



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Escrime

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EFC Calendar in all age categories

Dear Member Federation,

Please find comprehensive information about modifications of rules, and regulations related to EFC projects commencing in the **season 2023 – 2024**. Some of these were adopted by Congress, others by the EFC Executive Committee in line with EFC Statutes and regulations.

All fencers and referees participating in the EFC competitions must be in possession of an EFC licence valid in the given season. That is valid in all 3 age projects: U14, U17 and U23.

In the **European Championships**, also **coaches must possess valid EFC licence** according to the regulations adopted after Congress 2022 in Antalya. The licence fee remains unchanged at 25,00 EUR per person.

The **entry fee** to be collected by the organizers in U-14, U17 and U23 competitions will for **individual competitions be increased by 5,00 EUR per fencer, in teams by 15,00 by team**.

The additional fee will be transferred by the organizer after every tournament to the EFC account, and it will be used for covering at least partially the expenses connected with the travel costs for the EFC delegates providing the evaluations of referees.

EFC U-14 Project:

Considering the first season of this project as the official one, it was decided to make **no changes**, thus this project will continue under same rules as in 2022 – 2023. However, it was decided that during coming season one event will be added in the U14 calendar – **“U14 Festival”**, which would be organized in 3 different countries, during one weekend, where on the same date boys and girls of this age category in individual and team events would participate. Details of that event will be prepared at a later time.



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EFC U17 (Cadets):

- a) In **all weapons 8 competitions per weapon** are included in the Calendar, selected according to different criteria: 4 largest competitions from previous seasons statistics, geographically spread across Europe, and some limitations on the number of competitions per country.
- b) In all competitions, both individual and team events will be organized.
- c) For the **EFC ranking only 4 best results** in individual and team events will be counted.
- d) **Quota of referees in individual competitions:**
 - 0 - 2 participants = no referee
 - 3 - 5 participants = 1 referee
 - 6 - 10 participants = 2 referees
 - 11 – 14 participants = 3 referees
 - 15 – 20 participants = 4 referees
- Quota of referees in team competitions:**
 - Maximum 5 teams can start per nation
 - 1 team = 1 referee
 - 2 teams = 2 referees
 - 3-5 teams = 3 referees
- e) If a nation does not have a referee, the penalty is: 500 euros /per day/ per missing referee.
- f) **Referee age limit is minimum 18** and maximum 60 years.
- g) The number of referees from the host country can NOT be more than 50% from all referees officiating in the competition.
- h) All **referees MUST be registered online in our EFC Service portal. No (last minute) registration** of referees on the site of competitions **is allowed by the DT of organizers.**
- i) The **deadline for inscriptions is changed to 14 days** before the date of the competition. It has to be strictly respected.
- j) One individual and one team competition can be organized in the same day.
- k) After one or two seasons the last competition in each weapon automatically will be scratched from the Circuit, to be replaced by a new candidate. Also, the evaluation criteria of the circuit competitions would be combined with evaluations provided by the EFC Refereeing delegates.
- 1) The **initial ranking of teams in the team event** will be based on:
 - a) Sum up of results of 3 fencers in teams from the individual competition in case the team event follows the individual competition
 - b) Sum up of rankings of 3 fencers in teams from the EFC individual ranking in case the team event precedes the individual competition
 - c) **Only one team per country** will be considered in the **EFC teams ranking**, which will serve for the awarding of the Cup for the team winner of the season 2023 -2024.



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EFC U-23:

The rules and principles of the project U23, apart from the regulation mentioned above concerning the entry fee, remains unchanged.

Based on the new rules if Member Federations are willing to host U-14 and/or U-23 Circuit Cup in 2023/2024 season are requested to complete application form (s) and send back to General Secretariat (js@fencing-efc.eu) **by August 27.**

For your convenience 2 application forms have been attached to this letter.

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