

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE D'ESCRIME

Fencing

A. Events (10)

MEN'S EVENTS (5)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (5)
Individual Foil	Individual Foil
Individual Epee	Individual Epee
Individual Sabre	Individual Sabre
Team Foil	Team Foil
Team Sabre	Team Epee

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	102	8	212
Women	102		
TOTAL	204	8	212

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	8
Women	8
TOTAL	16

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p><u>Individual Events</u></p> <p>The individual events bring together about 36 fencers in each weapon that has a team event and about 30 fencers in the weapons that do not have team events. The number of participants in each individual event may vary depending on the distribution of fencers from the host country in the events.</p> <p><u>Team Events</u></p> <p>The team events bring together 8 or 9 teams in each weapon, i.e. eight teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus possibly the team of the host country.</p> <p>1. Qualification for Men's Sabre/Foil and Women's Epee/Foil</p> <p>a) Team qualification</p> <p>The teams will be composed of 3 fencers, i.e. for 8 teams, 24 fencers in each weapon, plus the team from the host country if applicable. These teams will qualify as follows:</p> <p>The first four teams in the FIE Official Team Ranking (OR), irrespective of which zone they are from.</p>

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

b) Individual qualification

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

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

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

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

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

2. Individual qualification for Men's Epee and Women's Sabre

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

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

In no case may a country qualify more than 2 fencers per weapon through the 1st and 2nd criteria.

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

For the weapons with a team event, the names of all the fencers, by country and by weapon, who have qualified through team, are removed. For the other countries only the 2 highest ranked fencers by country, by zone and by weapon are kept.

For the weapons with no team event, only the 2 highest ranked fencers by country and by weapon are kept while all the other names are removed.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

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

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Eligible NOCs may request invitations from the Tripartite Commission. However, none will be directly allocated in the quota for Fencing. If the commission receives any requests from NOCs for invitations which meet the criteria which have been set, these may be filled with places not used by the host country. This procedure shall be done in accordance with the steps defined in Section F of this qualification system.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs between 1 May and 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The FIE will send the names of the fencers who qualified through the AOR and the zone-qualifying events to the NOCs/NFs on 7 May 2012. NOCs/NFs must confirm to the FIE by midnight (GMT+1) 31 May 2012, that the participation of each qualified fencer has been approved by the NOC of the country concerned. From 2 June 2012, the FIE will re-allocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If an NOC does not meet the deadline of 31 May 2012 to confirm the participation of a qualified fencer or declines the participation of a fencer, the FIE will thus re-allocate the places available as follows:

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

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
31 March 2012	Closure of rolling FIE Official Ranking
19 April 2012	Zone qualifying event for Africa (Casablanca, MAR)
19 - 20 April 2012	Zone qualifying event for Asia/Oceania (Wakayama, JPN)
20 - 22 April 2012	Zone qualifying event for America (Santiago, CHI)
21 - 22 April 2012	Zone qualifying event for Europe (Bratislava, SVK)
7 May 2012	FIE to inform NOCs of the results of the zone qualifying events and quota places obtained
31 May 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm quota places obtained
2 June 2012	FIE re-allocates the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms