

Fédération Internationale d'Escrime (FIE)

EVENTS

Men	Women
Men's Individual Epee	Women's Individual Epee
Men's Individual Foil	Women's Individual Foil
Men's Individual Sabre	Women's Individual Sabre
Men's Team Sabre	Women's Team Foil
Men's team Foil	Women's team Epee

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete Quota: 102 men
 102 women
 8 fencers from the host country (gender not predefined)
 Total of 212 athletes

Maximum per NOC: Maximum 3 fencers for the weapons with a team event
 Maximum 2 fencers for the weapons with no team event

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Individual events

The individual events bring together about 36 fencers in each weapon that has a team event and about 30 fencers in the weapons that do not have team events. The number of participants in each individual event may vary depending on the distribution by weapon of fencers from the host country.

Team events

The team events bring together **8 or 9 teams in each weapon**, i.e. eight teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus possibly the team of the host country.

10 events

212 fencers:	
According to point 1 below:	4 x 36 = 144
According to point 2 below:	2 x 30 = 60
Host country:	8 = 8
Total	= 212

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM IN DETAIL

1) Qualification for weapons with both an individual event and a team event

a) Team qualification

The teams will be composed of **3 fencers, i.e. for 8 teams, 24 fencers in each weapon**, plus the team from the host country if applicable. These teams will qualify as follows:

The first four teams in the FIE Official Team Ranking (OR), irrespective of which zone they are from. If an NOC declines its qualification, the team ranked fifth will qualify, then the team ranked sixth, etc.

The highest ranked team from each zone among the teams ranking in 5th to 16th position in the FIE official team ranking. If a zone is not represented in these ranking positions, the next team in the official team ranking qualifies, irrespective of its zone.

If an NOC declines its qualification, the next team from the same zone and in the top 16 of the Official Team Ranking qualifies. If a zone is not represented in the 5th to 16th places, the next team in the official team ranking qualifies, irrespective of its zone.

b) Individual qualification

For each weapon, **the 24 fencers who qualified through team qualification.**

The 7 highest ranked fencers in the FIE individual AOR* by zone (2 from Europe, 2 from Asia-Oceania, 2 from America and 1 from Africa) with only one fencer from any one country.

The 5 highest ranked fencers in the zone-qualifying events (2 from Europe, 1 from Asia-Oceania, 1 from America and 1 from Africa) with only one fencer from any one country.

In no case may a country qualify more than 3 fencers per weapon. Qualification through the individual AOR by zone is reserved for countries that do not have any fencers qualified through team.

The zone-qualifying events are only open (1 fencer per country) to those countries which do not have any fencers who have qualified (through team or through the individual AOR by zone).

Total number of fencers for the individual event, for the weapons with a team event:
24+12 = 36 fencers.

2) Individual qualification for weapons with no team event

There are **30 remaining places for each weapon** and they are allocated as follows:

- 1. the first 12 from the individual AOR** with a maximum of 2 fencers per country;
- 2. the first 8 from the individual AOR by zone**, with only 1 fencer from any one country (2 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America and 2 for Africa);
- 3. the 10 fencers from the zone-qualifying events** which are open - 1 fencer per country and per weapon - to the countries that do not have any fencers who have qualified through the two criteria above in the weapon concerned (4 for Europe, 3 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America and 1 for Africa).

In no case may a country qualify more than **2 fencers** per weapon, through criteria 1 and 2.

AOR * The Adjusted Official Ranking is the FIE Official Ranking modified as follows:

For the weapons with a team event, we remove the names of all the fencers, by country and by weapon, who have qualified through team. For the other countries only the highest ranked fencer by country, by zone and by weapon are kept.

For the weapons with no team event, we keep only the 2 highest ranked fencers by country and by weapon and remove all the other names.

QUALIFICATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY
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In addition to its possible qualification through the current rules, the host country has the right to enter 8 fencers, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION (IOC-ANOC-FIE) INVITATION PLACES

The deadline for NOCs to submit their invitation requests is 15 November 2011. The allocation of invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs between April-July 2012. However, no places will be allocated for such invitations within the fencing quota. Any places reserved for the host country and not used will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission (IOC, NOC, FIE). Invitation requests may be matched with any unused host country places in agreement between the FIE and the IOC by (date to be confirmed).

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

15 November 2011	Deadline by which all the NOCs must have submitted their requests to the Tripartite Commission for invitation places
2 April 2012	Closure of the rolling FIE Official Ranking (a competition replaces the one organised the previous year)
14 April – 25 April 2012	Zone-qualifying events
7 May 2012	The FIE forwards the results of the zone-qualifying events
April-July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm the allocation of the invitation places in writing to the NOCs.
23 July 2012	Deadline by which the NOCs must have submitted their entry forms to the London 2012 Organising Committee

DATES / PROCEDURE FOR CONFIRMING PLACES
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The FIE will send the names of the fencers who qualified through the AOR and the zone-qualifying events to the national federations on 7 May 2012. National federations must confirm to the FIE **by midnight, 31 May 2012**, that the participation of each qualified fencer has been **approved by the NOC of the country concerned**.

From 4 June 2012, the FIE will re-allocate the places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs.

RE-ALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If national federations do not meet the deadline of 31 May 2012 to confirm the participation of a qualified fencer, the FIE will thus re-allocate the places available as follows:

- If a zone does not have a fencer ranked in the FIE Official Ranking, it is the highest-ranked fencer in the weapon concerned, irrespective of his/her zone, who qualifies, provided that his/her country does not already have in that weapon:
 - 3 fencers who have qualified (for weapons with a team event) or;
 - 2 fencers who have qualified (for weapons with no team event).

In the event that the NOC of a country declines the participation of a qualified fencer:

- If the fencer qualified through the AOR, the qualification will be re-allocated to the next fencer in this ranking;
- If the fencer qualified through the AOR by zone, he/she will be replaced by the next-ranked fencer in the AOR from the same zone;
- If the qualification was obtained through the zone-qualifying event, the qualification will be attributed to the next-ranked fencer in this event.