



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE)

Fencing

A. EVENTS (12)

Men's Events (6)	Women's Events (6)
Individual Foil	Individual Foil
Individual Epée	Individual Epée
Individual Sabre	Individual Sabre
Team Sabre	Team Sabre
Team Foil	Team Foil
Team Epée	Team Epée

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Fencing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	102	8	0*	212
Women	102		0*	
Total	204	8	0*	212

*please refer to section "Qualification Pathway - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places"

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	9	1 team of 3 athletes per team event 1 athlete through the individual qualification if no team qualified
Women	9	1 team of 3 athletes per team event 1 athlete through the individual qualification if no team qualified
Total	18	

3. Quota per individual event and per team event

Individual Events

The individual events bring together about 34 athletes in each weapon. The number of participants in each individual event may vary depending on the distribution of the Host Country places across the events.

Team Events

The team events bring together eight (8) or nine (9) teams in each weapon: eight (8) teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus a potential Host Country team, depending on the distribution of the Host



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Country places across the events.

4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athletes by name in the following individual events:

- Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée for athletes who did not qualify through team qualification = 60 places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC in the following events:

- Teams (composed of 3 athletes) in Women's Sabre, Women's Foil, Women's Epée, Men's Sabre, Men's Foil and Men's Epée = 144 places.
- These athletes will also participate in the respective individual events.
- Host Country Places = 8 places (These Host Country Places shall be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit, respecting the maximum quota of athletes per NOC (see section D).)

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (the "Olympic Games").

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events described in the present section are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN / WOMEN

Team Qualification: Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil, Women's Epée

A total of 144 quota places (48 teams; 8 teams per event) will be allocated between the team events in Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée. The eight (8) teams in each of the six (6) events will be composed of three (3) athletes and will qualify as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:
144 (48 teams)	FIE Official Team Ranking List of (4 April 2020) The Team Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below from (3 April 2019) to (4 April 2020): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team World Cup Competitions 2. Team World Championships 	NOC



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	<p>3. Team Continental Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The four (4) highest ranked teams of each event on the FIE Official Team Ranking of (4 April 2020), irrespective of which zone they are from, qualify for the Olympic Games.- The highest ranked team of each event and from each of the four (4) FIE zones (Africa, America, Asia-Oceania, Europe) among the teams ranked from the 5th to the 16th position on the FIE Official Team Ranking of (4 April 2020) qualify for the Olympic Games.- If a zone is not represented in the above-mentioned ranking positions, the next team on the FIE Official Team Ranking of (4 April 2020) will qualify for the Olympic Games, irrespective of its FIE zone.	
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Individual Qualification: Men’s Sabre, Men’s Foil, Men’s Epée and Women’s Sabre, Women’s Foil and Women’s Epée,

A total of 60 quota places (10 quota places per event) will be distributed between Individual Men’s Sabre, Individual Men’s Foil, Individual Men’s Epée, Individual Women’s Sabre, Individual Women’s Foil and Individual Women’s Epée for athletes who did not qualify through team qualification, in addition to athletes directly qualified through team qualification, as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events	Quota Place Allocated to:
60	<p>Team Qualification</p> <p>For each weapon, the 24 athletes three (3) athletes in each of the eight (8) teams) who qualified through team qualification will also be qualified to participate in the individual competition in their respective weapon. For the sake of clarity, those 24 athletes shall not be included within the 60 quota places referred to in the present table.</p> <p>FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) List by zone of (4 April 2020)</p> <p>The Individual Official Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below from (3 April 2019) to (4 April 2020).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual Grand Prix competitions2. Individual World Cup competitions3. Satellite competitions4. Individual World Championship5. Individual Continental Championships <p>The Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (“AOR”) is the FIE Official Ranking (as above) which is modified as follows:</p> <p>The names of all the athletes by NOC and by weapon, who have qualified through the team qualification, are removed. For the other NOCs, only the first highest ranked athletes by NOC, by zone and by</p>	NOC Athlete



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	<p>weapon are kept.</p> <p>The six (6) highest ranked athletes on the FIE AOR by zone with only one (1) athlete per NOC per weapon, will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Two (2) from Europe- Two (2) from Asia-Oceania- One (1) from America- One (1) from Africa <p>Qualification through the individual AOR by zone is reserved for NOCs that do not have any athletes qualified through team qualification.</p> <p>FIE Zone Qualifying Events</p> <p>The four (4) highest placed athletes in the Zone Qualifying Events with only one (1) athlete per NOC per weapon will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One (1) from Europe,- One (1) from Asia-Oceania,- One (1) from America and- One (1) from Africa. <p>Only NOCs which do not have any athlete qualified through the team qualification or through the individual AOR by zone, in the weapon concerned, can participate in the respective zone qualifying events, with a maximum of one (1) athlete per NOC per weapon.</p> <p>In no case may an NOC qualify more than three (3) athletes per weapon to the Olympic Games.</p>	Athlete
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In addition to its possible qualification through the above-described qualification process, the Host NOC is guaranteed eight (8) places, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit, respecting the maximum quota of athletes per NOC.

The Host NOC must confirm the use of Host Country places to FIE by 8 June 2020.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

On 14 October 2019, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2020.

In Fencing, no Tripartite Commission Invitation Places will be directly allocated as part of the athletes' quota. Tripartite Commission Places may however be offered to NOCs within the reallocation process for unused Host Country Places, as described in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**.



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The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “*Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*”.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The FIE will confirm the team quota places and the names of the athletes who qualified through the FIE Ranking Lists and the Zone Qualifying Events to the NOCs/NFs on (8 May 2020). NOCs must confirm to the FIE by latest midnight (GMT+1) on (5 June 2020) the use of team quota places and the participation of each athlete qualified by name. From (8 June 2020), the FIE will reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a team quota place or a qualified athlete is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline of (5 June 2020), or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the athlete qualified through the AOR by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the same weapon on the AOR from the same zone;
- If the athlete qualified through a Zone Qualifying Event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in the same weapon, at the same zone qualifying event.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Team Ranking List across all zones, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the FIE Official Team Ranking List.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Team Ranking List by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked team on the FIE Official Team Ranking List from the same zone.

The above mentioned reallocation principles shall not infringe the maximum number of athletes by NOC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated as follows:

- If one place only is not used, this place will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee at its own discretion.
- If two places are not used, one place will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee at its own discretion and the other place will be allocated by Tripartite Commission as a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place.



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- If three places are not used, two places will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee at its own discretion and the remaining place will be allocated by the Tripartite Commission as a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place.
- If four places are not used, two places will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee at its own discretion and two places will be allocated by the Tripartite Commission as Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the unused Hosted Country Place(s), such unallocated place(s) will be reallocated to the FIE Universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee at its own discretion.

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athlete Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athletes Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete per team event.



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H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
3 April 2019 – 4 April 2020	Qualification period for the FIE Official Ranking
15 January 2020	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
4 April 2020	Closure of rolling FIE Official Ranking
15-26 April 2020	Zone qualifying events
8 May 2020	FIE to inform NOCs of the results of the zone qualifying events and quota places obtained
5 June 2020	Deadline for NOCs to confirm quota places obtained to FIE
In relation to end of qualification period for each sport	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
8 June 2020	FIE to reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs
6 July 2020	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline