QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE)

FENCING

A. EVENTS (12)

Men's events (6)	Women's events (6)
Individual Foil	Individual Foil
Individual Epée	Individual Epée
Individual Sabre	Individual Sabre
Team Foil	Team Foil
Team Epée	Team Epée
Team Sabre	Team Sabre

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Fencing:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Universality Places	Total
Men	102	6	1	212
Women	102		1	
Total	204	6	2	212

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) and per event:

	Maximum quota places per NOC	Per Event Specific Quota*
Men	9 athletes, one (1) team of three (3) athletes per team event	One (1) team of three (3) athletes per team event or One (1) athlete in individual
Women	9 athletes, one (1) team of three (3) athletes per team event	One (1) team of three (3) athletes per team event or One (1) athlete in individual
Total	**18**	

*Also refer to section **D.2. Host Country Places.**

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B.3. Maximum number of athletes per event:

	Number of athletes per event
Per men's individual event: Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Men's Sabre	Minimum 34 athletes: 10 athletes qualified through individual qualification plus 24 athletes -eight (8) teams of three (3) athletes- qualified through team qualification. Maximum 37 athletes. The number of participants in each individual event may vary from 34 to 37 depending on: - The distribution of the host country places across the events and, - The allocation of Universality places by the Tripartite Commission. In no case may the maximum number of participants in each individual event exceed 37.
Per women's individual event: Women's Foil, Women's Epée, Women's Sabre	Minimum 34 athletes: 10 athletes qualified through individual qualification plus 24 athletes -eight (8) teams of three (3) athletes- who qualified through team qualification. Maximum 37 athletes. The number of participants in each individual event may vary from 34 to 37 depending on: - The distribution of the host country places across the events and, - The allocation of Universality places by the Tripartite Commission. In no case may the maximum number of participants in each individual event exceed 37.
Per men's team event: Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Men's Sabre	Minimum eight (8) teams and maximum nine (9) teams in each team event: 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. Each team is composed of three (3) athletes.
Per women's team event: Women's Foil, Women's Epée, Women's Sabre	Minimum eight (8) teams and maximum nine (9) teams in each team event: 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. Each team is composed of three (3) athletes.

B.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, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée for athletes from NOCs that did not qualify through team qualification = 60 places

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

- Teams in Women's Sabre, Women's Foil, Women's Epée, Men's Sabre, Men's Foil and Men's Epée = 144 places.
- Host country places = six (6) places (see also host country places).
- Universality places attributed by the Tripartite Commission.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules
All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of the FIE, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

Athletes must comply with the minimum age requirement (set in article o.29.1 of FIE Organisation rules) and adhere to the FIE Statutes and Rules outlined in: FIE Statutes and Rules.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

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

MEN / WOMEN
A total of 144 quota places (48 teams; eight (8) teams per event) will be allocated between the team events in Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée. The eight (8) teams in each of the six (6) events will be composed of three (3) athletes and will qualify as follows:

Number of quota places	Qualification events
Total of 144 athletes (48 teams)	**FIE official senior Team Ranking list of 1 April 2024** The Team senior Ranking list at each weapon is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below (from 3 April 2023 to 1 April 2024) : 1. Senior Team World Cup Competitions 2. Senior Team World Championships 3. Senior Team Continental Championships - The four (4) highest ranked teams at each weapon on the FIE Official senior Team Ranking of 1 April 2024, irrespective of which zone they are from, qualify for the Olympic Games. - The highest ranked team at each weapon 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 senior Team Ranking of 1 April 2024 qualify for the Olympic Games.

	If a zone is not represented in the above-mentioned ranking positions, the next team on the FIE Official senior Team Ranking of 1 April 2024 will qualify for the Olympic Games, irrespective of its FIE zone.

<u>Individual Qualification:</u> Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée and Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée.

MEN / WOMEN

The three (3) athletes from each NOC who are qualified to participate in a team event are also qualified to participate in the corresponding individual event. An additional 60 quota places (i.e., 10 quota places per event for athletes from 10 different NOCs) will be distributed between Individual Men's Sabre, Individual Men's Foil, Individual Men's Epée, Individual Women's Sabre, Individual Women's Foil and Individual Women's Epée. NOCs that did not qualify in a team event may qualify maximum one (1) athlete in the corresponding individual event through one of the following individual qualification pathways:

Number of quota places	Qualification events
60	**Team Qualification** For each weapon, the 24 athletes -three (3) athletes 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. For the sake of clarity, those 24 athletes shall not be included within the 60 quota places referred to in the table below. **FIE Individual senior Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) List by zone of 1 April 2024** The Individual Official Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below (from 3 April 2023 to 1 April 2024): 1. Individual Grand Prix competitions 2. Individual senior World Cup competitions 3. Satellite competitions 4. Individual senior World Championships 5. Individual senior Continental Championships The Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (**AOR**) is the FIE Official Ranking (as above) which is modified as follows: The names of all the athletes by NOC and by weapon, who have qualified through the team qualification, are removed. For the other NOCs, only the highest ranked athletes by NOC, by zone and by weapon are kept. The six (6) highest ranked athletes on the **FIE senior AOR by zone** with only one (1) athlete per NOC per weapon, will qualify by name for the Olympic Games, as follows: - Two (2) from Europe - Two (2) from Asia-Oceania - One (1) from America - One (1) from Africa Qualification through the individual senior AOR by zone is reserved for NOCs that do not

	have any athletes qualified in the weapon concerned through team qualification. **FIE Zonal Qualifying Events** The four (4) highest ranked athletes in the Zonal Qualifying Events with only one (1) athlete per NOC per weapon will qualify by name for the Olympic Games, as follows: - One (1) from Europe, - One (1) from Asia-Oceania, - One (1) from America, - One (1) from Africa. Only NOCs which do not have any athlete qualified through the team qualification or through the individual senior AOR by zone, in the weapon concerned, can participate in the respective zonal qualifying events, with a maximum of one (1) athlete per NOC per weapon. In no case may an NOC qualify more than three (3) athletes per weapon to the Olympic Games.

D.2. Host Country Places

In addition to its possible qualification through the above-described qualification process, the host NOC will be allocated six (6) quota places, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit but respecting the maximum quota of athletes per NOC and per event, and on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.

If the host NOC adds a team in a team event, it can:

- Either use two (2) quota places if it has qualified one (1) athlete in the corresponding individual event;
- Or use three (3) quota places if it has no qualified athlete in the corresponding individual event.

The three (3) athletes composing the team of the host NOC in any team event also participate in the corresponding individual event.

D.3. Universality Places

Two (2) Universality places, one (1) per gender, are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

On 1 October 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2024. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Universality places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the sport concerned.

Detailed information on Universality Places is contained in the "*Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024 - Olympic Games Universality Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*" document.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

The FIE will publish the list of athletes and teams qualified by 8 May 2024 on its website.

On 8 May 2024, the FIE will confirm in writing to the NOCs/NFs quota places obtained through team qualification and the names of the athletes who qualified through individual qualification.

The NOCs must confirm to the FIE by latest midnight (GMT+1) on 31 May 2024, the use of team quota places and the participation of each athlete qualified by name.

From 3 June 2024, the FIE will reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs. See below section on Reallocation of Unused Quota Places.

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host NOC must confirm in writing to the FIE by 20 May 2024 if it will use and for which events and genders, its host country places.

In special and extreme circumstances, the reallocation period for individual and team events can be extended until 23 July 2024 (midnight GMT +1), with the agreement of the IOC, Paris 2024, the involved NOCs and the FIE, provided that the athletes are included in the long list of athletes submitted by their respective NOC to Paris 2024 by the accreditation deadline and that participation is logistically possible.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

F.1. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated team or individual quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline of 31 May 2024, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows, respecting the maximum quota per NOC and per event in section 2 above:

- If the athlete qualified through the senior AOR by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the same weapon on the senior AOR from the same zone;
- If the athlete qualified through a Zonal Qualifying Event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the same weapon, at the same zonal qualifying event.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official senior Team Ranking list across all zones, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the FIE Official senior Team Ranking list.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official senior Team Ranking list by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the FIE Official senior Team Ranking List from the same zone.

F.2. Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

Any unused host country place(s) will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission for attribution of additional Universality places.

This attribution cannot cause an individual event to exceed the maximum number of 37 athletes.

F.3. Reallocation of unused Universality places

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate Universality place(s), such unallocated place(s) will be attributed by the FIE to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete in the Individual senior Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) as of 1 April 2024, across all weapons and all FIE Zones, but strictly respecting the following:

- The maximum number of athletes in each individual event (37) and
- The NOC must not have any athlete already qualified in the corresponding individual event.

G. AP ATHLETES

Definition:
Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the "Ap" category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as "Aa") as described in the "Ap" accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These personnel are not part of the athlete quota as described in Paragraph **B. Quota Places**. "Ap" alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy *(link to be included).*

Eligibility:
"Ap" athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:
Each participating team has the right to one (1) "Ap" athlete per team event.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
3 April 2023	Start of the qualification period
1 April 2024	Closure of the FIE official senior rankings
2 – 30 April 2024	Zonal qualifying events
30 April 2024	End of the qualification period
8 May 2024	The FIE confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.

20 May 2024	Host country confirms in writing if and for which events and genders it will use its host country quota places
21 – 25 May 2024	Deadline to confirm Universality places
31 May 2024	The NOCs to confirm to the FIE the use of the allocated quota places.
3 June 2024	FIE to reallocate all unused quota places.
25 June 2024	Deadline for NOCs to provide to FIE the names of the three (3) athletes composing the teams and the names of the Ap athlete for each team.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024