



OFC COMPETITION GUIDELINES

AWARDING OF MEDALS

For Oceania Championships held as stand-alone events:

- Medals for Oceania Championships will be provided by the OFC and paid for by the host nation
- For individual competitions, the Oceania Championships will award a gold, silver and two bronze medals for equal third.
- For team events, the Oceania Championships will have gold, silver and bronze medals for third (one team only – fence-off for third place required).

For Oceania Championships held in conjunction with other National events

- Medals for Oceania Championships will be provided by the OFC and paid for by the host nation
- For individual competitions, the Oceania Championships will award a gold, silver and two bronze medals for equal third. When medallist(s) from the National competition do not come from OFC countries, then the highest ranked eligible fencer(s) will be promoted based on the Overall Ranking of the competition.
- For team events, the Oceania Championships will have gold, silver and bronze medals for third (one team only – fence-off for third place required).
- Oceania fencers or teams may be required to fence off to determine gold or silver medals because of ineligible fencers or teams who win medals in the main competition as determined by the DT.
- Where the highest ranked Oceania fencers are eliminated in the same round, then the two Oceania fencers with the highest rank going into the Tableau will fence a final for the Oceania Championship.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The personal equipment requirements for Oceania Championships should conform to the regulations specified in the FIE rules. Any variation to these requirements must be approved in consultation with the OFC.



ENTRY FEES FOR OCEANIA COMPETITIONS

As per the FIE Administrative Rules 6.2, the entry fees for all Oceania Championships will be determined by the Oceania Fencing Confederation as outlined below. The entry fees for the competition are paid to the host country who cover all costs for the competition (including purchasing and engraving of OFC medals).

For Oceania Championships held as stand-alone events:

The host country must submit the proposed entry fees for the competition to the OFC Regional Sport Director for approval at least three months prior to the start of the Championships. The proposal can include entry fees for both individual and team events. The fees should not exceed the amount specified for entries to the World Championships as specified in the FIE Administrative Rules 6.2 (i.e. equivalent of 55 Euros for individual events and 140 Euros for Team events).

For Oceania Championships held in conjunction with other National events

The entry fees should be the equivalent as for the National event, and must be submitted to the OFC Regional Sport Director for approval at least three months prior to the start of the Championships. Where separate Oceania Championship events are held in addition to the same type of event (individual or team) at a National competition in which fencers from Oceania are eligible to compete, no entry fee is to be charged for the Oceania event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR OFC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The scheduling for OFC Championships should be organised according to the following timeline:

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| - Dates for the competition | at least 12 months prior to the start of the Championships |
| - Schedule of events by day | at least 4 months prior to the start of the Championships |
| - Draft timetable with rough start times | at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the Championships |
| - Registrations/entries open | at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the Championships |
| - Closing date for regular entries | at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the Championships |
| - Final timetable including start times | at least 1 week prior to the start of the Championships |



ORGANISATIONAL RULES FOR OFC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Where possible, Oceania Championships should be organised according to the FIE Organisational Rules. However, due to the nature of the competitions, there are some exceptions to these rules as noted below. In addition, where the Oceania Championships are held in conjunction with other National events, variations to the Rules may be permitted in accordance with the circumstances or practices of the host nation. These variations should be communicated to the OFC Regional Sport Director at least three months prior to the competition for distribution to member countries.

o.5 – The host country should communicate to the OFC Regional Sport Director the members of the Directoire Technique at least two weeks prior to the Championship. In addition, the President of the OFC and/or the OFC Regional Sport Director should be included on the Directoire Technique where circumstances permit.

o.18 – For Oceania Championships, it is not required to eliminate any competitors after the round of poules (i.e. all competitors progress to the direct elimination phase).

o.22 – The organisers are not required to publish the scheduled times for each bout during Direct Elimination.

o.23.1 – For OFC Veteran Competitions only, direct elimination bouts are for 10 hits or end when two periods of three minutes have passed, and in sabre the first period ends when one of the fencers has scored 5 hits.

o.26.1 – Where required for the smooth running of the competition, the Directoire Technique may alter the order of bouts from that published in the bout plan.

o.29-O.34 – These rules are not used for Oceania Championships.

o.39 – The procedure for seeding for the placement into poules will be at the determination of the Directoire Technique.

o.40.2 – For the last 32 the direct elimination bouts can be fenced on any number of pistes at the determination of the Directoire technique. Video refereeing is not required for Oceania Championships, but can be used, for some or all pistes, if available.

o.43.2 – Where the team event is preceded by an individual event at the same Championships, the placement of teams into the direct elimination table will be based on the results of the team members in the individual event.

o.43.3 – It is not required for teams to fence for places on the table, except for the match to determine third and fourth place.

o.52-O.54 – The method and deadlines for entry and the substitution/withdrawal of fencers shall be determined by the host nation. No fines will be applicable to the national federation for fencers who fail to attend the competition.

o.55.6 – For Veteran Competitions, an additional age group is recognised:



Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.

o.56 b) Although not preferred, where required for the smooth running of the competition, members of the Directoire Technique may act in other capacities at the competition

o.59 – The Referee delegate, technical support and medical support will be organised and appointed by the host nation.

o.65-o.74 – These rules do not apply to the Oceania Championships. However, the following guidelines apply to OFC competitions:

- There is no limit on the number of individual entries from each nation who can participate in the Oceania Championships. For team events, each country can nominate one or two teams, although additional teams (including teams made up of members of different countries) may be permitted at the determination of the Directoire Technique.
- Referees for Oceania Championships will be organised by the host nation from suitably qualified FIE or national level referees. Where necessary, the OFC will provide cover the cost of travel for an additional, non-host nation referee or referees to officiate at the event. In this case, the host nation will be requested to provide accommodation & a per diem for the additional referee or referees.
- There is no requirement for the host nation to invite specific international officials.

TECHNICAL RULES FOR OFC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Where possible, Oceania Championships should be organised according to the FIE Technical Rules. However, due to the nature of the competitions, there are some exceptions to these rules as noted below. In addition, where the Oceania Championships are held in conjunction with other National events, variations to the Rules may be permitted in accordance with the circumstances or practices of the host nation. These variations should be communicated to the OFC Regional Sport Director at least three months prior to the competition for distribution to member countries. Where the FIE has recently approved or introduced new rules, the application of these rules will be made on a case by case basis for each OFC Championship.

t.18 – The penalty for reversing the shoulders at foil will be applied at OFC Championships from 2017.

t.35 – Referees at Oceania Championships can be FIE accredited or suitably qualified national-level referees.

t.37 – Due to the limited number of member countries, it is not required to ensure that referees do not come from the same country as competitors.

t.42.3 – Video refereeing is not required for OFC Competitions, but can be used for some or all of the specified matches if available. Where it is used, the rules specified in t.42.3 are applicable.

t.45.4 – Name and National uniform and logo are recommended for OFC competitions, but not required.