

Fencing Regulations

GNSK 2026

1. Team composition and eligibility

1. Each Student Sport Council (OSSO) or city can register multiple individuals per weapon. The weapons used are épée, foil, and sabre. An individual is not allowed to participate in more than one weapon. Specifically, a participant may not compete in one weapon on Saturday and a different weapon on Sunday.

2. The registered participants of an OSSO/city may only consist of students who meet the conditions set out in the Right of participation GNSK 2026. If these rules are violated, all results of this participant will be deleted. If an unauthorized participant takes part in the GNSK, a fine of €200 will be charged to the OSSO/representative organization in the city for which that participant is competing.

3. At the time of registration, the official personal ranking according to KNAS (if available) will be used for the seeding.

4. The individual (qualification) tournament will be fenced on Saturday, June 6th. Each individual participant must physically check-in with the fencing committee before the start of the tournament (during appel). Registrations by others (e.g., team captain) will not be accepted. Participants who are scratched are not allowed to participate in the team tournament.

5. The team tournament will be fenced on Sunday, June 7th. Each OSSO or city can register a maximum of 2 teams per weapon. Teams must consist of a minimum of 3 fencers and a maximum of 4 fencers (men and/or women). All team members must have participated in the individual tournament. A team may include someone who withdrew from the individual tournament for medical reasons but not someone who was disqualified due to a black card.

6. Incomplete teams may not participate in the team tournament. If a team becomes incomplete for any reason during the tournament, it will forfeit all subsequent encounters. If an OSSO/city has two participating teams, fencers may not be exchanged between teams or fence for the other team. If this happens, article 2 applies of the team composition and eligibility applies.

7. The final composition of the team will be announced by the team captain on Sunday morning during check-in with the fencing committee. Afterward, the seeding will be determined.



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2. Match provisions

1. The preliminary rounds of the individual (qualification) tournament consist of pools. The pool placement is determined by lottery, placing participants according to the national ranking, and, if possible, distributing individuals from the same OSSO or city across different pools. Men and women are mixed in terms of seeding without correction. After the group stage, a *tableau d'élimination* follows. The fencing committee decides whether the entire *tableau d'élimination* will be fenced. If there isn't enough women to have a separated elimination phase, the *tableau d'élimination* will be mixed.

2. Points for the individual tournament are allocated as follows:

$$\text{Point} = \text{MP} + (1 - \text{MP}) * \log(\text{pos}) / \log(N)$$

With:

- o MP = maximum number of points.
- o pos = position of fencer on the results.
- o N = number of participants in the tournament.

The maximum number of points for the individual tournament is set at 70.

3. Separate prizes are awarded for men and women in the individual tournament, according to their own *tableau d'élimination*. If the *tableau d'élimination* was mixed, the men's results are obtained by filtering out the women. Otherwise, the eliminated women from the *tableau d'élimination* will continue fencing in a separate *tableau d'élimination* for the women's ranking. The women's *tableau d'élimination* is fenced simultaneously with the men's *tableau d'élimination*.

4. Seeding for the team tournament is based on the result of the best 3 fencers from each team in the individual tournament of the previous day (mixed ranking). In case of equal seeding, the team with the highest-ranking fencer is ranked higher.

5. Points for the team tournament will be allocated as follows:

$$\text{Points} = \text{MP} + (1 - \text{MP}) * \log(\text{pos}) / \log(N)$$

With:

- o MP = maximum number of points.
- o pos = position of the team in the final results.
- o N = largest number of participating teams of all weapons.
- The maximum number of points for the team tournament is set at 30.
- N is set at the largest number of participating teams of all weapons (generally this is the épée weapon).

6. At the end of the tournament, the points from the individual and team tournaments are combined into a total score per OSSO or city.



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7. In case of equal points, the position of the highest-ranked participant from the respective institutions in the individual tournament will be decisive, regardless of the weapon and whether this participant was actually fielded in the team tournament. If this is also equal, the second-highest ranked participant will be considered, and so on. If, after evaluating all participants, no difference arises, a decision will be made by playing a single game of rock-paper-scissors by two fencers designated by the respective team captains under the supervision of the fencing committee.

8. Matches not led by a designated referee must be judged internally.

9. All fencers are responsible for bringing and using regulation-compliant equipment appropriate to their weapon (foil, sabre, or épée). Equipment must meet the stated FIE safety ratings and electrical requirements where applicable. Required protective equipment includes 800N clothing (jacket, plastron, and pants), a 1600N mask (electric where required), a glove, and socks covering the full shin. Chest protectors are mandatory for competitors in the women's category. Weapon-specific electrical equipment (electric jacket, head wires, mask with electric bib for foil, conductive mask and cuffs for sabre) must be present and functional for foil and sabre. All weapons must carry the appropriate engraving at the base of the blade.

3. Closing provisions

1. Players must wear appropriate sportswear like described in article 9 of the match provisions.

2. The organisation is not responsible for accidents or damage to third parties before, during or after the competition. Participation is at your own risk.

3. The organisation is not responsible for theft before, during or after the competition.

4. In all cases, the fencing committee reserves the right to make a binding decision that does not necessarily correspond to the above. This decision is in accordance with the documents mentioned in article 5 of the final provisions and cannot be implemented without the consent of the GNSK committee and/or SSN.

5. In all cases not covered by this regulation, the rules and provisions of the SSN Event Regulations 2026, [KNAS](#) and [FIE](#) apply.



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