

## LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

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Continental qualification competitions for the 2008 Olympics

a) Designations and costs covered

**Dear President,**

The FIE appoints the referees and the delegates of the Refereeing Commission who will officiate in these competitions.

Regarding the costs of the designated referees, the confederation may choose between asking them to be covered by the national federations or paid by the organiser against higher entry fees.

The costs of the delegate of the Refereeing Commission will be covered by the organiser in accordance with the norms set by the FIE.

b) Entries

The entries must be made on the FIE website. These will be final 8 days before the date of the 1st competition.

c) Rules

The zone qualification event is only open (1 fencer per country **and per weapon**) to the countries that do not have any fencers qualified either by team or by the individual AOR or by the individual AOR by zone **in the weapon concerned.**

**I – Number of fencers qualified for weapons for which there is an individual event and a team event in the 2008 Olympics:**

**5 fencers** : 2 for Europe, 1 for Asia-Oceania, 1 for America, 1 for Africa.

**II – Number of fencers qualified for weapons for which there is no team event in the 2008 Olympics:**

**8 fencers** : 3 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America, 1 for Africa.

d) Competition Formula

Taking into account the specific nature of this kind of tournament and to insure equal opportunity for all the participants, the following principles are to be applied:

1. Round of pool (with or without exempted fencers) and direct elimination.
2. The pools will be established by taking into account the FIE official ranking and by drawing lots for the fencers who are not ranked.
3. All the pools will consist of the same number of fencers in order to create the same conditions for all participants for all indices.
4. After the round of pool, 20 to 30% of fencers will be eliminated. Depending on the number of fencers entered, the best ranked fencers in the FIE official ranking may be exempted from the round of pool and they will take the first places in the direct elimination table.

The pools will be established as follows, depending on the number of fencers entered:

Number of fencers entered	Pool	Exempted fencers	Fencers to be eliminated
5-6-7	unique	no	1
8	7	1	2
9	7	2	2
10	2x5	no	2
11	2x5	1	2
12	2x6	no	3
13	2x6	1	3
14	2x7	no	4
15	2x7	1	4
16	2x7	2	4
17	2x7	3	4
18	3x6	no	5
19	3x6	1	5
20	3x6	2	5
21	3x7	no	6
22	3x7	1	6
23	3x7	2	6
24	4x6	no	6
25	4x6	1	6
26	4x6	2	6
27	4x6	3	6
28	4x7	no	7
29	4x7	1	7
30	4x7	2	7
31	4x7	3	7
32	5x6	2	8
33	5x6	3	8
34	5x6	4	8
35	5x7	no	8
36	5x7	1	8

The direct elimination table is fenced right through to the final of 4 for each weapon. There will be a bout for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

All the other places of the final ranking will be established according to the initial ranking of the direct elimination table after the round of pool.

**e) Results**

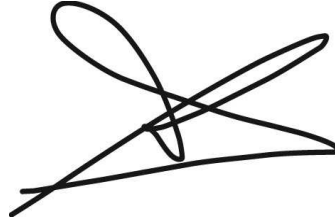
The full results of these events must reach the FIE, either by fax (+41 21 320 31 16), or by e-mail ([info@fie.ch](mailto:info@fie.ch)) as soon as the competitions are over.

**f) Video-refereeing**

**The use of video-refereeing is compulsory at the continental qualification competitions for the 2008 Olympics**

Sincerely,

René Roch  
President

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