

Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime (FIE)

EVENTS

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

ATHLETE QUOTA/NOC

Athlete Quota: 102 men
 102 women
 8 women or men fencers (host country)
 Total of 212 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 3 fencers per weapon for the weapons in which there is a team event
 2 fencers per weapon for the weapons in which there is only an individual event.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Individual events

The individual event brings together about 39 fencers for each weapon that has a team event and about 24 fencers for the weapons that do not have a team event. The number of participants in individual weapon disciplines may vary according to the distribution of fencers by weapon of the host country.

Team events

The team event brings together **8 or 9 teams for each weapon**, i.e. eight teams qualified by the team qualification system, in addition to the team of the host country, if any.

10 events

212 fencers:

According to item 1 below:	4 x 39 = 156
According to item 2 below:	2 x 24 = 48
	8 = 8 (host country)

Total	212
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DETAILED QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1) Qualification for weapons for which there is an individual event and a team event

a) Team qualification

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

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

The highest-ranked team from each zone in the Adjusted FIE Team Official Ranking (AOR). If an NOC declines its qualification, the second team of the same zone in the Adjusted FIE Team Official Ranking qualifies. If a zone is not represented at all, or by only one team, but its participation is not approved by its NOC, the following highest-ranked team, irrespective of which zone, qualifies.

b) Individual qualification

For each weapon, **24 fencers in the team competition will be selected.**

The 3 highest ranked fencers in the FIE individual AOR, with only one fencer from any one country.

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

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

In no case may a country qualify more than 3 fencers for any one weapon discipline and selection by the individual **AOR** is reserved for countries that do not have fencers qualified by team.

The continental competition is therefore open (1 fencer per country) only to those countries that have no-one selected (by team or by the individual AOR by zone).

Total fencers for individual disciplines, for those weapons for which there is a team event: 24+15 = 39 fencers.

2) Individual qualification for weapon disciplines for which there is no team event

There are **24 places** for each weapon discipline that are divided as follows:

- **the first 8 of the individual FIE Official Ranking ;**
- **the first 8 on the individual AOR by zone**, 1 fencer per country, (3 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America and 1 for Africa);
- **the first 8 from the continental competitions** (1 fencer per country and per weapon) which are open to those countries which have no-one selected by the two preceding criteria for the weapon concerned (3 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America and 1 for Africa).

In no case may a country qualify more than 2 fencers per weapon.

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

For the weapon in which there is a team event, we remove the names of all the fencers per country and per weapon who have qualified by teams. Then, the 3 highest ranked fencers in the individual AOR (all zones included) are qualified and for the other countries only the highest-ranked fencer per country, per zone and per weapon is kept.

For the weapon in which there is no team event, we keep only the 2 highest-ranked fencers per country and per weapon, and all the other names are removed.

QUALIFICATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY
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The host country will have the right to enter 8 fencers, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit: thus, it could enter teams, or have no team and select for only the individual events.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES
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The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2007. The allocation of Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs from April-July 2008. However, no places will be allocated for such Invitations within the fencing quota. Any places unused by the host country of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission (IOC, NOC, FIE). Invitation requests may be matched with any unused host country places in agreement between the FIE and the IOC by *(date to be confirmed)*.

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

15 November 2007	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs.
31 March 2008	Making up the Rolling of the FIE Official Ranking (one competition replaces that organised the previous year)

15 April – 5 May 2008 7 May 2008	Zonal qualification events The FIE forwards the results of the zonal qualification events
April-July 2008	The Tripartite Commission to confirm, in writing, the allocation (if any) of the Invitation places to the NOCs.
23 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES/PROCEDURE FOR CONFIRMING PLACES

The FIE will send the names of the fencers qualified through the AOR and the zone qualification event to the national federations on 12 May 2008. National federations will have to confirm to the FIE, **before midnight of 31 May 2008**, that the participation of each fencer qualified has been **approved by the NOC of the country concerned**.

From 2 June, the FIE will re-allocate the places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs.

RE-ALLOCATING UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If national federations do not meet the deadline of 31 May 2008 to confirm the participation of a qualified fencer, the FIE will thus re-allocate the places available as follows:

If a zone does not have a fencer ranked in the FIE Official Ranking, it is the highest-ranked fencer in the weapon discipline concerned, irrespective of the zone, who qualifies, provided that the country he/she belongs to does not already have 3 fencers qualified in that weapon discipline.

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

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