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### SOCIAL MEDIA



# 1- INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE)

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the global governing body for fencing since 1913.

Based in Lausanne, Switzerland, the FIE maintains affiliation with 157 member federations representing the sport on all five continents.

The FIE is responsible for the global strategy, promotion, and international positioning of the sport, and establishes and oversees the rules for the three disciplines of epee, foil, and sabre at all sanctioned international competitions.

For more information, visit [www.fie.org](http://www.fie.org)

# 2- WELCOME TO HONG KONG, CHINA

Hong Kong is a vibrant Special Administrative Region of China, located on the country's southern coast.

Centred around the iconic Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong has a population of approximately 7.5 million.

Originally a collection of fishing villages and salt pans, Hong Kong became a British colony in 1841 and served as a vital strategic outpost until its 1997 handover to China. Because of its location at the crossroads of East and West, it developed into one of the world's most significant financial hubs and a premier gateway for global trade. To this day, the city's deep-water port ensures its position as an essential transit route for international maritime logistics.

Hong Kong's history is reflected in its architecture, which is a dense mix of colonial-era heritage buildings, traditional Chinese temples, and more skyscrapers than any other city on earth. Historically, Hong Kong has been a melting pot of cultures and backgrounds, resulting in a unique blend of Cantonese traditions and Western influences. Notable tourist destinations include Victoria Peak, the Tian Tan Buddha, the bustling markets of Mong Kok, the Star Ferry, and the neon-lit streets of Central.

The climate in Hong Kong is humid subtropical, mostly ranging from 26°C to 34°C in summer.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT HONG KONG, CHINA

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**Official language:** Cantonese

**Currency:** Hong Kong Dollar \$

**Time Zone:** GMT +8 hours

**Weather:** 26 to 34 °C

**Electrical voltage and sockets:** 220V AC, 50 Hz;

**Hospitals:** North Lantau Hospital (8 Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island)

**Police numbers:** 999

**Ambulance emergency:** 999

**Fire Emergency:** 999

### 3 - WELCOME MESSAGES

#### MESSAGE FROM THE FIE PRESIDENT-INTERIM

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Hong Kong, China and the 2026 Fencing Senior World Championships.

On behalf of the entire fencing community, I want to thank you for your interest in our sport and your role in telling the inspirational stories of our athletes.



From the media room and tribune to the mixed zone and media services, we hope that you have everything you require for an outstanding working experience at the AsiaWorld-Expo.

The goal of the International Fencing Federation (FIE) is to make these Championships the best yet for the 1,000+ participating athletes. Over the nine days of competition, our fencers will experience world-class conditions on and off the field of play to allow them to perform at their peak. In turn, spectators will be treated to exceptional athleticism across epee, foil and sabre – 12 individual and team events in total.

Hong Kong has a distinguished history in fencing, with recent victories at the world's leading competitions only adding to its stature in the sport. While Paris 2024 Olympic Epee Champion (Man Wai) Vivian Kong is now retired, local fans still have a glittering lineup of hometown heroes to support, including reigning Men's Individual Foil Senior World Champion Chun Yin Ryan Choi, double Olympic Foil Champion Ka Long Cheung, and double World University Games Epee Champion Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh.

With so many great champions and up-and-coming talent from the 100+ nations set to compete here, however, it is anybody's guess who the stars of this event will be.

As always, the World Championships will produce many compelling storylines. I look forward to reading, hearing and seeing how you disseminate them to sports fans around the world.

Best regards,

**Abdelmoneim ElHusseiny**  
**FIE President-Interim**

## MESSAGE FROM THE FAHKC PRESIDENT

Dear media representatives,

On behalf of the Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China, I am pleased to welcome you all to the Fencing World Championships Hong Kong, China 2026.

This event is a global celebration of dedication, excellence, and the human spirit. It's an opportunity to showcase the incredible talent and sportsmanship of our great athletes on the world stage. We hope you'll enjoy Hong Kong's unique charm and hospitality alongside the thrilling competition.

I wish each of you an excellent stay in our city.

Warmest regards,

**Mr. NG Hoi Shan, Aaron MH**  
**President**  
**Fencing Association of Hong Kong, China**



## 4 - AN INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Senior World Championships are the pinnacle event of the year for the world's leading fencers.

After months securing ranking points at satellite tournaments, World Cups, Grand Prix competitions and Zonal Championships, over 1,000 fencers have earned the right to compete for the title of World Champion in Hong Kong, China this 22-30 July.

World Champions will be determined in 12 individual and team events across epee, foil and sabre. And while many decorated fencers will be competing in Hong Kong, the pathway to the podium remains wide open: at last year's World Championships in Tbilisi, Georgia, for example, all six individual events were won by first-time winners.

After a long season of international travel to every continent to build and maintain their world rankings, the athletes will arrive in Hong Kong battle-tested and hungry to cap the 2026 season on a high note.

Who will rise victorious? Stay tuned to find out!

## 5 - COMPETITION SCHEDULE\*

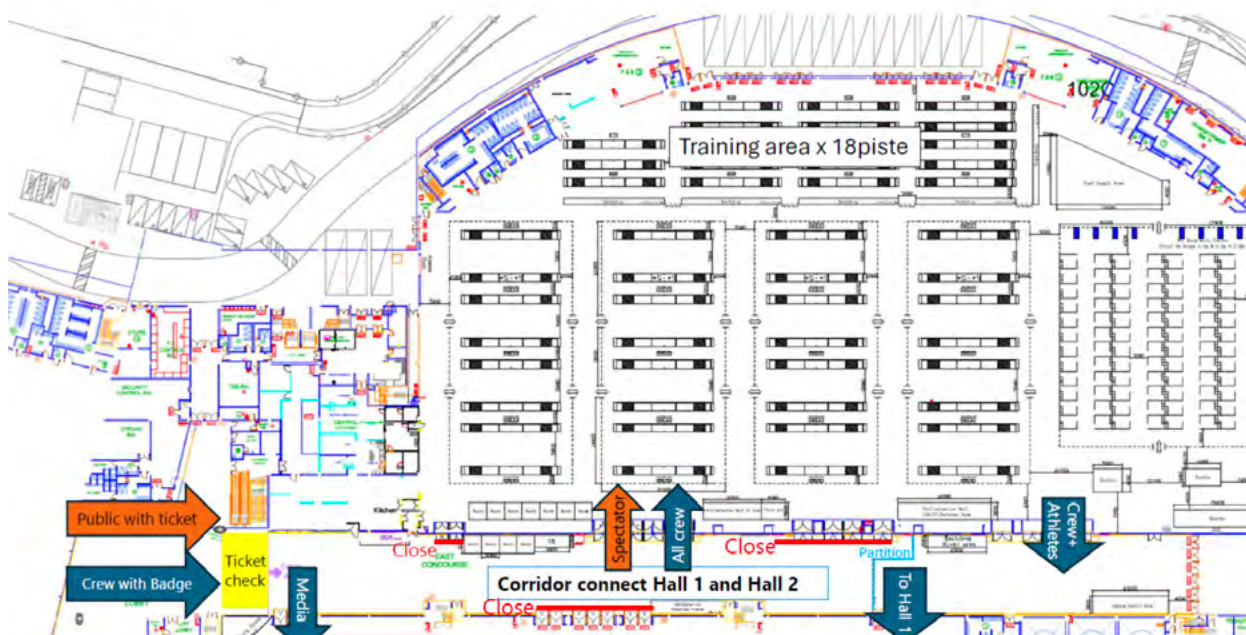
| SCHEDULE OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HONG KONG, CHINA 2026 |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20 July                                                   | 9:00  | Start of accreditation and weapon control in Hall of Competition                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                           | 9:00  | Start of training session on the Training Hall                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 21 July                                                   | 12:00 | The following information is published at the Competition Venue and on the website: list of participants by countries Women's epee and Men's foil (information for each weapon will be published at 12h00 on the day preceding the event) |
|                                                           | 16:00 | The composition of the pools is published at the Competition Venue, at the official hotels and on the website (the same applies for each weapon on the day preceding the event)                                                           |
| 22 July                                                   | 9:00  | Men's Individual Foil Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                           | 11:00 | Women's Individual Epee Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 23 July                                                   | 9:00  | Men's Individual Epee Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                           | 11:00 | Women's Individual Sabre Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 24 July                                                   | 9:00  | Men's Individual Sabre Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                           | 11:00 | Women's Individual Foil Pools, Preliminary DE up to T64                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 25 July                                                   | 8:30  | Men's Individual Foil DE of T64 - final                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | 10:10 | Women's Individual Epee DE of T64 - final                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                           | 18:00 | <b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | 18:30 | Men's Individual Foil & Women's Individual Epee - 1/2 FINAL and FINAL                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                           | 21:10 | <b>MEDAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 26 July                                                   | 9:00  | Men's Individual Epee DE of T64 - final                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | 10:40 | Women's Individual Sabre DE of T64 - final                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                           | 18:00 | Men's Individual Epee & Women's Individual Sabre - 1/2 FINAL and FINAL                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                           | 20:25 | <b>MEDAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 27 July                                                   | 9:00  | Men's Individual Sabre DE of T64 - final                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                           | 10:40 | Women's Individual Foil DE of T64 - final                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                           | 18:00 | Men's Individual Sabre & Women's Individual Foil - 1/2 FINAL and FINAL                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                                           | 20:25 | <b>MEDAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 28 July                                                   | 8:30  | Men's Team Foil DE T8, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, final                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                           | 8:30  | Women's Team Epee DE T8, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, final                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                           | 19:00 | Men's Team Foil & Women's Team Epee - FINAL                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                           | 21:05 | <b>MEDAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 29 July                                                   | 8:30  | Men's Team Epee DE T8, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, final                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                           | 8:30  | Women's Team Sabre DE T64, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, final                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                           | 18:00 | Men's Team Epee & Women's Team Sabre - FINAL                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                           | 19:50 | <b>MEDAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 30 July                                                   | 8:30  | Men's Team Sabre DE T8, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, final                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                           | 8:30  | Women's Team Foil DE T8, Semi-finals, bronze medal match, final                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                           | 17:00 | <b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                           | 17:30 | Men's Team Sabre & Women's Team Foil - FINAL                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                           | 19:15 | <b>MEDAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

\*subject to changes



## MAP 2

### Hall 2 (for Preliminary) – G/F



## MEDIA ROOM

A dedicated media room is located in the northeast section of Hall 1, just a short walk from the media tribune (Block 8), **available to use only on final days**.

Media Room - 201 C

Date: 22 - 30 July

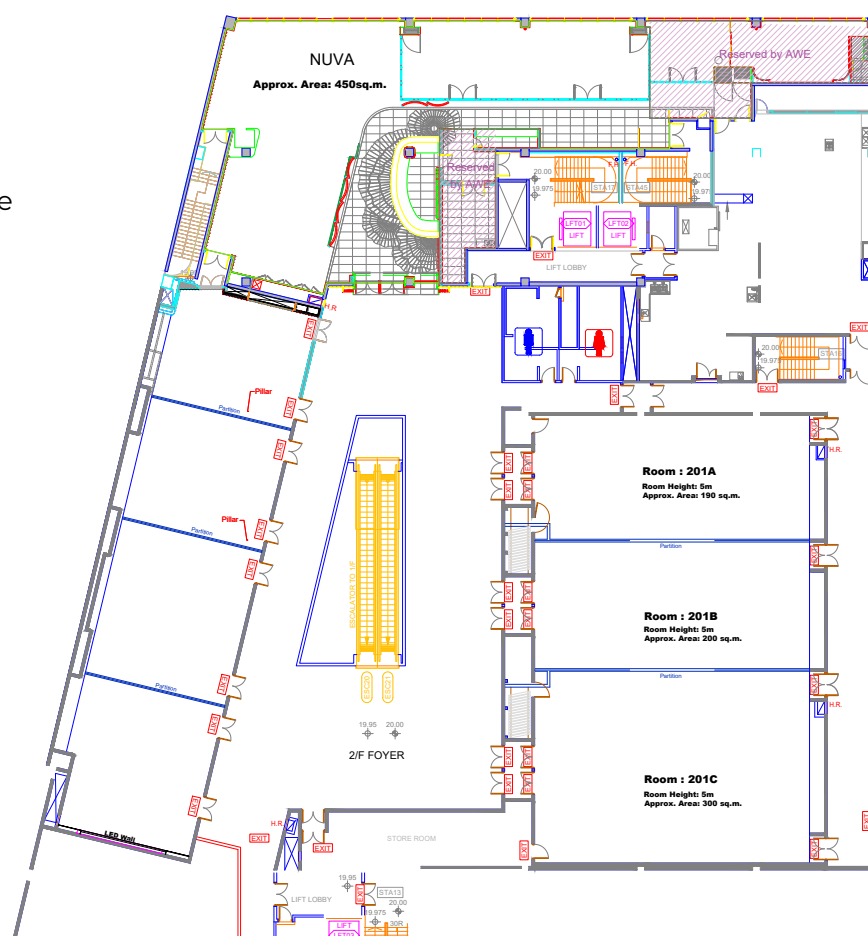
Time: 08:00 – 3 hours after the match ends (or until 23:55 at the latest)

Media Area - Hall 1

(First floor)

Date: 25 - 30 July

Time: 07:30 – 3 hours after the match ends (or until 23:55 at the latest)



## 7 - MEDIA RULES

- Due to the exceptionally high number of media accreditation requests and the limited space available, access to the ground floor (Hall 1) and the preliminary pistes (Hall 2) will be highly restricted. Access to these areas will be granted only to a limited number of accredited media representatives.
- Media bibs will be provided and must be worn at all times while accessing restricted media areas. Bibs must be returned at the end of each day.
- No flash photography during competition.
- The maximum number of photographers/videographers permitted at each designated photo position at any one time will be confirmed and communicated separately.
- Photographers and videographers must remain in their designated photo positions and may only move during the 1-minute break between periods or before/after a match.
- Access is limited to accredited media only; credentials are non-transferable.
- Media must follow the instructions of venue staff and field-of-play managers at all times.
- Tripods are not allowed on the ground floor. They may be used in the mixed zone.
- Media must not interfere with athletes, coaches, referees, or competition officials.
- All interviews must take place in the designated mixed zone.
- Photos from the event will be available for editorial use on [FIE's facebook page](#). Link to daily Video New Release (VNR) will be shared to media.
- **Access to Hall 1, Hall 2, and the mixed zones may vary during the competition depending on the influx of journalists and available capacity.**
- Organisers reserve the right to revoke access for anyone who fails to comply with the media regulations.

## 8 - PRESS CONFERENCES AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

Press conferences will be open to all accredited media and held throughout. Details regarding specific press conferences will be circulated and made available closer to the date.

For one-on-one interview requests, please contact the FIE media manager (contact details in Section 17) or each team manager directly.

All interviews must take place in the designated mixed zone.

## 9 - THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT A GLANCE

### 2026 - HONG KONG, CHINA

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- Hong Kong, China is hosting the World Championships for the first time.
- This is the 85th edition of the fencing (senior) World Championships. **Note:** this includes the 14 editions from 1921 to 1936 that were given World Championship status retroactively.
- This is the fourth time an Asian federation hosts World Championship events, after 1999 (in Seoul, Republic of Korea), 2008 (in Beijing, China in April; only men's team foil and women's team epee as these events were not held at the Beijing Olympic Games later that year) and 2018 (Wuxi, China).
- Hong Kong, China has won more gold medals in fencing at the Olympic Games (3) than at the World Championships (1).

- At the Tbilisi 2025 World Championships, **Ryan Choi Chun Yin** (HKG) became the first fencer to win a world title for Hong Kong, China, when he won the men's individual foil.
- Hong Kong, China's Olympic gold medal winners are **Kong Man Wai** (women's individual epee at Paris 2024) and **Cheung Ka Long** (men's individual foil in Tokyo in 2021 and at Paris 2024).
- Hong Kong, China has won five medals in total at the World Championships: gold in men's individual foil (1) and bronze medals in women's individual epee (2), men's individual foil (1) and men's team foil (1).
- **Ryan Choi** (2), **Kong Man Wai** (2) and **Cheung Ka Long** (2) are the fencers who have won multiple medals for Hong Kong, China at the World Championships.
- **Kong Man Wai** is the only fencer who has claimed two World Championships medals in individual events for Hong Kong, China: bronze in women's epee in 2019 and in 2022.

## 2025 - TBILISI, GEORGIA

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- In Tbilisi in 2025, all six World Champions in the six individual events won that event for the first time. The last fencer to win successive individual world titles was **Misaki Emura** (JPN) in women's sabre in 2022 and 2023.
- **Koki Kano** (JPN, men's individual epee) and **Lee Kiefer** (USA, women's individual foil) were the two 2024 Olympic gold medallists who also won the world title in their event in 2025.
- Having won gold at the Asian Fencing Championships in 2023, the Olympic Games in 2024 and the World Championships in 2025 **Kano** (men's individual epee) became the first fencer to be the reigning world champion, Olympic champion and Asian Games champion in an individual fencing event.
- In 2025, 45-year-old **Irina Embrich** (EST) became the oldest medal winner at the World Championships in this century, when she claimed bronze in the women's individual epee event in Tbilisi.
- In 2025, **Pan Qimiao** (CHN, 16y-48d) became the youngest fencer to win a World Championships medal in an individual event in this century, when she claimed bronze in the women's sabre event in Tbilisi.

## 1921-2025 - GENERAL

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- **France** has won a total of 299 medals at the World Championships - 99 **gold medals**, 101 silver and 99 bronze. The countries to have won at least 100 gold medals are Russia/Soviet Union (148; including URS 92 and RUS 56) and Italy (126). **Hungary** (96 gold medals) is also closing in on this milestone. **Note:** RUS/URS does not include one gold medal won by AIN (Individual Neutral Athletes) in 2025.
- The fencers to have won the most world titles in all events at the World Championships are **Valentina Vezzali** (ITA, 16 in women's events), **Aladár Gerevich** (HUN, 14 in men's events) and **Edoardo Mangiarotti** (ITA, 13 in men's events).
- **Valentina Vezzali** is also the only fencer to have won six world titles in a specific individual event (women's foil).
- Among **active** fencers, **Arianna Errigo** (ITA, 10, foil) has won the most world titles.
- The record for most gold medals by a fencing federation at a single World Championships is six, set by the Soviet Union (1967, 1979) and Russia (2002).
- The record for most different countries to win a gold medal at a single World Championships is nine: in Paris in 2010.
- The record for most different countries\* to win a medal at a single World Championships is 16: in Cairo in 2022. **Note:** At Tbilisi 2025, 15 different countries won a medal; this does not include the three medals won by AIN.

# 10 - THE FENCING RULES

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS - DURATION AND SCORING

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In epee and foil, all bouts in the individual events consist of three periods of three minutes, with one minute between periods, or the bout lasts until one fencer has scored 15 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits is declared the winner. If the scores are tied after the third period, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One fencer is randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer who scores a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority. In sabre, there is a one-minute break after one fencer scores eight hits. After this break, the bout is resumed until one fencer has scored 15 hits.

## TEAM EVENTS - DURATION AND SCORING

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In the team events, each match consists of nine bouts of three minutes each, to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout lasts three minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of five hits: a score of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of 10 hits after the second bout, a score of 15 hits after the third bout, and so on. If in the ninth bout the time elapses before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits is declared the winner. If the score is tied after the ninth bout, there is a further one minute of fencing time. One team is randomly given priority. The winner is the first team that scores a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the team with priority.

# 11 - THE THREE WEAPONS

## EPEE

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The epee has a total length of 110cm and its blade is 90cm long. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 750g. Like foil, the epee is a thrusting weapon and the epee attack is with the point of the weapon only. The target area is the entire body, from head to toe, including any clothing and equipment. Unlike in foil and sabre, in epee there are no right-of-way rules regarding attacks. Any hit that arrives is counted. Touches are awarded solely on the basis of which fencer makes a touch first, according to an electrical recording apparatus. Also, double-touches are allowed in epee, although the touches must occur within 40 milliseconds (1/25 of a second) of each other.

## FOIL

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The foil measures 110cm overall with a 90cm blade. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 500g. The foil is a thrusting weapon and fencers can only score a hit by striking the point of their weapon on the defined target area of their opponent, which is limited to the torso. Invalid ("off-target") hits also stop the bout but are not counted. Foil is governed by right-of-way rules. The fencer that starts an attack has the right of way. To avoid being hit, the opposing foilist usually attempts to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte to score. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupes, which are different ways to avoid the opponent's blade.

## SABRE

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The sabre measures 105cm in length with an 88cm blade. The total weight of the weapon must be less than 500g. The basic difference from the two other weapons is that a sabre hit can be made with the cutting edge of the blade in addition to the point. The target area consists of everything above the waist, including the head and both arms. Like foil, sabre is governed by right-of-way rules. The fencer that starts an attack has the right of way. In order to avoid being hit, the opposing sabreur usually attempts to parry the attack and, if this is successful, riposte. To avoid being parried, the attacker may use several tactics, such as disengages or coupes, which are different ways to avoid the opponents' blade.

## 12 - COMPETITION FORMULA

### INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS

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The 16 fencers participating in the competition who are ranked highest in the current FIE rankings are exempt from the preliminary phase of competition and enter directly into the main 64 direct-elimination table (DE). The competition starts with a qualifying pool of six or seven fencers. The results from the pools are used to establish the seeds for the next part of the competition. A pool bout ends when one of the fencers has scored five hits or when three minutes of effective fencing time have passed. The fencer with the higher score is declared the winner. If the score is tied after three minutes, one minute of extra time is added. One fencer will be randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer to score a valid hit. If no hit is scored, the winner is the fencer with priority.

The 16 top-seeded fencers then enter directly into the main 64 DE. The rest are seeded into the preliminary DE, from which another 32 fencers qualify for the main 64 DE.

### DIRECT ELIMINATION

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In epee and foil, all bouts in the individual events consist of three periods of three minutes each, with a one-minute break between periods, or until one fencer has scored 15 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits is declared the winner. In sabre, a one-minute break is called once one fencer has scored eight hits. Medals: There is no match for the bronze medal. The two fencers who lose their semi-final matches are considered joint third-place finishers and both are awarded bronze medals.

### TEAMS

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In team events, all teams are directly seeded into the direct-elimination table (DE) according to their world ranking positions. Each match consists of nine bouts up to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout lasts three minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of five hits: a score of five hits after the first bout, a score of 10 hits after the second bout, a score of 15 hits after the third bout, and so on. If the ninth bout is completed before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits is declared the winner. If the scores are tied after the ninth bout, one minute of extra time is added. One fencer is randomly given priority. The winner is the first fencer to score a valid hit; if no hits are scored, the winner is the fencer with priority. Medals: In the team competition, there is a match for the bronze medal.

## 13 - REFEREEING

### APPEALS

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In individual events, each fencer has two possible appeals in direct-elimination bouts and one in a pool bout. Should the referee agree with a fencer who appeals for video-refereeing, the fencer retains their right of appeal.

In team events, the fencers have the right to a single appeal for video refereeing per relay and are entitled to retain this right should the referee agree with this appeal.

In the event of an appeal for video refereeing, the referee walks over to the video consultant. They watch the video together and after consultation with the consultant delegate, the referee gives their final decision. No other review of the same action can be requested.

If the fencer's scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video refereeing.

The video consultant may at any time request that the referee review their decision.

## 14 - TOP RANKED ATHLETES

### Women's Epee

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#1 [LEHIS Katrina](#)  
(EST)



#2 [SANTUCCIO Alberta](#)  
(ITA)



#3 [MUHARI Eszter](#)  
(HUN)

### Men's Epee

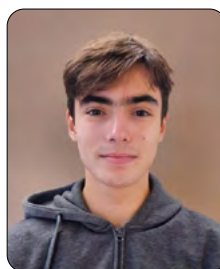
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#1 [KANO Koki](#)  
(JPN)



#2 [ELSAIED Mohamed](#)  
(EGY)



#3 [GALASSI Matteo](#)  
(ITA)

## Women's Foil

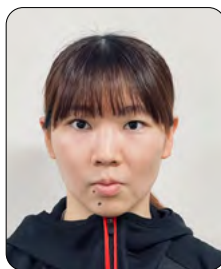
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#1 [BATINI Martina](#)  
(ITA)



#2 [FAVARETTO Martina](#)  
(ITA)



#3 [UENO Yuka](#)  
(JPN)

## Men's Foil

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#1 [BORODACHEV Kirill](#)  
(RUS)



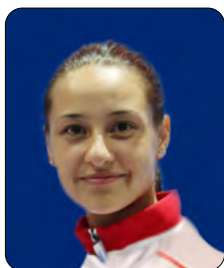
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(HKG)



#3 [BIANCHI Guillaume](#)  
(ITA)

## Women's Sabre

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#1 [EGORIAN Yana](#)  
(RUS)



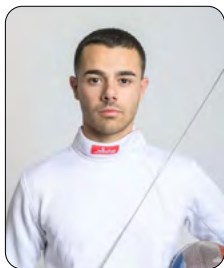
#2 [ILIEVA Yoana](#)  
(BUL)



#3 [NOUTCHA Sarah](#)  
(FRA)

## Men's Sabre

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#1 [PATRICE Sebastien](#)  
(FRA)



#2 [HESHAM Ahmed](#)  
(EGY)



#3 [BAZADZE Sandro](#)  
(GEO)

Full ranking can be found [here](#).

# 15 - FENCING & EDUCATION

## CLEAN SPORT

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As a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code, the International Fencing Federation is implementing an effective and Code-compliant anti-doping programme for the sport of fencing. The FIE is dedicated to complying with Clean Sport regulations and helping to educate fencers and fencing support personnel about their critical importance, and how to adhere to and precisely follow Clean Sport requirements.

## SAFE SPORT

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The FIE is committed to providing athletes and non-athletes with a safe environment free of any form of harassment, abuse or discrimination. Each individual, athlete or non-athlete, has the right to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be protected from all forms of harassment and abuse. FIE Safeguarding Officers are available for all athletes or other participants at all major fencing competitions.

One of our latest initiatives is to provide two days of Safe Sport training ahead of the 2026 Senior World Championships. The workshop is open to all National Federations and will feature prominent experts from around the Olympic Movement, including the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Scheduled for 22 and 24 July, the training will be led by FIE Safeguarding Officers Hossam Elleboudy (EGY, UAE), Teodora Višnjić (SRB), and Bradley Johnston Leyer (CRC). Gloria Viseras (ESP), Senior Manager for Safeguarding in the IOC's Health, Medicine and Science Department, has confirmed her presence at the event on 22 July.

## FIE FAIR PLAY

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The FIE Fair Play programme promotes integrity, respect and sportsmanship both on and off the piste, encouraging athletes, coaches and officials to uphold the values that define fencing and the Olympic Movement.

During the 2026 Senior World Championships, the FIE Fair Play educational stand will be open throughout the event, offering resources and interactive activities to raise awareness of fair play principles and inspire positive behaviour across the global fencing community.

## MEDICAL

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On 23 July, the FIE will deliver the Hong Kong Sports Medicine Conference: A multidisciplinary approach to Health, Performance and Safety in modern fencing.

Developed in alignment with the mission of the IOC Health, Medicine and Science Commission, the conference will focus on issues related to the safeguarding of fencers' health: adopting a holistic approach encompassing injury prevention and treatment, training load, competition support, operations on the FOP, data collection and analysis, food and nutrition, and mental health before, during and after the competition.

The event marks a milestone in the realisation of the FIE Medical Commission Strategic Plan 2025–2028 that is focused on athlete safety, innovation, research, and education. The convention will be attended by sports physicians, physiotherapists, coaches, and sports scientists, covering the entire spectrum of elite athlete management.

## INTEGRITY

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Fencing is based on the fundamental values of the Olympic Movement, and especially observance of the rules, discipline, sportsmanship, loyalty and respect of the athletes, officials, referees and spectators. The FIE is committed to upholding the integrity of sport and the fight against manipulation of competitions. All forms of participation, promotion or support of betting related to sports and competitions are prohibited.

## DONATE YOUR FENCING GEAR

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The FIE's Donate Your Fencing Gear programme supports the development of fencing by collecting good-quality equipment donated by athletes, manufacturers and members of the global fencing community, and redistributing it to National Federations in underserved regions.

Launched in 2017, the initiative promotes solidarity, sustainability and greater access to fencing. Previous contributions have included major donations from organisations such as Vango, Allstar, Uhlmann, PBT, Absolute Fencing and Azza Fencing, as well as collective donations from National Federations including Hungary, Saudi Arabia and Japan. The programme has also benefited from the generosity of Olympic fencers, including Lee Kiefer (USA), Ziad Elissyy (EGY), Yuki Ota (JPN) and Áron Szilágyi (HUN). To date, equipment collected through the programme has supported more than 34 National Federations worldwide.

The Donate Your Fencing Gear stand will once again be present throughout the 2026 Senior World Championships in Hong Kong.

## TRAINING CAMP

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Ahead of the 2026 Senior World Championships, the FIE will organise an International Training Camp in Hong Kong from 16 to 21 July. Open to athletes competing at the Championships, the camp is designed to provide high-level preparation across all three weapons while helping participants adapt to the local environment before competition begins.

Led by an experienced international coaching team comprising Donatella Guercia (ITA, foil), Xuening Xu (CHN, epee) and Pablo Rey Anaya (ESP, sabre), the programme will feature daily onpiste training sessions, structured sparring and valuable international bouts. The camp also aims to encourage sporting and cultural exchange, bringing together athletes from around the world in the lead-up to fencing's premier event.

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# ANNEXES



# A - MEDAL OVERVIEW

## GENERAL

| ATHLETES - Most GOLD medals |                     |        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Gold                        | Athlete             | Nation |
| 16                          | Valentina Vezzali   | ITA    |
| 14                          | Aladar Gerevich     | HUN    |
| 13                          | Edoardo Mangiarotti | ITA    |

| ATHLETES - Most medals |                     |        |    |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|----|
| Medals                 | Athlete             | Nation | G  |
| 26                     | Valentina Vezzali   | ITA    | 16 |
| 26                     | Edoardo Mangiarotti | ITA    | 13 |
| 23                     | Arianna Errigo      | ITA    | 10 |

| NOCs - Most GOLD medals |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Gold                    | NOC     |
| 126                     | Italy   |
| 99                      | France  |
| 96                      | Hungary |

| NOCs - Most medals |         |     |     |     |
|--------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total              | NOC     | G   | S   | B   |
| 378                | Italy   | 126 | 115 | 137 |
| 299                | France  | 99  | 101 | 99  |
| 286                | Hungary | 96  | 91  | 99  |

| MEN's events<br>Most GOLD medals - NOCs |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Gold                                    | NOC          |
| 83                                      | Italy        |
| 79                                      | France       |
| 64                                      | Soviet Union |
| 64                                      | Hungary      |

| MEN's events - Most medals - NOCs |         |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Total                             | NOC     | G  | S  | B  |
| 245                               | Italy   | 83 | 80 | 82 |
| 218                               | France  | 79 | 73 | 66 |
| 189                               | Hungary | 64 | 62 | 63 |

| WOMEN's events<br>Most GOLD medals - NOCs |              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Gold                                      | NOC          |
| 43                                        | Italy        |
| 32                                        | Hungary      |
| 28                                        | Soviet Union |
| 28                                        | Russia       |

| WOMEN's events - Most medals - NOCs |         |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Total                               | NOC     | G  | S  | B  |
| 133                                 | Italy   | 43 | 35 | 55 |
| 97                                  | Hungary | 32 | 29 | 36 |
| 81                                  | France  | 20 | 28 | 33 |

| EPEE - Most GOLD medals<br>NOCs - Men & Women |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Gold                                          | NOC     |
| 55                                            | France  |
| 28                                            | Hungary |
| 26                                            | Italy   |

| EPEE - Most medals - NOCs - Men & Women |         |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Total                                   | NOC     | G  | S  | B  |
| 130                                     | France  | 55 | 42 | 33 |
| 82                                      | Italy   | 26 | 26 | 30 |
| 75                                      | Hungary | 28 | 18 | 29 |

| FOIL - Most GOLD medals<br>NOCs - Men & Women |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Gold                                          | NOC          |
| 82                                            | Italy        |
| 52                                            | Soviet Union |
| 32                                            | France       |

| FOIL - Most medals - NOCs - Men & Women |              |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|
| Total                                   | NOC          | G  | S  | B  |
| 204                                     | Italy        | 82 | 56 | 66 |
| 118                                     | France       | 32 | 41 | 45 |
| 99                                      | Soviet Union | 52 | 25 | 22 |

| SABRE - Most GOLD medals<br>NOCs - Men & Women |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Gold                                           | NOC          |
| 46                                             | Hungary      |
| 31                                             | Russia       |
| 27                                             | Soviet Union |

| SABRE - Most medals - NOCs - Men & Women |         |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Total                                    | NOC     | G  | S  | B  |
| 124                                      | Hungary | 46 | 38 | 40 |
| 92                                       | Italy   | 18 | 33 | 41 |
| 63                                       | Russia  | 31 | 14 | 18 |

## EPEE - WOMEN

| Women's Epee INDIVIDUAL<br>most GOLD medals |                       |     |            |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|
| Gold                                        | Athlete               | NOC | Year       |
| 2                                           | Mariann Horvath       | HUN | 1991, 1992 |
| 2                                           | Laura Flessel-Colovic | FRA | 1998, 1999 |
| 2                                           | Rossella Fiamingo     | ITA | 2014, 2015 |

| Women's Epee INDIVIDUAL<br>most medals |                       |     |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                                 | Athlete               | NOC | G | S | B |
| 6                                      | Laura Flessel-Colovic | FRA | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 4                                      | Britta Heidemann      | GER | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 4                                      | Sophie Moressee       | FRA | 0 | 2 | 2 |

| Women's Epee TEAM<br>most GOLD medals |         |                                                |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                  | NOC     | Year                                           |
| 8                                     | Hungary | 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2002 |
| 5                                     | France  | 1998, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2025                   |
| 4                                     | Russia  | 2001, 2003, 2013, 2014                         |

| Women's Epee TEAM - most medals |         |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|---|---|
| Medals                          | NOC     | G | S | B |
| 13                              | Hungary | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 11                              | Germany | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| 10                              | France  | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 10                              | China   | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| 10                              | Italy   | 1 | 3 | 6 |

| Women's Epee INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most GOLD medals |                        |         |            |                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                              | Athlete                | NOC     | Individual | Year                                     |
| 7                                                 | Gyongyi Szalay         | HUN     |            | 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999 |
| 7                                                 | Hajnalka Kiraly-Picot* | HUN/FRA |            | 1993, 1995, 1997, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008 |
| 6                                                 | Timea Nagy             | HUN     | 2006       | 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999             |
| 6                                                 | Mariann Horvath        | HUN     | 1991, 1992 | 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993                   |
| 6                                                 | Laura Flessel-Colovic  | FRA     | 1998, 1999 | 1998, 2005, 2007, 2008                   |

\* Hungary 1993, 1995, 1997, 2002 - France 2005, 2007, 2008

| Women's Epee INDIVIDUAL & TEAM<br>most medals |                       |     |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                                        | Athlete               | NOC | G | S | B |
| 13                                            | Laura Flessel-Colovic | FRA | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| 12                                            | Gyongyi Szalay        | HUN | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| 12                                            | Imke Duplitzer        | GER | 0 | 6 | 6 |

## FOIL - WOMEN

| Women's Foil INDIVIDUAL<br>most GOLD medals |                    |     |                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| Gold                                        | Athlete            | NOC | Year                               |
| 6                                           | Valentina Vezzali  | ITA | 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011 |
| 3                                           | Helene Mayer       | GER | 1929, 1931, 1937                   |
| 3                                           | Ilona Elek         | HUN | 1934, 1935, 1951                   |
| 3                                           | Ellen Muller-Preis | AUT | 1947, 1949, 1950                   |
| 3                                           | Cornelia Hanisch   | FRG | 1979, 1981, 1985                   |
| 3                                           | Inna Gracheva      | RUS | 2015, 2017, 2019                   |

| Women's Foil INDIVIDUAL<br>most medals |                   |     |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                                 | Athlete           | NOC | G | S | B |
| 12                                     | Valentina Vezzali | ITA | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 10                                     | Arianna Errigo    | ITA | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 7                                      | Giovanna Trillini | ITA | 2 | 2 | 3 |

| Women's Foil TEAM - most GOLD medals |              |                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                 | NOC          | Year                                                                                                       |
| 18                                   | Italy        | 1957, 1982, 1983, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023 |
| 15                                   | Soviet Union | 1956, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1986                   |
| 13                                   | Hungary      | 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1967, 1973, 1987                               |

| Women's Foil TEAM - most medals |              |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|
| Medals                          | Athlete      | G  | S  | B  |
| 38                              | Italy        | 18 | 9  | 11 |
| 30                              | Hungary      | 13 | 12 | 5  |
| 24                              | Soviet Union | 15 | 8  | 1  |

| Women's Foil INDIVIDUAL & TEAM<br>most GOLD medals |                   |     |                                    |                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                               | Athlete           | NOC | Individual                         | Year                                                       |
| 16                                                 | Valentina Vezzali | ITA | 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011 | 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015 |
| 11                                                 | Ilona Elek        | HUN | 1934, 1935, 1951                   | 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955             |
| 10                                                 | Arianna Errigo    | ITA | 2013, 2014                         | 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023             |

| Women's Foil INDIVIDUAL & TEAM<br>most medals |                   |     |    |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|----|---|---|
| Medals                                        | Athlete           | NOC | G  | S | B |
| 26                                            | Valentina Vezzali | ITA | 16 | 6 | 4 |
| 23                                            | Arianna Errigo    | ITA | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| 20                                            | Giovanna Trillini | ITA | 9  | 5 | 6 |

## SABRE - WOMEN

| Women's Sabre INDIVIDUAL<br>most GOLD medals |                 |     |                        |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|
| Gold                                         | Athlete         | NOC | Year                   |
| 4                                            | Olga Kharlan    | UKR | 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019 |
| 2                                            | Elena Jemayeva  | AZE | 1999, 2000             |
| 2                                            | Anne Lisa Touya | FRA | 2001, 2005             |
| 2                                            | Mariel Zagunis  | USA | 2009, 2010             |
| 2                                            | Sophia Velikaia | RUS | 2011, 2015             |
| 2                                            | Emura Misaki    | JPN | 2022, 2023             |

| Women's Sabre INDIVIDUAL<br>most medals |                 |     |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                                  | Athlete         | NOC | G | S | B |
| 7                                       | Olga Kharlan    | UKR | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 6                                       | Sophia Velikaia | RUS | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 5                                       | Mariel Zagunis  | USA | 2 | 3 | 0 |

| Women's Sabre TEAM - most GOLD medals |               |                                                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                  | NOC           | Year                                           |
| 8                                     | Russia        | 2001, 2002, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019 |
| 4                                     | France        | 2006, 2007, 2018, 2025                         |
| 3                                     | United States | 2000, 2005, 2014                               |
| 3                                     | Italy         | 1999, 2003, 2017                               |

| Women's Sabre TEAM - most medals |               |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---|---|---|
| Medals                           | NOC           | G | S | B |
| 14                               | France        | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| 13                               | Russia        | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 9                                | United States | 3 | 2 | 4 |

| Women's Sabre INDIVIDUAL & TEAM<br>most GOLD medals |                 |     |                        |                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Gold                                                | Athlete         | NOC | Individual             | Year                               |
| 8                                                   | Sophia Velikaia | RUS | 2011, 2015             | 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019 |
| 6                                                   | Olga Kharlan    | UKR | 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019 | 2009, 2013                         |
| 5                                                   | Mariel Zagunis  | USA | 2009, 2010             | 2000, 2005, 2014                   |

| Women's Sabre<br>INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most medals |                 |     |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                                           | Athlete         | NOC | G | S | B |
| 16                                               | Sophia Velikaia | RUS | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 15                                               | Olga Kharlan    | UKR | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| 14                                               | Mariel Zagunis  | USA | 5 | 5 | 4 |

## EPEE - MEN

| Men's Epee INDIVIDUAL<br>most GOLD medals |                     |     |                        |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Gold                                      | Athlete             | NOC | Year                   |
| 4                                         | Pavel Kolobkov      | RUS | 1993, 1994, 2002, 2005 |
| 3                                         | Georges Buchard     | FRA | 1927, 1931, 1933       |
| 3                                         | Aleksey Nikanchikov | URS | 1966, 1967, 1970       |

| Men's Epee INDIVIDUAL - most medals |                     |         |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|
| Medals                              | Athlete             | NOC     | G | S | B |
| 7                                   | Pavel Kolobkov      | URS/RUS | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 5                                   | Philippe Riboud     | FRA     | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 4                                   | Aleksey Nikanchikov | URS     | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 4                                   | Edoardo Mangiarotti | ITA     | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 4                                   | Rolf Edling         | SWE     | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 4                                   | Fabrice Jeannet     | FRA     | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 4                                   | Bernard Schmetz     | FRA     | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 4                                   | Arnd Schmitt        | FRG/GER | 1 | 1 | 2 |

| Men's Epee TEAM - most GOLD medals |              |                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                               | Nation       | Year                                                                                                                                     |
| 23                                 | France       | 1934, 1935, 1938, 1947, 1951, 1962, 1965, 1966, 1982, 1983, 1994, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022 |
| 14                                 | Italy        | 1931, 1933, 1937, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1989, 1990, 1993, 2023                                                       |
| 7                                  | Soviet Union | 1961, 1967, 1969, 1979, 1981, 1987, 1991                                                                                                 |

| Men's Epee TEAM - most medals |         |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Medals                        | Nation  | G  | S  | B  |
| 46                            | France  | 23 | 16 | 7  |
| 25                            | Italy   | 14 | 6  | 5  |
| 25                            | Hungary | 7  | 7  | 11 |

| Men's Epee INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most GOLD medals |                     |         |                        |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                            | Athlete             | Nation  | Individual             | Year                                     |
| 9                                               | Edoardo Mangiarotti | ITA     | 1951, 1954             | 1937, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1958 |
| 7                                               | Ulrich Robeiri      | FRA     | 2014                   | 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2014       |
| 6                                               | Pavel Kolobkov      | URS/RUS | 1993, 1994, 2002, 2005 | 1991, 2003                               |
| 6                                               | Jean-Michel Lucenay | FRA     |                        | 2002, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017       |
| 6                                               | Giorgio Anglesio    | ITA     |                        | 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957             |
| 6                                               | Carlo Pavesi        | ITA     | 1955                   | 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958       |
| 6                                               | Giuseppe Delfino    | ITA     |                        | 1950, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958       |

| Men's Epee INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most medals |                     |         |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|
| Medals                                     | Athlete             | NOC     | G | S | B |
| 14                                         | Edoardo Mangiarotti | ITA     | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| 13                                         | Arndt Schmitt       | FRG/GER | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| 13                                         | Elmar Borrmann      | FRG/GER | 3 | 7 | 3 |

## FOIL - MEN

| Men's Foil INDIVIDUAL<br>most GOLD medals |                    |     |                              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| Gold                                      | Athlete            | NOC | Year                         |
| 5                                         | Aleksandr Romankov | URS | 1974, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1983 |
| 4                                         | Christian D'Oriola | FRA | 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954       |
| 4                                         | Peter Joppich      | GER | 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010       |

| Men's Foil INDIVIDUAL - most medals |                     |     |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                              | Athlete             | NOC | G | S | B |
| 6                                   | Aleksandr Romankov  | URS | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 5                                   | Christian D'Oriola  | FRA | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 5                                   | Peter Joppich       | GER | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 5                                   | Sergey Golubitsky   | UKR | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 5                                   | Gustavo Marzi       | ITA | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 5                                   | Edoardo Mangiarotti | ITA | 0 | 3 | 2 |

| Men's Foil TEAM - most GOLD medals |              |                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                               | Nation       | Year                                                                                                                                                 |
| 25                                 | Italy        | 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1955, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1994, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2025 |
| 14                                 | Soviet Union | 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1989                                                                   |
| 13                                 | France       | 1947, 1951, 1953, 1958, 1971, 1975, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2014                                                                         |

| Men's Foil TEAM - most medals |              |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----|----|---|
| Medals                        | Nation       | G  | S  | B |
| 42                            | Italy        | 25 | 9  | 8 |
| 37                            | France       | 13 | 16 | 8 |
| 22                            | Soviet Union | 14 | 3  | 5 |

| Men's Foil INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most GOLD medals |                     |        |                              |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                            | Athlete             | Nation | Individual                   | Year                                     |
| 10                                              | Aleksandr Romankov  | URS    | 1974, 1977, 1979, 1982, 1983 | 1974, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1989             |
| 9                                               | Gustavo Marzi       | ITA    | 1935, 1937                   | 1929, 1930, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938 |
| 9                                               | German Sveshnikov   | URS    | 1962, 1966                   | 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1969 |
| 8                                               | Gioacchino Guaragna | ITA    | 1933, 1938                   | 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1938       |
| 8                                               | Manlio Di Rosa      | ITA    | 1951                         | 1933, 1934, 1937, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1955 |
| 8                                               | Christian D'Oriola  | FRA    | 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954       | 1947, 1951, 1953, 1958                   |
| 8                                               | Andrea Cassara      | ITA    | 2011                         | 2003, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018 |

| Men's Foil INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most medals |                    |     |    |   |   |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|----|---|---|
| Medals                                     | Athlete            | NOC | G  | S | B |
| 16                                         | Aleksandr Romankov | URS | 10 | 2 | 4 |
| 14                                         | Andrea Cassara     | ITA | 8  | 2 | 4 |
| 13                                         | Christian D'Oriola | FRA | 8  | 5 | 0 |
| 13                                         | Manlio Di Rosa     | ITA | 8  | 4 | 1 |
| 13                                         | Peter Joppich      | GER | 5  | 4 | 4 |

## SABRE - MEN

| Men's Sabre INDIVIDUAL<br>most GOLD medals |                      |             |                              |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Gold                                       | Athlete              | NOC         | Year                         |
| 5                                          | Stanislav Pozdniakov | RUS         | 1997, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 |
| 4                                          | Grigoriy Kirienko    | URS/<br>RUS | 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995       |
| 3                                          | Aladar Gerevich      | HUN         | 1935, 1951, 1955             |
| 3                                          | Yakov Rylsky         | URS         | 1963, 1961, 1958             |
| 3                                          | Jerzy Pawlowski      | POL         | 1966, 1965, 1957             |

| Men's Sabre INDIVIDUAL<br>most medals |                      |     |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Medals                                | Athlete              | NOC | G | S | B |
| 8                                     | Stanislav Pozdniakov | RUS | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| 8                                     | Jerzy Pawlowski      | POL | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 7                                     | Luigi Tarantino      | ITA | 1 | 1 | 5 |

| Men's Sabre TEAM - most GOLD medals |              |                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                | Nation       | Year                                                                                                                               |
| 22                                  | Hungary      | 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1966, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1993, 1998, 2007, 2023 |
| 15                                  | Soviet Union | 1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990                                           |
| 9                                   | Russia       | 1994, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016                                                                               |

| Men's Sabre TEAM<br>most medals |              |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|
| Medals                          | Nation       | G  | S  | B  |
| 49                              | Hungary      | 22 | 16 | 11 |
| 35                              | Italy        | 7  | 19 | 9  |
| 28                              | Soviet Union | 15 | 9  | 4  |

| Men's Sabre INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most GOLD medals |                      |        |                              |                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold                                             | Athlete              | Nation | Individual                   | Year                                                             |
| 14                                               | Aladar Gerevich      | HUN    | 1935, 1951, 1955             | 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958 |
| 10                                               | Pal Kovacs           | HUN    | 1937, 1953                   | 1933, 1937, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958                   |
| 10                                               | Vladimir Nazlymov    | URS    | 1975, 1979                   | 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979                   |
| 10                                               | Stanislav Pozdniakov | RUS    | 1997, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 | 1994, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005                                     |

| Men's Sabre INDIVIDUAL & TEAM - most medals |                      |     |    |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|----|---|---|
| Medals                                      | Athlete              | NOC | G  | S | B |
| 18                                          | Jerzy Pawlowski      | POL | 7  | 6 | 5 |
| 17                                          | Stanislav Pozdniakov | RUS | 10 | 5 | 2 |
| 16                                          | Aladar Gerevich      | HUN | 14 | 2 | 0 |

# B - WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EPEE

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Vlada Kharkova (UKR)**

**Silver: Katrina Lehis (EST)**

**Bronze: Irina Embrich (EST)**

**Bronze: Song Sera (KOR)**

- **Vlada Kharkova** (UKR) won the world title in the Women's Individual Epee in 2025. She can become the fourth fencer to win multiple world titles in this event, after Mariann Horvath (HUN, 1991, 1992), Laura Flessel-Colovic (FRA, 1998, 1999) and Rossella Fiamingo (ITA, 2014, 2015).
- Kharkova can join Olga Kharlan (UKR, 4 in women's sabre individual) and Sergey Golubitsky (UKR, 3 in men's foil individual) as Ukrainian fencers to have won multiple world titles in individual events.
- **Katrina Lehis** (EST) is leading the FIE world rankings in the women's epee. At three of the last seven world championships the top ranked fencer won the world title: Fiamingo (2015), Mara Navarria (ITA, 2018) and Marie-Florence Candassamy (FRA, 2023).
- Lehis won the women's individual epee at the 2026 European championships in Antony. It was her second European title in this event, after 2018. The only woman to have won the world and European title in this event in the same year was Mariann Horvath in 1991.
- **Marie-Florence Candassamy** (FRA) won the world title in this event in Milan in 2023. France has won this event a record five times at the world championships, one more than Italy (4). Laura Flessel-Colovic (1998, 1999) is the only French fencer who won this event twice at the world championships.
- **Auriane Mallo-Breton** (FRA) took silver in the Women's Individual Epee at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, after losing the final to Kong Man Wai Vivian (HKG). She has yet to win a world championships medal.
- **Alexandra Louis Marie** (FRA) won gold with France in the epee team event at last year's world championships.
- **Song Sera** (KOR) could win her second world title in the Women's Individual Epee event, after her victory in 2022. She took bronze in 2025. Only one fencer representing Republic of Korea won three medals in individual events: Gu Bon-Gil in men's sabre (G0-S2-B1).
- Song has won five medals (G2-S0-B3) in total at the world championships. Nam Hyunhee (6) is the only woman to have won more medals for Republic of Korea. In men's events, Gu Bon-Gil (10), Oh Sanguk (6), Kim Jung-Hwan (6) and Kim Junho (6) won at least six medals.
- **Rossella Fiamingo** (ITA) won the world title in this event in 2014 and 2015, and she claimed bronze in 2022. She can become the first woman to win three gold medals in this event.
- Three women won at least four medals in the epee individual: Flessel-Colovic (6, G2-S1-B3), Britta Heidemann (GER, 4, G1-S1-B2) and Sophie Moressee (FRA, 4, G0-S2-B2).
- **Alberta Santuccio** (ITA) took silver in the epee individual at the world championships in Milan in 2023. Only France (5) won more world titles in this event than Italy (4).
- Italy has won 12 medals in this event at the world championships, third-most behind France (15) and Hungary (13)
- Santuccio finished on the podium (G1-S2-B1) in four of the five women's epee World Cup events in 2025/26, including winning the event in St-Maur in May this year. Santuccio also won the Grand Prix event in Medellin in May.
- In 2025, **Irina Embrich** (EST) was 45 years old when she claimed bronze in the women's individual epee event in Tbilisi.
- Embrich won her first world championships medal in 2002 (silver in epee team). Embrich claimed also silver (2006) and bronze (2007) in the epee individual.

- The Women's Individual Epee is the event in which Estonia has won most of its world championships medals (9, G2-S3-B4).
- **Eszter Muhari** (HUN) claimed the Olympic bronze medal in this event at Paris 2024. She can win the first world championships medal in this event for Hungary since a bronze medal for Emese Szasz-Kovacs in 2013. The last Hungarian world champion in this event was Timea Nagy in 2006.
- **Alexandra Ehler** (GER) claimed silver in the epee individual at the 2026 European championships. Germany's most recent medal in any fencing event at the world championship was a silver for Alexandra Ndolo in the women's epee in 2022. Ndolo is now representing Kenya.
- The last woman to win a world championships gold medal for Germany was Britta Heidemann, in the individual epee in 2007.
- **Anna Van Brummen** (USA) defeated her compatriot **Hadley Husisian** (USA) in the final of the women's epee event at this year's Pan American championships in Lima in June.
- Courtney Hurley is the only USA woman to have won a world championships medal in this event, a bronze medal in 2018.
- **Irina Bakaldina** (KAZ) won gold in the women's epee at the Asian championships in Delhi in June. Kazakhstan has never won a world championships medal in a women's event.
- Kazakhstan's two medals at the world championships are a bronze in the men's epee individual (Ruslan Kurbanov in 2023) and a bronze in the men's epee team (2025).
- **Hsieh Kaylin Sin Yan** (HKG) could join Kong Man Wai Vivian as only woman to have won a medal for Hong Kong, China at the world championships. Kong took bronze in the Women's Individual Epee in 2019 and 2022.
- Hsieh finished runner up to Irina Bakaldina (KAZ) in the women's epee final at the 2026 Asian championships.
- **China** won the women's individual epee world title once: Li Na in 2011.
- **Alexandra Ndolo** (KEN) could win the first medal for Kenya in any fencing world championships event.
- No African nation has won a gold medal at the world championships. The last African woman to win a medal was Tunisia's Ines Boubakri in 2018 (bronze in foil individual).
- In 2017, Azza Besbes (TUN) became the only African fencer to win a silver medal at the world championships, in the women's sabre individual.
- **Ruien Xiao** (CAN) and **Nicole Xuan** (CAN) each claimed a bronze medal in the epee individual at the Pan American championships this year. They had also taken bronze medals in this event at the junior world championships in Rio.
- **Julia Yin** (CAN) won the junior world title in Wuxi in 2025.
- The only women younger than 19 to have won a world championships medal in the epee individual were Ana Maria Popescu (ROU, 17, bronze) in 2002 and Oksana Ermakova (URS, 18, bronze) in 1991.
- Canada's last medal in any fencing event was silver for Sherraine Schalm in the Women's Individual Epee in 2009.

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- Kong Man Wai Vivian (HKG) won gold in this event at the Paris Olympic Games in 2024. She is also the only fencer representing **Hong Kong, China** to have won world championships medals: bronze in 2019 and 2022.
- Three women won the epee world title **on a home piste**: France's Brigitte Benon in Orléans in 1988, Hungary's Mariann Horvath in Budapest in 1991 and Maureen Nisima-Charley (FRA) in Paris in 2010.
- **Ten different women** have won the last 10 gold medals in the epee individual at the world championships and Olympic Games combined (2015-2025), a run that began with Rossella Fiamingo's second world title in 2015.

- **Left-handed fencers** have won six of the last eight world titles in the Women's Individual Epee (2014-2025). The exceptions were Mara Navarria (ITA) in 2018 and Vlada Kharkova (UKR) in 2025. Kharkova was accompanied on the podium by three left-handed fencers in Tbilisi.
- Left-handed fencers claimed 12 of the last 16 medals in this event (75%, 2018-2025).
- **No woman born in this century** has won a medal in this event at the world championships. At the Paris 2024, Olympic bronze medal winner Eszter Muhari (born 30 September 2002) became the first Olympic medallist in this event who was born in this century.

## C - MEN'S INDIVIDUAL EPEE

### Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Kano Koki (JPN)**

**Silver: Gergely Siklosi (HUN)**

**Bronze: Yamada Masaru (JPN)**

**Bronze: Nikita Koshman (UKR)**

- **Kano Koki (JPN)** won the world title in the men's individual epee in 2025, after he had won Olympic gold in this event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and at the Asian Games in 2023.
- Kano took bronze at the Asian championships in Delhi in June.
- Kano became the first man to win a world title for Japan in the men's individual epee event.
- Kano can become the first fencer to win the gold medal in the men's individual epee at three successive Olympic Games/world championships combined.
- The last man to win the epee world title twice in a row was Eric Srecki (FRA) in 1995 and 1997.
- Kano is leading the FIE ranking in the men's epee individual. The fencer who entered the competition as the leader in the men's epee FIE rankings reached the final in nine of the last 11 world championships (4 gold, 5 silver). The exceptions were 2017 and 2019.
- **Yamada Masaru (JPN)** won the men's epee at the Asian championships in June, he defeated Kano in the semifinals and won the final against Lee Rang (KOR). It was Masaru's second Asian title, after 2019.
- **Gergely Siklosi (HUN)** became the men's epee world champion in 2019 and he claimed silver in 2025. No Hungarian man has won multiple world titles in this event.
- Siklosi could also become the first Hungarian man to win three medals in this event.
- **Mate Tamas Koch (HUN)** won the men's individual epee at the world championships in 2023.
- Hungary won 10 gold medals in this event, third-most, behind France (22) and Russia (11, including Soviet Union).
- **Matteo Galassi (ITA)** could become the first Italian world champion in this event since Paolo Pizzo in 2011 and 2017.
- **Simone Mencarelli (ITA)** won the 2026 European epee title in Anthony in June. In this century, only Yannick Borel (FRA, 2018) won the world title and the European title in the men's individual epee in the same year.
- **Davide Di Veroli (ITA)** took silver in this event in Milan in 2023. Italy won 35 medals in this event, the second-most after France (59).
- **Mohamed Elsayed (EGY)** could win the first world title for Egypt in any fencing event. Until 2026, Egypt claimed nine medals in all fencing events at world championships, all bronze medals.

- Elsayed finished on the podium of the men's individual epee in four of the five 2025/26 World Cup events (G2-S0-B2), including wins in Vancouver (December 2025) and Bern (May 2026).
- Elsayed won this event at the African championships in 2022, 2024, 2025 and 2026, and he claimed Olympic bronze in this event at Paris 2024.
- **Tristan Tulen** (NED) could win the first world championships medal for Netherlands in any fencing event since Bas Verwijlen claimed silver in the men's individual epee in 2011.
- Netherlands won its three gold medals at the world championships more than 100 years ago: Arie de Jong in men's sabre individual (1922, 1923) and Wouter Brouwer in men's individual epee (1923).
- **Roman Svichkar** (UKR) won this event at the European championships in Genova in 2025. He can win the first world title for Ukraine in the men's epee individual. Svichkar claimed bronze in this event at the world championships in 2018.
- **Ruslan Kurbanov** (KAZ) was involved in both Kazakhstan's medals in fencing at the world championships: he claimed bronze in the epee individual in 2023 and he helped Kazakhstan to a bronze medal in the epee team event in 2025.
- Kurbanov won the men's at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Jakub Jurka** (CZE) could become the first medal winner for Czechia/Czechoslovakia at the world championships since his grandfather Jaroslav Jurka claimed silver in the epee individual for Czechoslovakia in 1985.
- **Neisser Loyola** (BEL) took bronze in this event in 2022 to claim Belgium's first medal at the fencing world championships since 1951. Loyola also claimed bronze in the epee individual at the European championships in June 2026.
- **Samuel Imrek** (USA) could win the first medal for United States in the men's epee event at the world championships. Imrek has already claimed medals as a cadet (gold in 2022) and as a junior (bronze in 2023 and 2024).
- **Gabriel Feinberg** (USA) won this event at the Pan American championships in Lima in June.
- **Ruben Limardo** (VEN) claimed silver in this event in 2013 and 2018. His brothers **Francisco Limardo** (VEN) and **Jesus Limardo** (VEN) are also on the entry list in the men's epee in Hong Kong, China. The three brothers have never faced each other at the world championships.
- **Alon Sarid** (ISR) took silver at the 2026 European championships. Israel has never won a medal in fencing at the world championships.
- **Conrad Seiback Kongstad** (DEN) claimed a bronze medal in this event at the European championships this year. Denmark's last world championships medal in fencing was a bronze for Patrick Jorgensen (DEN) in men's epee in 2015.
- The only man to win gold for Denmark was Mogens Luchow in the men's epee in 1950.
- Denmark's last gold medal at the world championships was for Karen Lachmann in women's foil individual in 1954.

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- The last **eight finals** of this event at the world championships (2014-2025) were contested by 15 different fencers. Only Hungary's Gergely Siklosi made two appearances in these years (gold in 2019, silver in 2025).
- Geza Imre (HUN, 2015) is the last **left-handed** fencer who won the world title in this event. In this century two other left-handed men won the world title: Paolo Milanoli (ITA, 2001) and Anton Avdeev (RUS, 2009).

# D - WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL FOIL

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Lee Kiefer (USA)**

**Silver: Pauline Ranvier (FRA)**

**Bronze: Anna Cristino (ITA)**

**Bronze: Martina Favaretto (ITA)**

- Lee Kiefer (USA), double Olympic champion (Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024) and 2025 world champion announced her pregnancy this year and will not defend her world title from Tbilisi 2025.
- Earlier this year, Kiefer had won the women's foil event at the World Cup in Hong Kong, China (January 2026).
- **Italy** has won 17 world titles in the Women's Individual Foil. Only Russia (18, including Soviet Union) has won more gold medals in this event (18).
- Italy has won at least one medal in this event at each of the last 16 world championships. The last time it did not win a medal was in 2002. Italian women won five of the eight medals in total at the last two world championships (G1-S1-B3).
- **Arianna Errigo** (ITA) can win her third world title in the Women's Individual Foil, after 2013 and 2014. She can become the seventh woman to win at least three world titles in this event, after Valentina Vezzali (ITA, 6), Helene Mayer (GER, 3), Ilona Elek (HUN, 3), Ellen Muller-Preis (AUT, 3), Cornelia Hanisch (FRG, 3) and Inna Gracheva (RUS, 3).
- Errigo (G2-S3-B5) has won 10 world championships medals in the **Women's Individual Foil**. This is the second-most medals for a fencer in any individual event, after Valentina Vezzali's 12 medals (G6-S2-B4) in the Women's Individual Foil.
- Errigo has won 10 **gold** medals at the world championships, only Vezzali (16), Aladar Gerevich (HUN, 14), Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, 13) and Ilona Elek (11) won more gold medals.
- Errigo (G10-S7-B6) has won 23 medals in total at the world championships. Only Vezzali (26) and Mangiarotti (26) won more medals.
- Errigo has won a medal at 13 world championships. Three fencers managed to win a medal at 14 or more world championships: Vezzali (18 editions), Jerzy Pawlowski (POL, 14) and Giovanna Trillini (ITA, 14).
- Errigo took silver in the foil individual at the European championships in Antony in June this year, after losing the final against Olga Sopit (UKR). She won the European title with Italy in the foil team event.
- **Martina Favaretto** (ITA) took bronze in this event at the last two world championships.
- Favaretto won three of the five World Cup events in Women's Individual Foil in 2025/26 and also claimed one bronze medal, but the only World Cup she did not reach the podium was in Hong Kong, China in January 2026. She lost against Martina Sinigalia (ITA) in the round of Last 16. Favaretto also took bronze at the Grand Prix in Lima in March this year.
- **Martina Batini** (ITA) claimed silver in the Women's Individual Foil at the world championships in 2014. The longest **gap** between winning medals in the Women's Individual Foil is 14 years: among the medals won by Ilona Elek in this event (G3-S2-B1) there was a gap of 14 years from 1937 (silver) to 1951 (gold).
- Batini is leading the FIE world ranking in Women's Individual Foil. Three of the last seven world titles were won by the woman who entered that championship as the top-ranked fencer. Last year's winner Lee Kiefer entered the competition as the world ranking leader.
- **Anna Cristino** (ITA) took bronze in this event in 2025. She could become the second left-handed world champion in this century, after Errigo (2013, 2014).

- **Uena Yuka** (JPN) won the women's foil at the last two Asian championships (2025, 2026). She could win the first medal for Japan in this event at the world championships. The only Japanese woman to have won a fencing world title is Emura Misaki: gold in the sabre individual in 2022 and 2023.
- **Pauline Ranvier** (FRA) claimed silver in the foil individual at the world championships in 2019 and 2025. In total she has won eight medals at the world championships, but none of these was a gold medal: G0-S4-B4.
- There have been two fencers who won more world championships medals without having won any gold medal: Germany's Imke Duplitzer (12, G0-S6-B6) and Poland's Witold Woyda (10, G0-S5-B5).
- **Ysaora Thibus** (FRA) won the women's foil world title in 2022. She became the second French world champion in this event after Marie-Chantal Demaille in 1971.
- Thibus also claimed silver in 2018 and bronze in 2017 in the individual foil event and with her three medals she is level with Renee Garilhe (G0-S2-B1) as only French women to have won three medals in this event.
- **Eleanor Harvey** (CAN) can win the first world title for Canada in any fencing event. At Paris 2024, she claimed the first-ever Olympic medal in fencing for Canada, when she beat Italy's Alice Volpi in the women's foil bronze medal match.
- **Harvey** defeated USA's Carolina Stutchbury in the women's foil final at the 2026 Pan American championships in Lima.
- Canada has won three medals in fencing at the world championships: Sherraine Schalm claimed bronze (2005) and silver (2009) in the women's epee individual, and Igor Tikhomirov took bronze in the men's epee individual in 2006.
- **Carolina Stutchbury** (USA) took silver (2025) and bronze (2024) in the Women's Individual Foil at the European championships when she represented Great Britain.
- **Olga Sopit** (UKR) won the European title in the women's foil in Antony in June. The last woman to win the world title and European title in this event in the same year was Valentina Vezzali in 2001.
- Ukraine has never won a world championships medal in a women's foil event (individual, team). It won G3-S1-B2 in men's foil individual.
- **Lauren Scruggs** (USA) claimed the Olympic silver medal in the women's foil at Paris 2024, losing the final against Lee Kiefer. She could join Kiefer as only world champion for United States in this event.
- **Jaelyn Liu** (USA) won the cadet and junior world titles in women's foil in 2025 and in 2026. She became the first fencer in any event to win the cadet and junior world titles at two world championships.
- Last year, Liu also won gold in the foil team event at the senior world championships in Tbilisi.
- In January 2025, Liu won the senior World Cup event in Hong Kong, China when she was only 15 years old.
- Liu (17 years old) can join Anja Fichtel (FRG, 17 in 1986) as youngest senior world champions in this event. The only younger world champion in an individual event is Rebecca Ward (USA), who was 16 years old when she won gold in women's sabre in 2006.
- **Flora Pasztor** (HUN) could win the first world championships medal for Hungary in the Women's Individual Foil since 2007, when Aida Mohamed claimed bronze.

# E - MEN'S INDIVIDUAL FOIL

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Ryan Choi Chun Yin (HKG)**

**Silver: Kirill Borodachev (AIN)**

**Bronze: Maxime Pauty (FRA)**

**Bronze: Gergo Szemes (HUN)**

- **Choi Chun Yin Ryan** (HKG) became the first fencer to win a gold medal for Hong Kong, China at the world championships, when he defeated Kirill Borodachev (AIN) in the final of the Men's Individual Foil in Tbilisi in 2025.
- It was the only final of an individual event in Tbilisi between two left-handed fencers.
- Choi was the second Asian fencer to win the Men's Individual Foil world title, after Ota Yuki (JPN) in 2015.
- In this century, two fencers won the Men's Individual Foil gold medal at two successive world championships: Peter Joppich (GER, 2006, 2007) and Enzo Lefort (FRA, 2019, 2022).
- Choi (gold in foil individual in 2025 and bronze in foil team in 2023) is one of three fencers who have won two world championships medals for Hong Kong, China, alongside Kong Man Wai Vivian (bronze in women's epee individual in 2019 and 2022) and Cheung Ka Long (bronze in Men's Individual Foil in 2022 and in foil team in 2023).
- Eight men won the foil individual world title on a home piste, including three in this century: Andrea Cassara (ITA) in Catania in 2011, Alexey Cheremisinov in Russia's Kazan in 2014 and Tommaso Marini (ITA) in Milan in 2023.
- **Cheung Ka Long** (HKG) has won more Olympic gold medals (in 2021 and 2024) in the Men's Individual Foil event than world championships medals: one bronze medal (2022).
- Cheung has won gold in men's foil at almost every major competition, except the senior world championships: he won gold at the Olympic Games (2021, 2024), Asian Games (2023), Asian championships (2016, 2022), Summer Universiade (2023), Grand Prix level, World Cup level and at the junior world championships (2016, 2017).
- He claimed silver in this event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Kirill Borodachev** (AIN) is the top ranked fencer in the men's foil FIE world ranking. Last year, Choi entered the world championships as the world ranking leader and went on to win the gold medal.
- The last time the gold medal went to the top ranked fencer twice in a row at the world championships was in 2003 (Peter Joppich, GER) and 2005 (Salvatore Sanzo, ITA).
- **Tommaso Marini** (ITA) won gold in 2023 after he had claimed silver in 2022. He is the last Italian medal winner in the Men's Individual Foil at the world championships.
- Five Italian men won two world titles in this event, but only one achieved this after the 1930s: Salvatore Sanzo (2001, 2005).
- **Guillaume Bianchi** (ITA) has won two gold medals in the men's foil team event at the world championships (2022, 2025). He has yet to finish on the podium of the foil individual event.
- **Filippo Macchi** (ITA) took silver in the men's foil at the Olympic Games in 2024. He won the Istanbul World Cup event in April 2026.
- **Rafael Savin** (FRA) won the Men's Individual Foil at the European championships in France in June. The last man to win foil gold at the world championships and European championships in the same year was Italy's Andrea Baldini in 2009.
- The last French world champion in this event was Enzo Lefort (FRA, 2019, 2022). Lefort's world titles were the first for France since 1990.
- France has won 15 gold medals in this event, second-most behind Italy's 22.
- **Andrzej Rżadkowski** (POL) claimed silver in the foil at the European championships in 2026. Poland's last world championships medal in a men's event was a bronze in the epee team in 2009.

- Poland's last Men's Individual Foil medal was a bronze for Piotr Kielpikowski in 2002. Poland won one gold medal in this event: Ryszard Parulski in 1961.
- **Alexander Massialas** (USA) claimed silver in the Men's Individual Foil at the world championships in 2015. The only USA fencer to win the world title in this event was Miles Chamley-Watson in 2013.
- Massialas could win a medal in the Men's Individual Foil 11 years after his first medal in this event. It would be the longest gap between two medals in this event.
- The most years between a first and last medal in the men's foil is 12 years, by Jeno Kamuti (HUN, 1961 to 1973). Gioacchino Guaragna (ITA, 1927 to 1938) won medals over a period of 11 years.
- Massialas won the men's foil World Cup event in Paris in January this year. In June, he won gold at the Pan American championships in Lima.
- **Nick Itkin** (USA) claimed silver (2023) and bronze (2022) in the Men's Individual Foil at the world championships. He can be the first USA man to win three world championship medals in an individual event.
- **Alexander Choupenitch** (CZE) could win the first world championships medal in any fencing event for Czechia since Jaroslav Jurka claimed silver in men's epee individual for Czechoslovakia in 1985.
- Choupenitch won the World Cup event in Palma de Mallorca in November 2025 and he finished runner up in the World Cup in Cairo in April 2026.
- **Kyosuke Matsuyama** (JPN) defeated **Kazuki Iimura** (JPN) in the final of the men's foil at the Asian championships in Delhi in June. They could become the second Japanese world champion in this event, after Ota Yuki (JPN) in 2015.
- Matsuyama claimed bronze in the men's foil at the world championships in 2023. Ota (gold in 2015, bronze in 2010) is the only Japanese man to win multiple medals in this event.
- **Mohamed Hamza** (EGY) or **Abdelrahman Tolba** (EGY) could win the first medal for Egypt in this event.
- Tolba (born 29 July 2007) is still only 18 years old when the men's foil event is scheduled at the world championships. Only one man won a medal in this event before his 19th birthday: Christian D'Oriola (FRA) won gold in 1947 when he was 18.
- **Gergo Szemes** (HUN) took bronze in the men's foil at the last year's world championships. It was the first medal for Hungary in this event since Jeno Kamuti took bronze in 1973.
- Kamuti (G0-S2-B1) is the only Hungarian to have won multiple medals in the Men's Individual Foil.
- Hungary won two world titles in the Men's Individual Foil: Jozsef Gyuricza in 1955 and Mihaly Fulop in 1957.

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- **Italy** (G22-S21-B23) has won a record 66 medals in this event at the world championships. **France** (G15-S12-B20) is next on 47 medals.
- Italy did not win a medal in this event at the world championships in 2025. The last time it failed to win a medal at successive world championships was in 2014 and 2015.
- In this century, four **left-handed fencers** won the world title in the Men's Individual Foil event: Andrea Baldini (ITA, 2009), Andrea Cassara (2011), Dmitry Zherebchenko (RUS, 2017) and Choi (2025).
- In 2025, **Maxime Pauty** (FRA, bronze) was the only right-handed fencer to claim a medal in the men's foil.
- At the junior and cadet world championships in 2026, **Hong Kong, China** won the Men's Individual Foil event at junior level (Lam Ho Long) and at cadet level (Ho Shing Him Harris).

# F - WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SABRE

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Yana Egorian (AIN)**

**Silver: Zuzanna Cieslar (POL)**

**Bronze: Pan Qimiao (CHN)**

**Bronze: Alina Komashchuk (UKR)**

- **Yana Egorian** (AIN) won the world title in the Women's Individual Sabre in 2025. At the age of 31 she became the oldest world champion in this event.
- Egorian took silver in this event at the European championships in Antony in June this year. She lost the final against **Lucia Martin-Portugues** (ESP).
- Egorian won Olympic gold in the Women's Individual Sabre at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games when she was 22 years old.
- Egorian became the first left-handed world champion in the Women's Individual Sabre since Mariel Zagunis (USA) in 2009 and 2010.
- Six women have won multiple world titles in the sabre individual event. Olga Kharlan (UKR, 4) is the only woman to have won more than two world titles.
- Egorian is leading the FIE world ranking in the Women's Individual Sabre. The last woman to win the world title as the leader in the FIE ranking in this event was Sophia Velikaia (RUS) in 2015.
- **Emura Misaki** (JPN) won the Women's Individual Sabre world title in 2022 and 2023. She can become the second woman to win at least three world titles in this event, after Kharlan (4).
- Emura won the Women's Individual Sabre at the Asian championships in 2025. She lost to Sit Summer Fay (HKG) in the round of Last 16 at the 2026 Asian championships in Delhi.
- Japan's **Sano Yui** won the Asian title in Delhi this year after defeating Choi Sebin (KOR) in the final. Sano has yet to win a medal at the world championships.
- No woman has won the sabre individual gold medal at the world championships and the Asian championships or Asian Games in the same year. The last Asian champion to win a world championships medal in the same year was China's Shen Chen in 2015 (bronze).
- **Yoana Ilieva** (BUL) is the only woman to have won a world championships medal in fencing for Bulgaria - bronze in the sabre individual in 2023.
- Bulgaria has won one gold at the world championships: gold for Vassil Etropolski in the men's sabre individual in 1983.
- **Manon Apithy** (FRA, gold) and **Sara Balzer** (FRA, silver) faced each other in the final of the Women's Individual Sabre event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- The only woman to have won the world title for **France** in the Women's Individual Sabre was Anne Lise Touya (2001, 2005).
- **Sarah Noutcha** (FRA) won gold in the sabre individual event at the 2025 European championships and at the world military fencing championships last year.
- Noutcha won two 2025/26 World Cup events, in Salt Lake City and Lima.
- **Toscane Tori** (FRA) took a bronze medal in the women's sabre at the European championships on the home piste in Antony this year.
- France's last medal in this event at the world championships was a bronze medal for Cecilia Berder in 2017.
- **Sugar Katinka Battai** (HUN) could win the first medal for Hungary in the Women's Individual Sabre since 2015, when Anna Marton took bronze. Hungary's other medal in this event was a bronze medal for Orsolya Nagy in 2009.
- Of all 12 events at the world championships (individual & team in all three weapons), this is the only event in which Hungary has never won a world title.

- **Michela Battiston** (ITA) hopes to win the first medal for Italy in this event since Irene Vecchi claimed a bronze medal in 2017.
- **Italy** (G0-S3-B8) has won 11 medals in the Women's Individual Sabre, but of all 12 events at the world championships (individual & team in all three weapons), this is the only event in which Italy has never won a world title.
- **Lucia Martin-Portugues** (ESP) won the European title in this event in June 2026. The last woman to win the European and world title in this event in the same year was Olga Kharlan in 2019.
- Spain's last medal in fencing at the world championships was a bronze medal for **Araceli Navarro** (ESP) in the Women's Individual Sabre in 2022.
- Spain won two world titles in fencing: gold for Manuel Pereira in the men's epee individual in 1989 and gold in the women's epee team in 1994.
- In 2025, **Pan Qimiao** (CHN) was 16 years and 48 days old when she took bronze in the Women's Individual Sabre in Tbilisi. She was the youngest fencer to win a world championships medal since a 15-year-old Rebecca Ward (USA) helped USA win gold in the women's sabre team event in 2005
- China won the world title in the Women's Individual Sabre event in 2002, when Tan Xue won gold.
- Pan won both sabre individual world titles (cadet & junior) at this year's junior and cadet world championships in Rio in April 2026.
- Last year, **Zuzanna Cieslar** (POL, silver) became the first Polish woman to reach the final of the sabre individual event at the world championships.
- Poland won two gold medals in women's individual events, both in women's epee: Joanna Jakimiuk in 1995 and Danuta Dmowska-Andrzejuk in 2005.
- **Maia Chamberlain** (USA) can win the first medal for United States in this event since 2018, when Anne-Elizabeth Stone took bronze. Rebecca Ward (2006) and Mariel Zagunis (2009, 2010) won gold for USA in the Women's Individual Sabre.
- In 2026, **Alina Mikhailova** (AIN) won the sabre individual at the Tunis Grand Prix and the Tashkent World Cup. She took bronze in the World Cup in Algiers in November 2025. She also won gold in the women's sabre team event at the European championships in June 2026.
- **Jeon Hayoung** (KOR) can win the first Women's Individual Sabre world title for Republic of Korea. The NOC claimed two bronze medals in this event: Kim Hye-Lim in 2006 and Kim Ji-Yeon in 2013.
- **Natalia Botello** (MEX) defeated **Gabriela Hwang** (PUR) in the women's sabre final at the Pan American championships in June this year. Mexico and Puerto Rico have never won a medal in fencing at the world championships.

## G - MEN'S INDIVIDUAL SABRE

### Medallists 2025

**Gold: Sandro Bazadze (GEO)**

**Silver: Jean-Philippe Patrice (FRA)**

**Bronze: Ahmed Hesham (EGY)**

**Bronze: Luca Curatoli (ITA)**

- **Sandro Bazadze** (GEO) became the first world champion for Georgia in any fencing event when he won gold in the Men's Individual Sabre on home piste in Tbilisi in 2025.
- At the last three world championships, Bazadze has won bronze (2022), silver (2023) and gold (2025).
- The last man who won this event at successive world championships was Stanislav Pozdniakov (RUS) in 2006 and 2007.

- **France** last won the world title in the Men's Individual Sabre in 1999 (Damien Touya). The Men's Individual Sabre and the women's foil team are the only two events France has not won a gold medal in in this century.
- Brothers **Sebastien Patrice** (FRA) and **Jean-Philippe Patrice** (FRA) have never faced each other at the world championships. Jean-Philippe leads the head-to-head versus Sebastien 3-2 in Grand Prix and World Cup events.
- Sebastien Patrice is leading the FIE ranking in this event. The last man to win the world title after entering the tournament as the top-ranked fencer was Aron Szilagyi (HUN) in 2022.
- Last year, Jean-Philippe Patrice took silver at the world championships as the world ranking leader.
- Jean-Philippe Patrice defeated his compatriot **Maxime Pianfetti** (FRA) in the final of this event at the European championships in Antony in June this year.
- The last man to win the world title and European title in the sabre individual in the same year was Stanislav Pozdniakov in 2001 and again in 2002.
- **Maxime Pianfetti** (FRA) took silver in this event at the world championships in 2022. The only French fencers to have won multiple medals in this event are Damien Touya (G1-S0-B1) and Julie Pillet (G0-S2-B0).
- **Remi Garrigue** (FRA) won the European title in 2025. At 21 years of age, he could be the youngest French medal winner in this event at the world championships.
- In 2025, **Ahmed Hesham** (EGY) became the youngest medal winner in the Men's Individual Sabre when he took bronze at the age of 18.
- The youngest man to win gold in the sabre individual was **Oh Sanguk** (KOR, 22) in 2019.
- Until 2026, Egypt had won nine world championships medals in all fencing events: G0-S0-B9.
- In April this year, Hesham took bronze in the individual sabre event at the junior world championships.
- Oh Sanguk (KOR) won the gold medal in the Men's Individual Sabre at the 2019 world championships and at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. In both years Oh had also won this event at the Asian championships.
- Last month, Oh won the sabre individual for the third time at the Asian championships, in Delhi in June.
- Oh is now the reigning Olympic champion (2024), Asian Games champion (2023) and Asian championship winner (2026).
- Until 2026, no Korean fencer had won multiple world titles in an individual event.
- The last fencer to win multiple world titles in the Men's Individual Sabre was Pozdniakov (1997, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007).
- **Do Gyeongdong** (KOR) won the men's sabre at the Asian championships in Bali in June 2025 and he took a bronze medal in 2026.
- Republic of Korea's **Gu Bongil** won the Men's Individual Sabre at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Fares Ferjani** can become the first man to win a medal for Tunisia at the fencing world championships. In women's events, Tunisia claimed four medals (G0-S1-B3).
- **Aron Szilagyi** (HUN) has won more Olympic gold medals in this event (2012, 2016, 2021) than world titles (2022).
- Szilagyi (36 years old) could become the oldest world champion in this event since Rudolf Karpati (HUN, 39) in 1959.
- **Hungary** has won 22 world titles in this event, joint-most alongside Russia (including Soviet Union).
- Hungary has won 68 medals in the Men's Individual Sabre at the world championships (G22-S23-B23). This is the most medals by one NOC in a specific event.
- Hungary won 10 successive gold medals from 1925 to 1937. It is the longest winning streak by one NOC in a specific event at the world championships.

- **William Morrill** (USA, 19) defeated **Colin Heathcock** (USA, 20) in the final of this event at the Pan American championships in Lima in June. This was a reverse result from the 2025 final when Heathcock beat Morrill.
- Last year, Colin Heathcock defeated his brother **Antonio Heathcock** (USA) in the semifinals at the Pan American championships.
- When Colin Heathcock won his first junior world title in 2022, he also defeated his brother Antonio in the semifinals. Both brothers represented Germany at that tournament.
- **Frederic Kindler** (GER) can win the first world championships medal for Germany in the Men's Individual Sabre since 2015, when Max Hartung claimed bronze. In 2009, Nicholas Limbach won Germany's last world title in this event.
- **Vlad Covaliu** (ROU) won gold (2024) and silver (2025) in the sabre individual at the junior world championships. His father Mihai Covaliu became the only Romanian man to win an individual world title when he won the sabre event in 2005.
- **Furkan Yaman** (TUR) won the junior world title in the men's sabre this year. Türkiye has never won a medal in any fencing event at the senior world championships.

## H - WOMEN'S TEAM EPEE

### Medallists 2025

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**Gold: France**

**Silver: AIN**

**Bronze: Republic of Korea**

- **France** won gold in the Women's Team Epee event at the world championships in 2025. It was France's first medal in this event since it won the world title in Beijing in April 2008.
- France achieved back-to-back world titles in this event in 2007 and 2008. The last team to win this event at successive world championships was Russia in 2013 and 2014.
- Only Hungary (8) won more world titles in the Women's Team Epee than France (5 - 1998, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2025).
- France defeated Hungary in the final of the Women's Team Epee event at the European championships in Antony in June.
- **Republic of Korea** (G1-S1-B3) won five medals in the Women's Team Epee. It is the only NOC to have finished on the podium in this event at each of the last three world championships: gold in 2022, bronze in 2023 and 2025.
- Republic of Korea beat China in the final of the epee team at the Asian championships in Delhi in June.
- **Lee Hyein** (KOR) helped her team win Asian championship gold in June. She won four world championships medals with Republic of Korea's epee team (G1-S1-B2).
- Republic of Korea won its first world title in the Women's Team Epee in 2022, and **Song Sera** (KOR) won the women's epee individual that year.
- Song (2022), Mariann Horvath (HUN, 1991, 1992) and Laura Flessel-Colovic (FRA, 1998) won the epee individual and team gold medal in the same year.
- **Italy** won its first Olympic gold medal in the women's team epee event when it beat France 30-29 in overtime at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. **Alberta Santuccio** (ITA) scored the winning touch against **Auriane Mallo-Breton** (FRA).
- Italy has won 10 world championships medals in this event (G1-S3-B6). The team won the world title in 2009.
- **United States** has won one medal in this event at the world championships: gold in 2018.
- **Hungary** has won a record eight gold medals in this event at the world championships, but it won its last world title in 2002.

- Hungary's 13 total medals in the Women's Team Epee (G8-S3-B2) are the joint-most alongside Germany (13, including West Germany). Hungary's most recent medal in this event was a silver medal in 2005.
- Hungary claimed silver in the epee team at the European championships in June.
- **Estonia** claimed four medals in this event (G1-S2-B1). Its last medal was gold in 2017.
- **Irina Embrich** (EST) was a fencer in three of these medal-winning teams: silver in 2002, and 2014, and gold in 2017.
- At the 2025 world championship, Embrich (then 45 years old) became the oldest medal winner in any event at the world championships in this century, when she took bronze in the epee individual.
- **China** (G3-S5-B2) has won 10 medals in the Women's Team Epee event at the world championships.
- Only Hungary (11) and France (9) have contested as many finals in this event as China (8).
- China won a medal in the team epee at all three world championships held in Asia: silver in Seoul in 1999 and in Beijing in April 2008, and bronze in Wuxi in 2018.
- China lost the final of the epee team against Republic of Korea at the Asian championships in Delhi this year. It was a re-match from last year's final when China won. The Chinese also beat the Koreans in the final of this event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Germany** won 11 medals in the Women's Team Epee event (G0-S5-B6), but it has never won the gold medal. Germany's last medal dates back to 2010 (silver).
- Germany's Imke Duplitzer won a record 11 medals in this event, but she never won gold (G0-S5-B6).
- **Poland** claimed Olympic bronze in the Women's Team Epee at Paris 2024, one year after it won the world title in this event in Milan in 2023. Poland also one silver and three bronze medals in this event at the world championships.
- **Canada** lost the final of the epee team event against United States at the Pan American championships in Lima in June. Earlier this year Canada won the epee team event at the junior world championships in Rio de Janeiro in April 2026. **Ruien Xiao** (CAN), **Nicole Xuan** (CAN) and **Julia Yin** (CAN) competed for Canada in both tournaments.
- These three women also represented Canada in the epee team event at last year's senior world championships, when Canada lost against Republic of Korea in the quarterfinals.
- Canada's most recent medal at the world championships was a silver for Sherraine Schalm in the women's epee individual in 2009. Canada has never won a medal in a team event at the world championships.
- **Ukraine** defeated Switzerland in the Women's Team Epee final of the European championships in 2025. It took bronze at the European championships in 2026.
- At the world championships, Ukraine claimed three medals in this event, all bronze in 1993, 1998 and 2015.
- Ukraine won the Women's Team Epee event at the junior world championships in Wuxi in 2025. Emily Conrad (UKR) was a member of that team. Her mother Natalia Conrad (UKR) won the epee individual world title in 2003.
- **Switzerland** took bronze in this event at the world championships in 1989 and silver in 2001. Since that silver medal in 2001, Switzerland has won only one more medal in a women's event: a bronze medal for Laura Staehli in the women's epee individual in 2018.
- **Hong Kong, China** took a bronze medal in the epee team at the Asian championships on its home piste in 2017. It lost against Singapore in the quarterfinals in 2026.
- Hong Kong, China's best result in this event at the world championships was reaching the quarterfinals in 2022 and 2023.
- **AIN (Individual Neutral Athletes)** took silver in the epee team at the world championships in 2025. It also claimed a silver medal in the most recent World Cup event, in St-Maur in May 2026.
- AIN was eliminated against Hungary in the quarterfinals at this year's European championship in Antony in June.

# I - MEN'S TEAM EPEE

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Japan**

**Silver: Hungary**

**Bronze: Kazakhstan**

- **Japan** defeated Hungary in the final of the Men's Team Epee at the world championships in 2025 to win its first world title in this event. Japan had lost the final of this event against Hungary at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
- The last team to win consecutive world titles in the Men's Team Epee was France in 2019 and 2022.
- Japan won Olympic gold in the Men's Team Epee at the Tokyo Games in 2021. Its only other podium finish in this event at the world championships was a third place in 2022.
- Japan lost the final of the Men's Team Epee against Kazakhstan at the Asian championships in June.
- **Hungary** won the Olympic gold medal in the Men's Team Epee event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. It was Hungary's fourth Olympic gold medal in this event and its first since the Munich 1972 Games.
- Hungary won seven world titles in the Men's Team Epee. It won its last gold medal in Budapest in 2013.
- Only France (46) and Italy (25) have won as many world championships medals in this event as Hungary (25).
- **France** has won the Men's Team Epee event a record 23 times at the world championships. This includes winning 10 of the last 16 world titles. France's most recent victory was in 2022.
- France won 46 world championships medals in this event (G23-S16-B7), but it finished fourth in 2025. The last time France failed to win a medal in this event at two successive world championships was in 1985 and 1986.
- France lost the final of this event against Italy at the European championships in Antony in June. France also claimed four podium finishes in the 2025/26 World Cup (2 wins, 1 second place, 1 third place).
- **Switzerland** won three of the five 2025/26 World Cup events in Men's Team Epee. France won the other two events.
- Until 2026, Switzerland won 24 medals in all men's and women's fencing events (G2-S9-B13). All these medals were won in epee events.
- Switzerland won two gold medals at the world championships: Anja Straub in women's individual in 1989 and the Men's Team Epee in 2018.
- The Swiss won 12 medals in the Men's Team Epee (G1-S4-B7), including gold in 2018. Its last medal in this event was a bronze medal in 2019.
- **Italy** won the world title in the Men's Team Epee event in Milan in 2023. Only France (23) has won more world titles in this event than Italy (14).
- Italy and Hungary are level on 25 total medals in the Men's Team Epee event. Only France won more medals (46).
- Italy won the gold medal in this event at the European championships in 2026. France is the last team to win the European and world title in this event in the same year: in 2011.
- **Czechia** took Olympic bronze in the Men's Team Epee at the Paris 2024 Games. Its last medal at the world championships in any fencing event was for Jaroslav Jurka (representing Czechoslovakia) in the men's epee individual in 1985.
- **Kazakhstan's** bronze medal in this event at the world championships in 2025 was its second world championships medal in all fencing events, after a bronze medal for Ruslan Kurbanov (KAZ) in the men's epee individual in 2023. Kurbanov was also a member of the epee team in 2025.

- Kurbanov won individual epee gold at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- Kazakhstan defeated Japan in the final of the epee team event at the Asian championships in Delhi in June.
- Since 2015, Kazakhstan only missed out on a medal in this event at the Asian championships in 2017 (in Hong Kong, China) and in 2022 (Seoul).
- **Netherlands** took silver in the Men's Team Epee event at the European championships in 2025. The Dutch team took bronze in two 2025/26 World Cup events. Netherlands has never won a medal in this event at the world championships.
- The most recent medal for Netherlands in any fencing event at the world championships was a silver medal for Bas Verwijlen (NED) in the men's epee individual in 2011.
- **Ukraine** won the world title in this event in 2015. It also won two silver medals (2013, 2019) and two bronze medals (2005, 2006).
- **Venezuela** claimed bronze in this event at the world championships in 2023. Venezuela's team consisted of **Gabriel Lugo** and the three brothers **Ruben Limardo, Francisco Limardo** and Jesus **Limardo**.
- Ruben Limardo also won Venezuela's other two world championships medals in fencing: silver in the men's epee individual in 2013 and 2018.
- **Egypt** claimed one world championships medal in this event, a bronze medal in Cairo in 1949.
- **United States** won two medals in the Men's Team Epee at the world championships: gold in 2012 and silver in 2010.
- USA defeated Venezuela in the final of this event at the Pan American championships in 2026.
- **Republic of Korea** (G0-S3-B2) won five world championships medals in the Men's Team Epee event, most recently a silver medal in Wuxi in 2018.
- Republic of Korea won this event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Hong Kong, China** claimed a bronze medal in the Men's Team Epee at the Asian championships in Delhi in June. It also took a bronze medal when it hosted the Asian championships in 2017.
- Since 2014, only one host team won a medal in the men's epee at the world championships: gold for Italy in Milan in 2023.

## J - WOMEN'S TEAM FOIL

### Medallists 2025

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**Gold: United States**

**Silver: France**

**Bronze: Italy**

- **United States** are the reigning Olympic champion (2024), world champion (2025), Pan American champion (2026) in the Women's Team Foil event.
- USA can become first team to win this event at three successive global championships (Olympic Games, world championships) since Italy won four times in a row at the 2012 Olympic Games and the world championships in 2013, 2014, 2015.
- USA (G2-S2-B2) has won six medals in this event at the world championships, including five at the last six editions. The exception was a fourth place in 2023.
- Italy has won 18 gold medals in the Women's Team Foil event, most of all teams. Italy last won gold in 2022 and 2023.
- Last year, Italy finished third in the Women's Team Foil. It was the first time since 2007 (quarterfinals) that the Italians did not reach the final of this event at the world championships.

- **Italy** has won 38 total medals in the Women's Team Foil (G18-S9-B11), most of all teams. The last year in which the Italians did not finish on the podium at the world championships was in 2007, when they lost against Japan in the quarterfinals.
- Italy won the last nine World Cup events in the Women's Team Foil, as well as the European title in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.
- The Italians won the Women's Team Foil World Cup event in Hong Kong, China in 2024, 2025 and 2026.
- **Arianna Errigo** (ITA, G8-S4-B1) won 13 world championships medals in the foil team event; a medal at every world championships from 2009 to 2015.
- Only Valentina Vezzali (ITA, 14 in Women's Team Foil) and Giovanna Trillini (ITA, 13 in Women's Team Foil) won as many medals in a specific event at the world championships as Errigo's 13 medals in the Women's Team Foil.
- **France** (G2-S8-B11) won 21 medals in the Women's Team Foil, including bronze (2022), silver (2023) and silver (2025) at the last three world championships. France won the world title in this event in 1950 and 1951.
- In the last five years, France reached the final in the Women's Team Foil event at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021, the world championships in 2021, 2023 and 2025, and at the European championships (including European Games) in 2022, 2023, 2025 and 2026. France lost all eight finals.
- **Japan** claimed bronze in this event at the Paris Olympic Games in 2024. Its two world championships medals in this event are bronze medals in 2007 and in 2023.
- Japan defeated China in the final of the Women's Team Foil event at the Asian championships in June. Team members **Kikuchi Komaki** (JPN) and **Azuma Sera** (JPN) also claimed a silver with Japan at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Spain** finished runner up in the Women's Team Foil event at the World cup in Istanbul in May this year. Spain has never won a medal in a women's foil event (individual or team).
- Spain lost the match for bronze in this event against Ukraine at the European championships in June.
- Spain's last world championships medal in any fencing event was a bronze for Araceli Navarro in the women's sabre individual in 2022. Spain has won three medals in team events: gold in women's epee in 1994, bronze in men's foil in 2002 and silver in men's epee in 2006.
- The last team to win a medal for the first time in the Women's Team Foil event was Japan in 2007 (bronze).
- **China** won the team Women's Team Foil event at this year's junior world championships.
- At senior level China won its last medal in 1999 (bronze). It also took bronze in 1990. The foil is the only weapon in women's fencing in which China has not won a world championships medal in this century.
- Until 2026, **Canada** (G0-S1-B2) had won three medals at the world championships, all in epee. It won its last medal in 2009: silver for Sherraine Schalm in women's epee individual.
- **Hungary** has won 13 world titles in the Women's Team Foil, but it won its last gold medal in 1987.
- Hungary's last medal in the Women's Team Foil was a bronze in 1994. This is the longest medal drought for Hungary in a women's fencing event.
- **Poland** (G2-S4-B3) has won nine medals in the Women's Team Foil event, the most for Poland in a women's fencing event. It claimed its last medal in 2010 (silver). Poland won gold in 2003 and 2007.
- **Republic of Korea** won the world title in the Women's Team Foil in 2005. It also took bronze medals in 2006, 2010 and 2011.
- Republic of Korea took bronze in the foil team event at the Asian championships in June this year. It won the gold medal at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Ukraine** took bronze in the women's foil at the European championships in Antony in June. It has never won a medal in this event at the world championships.

# K - MEN'S TEAM FOIL

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Italy**

**Silver: United States**

**Bronze: Hungary**

- **Italy** won the world title and the European title in the Men's Team Foil in 2025, after it had claimed silver at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The Italians successfully defended their European title in June 2026.
- Italy won the most gold medals (25) and most total medals (42, G25-S9-B8) in the Men's Team Foil.
- Italy's 25 gold medals in this event are almost as many as the next two teams combined: 14 for Soviet Union and 13 for France.
- Italy is also the last team to have won successive world titles in this event; three in a row in 2015, 2017, 2018.
- Italy won three of the five 2025/26 World Cup events in Men's Team Foil, and it took one silver medal.
- **United States** (G1-S5-B0) won six medals in the Men's Team Foil at the world championships.
- USA reached the final of the Men's Team Foil event at five of the last six world championships (2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2025). The exception was 2023 when USA finished in fourth place.
- **Alexander Massialas** (G1-S5-B0) and Gerek Meinhardt (G1-S5-B0) were members of every USA medal-winning foil team.
- **Japan** won gold in 2023 and bronze in 2010 in the Men's Team Foil at the world championships.
- Japan beat Hong Kong, China in the final of this event at the 2026 Asian championships in June.
- Japan entered last year's world championship as the then reigning world champion (2023), Olympic champion (2024) and Asian champion (2025), but it was eliminated in the quarterfinals in Tbilisi.
- **France** took bronze in the Men's Team Foil event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. At the world championships, France (G13-S16-B8) won 37 medals in the Men's Team Foil event, most recently a bronze medal in 2022. The French won their last world title in this event in 2014.
- The last time France did not win a medal in this event at three successive world championships was in 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- France lost the final in the Men's Team Foil against Italy at the European championships in Antony in June 2026.
- **Hong Kong, China** took bronze in the Men's Team Foil at the world championships in 2023. It is Hong Kong, China's only medal in any team event at the world championships.
- Hong Kong, China lost the final against Japan at the Asian championships in Delhi in 2026. It took a bronze medal at the Asian championships on its home piste in 2017. Cheung Ka Long was involved in 2017 and 2026, as well as in the world championship team in 2023.
- Hong Kong, China claimed one gold, one silver and one bronze medal in the 2025/26 World Cup events, including a win in Paris in January 2026. It also won the most recent foil team World Cup event in Hong Kong, China in May 2024.
- **China** (G2-S4-B2) won eight medals in the Men's Team Foil. It could win its third world title in this event after gold in 2010 and 2011. China took silver in 2023.
- China won the foil team event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.

- The Men's Team Foil event at the 2023 world championships in Milan is only event in world championships history with an **all-Asian podium**: Japan (gold), China (silver), Hong Kong, China (bronze).
- **Hungary's** bronze medal in the foil team event at the world championships in 2025 was its first medal in this event since 1987. The Hungarians won 15 medals in this event (G1-S7-B7), including gold in 1957.
- Hungary last claimed a medal in this event at consecutive world championships in 1959 (bronze), 1961 (silver) and 1962 (silver).
- **Egypt** claimed three bronze medals in the Men's Team Foil event at the world championships: 1949, 1950 and 1951.
- Until 2026, Egypt had never won a gold or silver medal in a fencing event at the world championships: G0-S0-B9.
- **Poland** (G2-S7-B9) won 18 world championships medal in the Men's Team Foil event, but it has not finished on the podium since a bronze medal in Beijing in April 2008.
- **Germany's** last world championships medal in the Men's Team Foil was a bronze in 2011. It won its last gold medal in this event in 2002.
- Germany took bronze in the team foil at the European championships in June.
- **Republic of Korea** won the Men's Team Foil event at the 2023 Asian Games. It took silver in this event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- Republic of Korea claimed its only world championships medals in this event in 1998 (bronze) and 2007 (bronze).

## L - WOMEN'S TEAM SABRE

### Medallists 2025

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**Gold: France**

**Silver: Republic of Korea**

**Bronze: Hungary**

- **France** (G4-S6-B4) won a record 14th medal in the Women's Team Sabre event, when it won the gold medal in 2025. France's 14 medals is one more than Russia's 13.
- France reached the final in this event at each of the last five world championships: 2018-2025; gold-silver-silver-silver-gold. Only Ukraine had a longer run of successive final appearances in this event: six from 2007 to 2013 (G2-S4-B0).
- France were dethroned as European champion after they lost the final against AIN on home piste in Antony in June. France had won the previous four European titles in this event (2022-2025).
- France won two of the five 2025/26 World Cup events in Women's Team Sabre, and also claimed a silver and bronze medal.
- **Republic of Korea** has won a medal in the Women's Team Sabre event at seven of the last eight Olympic Games (bronze - silver) and world championships (silver - bronze - bronze - X - bronze - silver) combined, but it has never won gold in this event.
- During this run the Koreans only missed out on a medal at the world championships in 2022, when they lost against Germany in the round of Last 16.
- Republic of Korea lost the final of this event at the 2024 Olympic Games (against Ukraine) and at the 2025 world championships (versus France).
- Republic of Korea's women have won world championships gold medals in epee and foil events, but they have yet to win gold in a women's sabre event. In men's fencing, Republic of Korea's won seven gold medals in sabre events (3 in individual, 4 in team).
- Republic of Korea defeated Japan in the final of this event at the Asian championships in Delhi in June.

- **Japan** took bronze in Women's Team Sabre at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Japan's only podium finish in this event at the world championships was a third place in 2022.
- Japan lost the final of the Women's Team Sabre against Republic of Korea at the Asian championships this year. Last year they had won the final against the same opponent.
- Until the start of the 2026 world championships, Japan had won two gold medals in women's events: both by Emura Misaki in the sabre individual event, in 2022 and 2023.
- **Hungary** won the world title in the Women's Team Sabre event in 2022 and 2023. Russia (8), France (4), United States (3) and Italy (3) have won at least three world titles in this event.
- Hungary also won the gold medal in the men's sabre team event in 2023. The other nations to have achieved this double are Russia (2001, 2002, 2010, 2011) and France (2006).
- Ukraine won the gold medal match against Republic of Korea in the Women's Team Sabre event at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. It was Ukraine's second Olympic gold medal in this event after gold in 2008.
- **Ukraine** (G2-S5-B1) won a medal in this event at eight successive world championships (2007-2015), including world titles in 2009 and 2013. Its silver medal in 2015 is the team's most recent medal in this event.
- Olga Kharlan (UKR) was a member of all eight medal-winning sabre teams of Ukraine. Only Sophia Velikaia (RUS, 10) and Mariel Zagunis (USA, 9) won more medals in this event.
- **United States** (G3-S2-B4) has won nine medals in the Women's Team Sabre event. Only France (14) and Russia (13) claimed more medals in this event. Mariel Zagunis was a member of all nine USA's medal winning teams.
- USA's last medal in the Women's Team Sabre was a bronze medal in 2015.
- **Sophie Liu** (USA) and **Siobhan Sullivan** (USA) helped USA win the junior world title in the Women's Team Sabre event in 2025.
- **AIN** (Individual Neutral Athletes) won two of the five 2025/26 World Cup events in Women's Team Sabre.
- AIN also won this event at the European championships in June, after defeating France in the final in Antony.
- Last year, **Yana Egorian** (AIN) won the world title in the sabre individual in 2025. Coming into the 2026 world championships, Egorian had won G3-S2-B2 at the world championships, including two gold (2015, 2019) and two silver (2013, 2018) medals in the sabre team event.
- **Aleksandra Mikhailova** (AIN) won gold in the sabre team event and silver in the sabre individual at the 2026 junior and cadet world championships. She was the junior world champion in sabre individual in 2025.
- **Italy** won G3-S-B0 in the Women's Team Sabre event at the world championships. Italy's last medal was gold in Leipzig in 2017. The Italians took bronze in the sabre team at the European championships in 2025 and 2026.
- **Poland** has won world championships medals in all men's and women's fencing events, except in the Women's Team Sabre. In contrast, Poland won 17 medals in the men's sabre team event (G4-S4-B9).
- **China** won silver (2003) and bronze (2009) in this event at the world championships. It claimed bronze at the 2026 Asian championships.
- China won the Women's Team Sabre event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017.
- **Hong Kong, China** took a bronze medal in women's sabre team when it hosted the Asian championships in 2017. The last host to win a world championships medal in this event on a home piste was Russia in Moscow in 2015 (gold).
- **Spain** has never won a world championships medal in the Women's Team Sabre. Its last medal in any fencing event was bronze for **Araceli Navarro** in the women's individual sabre in 2022.
- **Lucia Martin-Portugues** (ESP) won this year's sabre individual gold at the European championships in June.

# M - MEN'S TEAM SABRE

## Medallists 2025

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**Gold: Italy**

**Silver: Hungary**

**Bronze: Romania**

- **Italy** won its seventh world title in the Men's Team Sabre event in 2025. It was its first gold in this event since 2015.
- Italy can win successive gold medals in this event for the first time since four wins in a row from 1938 to 1950.
- Italy failed to finish on the podium in all five Men's Team Sabre 2025/26 World Cup events. The Italians (4th place) also missed out on a medal at the European championships in Antony in June.
- **Hungary** has reached the final of the Men's Team Sabre event at six of the last seven world championships (2016-2025). It won one world title in this run (2023) and claimed five silver medals. The exception was a bronze medal in 2018.
- The Hungarian also took silver in the final at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- Hungary won 49 medals (G22-S16-B11) in the Men's Team Sabre event at the world championships, most all teams. Its 22 gold medals is also the most of all teams.
- The Hungarians defeated Romania in the final at the European championships in Antony in June. It was Hungary's third successive European gold (2024, 2025, 2026).
- The last team to win the European and world title in this event in the same year was Russia in 2016.
- Hungary's Aladar Gerevich won 11 gold medals in the Men's Team Sabre event (1931-1958). This is the **most world titles for a fencer in a specific event** (Italy's Valentina Vezzali won 10 gold medals in the women's foil team event).
- **Republic of Korea** won the Men's Team Sabre gold medal at each of the last three Olympic Games this event was on the programme: London 2012, Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.
- Republic of Korea won seven medals in this event at the world championships (G4-S2-B1).
- It reached the final of the Men's Team Sabre event at five successive world championships from 2017 to 2023. Republic of Korea won four of these finals. It lost against Hungary in 2023.
- In 2025, Republic of Korea failed to win a world championships medal in this event for the first time since it missed out on a medal in 2015 and 2016.
- Republic of Korea won gold in the Men's Team Sabre event at the Asian championships in Delhi in June 2026. It also won this event at the Asian championships in Hong Kong, China in 2017. **Oh Sanguk** (KOR) was a member of these teams in both years.
- At the Olympic games in 2024, Oh became the first man in this century to win the gold medal in the sabre individual and team events at the same Olympic Games. He is also the last man to achieve this at the world championships, in 2019.
- **France** won three of the five 2025/26 World Cup events in the Men's Team Sabre event. Republic of Korea won the other two.
- France won its last world title in this event in 2006 and its last medal in 2007 (silver).
- Since 2007, France has won at least one medal in all other events at the world championships, including nine in the women's Team Sabre event (G2-S5-B2).
- **Romania** took bronze in the men's sabre at the world championships in 2025. The team claimed silver in the Men's Team Sabre at the European championships in 2026. It also claimed two silver medals in 2025/26 World Cup events.
- Romania won G1-S2-B6 in the Men's Team Sabre event. It won the exact same medals in the men's sabre individual (G1-S2-B6).

- **Vlad Covaliu** (ROU) took a bronze medal in the sabre team event in 2025. His father Mihai Covaliu (ROU) claimed a bronze medal in the sabre team event in 2001, the same year his mother Irina Covaliu won silver with Romania in the woMen's Team Sabre event.
- **United States** claimed its first world championships medal in the Men's Team Sabre in 2023 (bronze).
- **Colin Heathcock** (USA) was 17 years old when he claimed bronze in the sabre team event in 2023. He became the youngest male fencer to win a world championships medal in any event since 2009.
- In 2026, USA won this event at the Pan American championships, and at the junior world championships in Rio de Janeiro. **William Morrill** (USA) was included in USA's team in both competitions.
- **Japan** finished fourth in the Men's Team Sabre at the world championships last year. At the start of the 2026 world championships, Japan had never won a world championships medal in a men's sabre event (individual or team).
- Japan faced Republic of Korea in the final of the Men's Team Sabre event at the last two Asian championships: Japan won gold in 2025 and it took silver in 2026.
- **Egypt** won the Men's Team Sabre at the African championships in Abidjan in June 2026. Egypt claimed three world championships medals in the Men's Team Sabre event; bronze in 1947, 1949 and 1950.
- **Poland** won 17 world championships medals in the Men's Team Sabre (G4-S4-B9). It won four successive world titles from 1959 to 1963. Poland claimed its last medal in this event in 1999 (silver).

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- From 2016 to 2025, either **Hungary or Republic of Korea featured in the final** of the Men's Team Sabre event at the Olympic Games and world championships.
- In this period they faced each other in the final five times: at the world championships in 2017 (KOR won), 2019 (KOR won), 2022 (KOR won) and 2023 (HUN won), and at the Olympic Games in 2024 (KOR won).
- The last final not to feature Hungary or Republic of Korea was at the world championships in 2015, when Italy defeated Russia in Moscow.



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