



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE D'ESCRIME

Fencing

A. EVENTS (10)

Men's Events (5)	Women's Events (5)
Individual Foil	Individual Foil
Individual Epée	Individual Epée
Individual Sabre	Individual Sabre
Team Foil	Team Epée
Team Epée	Team Sabre

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Fencing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	102	8	0*	212
Women	102		0*	
Total	204	8	0*	212

*please refer to section "Qualification Pathway - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places"

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	8	1 team of 3 athletes per team event 2 athletes when only individual event
Women	8	1 team of 3 athletes per team event 2 athletes when only individual event
Total	16	

3. Quota per event / weapon

Individual Events

The individual events bring together about 35 fencers in each weapon that has a team event and about 32 fencers in the weapons that do not have a team event. The number of participants in each individual event may vary depending on the distribution of the Host Country places across the events.

Team Events

The team events bring together eight (8) or nine (9) teams in each weapon: eight (8) teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus a potential Host Country team, depending on the distribution of the Host Country places across the events.



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4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athletes by name in the following individual events:

- Men's Sabre and Women's Foil = 64 places.
- Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Epée and Women's Sabre for fencers who did not qualify through team qualification = 44 places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC in the following events:

- Teams (composed of 3 fencers) in Women's Epée, Women's Sabre, Men's Foil and Men's Epée = 96 places. These fencers will also participate in the respective individual events.
- Host Country Places = 8 places.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Team Qualification: Men's Epée, Men's Foil and Women's Epée, Women's Sabre

A total of 96 quota places (32 teams) will be allocated between the team events in Men's Epée, Men's Foil, Women's Epée and Women's Sabre. The eight (8) teams in each of the four (4) events will be composed of three (3) fencers and will qualify as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:
96 (32 teams)	<p>FIE Official Team Ranking List of 4 April 2016</p> <p>The Team Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below from 3 April 2015 to 4 April 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team World Cup Competitions 2. Team World Championships 3. Team Continental Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first four (4) teams on the FIE Official Team Ranking of 4 April 2016, irrespective of which zone they are from, qualify for the Olympic Games. - The highest ranked team from each of the four (4) FIE zones (Africa, America, Asia-Oceania, Europe) among the teams ranked from the 5th to the 16th position on the FIE Official Team Ranking of 4 April 2016 qualify 	NOC



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	<p>for the Olympic Games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a zone is not represented in these ranking positions, the next team on the FIE Official Team Ranking of 4 April 2016 will qualify, irrespective of its zone. 	
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Individual Qualification: Men’s Epée, Men’s Foil and Women’s Epée, Women’s Sabre

A total of 44 quota places (11 per weapon) will be distributed between Individual Men’s Foil, Individual Men’s Epée, Individual Women’s Epée and Individual Women’s Sabre, for fencers who did not qualify through team qualification, in addition to fencers directly qualified through team qualification, as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events	Quota Place Allocated to:
44	<p>Team Qualification</p> <p>For each weapon, the 24 fencers (three (3) fencers in each of the eight (8) teams) who qualified through team qualification will also be qualified to participate in the individual competition in their respective weapon.</p>	NOC
	<p>FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) List by zone of 04 April 2016</p> <p>The Individual Official Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below from 03 April 2015 to 04 April 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual Grand Prix competitions 2. Individual World Cup competitions 3. Satellite competitions 4. Individual World Championship 5. Individual Continental Championships <p>The Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) is the FIE Official Ranking (as above) which is modified as follows:</p> <p>For the weapons with a team event, the names of all the fencers by NOC and by weapon, who have qualified through the team qualification, are removed. For the other NOCs, only the 1st highest ranked fencers by NOC, by zone and by weapon are kept.</p> <p>For the weapons with no team event, only the two (2) highest ranked fencers by NOCs and by weapon are kept while all the other names are removed.</p> <p>The seven (7) highest ranked fencers on the FIE AOR by zone with only one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon, will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two (2) from Europe - Two (2) from Asia-Oceania - Two (2) from America 	Athlete



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	<p>- One (1) from Africa</p> <p>Qualification through the individual AOR by zone is reserved for NOCs that do not have any fencers qualified through team qualification.</p> <p>FIE Zone Qualifying Events</p> <p>The four (4) highest ranked fencers in the zone qualifying events with only one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One (1) from Europe, - One (1) from Asia-Oceania, - One (1) from America and - One (1) from Africa. <p>Only NOCs which do not have any fencer qualified through the team qualification or through the individual AOR by zone, in the weapon concerned, can participate in the respective zone qualifying events, with a maximum of one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon.</p> <p>In no case may an NOC qualify more than three (3) fencers per weapon.</p>	Athlete
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Individual Qualification: Men’s Sabre, Women’s Foil

A total of 64 quota places will be allocated between Individual Men’s Sabre and Individual Women’s Foil; 32 places for each weapon will be allocated as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events	Quota Place Allocated to:
64	<p>FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking List of 04 April 2016</p> <p>The 14 highest ranked fencers on the individual FIE Adjusted Official Ranking List will directly qualify for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking List by zone of 04 April 2016</p> <p>The eight (8) highest ranked fencers on the Individual AOR by zone (2 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America and 2 for Africa), with only one (1) fencer per NOC, will directly qualify for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>In no case may an NOC qualify more than two (2) fencers per weapon through the two rankings lists above.</p> <p>FIE Zone Qualifying Events</p> <p>The 10 highest ranked fencers from the zone qualifying events with only one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as</p>	Athlete



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	<p>follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Four (4) for Europe- Three (3) for Asia-Oceania- Two (2) for America- One (1) for Africa. <p>Only NOCs which do not have any fencer qualified through the FIE Individual Official Ranking or the FIE Individual AOR by zone in the weapon concerned can participate in the respective zone qualifying events with maximum one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon.</p>	
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In addition to its possible qualification through the above-described qualification process, the Host NOC is guaranteed eight (8) places, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit, respecting the maximum quota of athletes per NOC.

The Host NOC must confirm the use of Host Country places to the FIE by 6 June 2016.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places (date TBC).

In Fencing, no Tripartite Commission Invitation Places will be directly allocated as part of the athletes' quota. Tripartite Commission Places may be offered to NOCs within the reallocation process for unused Host Country Places, as described in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**

The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period (date TBC).

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the "*Rio 2016 - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Allocation Procedure*".

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The FIE will confirm the team quota places and the names of the fencers who qualified through the FIE Ranking Lists and the zone qualifying events to the NOCs/NFs on 9 May 2016. NOCs must confirm to the FIE by latest midnight (GMT+1) on 6 June 2016, the use of team quota places and the participation of each fencer qualified by name. From 12 June 2016, the FIE will reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a team quota place or a qualified fencer is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline of 6 June 2016, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the fencer qualified through the AOR, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best fencer in the same weapon on the AOR;
- If the fencer qualified through the AOR by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked fencer in the same weapon on the AOR from the same zone;
- If the fencer qualified through the zone qualifying event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked fencer in the same weapon, at the same zone qualifying event.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Team Ranking List across all zones, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team on the FIE Official Ranking List.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Team Ranking List by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team on the FIE Official Ranking List from the same zone.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission.

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the unused qualification place, the quota place will be reallocated to the fencer with the highest number of ranking points on the AOR of 04 April 2016 across all individual rankings events.

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athlete Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athletes Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE



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Date	Milestone
3 April 2015 – 4 April 2016	Qualification period for the FIE Official Ranking
TBD	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
4 April 2016	Closure of rolling FIE Official Ranking
15-24 April 2016 (dates TBC by December 2014)	Zone qualifying events
9 May 2016	FIE to inform NOCs of the results of the zone qualifying events and quota places obtained
6 June 2016	Deadline for NOCs to confirm quota places obtained
TBD	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
12 June 2016	FIE to reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline