

European Fencing Confederation

Rules of

EFC U23 Circuit competitions



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Elaborated by EFC Sport Director

- 1) Principally 8 competitions during the season are subject of the Circuit in every weapon. However, that number is not compulsory and is done by proposals from the organisers.
- 2) Would be welcome if team competitions accompanied competitions of individuals and thus the tournaments would be organised as two days event. Competitions including team events would have priority in case the number of competitions in the Circuit EFC becomes limited.
- 3) **All competitions in the Calendar are open senior international competitions.** The organisers should not limit participation by age. On the other hand absence of the top 10 fencers from FIE rankings can be considered. **Note:** for official EFC U23 rankings are considered only fencers who can participate at European U23 Championships in the same fencing season, thus reaching 23 years on or after 1st of January of the year when the European Championships are to be held.
- 4) **All inscriptions must go through EFC web site.** Also referees must be entered the same way in order to facilitate the organisation of competitions.

5) **Referees quotas.**

1-4 fencers no referee required

5-9 1 referee

10 – 15 2 referees

16 – 20 3 referees

Non respect of quota can be sanctioned by the organizer up to 500 EUR for every missing referee.

The referees officiating at EFC U23 Circuit 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 neighboring country to the organising country are engaged and that way the quota is respected.

5) **For keeping automatic updated rankings the organisers have to upload after competitions XML-out file on EFC web site or send them to the administrator.**

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 files the organisers have to upload or send to EFC administrator also complete results file under pdf format structured as follows:

In individual competitions:

- a) fencers by country (including date or year of birth)
- b) fencers by initial seeding
- 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
- b) teams initial ranking
- c) Table of direct elimination with results (all tables if also matches for places were fenced)

- d) Final raking of teams
 - e) Activity of referees
- all details of matches in direct elimination
- 6) No special rules are required at management of chosen competitions – the only request would go to the organisers for **using only FIE certified fencing competitions management software** and sending the results as mentioned here above.
 - 7) Formula: there is neither limitation at engagements of fencers nor specific formula imposed. The organizers of competitions of the Circuit are free to choose their formula and they can decide the number of eliminated fencers from the first round, etc.
 - 8) The allocation of points: the rate for points allocation is that of the FIE. The points are awarded according real rank of the fencer gained in the competition. However, in any case **no points will be attributed for fencers eliminated from the first round!** For EFC U23 Ranking are counted **3 best results + U23 Championships**.
 - 9) **Criteria for initial ranking of fencers**
 - 1. **FIE senior ranking (only those having points)**
 - 2. **FIE junior ranking 1-64 + 500**
 - 3. **EFC U23 Circuit ranking + 1000**
 - 4. **The places of non-ranked fencers are drawn randomly**
 - 10) The administration of the Circuit will be ensured by EFC Technical Director. The cooperation with EFC Competition commission is self-evidence.

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