

European Fencing Confederation

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 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 pools followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32**
 - b) **One round with pools followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32**
 - c) **FIE JWC formula, i.e. one round with pools 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.**
 - e) **From the round preceding DE table at least 20% and maximum 25% 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 not later than 3 months before date of concerned tournament Invitation including type of formula chosen for their competition.

Besides rules cited above, EFC Comex at its meeting adopted following complementary rules:

- f) **Pools composition must be published day before start of competitions. In case of no show up on day of competitions FIE rules for possible arrangement of concerned pools will apply.**

Note: the entries are closed at 12:00 on the day before competition and organisers should download the most recent xml entries file for publishing pools by 16:00 of the same day.
- g) **First round in pools must run in maximum of two flights**

In case of pools running in two flights the following rule for the second flight have to be applied: minimum 50% of pools in the second flight must be composed of 7 fencers in order to ensure the possibility of moving fencers from those pools in pools of 6 fencers with some missing fencers.
- h) **If the number of participants is exceeding 100, only one individual competition per day can be organised, possibly seconded by one team event. An exception can be awarded by EFC Sport Director upon demand of organiser who will give a guarantee of good running of competitions based on presented relevant technical conditions (number of pistes in context of expected number of participants), as well as availability of sufficient number of referees for given number of pistes**
- i) **If the number of participants in one event is exceeding 150 in one day, only FIE JWC formula for competitions can be used.**
- j) **The organisers must mandatory send short report and photos from tournament within 2 days after competitions**
- k) **On line live results from competitions are mandatory to be ensured by organizers**
- l) **Weapon control should be held focused on security aspects defined by EFC SEMI commission as follows:**

The below table summarizes requirements, for full details please refer to the FIE-rules.

	Mask	Glove	Maragin (F/E)	Clothing	Wires/Lamé
EC Senior	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
EC U23	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
EC Junior	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
EC Cadet	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
U23 Circuit	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended	Optional	Optional
U17 Circuit	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended	Optional	Optional
U14 Circuit	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended	Optional	Optional

2) Points to be accorded:

- FIE formula scale of points will be applied in general
- **Five (5) best results + European Cadets Championships will be counted into Ranking**
- 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 multipliers	Countries up to 7	Countries 8-12	Countries 13 -
Participants 1-50	1	1,5	2
Participants 51-100	1,5	2	2,5
Participants 101-	2	2,5	3

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
- **for teams: maximum 5 teams per country can participate in team events (valid also for organising federation). However, the organiser is entitled in an effort to ensure good running of competitions to limit the participation of teams by 2 per nation.**
- **Minimum criteria for awarding points in the Circuit: 5 countries/30 participants/among them 30% of foreigners**

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 and

be aged minimum 18 and fewer than 60.

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 **60 EUR** per team (recommendation). **The deadline for inscriptions is Tuesday preceding the start of the event. All fencers, teams and referees must be in possession of EFC license (fee of 20 EURO) and entered by their respective national federation respecting mentioned deadline policy, whilst entering fencer or referee manually on the day of the competition must be justified and only exceptional case. However, mixed teams composed of fencers from different countries can be entered by organiser on the spot.**
- 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 special 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. However, last 16 teams should fence for all places.
 - b) **Initial seeding of teams** will be based on **current EFC CC Ranking of Teams**.
 - c) **Referees** for team competitions should be provided by participating teams: 1-2 teams/1 referee, 3 or more teams/2 referees and by organisers
 - d) **Entry fee** for teams should be reasonable, not exceeding 60 EURO per team as maximum.
 - e) **In case of technical replacement during a match and if some injury appeared in the same match of concerned team then replaced fencer can come back in the team in order to allow continuing of that team in tournament** (derogation from FIE rule for teams).
 - f) **To awarding winners of EFC team all season ranking EFC SDR will arrange with organisers of concerned cadets Championships purchase of cup in each weapon (6)**
 - g) **At European Championships only results from individual competitions will be considered for initial seeding of teams.**
- 8) **After ending the competition the organiser must immediately, on the same day, load XML-out file to EFC web site or send to EFC administrator of the Circuit.** 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 send to EFC administrator also complete results file under pdf format** and upload it to EFC web site structured as follows:

In individual competitions:

- a) fencers by country (including date or year of birth)
- b) fencers by initial seeding (given by EFC CC actual ranking)
- c) formula
- d) pools
- e) ranking after pools

- f) ranking for DE table in case two rounds of pools were fenced
- g) all DE tables
- h) final ranking (including date or year of birth)
- i) activity of referees

In team event:

- a) fencers in teams (including date or year of birth)
- b) teams initial ranking
- c) Table of direct elimination with results (all tables if also matches for places were fenced)
- d) Final ranking of teams
- e) Activity of referees
- f) all details of matches in direct elimination

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) Protocol: except “force majeure” the organisers are to hang out flags of participating federations and play national anthem of the winner during medal ceremony.

11) 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).

12) EFC Rules about the age of participants at EFC 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.
- Yet the lowest age of fencers should be under same conditions as cited here above, 12 years.
- 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

13) The organisers are to provide mandatory medical service at competitions applying also connected FIE rule about availability of ambulance (not necessary in case of proximity of hospital according to defined rule of the FIE).

14) EFC Referees Commission is designating for every EFC CC competition a delegate who is in charge of:

- a) providing seminar for all referees officiating at given event
- b) elaborate evaluation with notes 1 (worse) to 5 (best) of referees in competition, which will be made available for national federations and/or concerned referee
- c) Organiser has to create necessary logistic for that operation according conditions at the venue.
- d) EFC delegate have a right to give recommendation about referees to be used for drawing at given phase of competition to DT managing that event.
- e) Besides evaluation also short report about running of competitions is issued by delegate after end of tournament.
- f) Expenses connected with this project are shared by the EFC (travel and per diems) and organizer (hotel accommodation, food and local transport)

15) If necessary some complementary rules can be defined by the EFC Competition Commission and/or the EFC sport directory with approval of the EFC Executive Committee.

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