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Dear Member Federations,

in attached document you will find a compilation of all former documents with regard to our Cadet Circuit.

The “Rules of EFC Cadet Circuit Competitions” are also published on our website for your convenience.

Best regards,
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Rules of

EFC Cadets Circuit competitions



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Principally FIE Technical and Organisational rules for competitions are to be respected. However, some derogation from these rules was adopted and/or are modified for the purpose of EFC Cadets Circuit competitions.

1) Formula of competitions: the principle of flexibility applies as follows: 3 possible formulas of competitions are to be chosen by the organisers.

- a) Two rounds with groups followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32
- b) One round with groups followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32
- c) FIE JWC formula, i.e. one round with groups followed by direct elimination table without repechage
- d) For the formula under a) it is valid that the ranking for direct elimination table will be created counting results of both rounds together. Also fencers qualified from second round should be calculated adding results of both rounds. From the round preceding DE table at least 20% of participants should be eliminated.

In this context the organisers in a moment when the allocation of competitions of EFC Circuit will be agreed by EFC Executive Committee, have to present by given deadline the formula chosen for their competition. Then the federations will have the opportunity to decide, which kind of competition they will include in their national calendar.

2) Points to be accorded:

- FIE formula scale of points will be applied in general
- Respecting formula with repechage the differentiation will be applied awarding for places from 9 to 12 – 11 points (instead of 8 points), from 17 to 24 – 6 points (instead of 4 points).
- 1 point for places from 65 to 128 will be awarded if the fencers were qualified from previous round.

Remark: no points can be attributed for fencers eliminated in the first round.

Following multiplication coefficients for points in ranking awarding will be applied according to the participation:

Scale of multiplication coefficient	Countries 1-10	Countries 11 and more
Participants 1-80	1	1,5
Participants 81 and more	1,5	2

3) Quota of participation:

- from the organising country maximum 64 fencers per weapon can be engaged
- foreign delegation are limited to 20 fencers per country and weapon

4) Referees quotas:

- 1-4 fencers no referee required
- 5-9 1 referee
- 10 – 15 2 referees
- 16 – 20 3 referees

- Non respect of quota is sanctioned by 500 EUR for every missing referee.

The referees officiating at EFC CC should have good national or international level qualification. Of course, the delegations are not obliged to bring the referee with them but they can use the practice from FIE JWC where either local free referees or from neighbouring country to the organising country are engaged and that way the quota is respected.

- 5) **Inscriptions for competitions:** Only central offices of Federations can engage fencers and referees upon quota for EFC Cadets Circuit competitions using their access data to the EFC Service portal. The entry fee for individual competitions is 20 EUR (maximum). For teams it can be higher; however it should not be more than 40 EUR per team (recommendation). **The deadline for inscriptions is Monday preceding the start of the event. All fencers and referees must be entered by their respective national federation whilst entering fencer or referee manually on the day of the competition must be justified and only exceptional case.**
- 6) **EFC Cadets Circuit continues to be open for all interested fencers, even from other zones. However, the best ranked fencer will be declared at the end of the season and he/she can be only a fencer coming from an EFC member federation.**
- 7) **Organisation of cadets team competitions.** Cadets' team competitions will be organised by interested federations / clubs. No precise rules are to be applied for team events except those cited here after:
 - a) The organisers are free to run first in pools of 3 or 4 teams or to organise only direct elimination team competitions.
 - b) **Initial seeding of teams** will be based on results of fencers in teams from individual competition on previous day
 - c) **Referees** for team competitions should be provided by participating teams (at least one per delegation) and organisers
 - d) **Entry fee** for teams should be reasonable, not exceeding 40 EURO per team maximum.
- 8) **After ending the competition the organiser must immediately, on the same day, load XML-out file to EFC web site.** Then **unofficial** updated ranking will be available right after that operation. After validation of results by EFC office updated ranking will become official. Besides uploading xml-results file the organisers **have to provide also complete results file under pdf format** and upload it to EFC web site structured as follows:
 - a) fencers by country (including date of birth)
 - b) formula
 - c) poules
 - d) ranking after poules
 - e) ranking for DE table in case two round of poules were fenced
 - f) all DE tables
 - g) final ranking (including date of birth)
 - h) activity of referees
- 9) **General installations for competitions** should follow good practice and standards valid for FIE Junior World cup competitions using exclusively FIE prescribed pistes (1,5 m large and min. 17 m long), if possible surrounded by barriers offering sufficient place for referees

ensuring good conditions for refereeing, timely posting results at every stage of competitions etc.

10) No name on the back of fencers is required but for security reasons FIE equipment should be used (800 NW closes, 1600 NW masks, under wear of 800 NW and FIE homologated blade).

11) If necessary some complementary rules can be defined by the EFC Competition Commission and the EFC technical directory with approval of the EFC Executive Committee.

12) EFC Rules about the age of participants at EFF Cadets Circuit and Championships:

- The participants in cadet competitions are principally those who can participate at World Cadets Championships in the same fencing season, thus reaching 17 years on or after 1st of January of the year when the World Championships are held.
- The lowest age fencers should be those who under same conditions will be 12 years old
- However, it is possible that in case of some extraordinary advanced young fencer, upon **written agreement** of his/her parents, coach and doctor recommendation even younger fencer can participate in given cadet competition

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