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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Fencing Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Fencing competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations and International Fencing Federation (FIE) Rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Fencing events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to ISF Fencing event in 2024.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and FIE technical rules under the direction of the FIE. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the FIE Technical Delegate.

- The ISF Fencing events are open to individuals.
- The competition is categorized as: boy categories, girls categories.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U18* YEAR OF BIRTH
2024	2006-2007-2008-2009



2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional
- Young reporter - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per gender.



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OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession international or national (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Fencing technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of umpires will lead to a fine of 900€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.
- FOPO (judge) must bear FIE A or B-grade referee, with licenses in at least 2 weapons.

Each participating delegation must bring a minimum number of Judges (FIE A or B grade referee license in at least 2 weapons) per delegation as follows:

- from 1 to 3 athletes = 0 FOPO (Judge)
- 4- 7 athletes = 1 FOPO (Judge)
- 8 or more athletes= 2 FOPOs (Judges)

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - **Single**



4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

The competition will follow the FIE Technical and Competition Rules, INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION, the fencing competition will take place over 3 days, with individual for men and women in the 3 weapons, foil epee and saber.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION :

- At 12h00 on the day preceding the event the Directoire Technique will publish.
 - o the list of participants by country
 - o the list of participants by initial ranking

- At 15h00 is the deadline for all remarks, objections or withdrawals presented to the Directoire Technique. No changes will be accepted beyond this deadline.

- At 16h00 - will publish on the information panels, in the competition venue,
 - o final composition of the pools.
 - o times and pistes allocations
 - o competition format

- **SYSTEM OF PLAY**

Competition Format :

- Preliminary Stage The pools are composed taking account of the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking.

The preliminary phase consists of one round of pools, from which 20%–30% of the participants in the pools are eliminated, based on the indices of all competing in them, and a preliminary direct elimination table.

- Direct Elimination stage All the fencers qualifying from the round of pools are placed in a direct elimination table, complete or incomplete, according to the indices resulting from the pools. This table is fenced right through to the final.

ORGANISATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL DIRECT ELIMINATION TABLE T16

For T16 all fencers must be present in the call room 20 minutes before their scheduled bout. Coaches are not allowed to be in the Call Room. Athletes have to leave the Call Room ready to fence and weapon already plugged into their body wires. The bag is to remain closed in the team box. During the one-minute break, or when it is needed, the volunteer will provide a chair for the athlete.



SPECIFIC RULES

- **Requirements regarding the Equipments :**

- All the equipment must be in line with FIE regulations and will be checked under Weapon control. It is mandatory to put the National logos on both legs of the breeches.
- The name of the athlete and the country code must be printed in dark blue on the back. All the advertising and manufacturer logos must be in line .
- After collecting the equipment, it is necessary for the athletes to check the control marks. For additional information, please, see m.38 , m.39 of the FIE Material Rules.

- Mask designs

All mask designs must be approved by the FIE.

- **ACCESS TO THE FENCING AREA :**

Only the designated officials, fencers, referees and pistes staff are granted access to the pistes.

No access will be granted to the coloured pistes, podium fencing area, team boxes without sport shoes and long pants.

Athletes in the fencing area must keep their belongings in closed fencing bags at the end of the piste.

- **Individual competitions (Pools):**

The coach, the team captain, the official representative of team are forbidden to be in the competition area during the pools.

- **Individual competitions DE :**

Only one coach per athlete is allowed to stay in the team box.

Athletes should be present in the Call room 20 minutes prior to the beginning of the DE-T16 (weapon control)

Only athletes are allowed in the Call Room.



5. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- **CONFIRMATION OF RESULTS :**

The fencers are responsible for checking their result from the pool and the DE. The screens placed in different locations will allow a quick verification of the updated results of the round of pools and DE matches.

To avoid any kind of error, the DT will publish the results of the pools and the list of qualified and eliminated fencers as soon as the round of pools is over. Delegations must submit any protest to the DT within 10 minutes. After this deadline, the ranking will not be modified.

The DE tables with time and pistes, will be posted after this 10 - minutes period and after each round of DE.

Only the documents signed by the TD and posted on the information board are official.

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