



European Fencing Confederation

EFC Cadets Circuit Competitions' Rules

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All FIE Rules are to be respected. However, some deviations from these Rules were adopted for the purpose of respecting some specifics of the EFC Cadets Circuit competitions.

I. Formula of competitions: the principle of flexibility applies as follows:

- a) The organisers can select from 3 possible formulas of competitions:
 - 1. Two rounds with pools followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32.
 - 2. One round with pools followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32.
 - 3. FIE JWC formula, i.e. one round with pools followed by direct elimination table without repechage.
- b) For the formula under a) the ranking for the 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.
- c) From the round preceding DE table at least 20% and maximally 25% of participants should be eliminated.
- d) In this context, from the moment of allocation of competitions for the EFC Circuit upon decision by EFC Executive Committee, the organisers have to present no later than 3 months before date of concerned tournament the invitation including type of formula chosen for their competition.

II. Besides the rules cited above, the EFC Comex adopted following complementary rules:

- a) Pools composition must be published the day before start of competitions. In case of no show up on the day of competitions FIE rules for possible arrangement of concerned pools will apply.
Note: the entries are closed at 12:00 pm 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.
- b) **The first round in pools must run in a maximum of two flights.**
In case of pools running in two flights the following rule for the second flight has 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.
- c) If the number of participants is exceeding 100, only one individual competition per day can be organised, possibly followed by one team event. An exception can be awarded by the EFC Sport Director upon request of the organiser who will give a guarantee of smooth 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 the given number of pistes.

- d) If the number of participants in one event is exceeding 150 in one day, only FIE JWC formula for competitions can be used.
- e) The organisers must mandatorily send a short report and photos from the tournament within 2 days after competitions to the EFC sport director.
- f) Online live results from competitions are mandatory to be ensured by organizers.
- g) Only FIE certified fencing competitions management software can be used!
- h) Weapon control should be held focused on security aspects defined by EFC SEMI commission as follows:
- i) 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

The EFC can send for a chosen competition a member of the EFC SEMI commission as the delegate to check the application of relevant rules.

III. Points to be accorded:

- a) The FIE formula scale of points will be applied in general
- b) **Four (4)** best results + European Cadets Championships in the individual competitions will be counted for the Ranking
- c) Respecting the 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).
- d) 1 point for places from 65 to 128 will be awarded if the fencers were qualified from previous round.

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

- e) Following multiplication coefficients for ranking points will be applied according to the number of participants:

Scale of multiplications	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

IV. Quota of participation:

- a) From the organising country a maximum of 64 fencers per weapon can be engaged
- b) Foreign delegations are limited to 20 fencers per country and weapon
- c) For teams: maximum 5 teams per country can participate in team events (this is valid also for the organising federation). However, in an effort to ensure good running of competitions the organiser is entitled to limit the participation of teams by nation.
- d) **In very exceptional case the quota of participation can be exceeded upon agreement of the EFC Sports Director**
- e) **Minimum criteria for awarding points in the Circuit: 5 countries/30 participants/among them 30% of foreigners**

V. Referees quotas:

- a) 1-3 fencers - no referee required
- b) 4-9 fencers - 1 referee
- c) 10 – 15 fencers - 2 referees
- d) 16 – 20 fencers– 3 referees
- e) Non respect of quota is sanctioned by 500 EUR for every missing referee/per day
- f) The number of referees from the host country can NOT be more than 50% from all referees officiating in the competition.
- g) The referees officiating at EFC CC should have good national or international level qualification and be aged minimum 18 and fewer than 60.
- h) 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 other countries are engaged so that the quota are respected.

VI. Inscriptions for competitions:

- a) Only central offices of Federations can enter fencers and referees respecting the EFC quota.
- b) Cadets Circuit competitions use their access to data in the EFC Service portal.
- c) The entry fee for individual competitions is **20 EUR (maximum) + 5 €**.
- d) For teams it can be higher; however, it should **not** be **more** than **60 EUR +15 €** per team.
- e) **The deadline for inscriptions is 2 weeks before the day of the event.**
- f) **All fencers, teams, coaches and referees must be in possession of EFC license (fee of 25 EURO) and entered by their respective National Federation respecting the above mentioned deadline policy. Entering the fencer or referee manually on the day of the competition must be justified and is only in exceptional cases accepted. However, mixed teams composed of fencers from different countries can be entered by the organiser on the spot.**

- VII. The EFC Cadets Circuit continues to be open for all interested fencers, even from other Regional 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.**

VIII. Organization 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:

- a. The organisers are free to run first in pools of 3 or 4 teams or to organise only direct elimination team competitions. However, the last 16 teams should fence for all places.
- b. Initial seeding of teams will be based on the results of concerned team members
b.1 from the individual competition preceding the team event or
b.2 from the EFC individual ranking of members of concerned team if the team event is preceding the individual team event.**
- 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. **In case of technical replacement during a match and if an injury appeared in the same match of concerned team then the replaced fencer can come back in the team in order to allow continuing of that team in the tournament (this differs from the FIE Rules for teams).**
- e. The EFC Sport Director will arrange with the organisers of concerned cadets Championships the purchase of a cup in each weapon(6) in order to award winners of the EFC team all season ranking.
- f. **For the Ranking of teams 4 best results will be counted, but only one team per country will be counted. Then, at European Championships the EFC team ranking will be considered for initial seeding of teams.**

IX. After ending the competition, the organiser must immediately, on the same day, upload the XML-out file to EFC web site or send to EFC administrator of the Circuit. Then an unofficial updated ranking will be available right after that operation. After validation of results by EFC office an 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

- X. **General installations for competitions** should follow good practice and standards 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 space for referees, ensuring good conditions for refereeing, timely posting results at every stage of competitions, etc.
- XI. **Protocol: except “force majeure” the organisers are to hang out flags of participating federations and play the national anthems of the winners during medal ceremony.**
- XII. **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).
- XIII. **EFC Rules about the age of participants at EFC Cadets Circuit and Championships:**
 - a) 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.
 - b) Yet the lowest age of fencers should be under same conditions as cited here above, 12 years.
 - c) 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 a specific cadet competition
- XIV. **The organisers are to provide mandatory medical service at competitions following FIE Rule about availability of medical services and transportation (not necessary in case of proximity of hospital according to FIE Rules).**
- XV. **EFC Referees Commission designates for every EFC CC competition a delegate who oversees:**
 - a) providing a seminar for all referees officiating at given event
 - b) elaborate evaluation with notes 1 (worst) to 5 (best) of referees in competition, which will be made available for national federations and/or concerned referee
 - c) The organiser has to create the necessary logistics for this operation according the conditions at the venue.
 - d) EFC delegate has a right to give recommendations about referees to be used for drawing at a particular phase of competition to DT managing that event.
 - e) Besides an evaluation report the delegate drafts a short report about the running of competitions after end of tournament.
 - f) Expenses incurred for these activities are shared by the EFC (travel and per diems) and organizer (hotel accommodation, food and local transport).

XVI. Rules for obtaining the EFC "C" referee license:

1. The EFC "C" license will only be awarded to candidates who obtain marks of 4 or 5 (in scale with highest note 5) at least during 5 competitions within maximum of 2 consecutive seasons. Following criteria are used for awarding related note during the evaluation of referees:
 - **5 excellent:** with no mistake;
 - **4 very good:** with small mistakes doing a good job;
 - **3 fairly good:** needs some small improvements;
 - **2 Poor:** Needs to improve the skills substantially;
 - **1 Fail:** Should not stand at pistes at the moment. Needs to improve the basic skills for refereeing.
2. Any referee who will receive low points (1 or 2) two time is not allowed to be a Referee for current season.
3. When referee receives three times excellent (5) evaluation, the referee automatically receives the EFC C license.
4. For evaluation of referees all EFC CC competitions are available. Thus, candidates can choose competitions suitable for them.
5. The procedure for evaluations was described in original description of the project:

It consists of mandatory participation of referees at the seminar organized always ca 1 hour before start of concerned competitions. EFC is ensuring its delegate for every competition of EFC CC. That delegate is observing the activities of referees at pistes. The seminar is mainly focused on sharing experiences of the delegate with referees of competition, however, evaluated referees can be also asked about knowledge of some rules during seminar. Principally, the delegate is using the pause after round of pools for meeting with the referees. Apart from this, the delegate can address referees even during competitions if they are free, for explaining his/her opinion about the referee's actions. Finally, delegates draft an evaluation sheet, which is uploaded in the system and the evaluations notes of concerned referees are automatically updated. The President of the EFC Referee Commission is entitled to verify that process.
6. Validity of the EFC C license:
 - a) The EFC C license is valid for 2 consecutive seasons. If a referee has not successfully passed the FIE examination during 2 years or/and has not participated as a referee in the EFC CC Cups for 2 consecutive seasons, a referee must perform a function on CC cup minimum one additional time in a third season in order to maintain his license. This referee is evaluated by referee's delegate in a form of two marks (yes, no).
 - b) After receiving "yes" evaluation he keeps EFC C license only for current and next season.

- c) If a referee receives "no" then the EFC C license is suspended till the end of current season. Such a referee may try to refresh its EFC C license but only one more time by receiving minimum one time "yes" mark on CC cup from referees' delegate in next season. If the mark "no" is received again, the EFC license is invalid and such referee must apply for the license as a new candidate.
 - d) Licenses are only awarded to referees that are members of Member Federations
7. The EFC delegate is cooperating with DT of EFC competitions and is entitled to propose the pool of referees for a draw, but also to give the advice to retire a referee who is not competent at a given phase of competition. However, he/she can only advise the DT - not to decide about it.
 8. The EFC Referees commission will personally inform the candidates about the details of their evaluation to support further improvement of their work as referees and to prepare them to becoming FIE referees. As this information is sensitive no personnel notes will be openly published.
 9. According to the decision of FIE, only C licensed referees can apply as candidates for organized FIE exams. Thanks to IT system of the evaluation of referees implemented in the EFC web site the process of awarding EFC C license is automatic respecting the fulfillment of criteria and published by the President of the EFC Referees Commission without delay after verification. National federation's representatives and concerned referees registered in the EFC are having direct access to the evaluations and to awarded C license.

XVII. If necessary, complementary rules can be implemented by the EFC Competition Commission and/or the EFC sport directory after approval of the EFC Executive Committee.

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