



Fencing Masters World Championship 2018

Rules :

Art.1: The competition of the Fencing Masters World Championship is open, reserved to the Fencing Masters, according to the criteria defined by the national academies.

Art.2: It is open to all registered fencing masters via their respective academies, according to the criteria set by the AAI.

Art.3: There will be a senior individual event in each weapon at the end of which the title of Fencing Masters World Champion will be awarded. A title of world champion can be awarded only if a minimum number of competitors is registered: 4 (women) 8 (men).

Art.4: There will be a veteran individual event for Masters over 50 years after which the title of Veteran Fencing Masters World Champion will be awarded, according to the same criteria as those defined in the Article 3.

Art.5: The senior and veteran categories will share the pools. At the end of the pools, the senior and veteran categories will play separately.

A handicap of one touch per categories V50 V60 V70 (50-59, 60-69, 70-79 years) will be applied with a maximum of 2 points in the pools. The fencer starting at - 1 or - 2.

In the veteran table, the handicaps will be 2 points for every 10 years difference, maximum 4 points.

The handicap will be always negative.

Art. 6: There will be a team event in each weapon after which the title of Team Fencing Masters World Champion will be awarded. A team event will be disputed only with 4 teams minimum for men and 2 teams for women.

- 4 complete teams of 3 fencers from 4 different nations (men), 2 teams of 3 fencers complete of 2 different nations (women).

- Additional teams may be made up of either men or women from different nations if the nations can not present a complete team as defined above. A nation with an incomplete team can complete an "international" team with an additional master.

- 2 men minimum are required per complementary team in the men's competition.

- Men cannot participate in the women's competition.

- Women will have a one-touch handicap per bout. The score of the opposing team will be lowered by one point.

Art. 7: A Fencing Masters World Champion title will be awarded for the combined event. (1 in senior, 1 in veteran)

Depending on the number of fencers and the decision of the Directoire Technique, a Fencing Masters World Criterium event may be taken, for veterans over 60 and veterans over 70, with a diploma of participation.

Nature of the Tournaments.

Individual tournaments

Art.8: For all weapons, 1 round of pools without eliminating, followed by a board of direct elimination, without shift by nation.

Art. 9: If the number of participants is less than or equal to 11, there will be a single pool followed by a board of direct elimination, without shift by nation.

Art.10: The board of direct elimination, without repechage, is played in 15 points bouts at the seniors, and in 10 points bouts (with handicap if necessary, cf art 5) at the veterans for the 3 weapons FIE (Epee, Foil and Saber).

Art. 11: For the Dueling Saber, the pools will be disputed in 5-points bouts, with 2 points of difference (5/3 max, at 4-4 the score returns at 3-3). Time of each bout, 1 minute. In case of a tie or a one-point gap, the match continues without a time limit until a difference of 2 points.

The direct eliminations are played in 10 points bouts, in 2 minutes, with 2 points of difference. In case of a tie or a one-point gap, the match continues without a time limit until a difference of 2 points.

The final match will be disputed in three 5-points bouts, 1 minute per bout, with the same rules as in the pool, in the event of a tie or a one-point gap.

The winner is the fencer winning 2 matches.

Art. 12: Senior and Veteran events will be played separately from the direct elimination board, except for the dueling saber, where the direct elimination board is unique.

Art. 13: There will be a match for 3rd place ; for the Dueling Saber, the 3rd place match will be disputed according to the same rules as the final.

Team tournaments.

Art.14: 1 team per nation maximum can participate, 2 teams for the organizing country.

Art.15: For the following weapons: Epee, Foil, Saber, the teams consist of 3 fencers and 1 substitute, selected according to the final classification at the end of the individual competition.

Art. 16: The ranking of teams for the constitution of the board will be based on the individual ranking of each fencer member of the team, at the end of the individual competition. 1 point per place.

Art. 17: The competition is disputed in a 45-points matches of direct elimination board, 9-bouts relay in 5 points and 3 minutes.

Art. 18: For the Dueling Saber, the teams will consist of 3 fencers and the victory will be awarded to the team having won 5 victories out of the 9 matches. There is no relay but we count the victories.

- The bouts end necessarily with a difference of 2 points. Bout time 1 minute. If the score is not acquired (2 points of difference) the rule enacted in Art. 11 will be applied.

Art. 19: If a team is composed of a veteran master, it will be integrated with a number of points equivalent to the last senior fencer plus the corresponding points in his place at the end of the veteran competition.

- If a team is completed by a woman, it will be applied a negative handicap of one point per bout.

Art. 20: The 3rd place match will not be disputed for team competitions.

Combined Tournament.

Art. 21: A Combined Fencing Master World Champion title will be awarded.

Art. 22: A master can participate all individual events to win the title of the combined 4 weapons.

Art. 23: It will be awarded a senior in 4 weapons (Epee, Foil, Sabre and Dueling Saber) and a veteran in 3

(Epee, Foil, Sabre).

Art. 24: The ranking will be made by adding up the places obtained in each event.

Art. 25: The Master with the lowest number of points will be crowned Combined Fencing Master World Champion. (1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points ...)

Art. 26: In case of a tie between 2 masters, the winner will be the one who gets the best place in an event, or in 2 events if the tie persists.

Fencing Masters World Championship Organization

The Championship takes place over a period of 4 days.
The order of the tournaments will be the following one.

1st day :

- Men Foil seniors et veterans.
- Women Foil senior et veterans.
- Team Tournaments.

2nd day :

- Men Sabre seniors et veterans.
- Women Sabre seniors et veterans.
- Team Tournaments.

3rd day :

- Men Dueling Saber seniors.
- Women Dueling Saber seniors.
- Team Tournaments.

4th day :

- Men Epee seniors et veterans.
- Women Epee seniors et veterans.
- Team Tournaments.

The organizing country reserves the right to change the order of events. In particular depending on the number and availability of referees.