

2016 Rio Olympic Games

Qualification system for fencing (based on the 2012 London qualification system)

1. Quota

Men	102
Women	102
Host country	8
Total	212 places

6 individual events and 4 team events

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.

The individual events bring together about 35 fencers in each weapon that has a team event and about 32 fencers in the weapons that do not have team events.

The team events bring together 8 teams in each of the four weapons. 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.

2. Qualification for the weapons with a team event

a) Team qualification

- **The first four teams in the FIE Official Team Ranking**, irrespective of which zone they are from.

- **The highest ranked team from each zone** among the teams ranked in 5th to 16th position in the FIE official team ranking. If a zone is not represented, 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.**

- **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 4 highest ranked fencers in the zone-qualifying events** (1 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).

3. Individual qualification for the weapons with no team event

1. the **first 14** from the individual FIE Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR);
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 only open to the countries that do not have any fencers who have qualified through the two criteria above in the weapon concerned - 1 fencer per country and per weapon - (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 the 1st and 2nd criteria.

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

- For the weapons with a team event, the names of all the fencers, by country and by weapon, who have qualified through team, are removed. For the other countries only 1 fencer (the highest ranked one) by country, in each zone and by weapon is kept.
- For the weapons with no team event, only the 2 highest ranked fencers by country and by weapon are kept while all the other names are removed.

4. Reallocation of unused places

If a NOC does not meet the determined deadline to confirm the participation of a qualified fencer or declines the participation of a fencer, the FIE will thus re-allocate the available places as follows:

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

5. Reallocation of unused Host Country places

If the host country does not use its 8 places, the unused places will be allocated by the Tripartite Commission.