

## **Referees — A Grade and Candidate A Grade competitions and Grand Prix**

**o.81. 1. The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** (cf. t.35) that must accompany teams to A Grade competitions is:

1–4 fencers	No obligation to provide a referee
5–9 fencers	One referee
10 or more fencers	Two referees

- 2. For Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions**, 7 referees, proposed by the Refereeing Commission in consultation with the organisers, will be designated by the Executive Committee and delegations will not have to provide any referees. These 7 referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees.
- 3.** Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it if it has notified the fact 15 days in advance. The fine is doubled if there is no notification 15 days in advance.

This fine must be **paid by the delegation to the organisers** so that they are able to arrange for other referees to replace those missing, as necessary.

If a national federation does not pay this fine, it must **reduce the participation** of its fencers in conformity with the quotas (cf. o.81.1 above).

The Supervisor must ensure the proper application of this article.

## TEAM WORLD CUP

### Application

- o.82. 1. Team World Cup competitions** take place at the three weapons, both male and female.

### Principles

- 2. a)** The Team World Cup tournament is composed of a maximum of **six integral competitions** (through to the first place). If possible two competitions will be organised in Europe, one in Asia/Oceania, one in America and one in Africa. Points will be allocated at the end of each competition. One of the continents may add one additional competition within the limits of six competitions per weapon.
- b)** The teams are made up of **three fencers**, with or without a substitute.
- c)** The matches proceed according to the **team-relay formula**, as provided for in Article o.44 of these Rules.

### Participation

- 3.** Team participation is open to all countries and limited to **one team per weapon per country**.

## INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKINGS

### o.83. 1. Official FIE individual ranking

#### Principles

- a) **The official Open ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than three from any one continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.
- b) **The official Junior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than three from any one continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.
- c) For both Open and Junior rankings, the ranking is **kept permanently up to date**. The competition in the current year cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season. If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.
- d) **In the event of equal points**, the ranking is based on who has gained the most first places, then second places, etc.  
  
If there is a complete tie, the fencers are ranked equal.
- e) After each competition which is taken into account to establish the ranking, this is updated automatically after verification of the results by the FIE.
- f) Except where special rules apply, the official up-to-date FIE ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, exemptions, etc.

#### Scale of points

##### 2. a) The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	20 points
5th–8th places	14 points
9th–16th places	8 points
17th–32nd places	4 points
33rd–64th places	2 points

- b) Points obtained in an **individual A Grade World Cup** competition are as listed above.

- c) Points obtained in a **Grand Prix** competition of the FIE and a **Zonal Championship** are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
- d) Points obtained in the individual events of the **Open World Championships or the Olympic Games and in the Junior World Championships** are multiplied by a factor of 3.0.
- e) At the **Olympic Games**, **fourth** place is awarded 54 points.
- f) Only fencers who have **actually participated** in a direct elimination table can receive any points.

### **Honours**

- 3. **The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **senior** official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Open World Championships or Olympic Games.

**The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **junior** official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

## TEAM WORLD RANKINGS

### **o.84.** 1. Official team ranking of the FIE

#### **Principle**

- a) The official team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best four results** in the Team World Cup competitions, with a maximum of two results obtained in the same continental zone, plus the Open World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.
- b) The official team ranking of the FIE is **updated on a permanent basis**: the event which is held during the current year cancels out the corresponding event held the year before, just as the points obtained during the new event replace the points obtained the year before. If an event does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same event in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the event.
- c) Should several teams **have the same points**, the same rules shall apply as for the official FIE individual ranking (cf. o.83).
- d) Except where special rules apply, the updated official team ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, etc.

### 2. Team scale of points

- a) The ranking will be based on the following scale of points:

1st place	64 points	10th place	24 points
2nd place	52 points	11th place	23 points
3rd place	40 points	12th place	22 points
4th place	36 points	13th place	21 points
5th place	32 points	14th place	20 points
6th place	30 points	15th place	19 points
7th place	28 points	16th place	18 points
8th place	26 points	17th–32nd	8 points
9th place	25 points		

- b) For the World Team Championships, the points indicated above are multiplied by two.
- c) Points obtained in a Zonal Team Championship have a factor of 1.0.

### 3. Honours

**The winner** (first ranked team) of each official **team** ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Open World Championships or Olympic Games