

Olympic Games and World Championships

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Individual competitions

- 1 For the rounds of pools and the direct elimination table, **the Refereeing Delegates** select the referees by drawing lots.
- 2 **For the pools**, the referee must be of a different nationality from that any of the fencers in the pool.
- 3 For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least 7 to 8 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table.

As the table progresses, the referees will be switched around in a sequence established beforehand.

- 4 At the end of each round, the Refereeing Delegates can **withdraw one or several referees** whose performance was not satisfactory. This decision must be taken by the majority of the Refereeing Delegates present. However, a referee may not be changed during a bout except in exceptional circumstance. In such a case the decision, which must be well founded, must be taken by the majority of the Refereeing Delegates present (this rule is equally valid for team competitions).
- 5 **For the final of 4**, the Refereeing Delegates, immediately after the end of the direct elimination tables, select 4 referees by lot from among at least **7 to 8** referees, who must be of a different nationality from any of the fencers.

10 minutes before the final, the Refereeing Delegates will draw lots to assign the referees for all the bouts at the same time, in the following order: 1st semi-final, 2nd semi-final, final, and 3rd place (Olympic Games).

- 6 **The drawing of lots is done** with the help of a computer for the pools and up to the direct elimination table of 64 and by hand from the direct elimination table of 64 onwards.

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Team competitions

The same rules as those in article t.37 3), 4), 5) and 6) are applied to the team competitions, with two referees per match.