



ATHENS WORLD CUP

INVITATION LETTER

HELLENIC FENCING FEDERATION





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FIE – WORLD CUP INVITATION LETTER

Name of Competition: 2026 ACROPOLIS CUP

Type of Competition: FIE WORLD CUP

City, Country, dates: ATHENS, GREECE, 06-08 MARCH 2026

Dear Fencing Friends,

On behalf of the Hellenic Fencing Federation, we are pleased to invite you to the 2026 ACROPOLIS CUP, taking place in (Athens, Greece) from 06-08 March 2026.

Below you will find all essential information for your planning and participation.

With best regards,

Hellenic Fencing Federation



ORGANISER

Host Federation: GREECE

Full Name of the National Federation: Hellenic Fencing Federation

Address: 2, Misaraliotou str. - 117 42 Athens - Greece

Telephone Number: t+30 210 3607507

Email: fencing@fencing.org.gr

COMPETITION VENUE

Name of the Venue: PAIANIA OLYMPIC CENTER - NEW INDOOR FENCING HALL

Full Address and access information: Ag. Nikolaou str.- Kontres – 19400 PAIANIA



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Detailed day by day schedule

Individual event

Friday 06/03/2026	10:00 – 11:30	Accreditations & Payment of entry fee
	12:00	Start of the competition Preliminaries Direct Elimination up to Table of 64
Saturday 07/03/2026	10:30	Table of 64
	17:30	Finals

Team event

Sunday 08/03/2026	10 :30	Table of 32
	17:30	Finals

PARTICIPATION

Individual Event

- Each federation may enter up to 12 fencers.
- The organising country may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools (local fencers only).
- 30 fencers for World Cups outside Europe
- Team Event
- Open to all federations, with one team per weapon per country.

ENTRIES

Entries for fencers and coaches must be made strictly via the FIE website (www.fie.org), in accordance with FIE Rules and regulatory deadlines.

Notes:

Coaches must be entered via the FIE website and must have a FIE license valid for the current season.

Eligibility:

- All participants must hold a FIE license valid for the current season.
- Minimum age: No fencer may obtain an FIE license, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13th birthday.

ENTRY FEES

- **Entry Fees - 80 € individuals / 400 € teams - may be paid: in cash at registration on Friday 06 March 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 before the start of the competition OR**
- **By bank transfer to:** National Bank of Greece
- **Account Name:** HELLENIC FENCING FEDERATION/ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ ΞΙΦΑΣΚΙΑΣ
- **IBAN:** GR74 0110 0800 0000 0804 8056 660

Deadline: 25th of February 2026

REFEREE OBLIGATION

Referees are appointed by the FIE.

Delegations do not have to provide referees.

Rules and equipment control: Competition and equipment control in accordance with all FIE rules.

COMPETITION FORMULA

Individual Event

By direct elimination with a mixed system consisting of one round of eliminating pools and a preliminary direct elimination table, followed by a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

Team Event

The first four teams are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.109); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table by drawing of lots in pairs. The teams that are not classified will occupy the last places in the table and will be separated by drawing of lots. 2 The table will be drawn up based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.

- All places up to 16th are fenced
- Seeding per FIE team ranking

MANDATORY

Competition results/management software

Fencing Time is the FIE official and mandatory competition results/management software. It is obligatory for senior events

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping control must be done according to FIE rules which can be found on:

<https://static.fie.org/uploads/37/185549-2.1.FIE%20Anti-Doping%20Operational%20Instructions%20-%202025%20%20ang.pdf>

WEAPONS CONTROL

* Thursday 05/03/2026 * 17:00 – 21:00 * **HOTEL ZAFOLIA** (87-89, Alexandras Avenue – 11474 Athens)

* Friday 06/03/2026 from 09:30 * at **PAIANIA OLYMPIC CENTER**

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Official hotels, transport, and special rates:

Accommodation name	Stars	Address	Rate
HOTEL ZAFOLIA	4	<p>Address: 87-89 Alexandras Av., 114 74, Athens, Greece</p> <p>https://www.athenszafoliahotel.gr/</p>	<p>Single room: 150,00 €</p> <p>Double/ Twin room: 100,00€</p> <p>Triple room: 90,00 €</p> <p>Dinner: 30,00 €</p> <p>Plus, government tax 3€ per room payable on the spot upon checkout at the reception –</p> <p><u>No minimum stay</u></p>
HOTEL HYPNOS INN	4	<p>Address: 9, Lamprou Katsoni str., 11472 Athens</p> <p>https://www.hypnosinn.com/</p>	<p>Single room: 120,00</p> <p>Double/ Twin room: 85,00 €</p> <p>Triple room: 75,00 €</p> <p>No Dinner available</p> <p>Plus, government tax 3€ per room payable on the spot upon checkout at the reception</p> <p><u>Minimum stay 4 nights</u></p>

- For the booking of accommodation & airport transfers, please contact the travel agency DOLPHIN HELLAS:

Attn. Ms. Uli PERSCHAU –

16, Syggrou avenue - 117 42 Athens, Greece

Tel. +30-210 92 27 772-5

E-mail: uli@dolphin-hellas.gr

Transportation information: The cost of transportation from the official hotel to the venue is 40 € per person for the whole duration of the event (3 days).

VISA SUPPORT

The Organizing National Federation declares that its national authorities guarantee the granting of visas to all the participants of the member federations of the FIE.

To avoid delays, all delegations are required to submit their visa requests no later than (date).

Participants who require a visa are kindly requested to begin the application process as early as possible.

To facilitate visa issuance, the Organizing Committee will provide official invitation letters upon request.

Please send the following information for each applicant to fencing@fencing.org.gr :

- Full name (as in passport)
- Nationality
- Date and place of birth
- Passport number

- Passport issue and expiry dates
 - Role at the event (athlete, coach, referee, official, staff, etc.)
 - Dates of arrival and departure
 - Copy of the passport (photo page)
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- Please send the [Visa application Form](#) with the personal data for each applicant to fencing@fencing.org.gr :

CONTACT INFORMATION

Hellenic Fencing Federation: Fencing@fencing.org.gr

Best regards,



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