



**SPORT EXPLANATORY BROCHURE
SPORT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

FENCING

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2 Key Dates & Activities

| Activities | Date | Venue | Time |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Team Managers' Meeting (including public draw of weapons for team event) | 13 Aug 2010 | International Convention Centre | 14:00 |
| Technical Meeting | 14 Aug 2010 | International Convention Centre | 09:00 |

3 Events & Quotas

3.1 EVENTS

| Men's Events (3) | Women's Events (3) | Mixed Event (1) |
|--|--|---|
| Épée Individual Foil Individual Sabre Individual | Épée Individual Foil Individual Sabre Individual | Mixed Team Competition (Boys and Girls representing their Continents compete in all weapons) |

3.2 QUOTAS

| Category | Qualified via IF | NOC Universality Places | Host Country Places | Total |
|----------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Men | 27 | 9 | 3 | 39 |
| Women | 27 | 9 | 3 | 39 |
| TOTAL | 54 | 18 | 6 | 78 |

3.3 NOC QUOTA

Maximum of one (1) fencer per weapon per NOC (total of 6 athletes).



4 Qualification System

4.1 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Fencers must have been born between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1994.

4.2 PERFORMANCE & CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

The best ranked fencers of each continent at the Cadet World Championships held in April 2010 will be qualified to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, respecting the following distribution:

- a. Asia/Oceania : 2 places per event
- b. America : 2 places per event
- c. Africa : 1 place per event
- d. Europe : 4 places per event

4.3 Mixed Team Competition

The Mixed Team Competition will consist of 10 continental teams of six competitors each (three Men and three Women) which will be chosen on the basis of the individual rankings.

4.4 HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

The host country will have the right to enter one fencer per weapon (total of six fencers) and one team.

4.5 REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

4.5.1 Unused IF Quota places

Any places earned and not used by NOCs will be reallocated by the FIE Executive Committee using the results of the cadet World Championships. The place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked unqualified athlete(s) from the same geographical zone.

4.5.2 Unused Host Country Places

If the host NOC elects to not use the qualification places it is allocated, the unused places will be reallocated by the FIE Executive Committee using the results of the cadet World Championships. The place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete(s) not yet qualified across all geographical zones.

4.5.3 Unused NOC Universality Places

In the event that all NOC Universality Places are not distributed to NOCs, the unused places will be reallocated by the FIE Executive Committee using the results of the cadet World Championships. The place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete(s) not yet qualified across all geographical zones.



5 Qualification Timeline

| Date | Milestone |
|-------------------|--|
| 3 – 12 Apr 2010 | FIE Cadet World Championships Baku, Azerbaijan |
| 20 Apr 2010 | The FIE establishes the list of fencers who qualified through the Cadet World Championships and informs NOCs |
| 15 Jun 2010 | Deadline for NOCs to confirm the qualification of their athletes (those who qualified via the FIE system). |
| Jun – 14 Jul 2010 | Reallocation of unused NOC universality places and final reallocation period for unused quota places. |
| 15 Jul 2010 | Entries deadline (by name) for all sports |



6 Competition Format

The Youth Olympic Fencing competition comprises three Cadet Male individual events, three Cadet Female individual events and one team event including both genders and all weapons.

A total of 78 athletes will compete in the seven Fencing events at the Youth Olympic Games.

| Individual Competition Program | | |
|--|------------------|--|
| Expected number of Cadet Male participants | Event | Expected number of Cadet Female participants |
| Up to 16 | Individual Foil | Up to 16 |
| Up to 16 | Individual Epée | Up to 16 |
| Up to 16 | Individual Sabre | Up to 16 |

Each individual event consists of two phases: a pool round and a direct elimination phase.

| Team Competition Program | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Expected number of teams | Team composition | Weapons |
| 5 - 10 | 3 Cadet Male and 3 Cadet Female fencers | Foil, Epée, Sabre |

The team event consists of a direct elimination competition phase.

Two days before the start of the individual competition there will be a public draw during the Team Managers' Meeting for the order of the six weapons during a team match. Weapons and genders will be alternated. For example, the draw starts with one of the three female weapons, the Women's Foil. From the male weapons, there will be a draw between the Men's Epée and Men's Sabre to alternate gender and weapon etc.

6.1 COMPETITION PROGRESSION

6.1.1 Individual Event

Each of the individual events will start with a pool round. All fencers will be allocated into pools according to his/her ranking based on the 2010 Cadet World Championships' final ranking and with a maximum of seven fencers in each pool. Fencers will compete against all others in their pool. A pool ranking will then be calculated based on standard FIE rules. This overall pool rank will be used to seed fencers into the direct elimination bracket.

The direct elimination phase in the individual events is divided into the following rounds: round of 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, Finals (Gold and Bronze Medal Matches). Each individual bout continues until 15 hits or until the total bout time of three times three (3 x 3) minutes has elapsed. Winners of the Semi-Finals will compete for the Gold Medal, and losers for the Bronze. The final ranking of the other fencers will be determined by their overall pool ranking.



6.1.2 Team Event

In the team event, competition is a direct elimination divided into the following rounds: round of 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals. A team consists of three Cadet Male fencers, three Cadet Female fencers and all three weapons. In a team match each fencer weapon specialist will compete against the fencer weapon specialist from the other team of the same gender. A match between two teams therefore consists of six bouts.

- a. The first bout will finish when the first fencer makes five hits, or after three minutes if neither of them have made five hits.
- b. The second bout will finish when the first fencer reaches the team cumulative score of ten, or after six minutes.
- c. The third bout will finish when the first fencer reaches the team cumulative score of 15, or after nine minutes; and so on.

A team match is finished either after 30 hits or after the sixth bout. Winners of the Semi-Finals will compete for the Gold Medal, and losers for the Bronze Medal. The final rank of the other teams will be determined by the classification matches that will be organised before the final matches.

6.2 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FIE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

In the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), all participants in the pool round are qualified for the direct elimination phase.

The Mixed Team Competition in the YOG is a single mixed gender and weapon event, in contrast with the usual six events separated by gender and weapon.



7 Competition Rules & Procedures

7.1 INDIVIDUAL BOUTS

During the pool round phase each bout consists of one period of three minutes. The fencer who first scores five valid hits on the opponent or scores the most hits by the end of the bout is the winner. If the players are tied at the end of normal bout time, one minute extra time is played. The first fencer to score a hit on the opponent is the winner.

Prior to the start of extra time a draw will be held to determine the winner, if neither fencer scores during the extra time period.

During the direct elimination phase, each bout consists of three periods of three minutes each, with an interval of one minute between periods. The fencer who first scores 15 valid hits on the opponent or scores the most hits by the end of the bout is the winner. If the players are tied at the end of normal bout time, one minute extra time is played. The first fencer to score a hit on the opponent is the winner.

Prior to the start of extra time a draw will be held to determine the winner, if neither fencer scores during the extra time period.

7.2 TEAM MATCHES

A team consists of three Cadet Male and Cadet Female fencers. The winning team is the one that first scores a total of 30 hits on the fencers of the opposing team, or the one that has scored the greatest number of hits by the end of the match. If the teams are tied at the end of regulation time, there is one minute of extra time, and the team which scores the first hit wins the match.

Prior to the start of extra time a draw will be held to determine the winner, if neither team scores during the extra time period.

7.3 REFEREEING

Refereeing in Fencing is considered quite difficult. It is in the nature of the sport that, in order to be able to judge correctly, Fencing referees are often themselves former fencers.

7.4 TIE-BREAK PROCEDURES

In case of a tie after the bout/match time has run out, the so called "Golden Goal" rule appears. In that case, the referee adds 60 seconds. Before starting this last minute, the referee conducts a draw to determine the winner if no hit is made during the extra minute. The first hit within the 60 seconds determines the winner immediately, and ends the bout / match.



7.5 PENALTIES / DISQUALIFICATION RULES

Depending on the offence, a fencer could be warned (yellow card), warned with a supplementary point for his opponent (red card), or excluded (black card) from a bout or the entire competition.

For a more detailed description of offences and penalties consult the current FIE rules.

7.6 APPEALS & PROTESTS

Protests must be made immediately. For example, protests concerning the world ranking must be made before the head of the delegations' leaders meeting, protests about incorrect results must be made by the fencer. If there is a mistake afterwards, the Delegation Leader must protest before the start of the next round.

7.7 TRADITIONAL RULE

Apart from the rules that are common to all three weapons, another characteristic of Fencing is the etiquette that reflects the sport's aristocratic origin. The salute before the beginning and after the end of the bout; and the handshake after the end of the bout (or even after a training session), are the unwritten rules that fencers must always observe, as a sign of respect towards both their opponent and their maitre d'armes. A fencer may receive a black card from the referee should the salute and the hand shake on the demand of the referee be refused.



8 Equipment & Clothing

Equipment used or clothing worn by athletes and other participants at the Youth Olympic Games Fencing competition must comply with the FIE Constitution and Material Rules and with the Bye-Law to Rule 51 of the Olympic Charter.

9 Doping Control

The Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC), under the guidance of International Olympic Committee (IOC), will be responsible for the Doping Control Programme during the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games. The Doping Control Programme will be implemented in accordance with the IOC Anti-Doping Rules, the World Anti-Doping Code and its relevant International Standards.

Doping Control stations will be set up at competition venues and the Polyclinic within the Youth Olympic Village, where in-competition testing will be conducted. The Test Distribution Plan and criteria for athlete selection for each sport will comply with the Doping Control protocol established by the IOC, IFs and SYOGOC. Doping Control procedures will be implemented according to the WADA's International Standards for Testing.

Sample analysis will be performed at a WADA-accredited laboratory or as otherwise approved by WADA.



10 Competition Venue

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE (HALL 602)

10.1 LOCATION

Located in the heart of Singapore's business district, the International Convention Centre (ICC) is also conveniently located near the IOC Family Hotels, of which the Ritz Carlton Millenia Singapore is just a 10-minute walk away.



10.2 HISTORY

One of the largest multi-purpose convention and exhibition facilities in the centre of the city, the ICC has hosted some of the world's biggest meetings, exhibitions and conventions – the highlights of which was the International Monetary Fund (IMF) World Bank Congress in 2006.

Comprising approximately 25,000 square metre of space, the convention and exhibition halls at the ICC will be converted to an excellent venue for the Wrestling, Judo, Boxing, Taekwondo, Fencing, and Handball competitions.



11 Competition Schedule by Day

| Date | Time |
|-------------|---------------|
| 15 Aug 2010 | 09:30 – 16:00 |
| | 16:30 – 20:00 |
| 16 Aug 2010 | 09:30 – 16:00 |
| | 16:30 – 20:00 |
| 17 Aug 2010 | 09:00 – 17:00 |
| | 17:30 – 21:30 |
| 18 Aug 2010 | 09:30 – 14:45 |
| | 16:30 – 18:45 |

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Competition Schedule by Session will be provided during the Chef de Mission Seminar in March 2010.



12 Games-Time Training

12.1 TRAINING VENUE

- International Convention Centre (Hall 603) Warm-Up Area (8 fields of play)

12.2 TRAINING POLICIES *(updates will be made available on the IOC-NOC Extranet)*

Training facilities will be provided for all athletes from the opening of the Youth Olympic Village (YOV) (10 August 2010) to the end of Singapore 2010 (26 August 2010).

Games-Time Training consists of three phases – Pre-Competition, During Competition and Post-Competition.

12.2.1 Pre-Competition Training and Training during Competition

Training sessions fall into three main categories – Open Training, Allocated Training and Training that requires booking. The type of training for each sport is determined in consultation with the IF of the respective sport.

a. Open Training

Training Sessions for Open Training are not NOC-specific – they are open to all participants to conduct their training. The NOCs will neither be allocated nor required to book the training sessions. The training schedule for sports with Open Training will be provided to the NOCs in January 2010.

b. Allocated Training

Majority of the training sessions fall into this category and will be scheduled by the Competition Management of SYOGOC. The schedule of the training sessions will be distributed to the participating NOCs upon the finalisation of entries.

c. Training that requires Booking

NOCs are required to book for their training sessions. The booking of these training sessions will be conducted at the Sport Information Desk (SID) located at the YOYV on a first-come-first-served basis.

The SID will be operational upon the opening of the YOYV on 10 August 2010. Other than managing the training sessions, the SID will also provide pertinent information relating to sport training schedules.



12.2.2 Post-Competition Training

All Singapore 2010 athletes are required to stay throughout the Games. Training facilities will also be provided for athletes who have completed their competition where possible.

Post-Competition Training sessions will be scheduled by the Competition Management of SYOGOC. The schedule of the training sessions will be distributed to the participating NOCs upon the finalisation of entries.



13 Medals

The top three winners in the finals will each receive a Gold medal, Silver medal and Bronze medal respectively.

14 Victory Ceremonies

Victory Ceremonies (VYC) will be held in accordance with the protocol determined by the IOC to honour the individual and team achievements of the athletes.

They will be held at the respective competition venues following the announcement of the final results. Prior to the commencement of the ceremony, medallists will be ushered to the VYC Holding Area for preparation. They will be briefed by the VYC Team on the ceremony protocol and subsequently escorted to the podium for the medals presentation. Once the ceremony is over, the medallists will be escorted out of the VYC podium area.

Medallists must wear their NOC official sport uniform. They will take their places on the podium and face the Guest Stand upon announcement of their names. The Gold Medallist(s) will stand on a centred, higher platform. The Silver and Bronze Medallists will stand on equal height, to the right and left of the Gold Medallist(s) respectively. Flags of the medallists' delegations will be raised while the abridged version of the Gold-medallist(s)' NOC anthem is being played. During the playing of the NOC anthem and the raising of the flags, medallists shall accord due respect and face the flags when they are raised.

For NOC Team events, the IOC flag will be raised in tandem with the abridged version of the IOC anthem.