	FRANCE	3	4	5	12	11	NETHERLANDS	0	1	0	1
4	ITALY	2	3	6	11	12	POLAND	0	0	2	2
5	GREAT BRITAIN	2	3	4	9	12	AUSTRIA	0	0	2	2
6	AUSTRALIA	1	2	1	4	14	SWEDEN	0	0	1	1
6	(AIN)	1	2	1	4	14	CROATIA	0	0	1	1
8	SWITZERLAND	1	1	0	2						

FIE Vice President Abdelmoneim Elhamy El Husseiny of Egypt presented the Closing Ceremony, and stating, "The veteran fencers we have seen this week in Dubai have been an inspiration to the entire world of fencing. They represent passion, athleticism and a love for fencing as a lifelong sport. On behalf of the global fencing family, we applaud them all." **FIE**



Overall, the Championships increased in individual participation by 34.5% over the 2023 Daytona Veteran Fencing World Championships, and the number of participating countries grew by 38.1%. Some fencers competed in multiple events/weapons, raising the total number of event entries to 855 fencers in all.

The USA won the medal count for the Championships, winning a total of 26 medals (9 gold, 4 silver, 13 bronze), followed by Germany with 11 (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze) and France with 12 (3 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze). Of all the medals awarded, 14 countries earned at least one.

As with other World Championships and Grand Prix events, these Championships were livestreamed on the FIE YouTube channel with live commentary and video of the competition from the rounds of 16 through the finals and medal ceremonies. Numerous social media posts on all FIE platforms were posted daily, and followed by fans worldwide.





▼ Differdange, Luxembourg



▼ San Jose, Costa Rica



Fujairah, UAE ▼

# 2024 OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

In 2024, each FIE zonal region hosted two major events, including a zonal championship and an Olympic qualifier. The zones include Europe, Americas, Asia/Oceania and Africa.



▲ Algiers, Algeria

## OLYMPIC QUALIFIER RESULTS

The Olympic qualifier zonal competitions took place prior to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. These were held in Differdange, Luxembourg (Europe); San José, Costa Rica (Pan America); Fujairah, UAE (Asia/Oceania); and Algiers, Algeria (Africa).

The following athletes each won their respective events in their region, qualifying them to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games:

### Europe (April 26-28)

- Women's Epee: Pauline Brunner (SUI)
- Men's Epee: Tristan Tulen (NED)
- Women's Foil: Malina Calugareanu (ROM)
- Men's Foil: Alex Tofalides (CYP)
- Women's Sabre: Yoana Ilieva (BUL)
- Men's Sabre: Enver Yildirim (TÜR)

### Pan America (April 5-7)

- Women's Epee: Maria Luisa Doig Calderon (PER)
- Men's Epee: Nicholas Zhang (CAN)
- Women's Foil: Mariana Pistoia (BRA)
- Men's Foil: Kruz Schembri (ISV)
- Women's Sabre: Katherine F. Paredes Torres (VEN)
- Men's Sabre: Gibran Zea (MEX)

### Asia/Oceania (April 27-28)

- Women's Epee: Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman (SIN)
- Men's Epee: Wai Hang Ho (HKG)
- Women's Foil: Samantha Kyle Catantan (PHI)
- Men's Foil: Yi-Tung Chen (TPE)
- Women's Sabre: Aigerim Sarybay (KAZ)
- Men's Sabre: Chenpeng Shen (CHN)

### Africa (April 27)

- Women's Epee: Ndeye Binta Diongue (SEN)
- Men's Epee: Harry Saner (RSA)
- Women's Foil: Youssra Zakarani (MAR)
- Men's Foil: Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel (CIV)
- Women's Sabre: Yasmine Daghfous (TUN)
- Men's Sabre: Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG)



**SAN JOSÉ, Costa Rica, April 5-7, 2024** – The Pan American Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in San José, Costa Rica, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event will be eligible to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the Eddy Cortez National Gymnasium.

**Women’s Epee.** Peru’s Maria Luisa Doig Calderon won the women’s individual epee event, with 15 fencers competing. Doig Calderon faced Canada’s Ruien Xiao in the final bout, winning with an 8-7 score. In the semifinal round, Xiao won against Argentina’s Isabel Di Tella, 9-8, while Doig Calderon defeated Paraguay’s Montserrat Viveros, 15-12.

**Men’s Epee.** Canada’s Nicholas Zhang won the men’s individual epee event, with 17 fencers competing. Zhang faced Brazil’s Alexandre Camargo in the final bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Camargo won against USA’s Jonas Hansen, 13-7, while Zhang defeated Chile’s Pablo Nunez, 15-9.

**Women’s Foil.** Brazil’s Mariana Pistoia won the women’s individual foil event, with 14 fencers competing. Pistoia faced Venezuela’s Isis Gimenez in the final bout, winning with an 11-10 score. In the semifinal round, Gimenez won against Mexico’s Alely Hernandez, 10-15, while Pistoia defeated Colombia’s Tatiana Prieto, 15-8.

**Men’s Foil.** The U.S. Virgin Islands’ Kruz Schembri won the men’s individual foil event, with 13 fencers competing. Schembri faced Mexico’s Diego Cervantes in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Cervantes won against Chile’s Leopoldo Alarcon, 15-10, while Schembri defeated Puerto Rico’s Cesar Colon Lopez, 15-10.

**Women’s Sabre.** Venezuela’s Katherine F. Paredes Torres won the women’s individual sabre event, with 15 fencers competing. Paredes Torres faced Cuba’s Leidis Maris Veranes Mustelier in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Veranes Mustelier won against Maria Belen Perez Maurice by default after a medical withdrawal, while Paredes Torres defeated Dominican Republic’s Heddys Valentin, 15-13.

**Men’s Sabre.** Mexico’s Gibran Zea won the men’s individual sabre event, with 13 fencers competing. Zea faced Puerto Rico’s Rafael Western Reyes in the final bout, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Western Reyes won against Venezuela’s Eliecer Romero, 15-12, while Zea defeated Colombia’s Sebastian Cuellar, 15-7.

**Final rankings in women’s epee included** Maria Luisa Doig Calderon (PER, gold), Ruien Xiao (CAN, silver), Isabel Di Tella (ARG, bronze), Montserrat Viveros (PAR, bronze), Analia Fernandez (CHI), Lizzie Asis (VEN), Maria Fernanda Morales (MEX) and Karina Dyer (CRC).

**Final rankings in men’s epee included** Nicholas Zhang (CAN, gold), Alexandre Camargo (BRA, silver), Pablo Nunez (CHI, bronze), Jonas Hansen (USA, bronze), Jesus Andres Lugones Ruggeri (ARG), Leandro Sauri (MEX), Arturo Isaac Dorati Ameglio (PAN) and Vicente Antonio Rojas Cruz (NCA).

**Final rankings in women’s foil included** Maraian Pistoia (BRA, gold), Isis Gimenez (VEN, silver), Alely Hernandez (MEX, bronze), Tatiana Prieto (COL, bronze), Yasmin Campbell (JAM), Athina Gonzalez Ciavarella (ARG), Ariana Belen Fuentes Henriquez (ESA) and Valentina Olivera (URU).

**Final rankings in men’s foil included** Kruz Schembri (ISV, gold), Diego Cervantes (MEX, silver), Leopoldo Alarcon (CHI, bronze), Cesar Colon Lopez (PUR, bronze), David Ospina Ladron De Guevara (COL), Augusto Antonio Servello (ARG), Cesare Aguirre (VEN) and Cristian Porras (GUA).

**Final rankings in women’s sabre included** Katherine F. Paredes Torres (VEN, gold), Leidis Maris Veranes Mustelier (CUB, silver), Maria Belen Perez Maurice (ARG, bronze), Heyddys Valentin (DOM, bronze), Karina Trois (BRA), Julieta Toledo (MEX), Jessica Yolima Morales Linares (COL) and Eileen Grench (PAN).

**Final rankings in men’s sabre included** Gibran Zea (MEX, gold), Rafael Western Reyes (PUR, silver), Sebastian Cuellar (COL, bronze), Eliecer Romero (VEN, bronze), Henrique Garrigos (BRA), Guillermo Maclean (URU), Lukas Eichhorn (PER) and Cristofer Elias Cortez Yancosek (ECU).



# PAN AMERICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER



**Women's Epee.** Switzerland's Pauline Brunner won the women's individual epee event, with 24 fencers competing. Pauline Brunner faced Israel's Dar Hecht in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Hecht won against Great Britain's Julia Caron, 15-12, while Brunner defeated Sweden's Emma Fransson, 15-13.

**Men's Epee.** The Netherlands' Tristan Tulen won the men's individual epee event, with 31 fencers competing. Tulen faced Portugal's Miguel Frazao in the final bout, winning with a 15-6 score. In the semifinal round, Frazao won against Spain's Yulen Pereira, 15-11, while Tulen defeated Austria's Josef Mahringer, 15-9.

**Women's Foil.** Romania's Malina Calugareanu won the women's individual foil event, with 19 fencers competing. Calugareanu faced Great Britain's Carolina Stutchbury in the final bout, winning with a 10-9 score. In the semifinal round, Stutchbury won against Ukraine's Alina Polozhiuk, 15-11, while Calugareanu defeated Türkiye's Irem Karamete, 15-12.

**Men's Foil.** Cyprus' Alex Tofalides won the men's individual foil event, with 22 fencers competing. Tofalides faced Belgium's Stef De Greef in the final bout, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, De Greef won against Croatia's Petar Files, 15-7, while Tofalides defeated Denmark's Jonas Winterberg-Poulsen, 15-12.

**Women's Sabre.** Bulgaria's Yoana Ilieva won the women's individual sabre event, with 13 fencers competing. Ilieva faced Türkiye's Nisanur Erbil in the final bout, winning with a 15-5 score. In the semifinal round, Erbil won against Poland's Malgorzata Kozaczuk, 15-12, while Ilieva defeated German's Larissa Eifler, 15-13.



**Men's Sabre.** Türkiye's Enver Yildirim won the men's individual sabre event, with 17 fencers competing. Yildirim faced Romania's Iulian Teodosiu in the final bout, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Teodosiu won against Poland's Szymon Hryciuk, 15-12, while Yildirim defeated Spain's Santiago Madrigal, 15-12.

**Final rankings in women's epee included** Pauline Brunner (SUI, gold), Dar Hecht (ISR, silver), Emma Fransson (SWE, bronze), Julia Caron (GBR, bronze), Alexandra Predescu (ROU), Maia Guchmazova (GEO), Aleyna Erturk (TÜR) and Sofija Prosina (LAT).

**Final rankings in men's epee included** Tristan Tulen (NED, gold), Miguel Frazao (POR, silver), Josef Mahringer (AUT, bronze), Yulen Pereira (ESP, bronze), Alexis Bayard (SUI), Flavio Giannotte (LUX), Niko Vuorinen (FIN) and Igor Reizlin (UKR).

**Final rankings in women's foil included** Malina Calugareanu (ROU, gold), Carolina Stutchbury (GBR, silver), Irem Karamete (TÜR, bronze), Alina Polozhiuk (UKR, bronze), Aikaterini-Maria Kontochristopoulou (GRE), Stepanka Nemcova (CZE), Maria Marino (ESP) and Adeline Senic (MDA).

**Final rankings in men's foil included** Alex Tofalides (CYP, gold), Stef De Greef (BEL, silver), Petar Files (CRO, bronze), Jonas Winterberg-Poulsen (DEN, bronze), Carlos Llavador (ESP), Veljko Cuk (SRB), Luka Gaganidze (GEO) and Alexander Kahl (GER).

**Final rankings in women's sabre included** Yoana Ilieva (BUL, gold), Nisanur Erbil (TÜR, silver), Larissa Eifler (GER, bronze), Malgorzata Kozaczuk (POL, bronze), Anna Bashta (AZE), Caitlin Maxwell (GBR), Lika Jijieishvili (GEO), Sabina Martis (ROU).

**Final rankings in men's sabre included** Enver Yildirim (TÜR, gold), Iulian Teodosiu (ROU, silver), Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze), Szymon Hryciuk (POL, bronze), Andriy Yagodka (UKR), Todor Stoychev (BUL), David Frumgarzts (ISR) and William Deary (GBR).

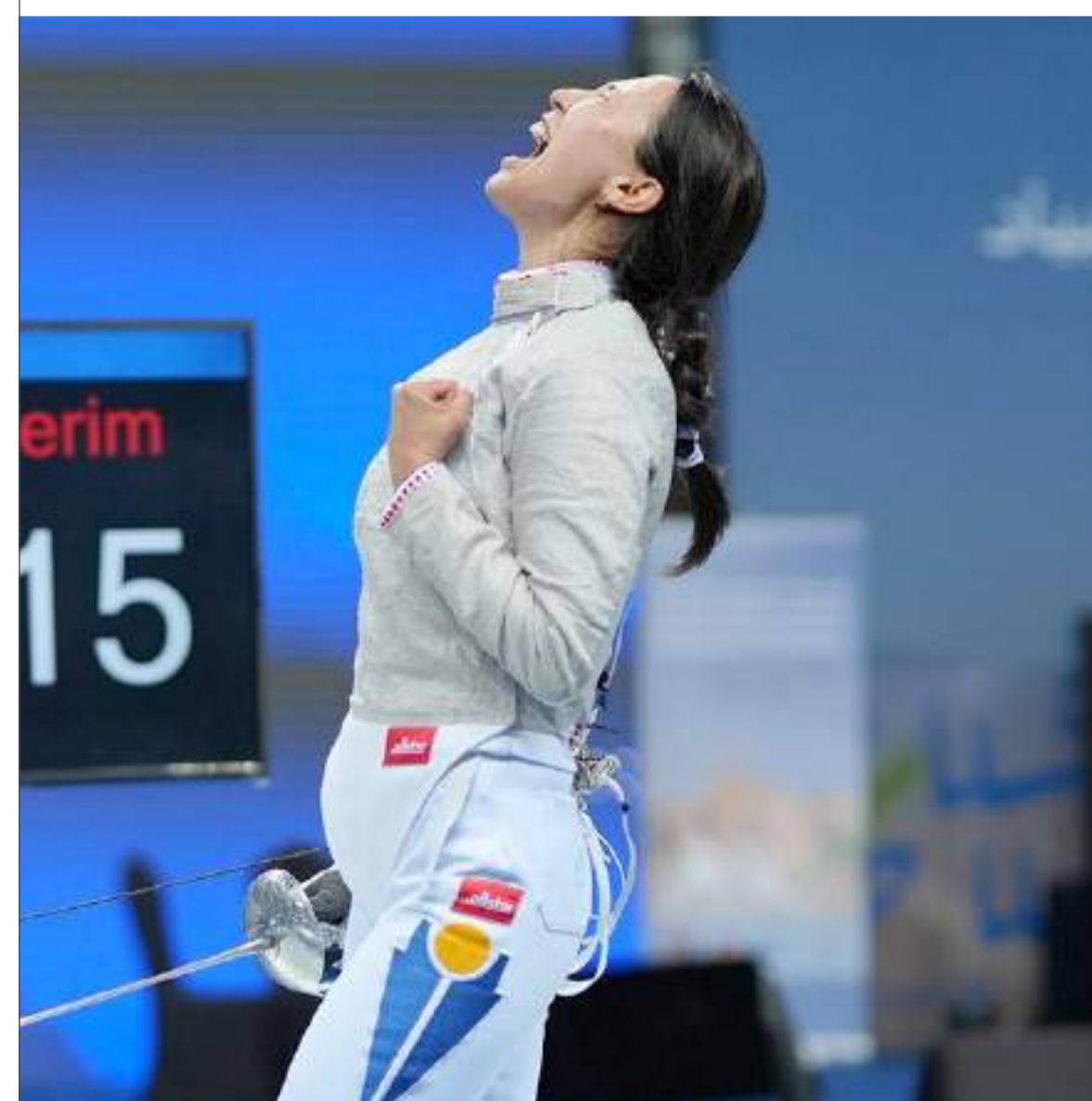
## EUROPE OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

**DIFFERDANGE, Luxembourg, April 26-28, 2024 –**

The European Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in Differdange, Luxembourg, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event qualifies to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the "EIDE" (Ecole Internationale Differdange et Esch/Alzette).



# ASIA/OCEANIA OLYMPIC QUALIFIER



**FUJAIRAH, United Arab Emirates, April 27-28, 2024** – The Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in Fujairah, UAE, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event qualifies to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the Zayed Sports Complex.

**Women’s Epee.** Singapore’s Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman won the women’s individual epee event, with 16 fencers competing. Abdul Rahman faced India’s Taniksha Khatri in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Khatri won against Uzbekistan’s Dilnaz Murzataeva, 15-11, while Abdul Rahman defeated Mongolia’s Amarzaya Batsaikhan, 15-13.

**Men’s Epee.** Hong Kong, China’s Wai Hang Ho won the men’s individual epee event, with 24 fencers competing. Ho faced Uzbekistan’s Javokhirbek Nurmatov in the final bout, winning with a 9-8 score. In the semifinal round, Nurmatov won against Vietnam’s Phuoc Den Nguyen, 11-10, while Ho defeated Iran’s Mohammad Esmaeili, 15-14.

**Women’s Foil.** The Philippines’ Samantha Kyle Catantan won the women’s individual foil event, with 14 fencers competing. Catantan faced Kazakhstan’s Sofiya Aktayeva, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Aktayeva won against Thailand’s Chayanutphat Shinnakerdchoke, 15-14, while Catantan defeated Korea’s Sena Hong, 15-3.

**Men’s Foil.** Chinese Taipei’s Yi-Tung Chen on the men’s individual foil event, with 16 fencers competing. Chen faced Singapore’s Samuel Elijah Robson in the final bout, winning with a 15-4 score. In the semifinal round, Robson won against Kazakhstan’s Galim Nurumov, 15-13, while Chen defeated Uzbekistan’s Mukhammad Yusuf Asranov, 15-10.

**Women’s Sabre.** Kazakhstan’s Aigerim Sarybay won the women’s individual sabre event, with 10 fencers competing. Sarybay faced Hong Kong, China’s Wing Kiu Chu in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Chu won against India’s Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman, 15-12, while Sarybay defeated Australia’s Veronika Vasileva, 15-11.

**Men’s Sabre.** China’s Chenpeng Shen won the men’s individual sabre event, with 16 fencers competing. Shen faced India’s Karan Singh Singh in the final bout, winning with a 15-2 score. In the semifinal round, Singh won against Uzbekistan’s Musa Aymuratov, 15-14, while Shen defeated Hong Kong, China’s Ho Tin Low, 15-6.

**Final rankings in women’s epee included** Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman (SGP, gold), Taniksha Khatri (IND, silver), Dilnaz Murzataeva (UZB, bronze), Amarzaya Batsaikhan (MGL, bronze), Sohiya Nikolaichuk (KAZ), Evelyn Halls (AUS), Li-Hsiang Hung (TPE) and Hanniel Abella (PHI).

**Final rankings in men’s epee included** Wai Hang Ho (HKG, gold), Javokhirbek Nurmatov (UZB, silver), Phuoc Den Nguyen (VIE, bronze), Mohammad Esmaeili (IRI, bronze), Jian Tong Sito (SGP), Rang Lee (TPE), Roman Petrov (KGZ) and Abdullah Al Hammadi (UAE).

**Final rankings in women’s foil included** Samantha Kyle Catantan (PHI, gold), Sofiya Aktayeva (KAZ, silver), Sena Hong (KOR, bronze), Chayanutphat Shinnakerdchoke (THA, bronze), Umida Ilyosova (UZB), Israa Al Siyabi (OMA), Roaa Majali (JOR) and Huang-Mei-Tzu Chang (TPE).

**Final rankings in men’s foil included** Yi-Tung Chen (TPE, gold), Samuel Elijah Robson (SGP, silver), Mukhammad Yusuf Asranov (UZB, bronze), Galim Nurumov (KAZ, bronze), Joseph Glasson (AUS), Ali Fadel Abbas (KUW), Philippe Wakim (LBN) and Hans Wei Shen Yoong (MAS).

**Final rankings in women’s sabre included** Aigerim Sarybay (KAZ, gold), Wing Kiu Chu (HKG, silver), Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman (IND, bronze), Veronika Vasileva (AUS, bronze), Najmeh Sazanjan (IRI), Ruba Almasri (KSA), Thi Khanh Linh Phung (VIE) and Juliet Jie Min Heng (SGP).

**Final rankings in men’s sabre included** Chenpeng Shen (CHN, gold), Karan Singh Singh (IND, silver), Musa Aymuratov (UZB, bronze), Ho Tin Low (HKG, bronze), Voragun Srinualnad (THA), Artyom Sarkissyan (KAZ), Thanh An Vu (VIE) and Abdallah Tahla (JOR).





**ALGIERS, Algeria, April 27, 2024** – The African Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in Algiers, Algeria, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event qualifies to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the Centre Sportif Féminin Ben Aknoun.

**Women's Epee.** Senegal's Ndeye Binta Diongue won the women's individual epee event, with eight fencers competing. Diongue faced Algeria's Charline Boukhelifa in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Boukhelifa won against Nigeria's Somto Eribenne, 15-10, while Diongue defeated Morocco's Camilia El Kord, 15-12.

**Men's Epee.** South Africa's Harry Saner won the men's individual epee event, with 10 fencers competing. Saner faced Mali's Keletigui Diabate in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Diabate won against Ivory Coast's Bedi Paul Alex Beugre, 5-5, while Saner defeated Mauritius' Satya Gunput, 15-14.

**Women's Foil.** Morocco's Youssra Zakarani won the women's individual foil event, with six fencers competing. Zakarani faced Senegal's Safietou Inna Namiya Coly in the final bout, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Coly won against Algeria's Meriem Mebarki, 15-9, while Zakarani defeated Tunisia's Nourane B'chir, 15-14.

**Men's Foil.** Ivory Coast's Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel won the men's individual foil event, with 10 fencers competing. Keryhuel faced Morocco's Amir El Rhazzouly in the final bout, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Rhazzouly won against Senegal's Noe Robin, 15-14, while Keryhuel defeated Mali's Mathieu Cheickh Jaques Prats, 15-2.

**Women's Sabre.** Tunisia's Yasmine Daghfous won the women's individual sabre event, with seven fencers competing. Daghfous faced Cameroon's Lorina Essomba in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Essomba won against Mali's Aichata Dembele, 15-2, while Daghfous defeated Morocco's Manal Saraa, 15-8.

**Men's Sabre.** Niger's Evann Jean Abba Girault won the men's individual sabre event, with nine fencers competing. Girault faced Algeria's Zacharia Bounachada in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Bounachada won against Mali's Mahamadou Samake, 15-6, while Girault defeated Senegal's Babacar Sadikh Keita, 15-6.

**Final rankings in women's epee included** Ndeye Binta Diongue (SEN, gold), Charline Boukhelifa (ALG, silver), Camilia El Kord (MAR, bronze), Somto Eribenne (NGR, bronze), Maryam Malikova (COD), Sarah Florence Ngo Ntata Sarah (CMR), Aphiwe Tuku (RSA) and Tufaha Uwihoreye (RWA).

**Final rankings in men's epee included** Harry Saner (RSA, gold), Keletigui Diabate (MLI, silver), Satya Gunput (MRI, bronze), Bedi Paul Alex Beugre (CIV, bronze), Wajdi Zayer (TUN), Jefferson John-Mary Porro (BEN), Tamer Houssam Eddine Berkane (ALG) and Ahmed Alsiheeri (LBA).

**Final rankings in women's foil included** Youssra Zakarani (MAR, gold), Safietou Inna Namiya Coly (SEN, silver), Meriem Mebarki (ALG, bronze), Nourane B'chir (TUN, bronze), Imaan Cassim (RSA) and Nubar Malikova (COD).

**Final rankings in men's foil included** Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel (CIV, gold), Amir El Rhazzouly (MAR, silver), Noe Robin (SEN, bronze), Mathieu Cheickh Jaques Prats (MLI, bronze), Mohamed Rayane Fenniche (TUN), Victor Alvares De Oliveira (CPV), Pavel Tychler (RSA) and Cedric Nkene (CMR).

**Final rankings in women's sabre included** Yasmine Daghfous (TUN, gold), Lorina Essomba (CMR, silver), Manal Saraa (MAR, bronze), Aichata Dembele (MLI, bronze), Aya Dorothee Konan (CIV), Awa Diedhiou (SEN) and Elvira Wood (RSA).

**Final rankings in men's sabre included** Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG, gold), Zacharia Bounachada (ALG, silver), Mahamadou Samake (MLI, bronze), Babacar Sadikh Keita (SEN, bronze), Jeremy Saner (RSA), Inkosi Brou (NGR), Jihad Kabbaj (MAR) and Emmanuel Landry Olivier Kouadio (CIV).



# AFRICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

# 2024 ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

The zonal championships take place annually and in 2024 were held in Basel, Switzerland (Europe); Lima, Peru (Pan America); Kuwait City, Kuwait (Asia/Oceania); and Casablanca, Morocco (Africa).

The following athletes and teams in the 2024 zonal championships were top-ranked in their respective events and regions:



### Europe (June 18-23)

#### Women's Individual Epee (85 fencers)

Irina Embrich (EST, gold)  
 Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, silver)  
 Alberta Santuccio (ITA, bronze)  
 Angeline Favre (SUI, bronze)  
 Vlada Kharkova (UKR)  
 Coraline Vitalis (FRA)  
 Aleksandra Jarecka (POL)  
 Marie-Florence Candassamy (FRA)

#### Men's Individual Foil (71 fencers)

Tommaso Marini (ITA, gold)  
 Alessio Foconi (ITA, silver)  
 Maxime Pauty (FRA, bronze)  
 Alexander Choupenitch (CZE, bronze)  
 Guillaume Bianchi (ITA)  
 Alexander Kahl (GER)  
 Maximilien Chastanet (FRA)  
 Leszek Rajski (POL)

#### Women's Individual Foil (58 fencers)

Arianna Errigo (ITA, gold)  
 Dariia Myroniuk (UKR, silver)  
 Julia Walczyk-Klimaszuk (POL, bronze)  
 Carolina Stutchbury (GBR, bronze)  
 Alina Poloziuk (UKR)  
 Eva Lacheray (FRA)  
 Martina Favaretto (ITA)  
 Kata Kondricz (HUN)

#### Men's Individual Sabre (62 fencers)

Michele Gallo (ITA, gold)  
 Luca Curatoli (ITA, silver)  
 Luigi Samele (ITA, bronze)  
 Jean-Philippe Patrice (FRA, bronze),  
 Bolade Apithy (FRA)  
 Maxime Pianfetti (FRA)  
 George Dragomir (ROU)  
 Sebastien Patrice (FRA)

#### Women's Individual Sabre (51 fencers)

Celia Perez Cuenca (ESP, gold)  
 Liza Pusztai (HUN, silver)  
 Araceli Navarro (ESP, bronze)  
 Zuzanna Cieslar (POL, bronze)  
 Alina Komashchuk (UKR)  
 Sarah Noutcha (FRA)  
 Michela Battiston (ITA)  
 Theodora Gkountoura (GRE)

#### Men's Individual Epee (99 fencers)

Luidgi Midelton (FRA, gold)  
 Gergely Siklosi (HUN, silver)  
 Ian Hauri (SUI, bronze)  
 Tibor Andrasfi (HUN, bronze)  
 Mate Tamas Koch (HUN)  
 Alexis Bayard (SUI)  
 Yulen Pereira (ESP)  
 Damian Michalak (POL)

#### Women's Team Epee (14 teams)

Italy (gold)  
 Hungary (silver)  
 France (bronze)  
 Poland  
 Switzerland  
 Israel  
 Estonia  
 Great Britain

#### Men's Team Foil (12 teams)

France (gold)  
 Hungary (silver)  
 Italy (bronze)  
 Poland  
 Great Britain  
 Belgium  
 Germany  
 Austria

#### Women's Team Sabre (11 teams)

France (gold)  
 Ukraine (silver)  
 Spain (bronze)  
 Hungary  
 Bulgaria  
 Poland  
 Italy  
 Germany

#### Men's Team Epee (18 teams)

France (gold)  
 Italy (silver)  
 Spain (bronze)  
 Czechia  
 Hungary  
 Germany  
 Ukraine  
 Netherlands

#### Women's Foil Team (12 teams)

Italy (gold)  
 Poland (silver)  
 Hungary (bronze)  
 France  
 Austria  
 Spain  
 Ukraine  
 Germany

#### Men's Team Sabre (12 teams)

Hungary (gold)  
 Romania (silver)  
 Türkiye (bronze)  
 Germany  
 Italy  
 Georgia  
 France  
 Ukraine



**Pan America (June 25-30)**
**Women's Individual Epee (43 fencers)**

1. Margherita Guzzi Vincenti (USA, gold)
2. Hadley Husisian (USA, silver)
3. Montserrat Viveros (PAR, bronze)
3. Anne Cebula (USA, bronze)
5. Isabel Di Tella (ARG)
6. Victoria Vizeu (BRA)
7. Julia Yin (CAN)
8. Malinka Montanaro (CAN)

**Men's Individual Foil (50 fencers)**

1. Nick Itkin (USA, gold)
2. Gerek Meinhardt (USA, silver)
3. Guilherme Toldo (BRA, bronze)
3. Alexander Massialas (USA, bronze)
5. Miles Chamley-Watson (USA)
6. Leopoldo Alarcon (CHI)
7. Bogdan Hamilton (CAN)
8. Maximilien Van Haaster (CAN)

**Women's Individual Sabre (35 fencers)**

1. Elizabeth Tartakovsky (USA, gold)
2. Maia Chamberlain (USA, silver)
3. Pamela Brind'Amour (CAN, bronze)
3. Tatiana Nazlymov (USA, bronze)
5. Leidis Maris Veranes Mustelier (CUB)
6. Magda Skarbonkiewicz (USA)
7. Maria Angelica Blanco Narvaez (COL)
8. Candela Belen Espinosa Veloso (ARG)

**Men's Individual Epee (53 fencers)**

1. Samuel Imrek (USA, gold)
2. Kruz Schembri (ISV, silver)
3. Fynn Fafard (CAN, bronze)
3. Jesus Limardo (VEN, bronze)
5. Ruben Limardo Gascon (VEN)
6. Oleg Knysh (USA)
7. Ruibo (Leon) Xiao (CAN)
8. Pedro Petrich (BRA)

**Women's Individual Foil (36 fencers)**

1. Lee Kiefer (USA, gold)
2. Eleanor Harvey (CAN, silver)
3. Jacqueline Dubrovich (USA, bronze)
3. Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN, bronze)
5. Maia Mei Weintraub (USA)
6. Lauren Scruggs (USA)
7. Sabrina Fang (CAN)
8. Yunjia Zhang (CAN)


**Men's Individual Sabre (44 fencers)**

1. Eli Dershwitz (USA, gold)
2. Mitchell Saron (USA, silver)
3. Fares Arfa (CAN, bronze)
3. Olivier Desrosiers (CAN, bronze)
5. Shaul Gordon (CAN)
6. Filip Dolegiewicz (USA)
7. Pascual Maria Di Tella (ARG)
8. Sebastian Cuellar (COL)

**Women's Team Epee (9 teams)**

1. Canada (gold)
2. USA (silver)
3. Argentina (bronze)
4. Colombia
5. Brazil
6. Panama
7. Costa Rica
8. Peru

**Men's Team Foil (12 teams)**

1. USA (gold)
2. Brazil (silver)
3. Canada (bronze)
4. Chile
5. Argentina
6. Colombia
7. Mexico
8. Peru

**Women's Team Sabre (8 teams)**

1. USA (gold)
2. Canada (silver)
3. Argentina (bronze)
4. Colombia
5. Brazil
6. Chile
7. El Salvador
8. Peru

**Men's Team Epee (11 teams)**

1. Venezuela (gold)
2. Colombia (silver)
3. Brazil (bronze)
4. Canada
5. USA
6. Argentina
7. Chile
8. Panama

**Women's Team Foil (8 teams)**

1. USA (gold)
2. Canada (silver)
3. Brazil (bronze)
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. Argentina
7. Peru
8. El Salvador

**Men's Team Sabre (10 teams)**

1. USA (gold)
2. Canada (silver)
3. Mexico (bronze)
4. Brazil
5. Puerto Rico
6. Colombia
7. Chile
8. Peru




**ASIA-OCEANIA (JUNE 22-27)**
**Women's Individual Epee (54 fencers)**

1. Sihan Yu (CHN, gold)
2. Yiwen Sun (CHN, silver)
3. Young Mi Kang (KOR, bronze)
3. Sera Song (KOR, bronze)
5. Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG)
6. Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh (HKG)
7. Injeong Choi (KOR)
8. Hyein Lee (KOR)

**Men's Individual Sabre (63 fencers)**

1. Sanguk Oh (KOR, gold)
2. Chenpeng Shen (CHN, silver)
3. Yousef Alshamlan (KUW, bronze)
3. Mohammad Rahbari (IRI, bronze)
5. Farzad Baher Arasbaran (IRI)
6. Zuhridin Kodirov (UZB)
7. Mohammad Fotouhi (IRI)
8. Sangwon Park (KOR)

**Women's Individual Foil (44 fencers)**

1. Sena Hong (KOR, gold)
2. Komaki Kikuchi (JPN, silver)
3. Yuting Wang (CHN, bronze)
3. Yuka Ueno (JPN, bronze)
5. Jihee Park (KOR)
6. Kiyun Kim (KOR)
7. Hiu Wai Valerie Cheng (HKG)
8. Amita Berthier (SGP)

**Men's Individual Epee (79 fencers)**

1. Wai Hang Ho (HKG, gold)
2. Ho Tin Ng (HKG, silver)
3. Akira Komata (JPN, bronze)
3. Yerlik Sertay (KAZ, bronze)
5. Koki Kano (JPN)
6. Elmir Alimzhanov (KAZ)
7. Segeon Ma (KOR)
8. Ting Hin Ng (HKG)


**Women's Team Foil (9 teams)**

1. Japan (gold)
2. China (silver)
3. Korea (bronze)
4. Hong Kong, China
5. Singapore
6. Kazakhstan
7. Macau, China
8. Chinese Taipei

**Men's Team Epee (17 teams)**

1. Kazakhstan (gold)
2. Japan (silver)
3. China (bronze)
4. Hong Kong, China
5. Korea
6. Australia
7. Saudi Arabia
8. Kyrgyzstan

**Women's Individual Sabre (39 fencers)**

1. Misaki Emura (JPN, gold)
2. Jisu Yoon (KOR, silver)
3. Seri Ozaki (JPN, bronze)
3. Hayoung Jeon (KOR, bronze)
5. Zaynab Dayibekova (UZB)
6. Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman (IND)
7. Xinyi Zhang (CHN)
8. Hengyu Yang (CHN)

**Men's Individual Foil (54 fencers)**

1. Kyosuke Matsuyama (JPN, gold)
2. Kazuki Iimura (JPN, silver)
3. Ziwei Mo (CHN, bronze)
3. Takahiro Shikine (JPN, bronze)
5. Chun Yin Ryan Choi (HKG)
6. Jeonghyun Youn (KOR)
6. Bin Wu (CHN)
8. Jie Xu (CHN)

**Women's Team Epee (13 teams)**

1. Korea (gold)
2. China (silver)
3. Hong Kong, China (bronze)
4. Japan
5. Kazakhstan
6. Singapore
7. Uzbekistan
8. Chinese Taipei

**Men's Team Sabre (14 teams)**

1. Korea (gold)
2. Iran (silver)
3. Hong Kong, China (bronze)
4. Kazakhstan
5. Japan
6. China
7. India
8. Saudi Arabia

**Women's Team Sabre (9 teams)**

1. China (gold)
2. Kazakhstan (silver)
3. Korea (bronze)
4. Japan
5. Hong Kong, China
6. India
7. Uzbekistan
8. Singapore

**Men's Team Foil (12 teams)**

1. China (gold)
2. Korea (silver)
3. Japan (bronze)
4. Hong Kong, China
5. Singapore
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Qatar
8. Kuwait





**Men's Individual Sabre (17 fencers)**

- Mohamed Amer (EGY, gold)
- Moataz Adham (EGY, silver)
- Ziad Elsisy (EGY, bronze)
- Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG, bronze)
- Fares Ferjani (TUN)
- Ahmed Ferjani (TUN)
- Inkosi Brou (NGR)
- Yassin Khodir (EGY)

**Men's Individual Foil (15 fencers)**

- Mohamed Hamza (EGY, gold)
- Abdelrahman Tolba (EGY, silver)
- AlaaEldin Abouelkassem (EGY, bronze)
- Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel (CIV, bronze)
- Noe Robin (SEN)
- Amir El Rhazzouly (MAR)
- Victor Alvares De Oliveira (CPV)
- Mohamed Essam (EGY)

**Men's Team Epee (5 teams)**

- Egypt (gold)
- Morocco (silver)
- South Africa (bronze)
- Angola
- Benin

**Women's Individual Sabre (13 fencers)**

- Lorina Essomba (CMR, gold)
- Nagwa Nofal (EGY, silver)
- Renad Eldoksh (EGY, bronze)
- Nada Hafez (EGY, bronze)
- Manal Saraa (MAR)
- Yasmine Daghfous (TUN)
- Alanoud Hegazy (EGY)
- Rania Ferjani (TUN)

**Women's Team Foil (3 teams)**

- Egypt (gold)
- Tunisia (silver)
- Morocco (bronze)

**Women's Team Epee (3 teams)**

- Egypt (gold)
- South Africa (silver)
- Morocco (bronze)

**Men's Team Foil (3 teams)**

- Egypt (gold)
- Morocco (silver)
- Senegal (bronze)

**Men's Team Sabre (4 teams)**

- Tunisia (gold)
- Egypt (silver)
- Morocco (bronze)
- Senegal

**Women's Team Sabre (3 teams)**

- Egypt (gold)
- Tunisia (silver)
- Morocco (bronze)



**AFRICA (JUNE 6-10)**

**Women's Individual Foil (12 fencers)**

- Yara Elsharkawy (EGY, gold)
- Maxine Isabel Esteban (CIV, silver)
- Malak Hamza (EGY, bronze)
- Noha Hany (EGY, bronze)
- Yasmine Ayari (TUN)
- Nourane B'Chir (TUN)
- Sara Amr Hossny (EGY)
- Safietou Inna Namiya Coly (SEN)

**Men's Individual Epee (24 fencers)**

- Mohamed Elsayed (EGY, gold)
- Houssam Elkord (MAR, silver)
- Mohamed Yasseen (EGY, bronze)
- Bedi Paul Alex Beugre (CIV, bronze)
- Mahmoud Mohsen (EGY)
- Fessal Mohamadou (CMR)
- Abdelkarim El Haouari (MAR)
- Sergey Losevskiy (RSA)

**Women's Individual Epee (16 fencers)**

- Alexandra Ndolo (KEN, gold)
- Camilia El Kord (MAR, silver)
- Shirwit Gaber (EGY, bronze)
- Aya Hussein (EGY, bronze)
- Nardin Ehab (EGY)
- Phakama Yantolo (RSA)
- Loulwa Soliman (EGY)
- Ndeye Binta Diongue (SEN)



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