

Fencing Regulations

GNSK 2025

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 with multiple weapons.

2. The registered individuals from an OSSO or city may only be students who meet the requirements as set in Chapter 1 of the SSN event regulations. In case this rule is violated, the individual will forfeit all individual matches and if the individual is part of a team, the team will also forfeit all matches. If an ineligible participant takes part in the GNSK, a fine of €200 will be charged to the OSSO or representative organization in the city to which the participant belongs.

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 21st. Each individual must physically check-in before the start at the *appel* of the fencing committee. 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 22nd. 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 or fence for the other team. If this happens, Article 2 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.



Match provisions

8. 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.

9. Point for the individual tournament are allocated as follows:

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

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.

10. Separate prizes are awarded for the individual tournament for men and women. The men's result is obtained by filtering out the women if the *tableau d'élimination* was mixed. 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*.

11. 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.

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

- $\text{Points} = \text{MP} + (1 - \text{MP}) * \log(\text{pos}) / \log(\text{N})$
- With
 - o MP = maximum number of points
 - o pos = position of the team in the final results
 - o N = largest number of participating teams by weapon
- 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 epee weapon).

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



14. 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.

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

16. The entire tournament is fenced with electric equipment. Fencers must wear sturdy equipment that is FIE-approved and meets the equipment requirements of the KNAS. Thus, at least an 800N jacket, 1600N mask, 800N pants, and an 800N under-plastron are mandatory for all weapons. A chest protector is mandatory for women. The electric bib on the foil is also mandatory but may not be worn in epee.

Closing provisions

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

18. The organization is not responsible for theft before, during, or after the competition.

19. In the absence of exceptions in the above points, the regulations of [KNAS](#) and [FIE](#) are in force. All participants subject themselves to the disciplinary regulations of KNAS and ISR by participating.

20. In all cases, the fencing committee reserves the right to make a binding decision.

