

ASIAN CADET CIRCUIT **(Revised Guidelines, March 2018)**

Objectives:

1. To enhance the development of Asian cadet fencers and thus hasten the overall competitiveness of Asian fencers in the world of fencing.
2. To encourage more young fencers in Asia to participate in international competitions

Cadet Season

- A cadet season starts in April (after the world juniors/cadets) until March (to include the next Asian Juniors/Cadet) of the following year
- The overall ranking considers the best 3 circuit competitions plus the zonal cadet championships at the end of the season.

Cadet Competitions

- Each cadet competition will be organized in an Asian or Oceania country
- Such cadet competition should be in individual events for boys and girls (in the same weapon) played over a weekend.
- Organizing countries may include team events should there be enough interested fencers, but no points will be awarded
- In each event, host countries may enter a maximum of 64 fencers while other participating countries are limited to a maximum of 20 fencers. Fencers from other continents are welcome and will be subjected to the same conditions to participate.

Entries and Fees

- All participating cadet fencers must have a valid Asian license for the season, issued by the FCA. Cadet fencers must register with the FCA to apply for such license and pay an annual fee of US\$15 to the FCA.
- To participate in any Asian cadet competition, all participating fencers (even those from other zones/continents) must be endorsed by their federations.
- Cadet fencers with valid Asian license interested to participate in any scheduled cadet competition in the season must register through the FCA website at least one week before the start of competition.
- Participating cadet fencers should pay an Entry Fee directly to the organizers of the competition. The maximum entry fee to be paid is US\$40 per individual, and US\$60 per team (to participate in team events)
- Organizers may charge additional amounts should participating fencers require assistance for hotel booking, airport transfer, transportation to venue, receptions, etc.

Points and Ranking

- The points (earned from the best 3 circuit competitions plus the zonal cadet championships) will be counted into the Ranking. Seeding of the fencers in every cadet competition (any circuit and the zonal championships) will consider the latest Asian ranking of the cadet fencer before such competition.
- For competitions participated in by at least 30 fencers from at least 5 Asian/Oceania countries, the following points will be awarded:

1 st Place = 32 points	9 th to 12 th Places = 9 points
2 nd Place = 26	13 th to 16 th = 8
3 rd Place = 20	17 th to 24 th = 6
5 th Place = 16	25 th to 32 nd = 4
6 th Place = 14	33 rd to 64 th = 2
7 th Place = 12	65 th to 128 th = 1
8 th Place = 10	
- For scheduled competitions with less than 30 fencers or at least 5 Asian/Oceania countries, ONLY 50% of the points will be awarded.
- In all competitions, fencers who are eliminated from the round of pools, will receive zero (0) point.
- FCA shall be responsible for tabulating the overall Asian cadet ranking based on the points awarded during the competition

Awards

- Organizers must provide all participants with a Certificate of Participation, design of which must be approved by the FCA
- Organizers must provide the top 8 placers in each event a Diploma, design of which must be approved by the FCA
- Medals for the top 4 placers in each event will be provided by the FCA
- Cash prizes and/or gifts may be offered by the organizers but are optional

Qualification of Fencers

- All participating fencers must be at least 13 years old and not be more than 16 years of age on December 31 of the year preceding the competition, (same condition for the AJC and WJC of the same season).

Equipment and Uniforms

- Fencers must use standard FIE uniforms/equipment (800 NW for clothing, 1600 NW masks, 800 NW under garment/plastron, FIE homologated blades)
- No name on the back of the fencers clothing is required
- Uniforms with markings other than of the official federation (such as schools, clubs) may be allowed.

Referees and Competitions Officials

- Participating countries must be accompanied by qualified referees based on the following quota:
 - 1 – 4 fencers no referee required
 - 5 – 9 fencers, 1 referee
 - 10 – 15 fencers, 2 referees
 - 16 – 20 fencers, 3 referees
 - Non respect of referee quota is sanctioned by US\$500 for every missing referee.
- Qualified referees are those with good national or international level qualification and experience.
- Host/organizing countries must provide at least two (2) FIE licensed referees coming from different countries.
- Host/organizing countries must have qualified competition officials.
- FCA will designate one official Referees Delegate from among the participating referees

System and Formula of Competition

- Generally, FIE technical and competition rules are to be respected
- Formula of competition:
 - With 30 to 50 fencers: two rounds of pools followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32
 - With 51-100 fencers: one round of pools followed by direct elimination table with “repechage” from T-32
 - With 101 or more fencers: one round of pools followed by direct elimination table without repechage.
- From the round preceding the DE table, at least 20% and maximum of 25% of participation should be eliminated
- All competitions should use the systems of Fencing Time, Engarde or their equivalent
- When two rounds of pools are played, the ranking for direct elimination table will consider the results of the second round.