

2016 OG Continental Qualification Events

a) Nominations and funding

The FIE nominates the President of the Directoire Technique, the referees and the Refereeing Commission delegate who will officiate at these competitions.

The organisers will pay for the expense of the President of the Directoire Technique, the referees and the Refereeing Commission delegate, who may, in turn, request entry fees from the participating federations.

b) Entries

Entries are done exclusively on the FIE website (**Zonal qualification**), and will be closed seven (7) days before the date of each event.

Federations concerned can only register one fencer per country and per weapon, even if the website states otherwise. Any entry not respecting this rule will be automatically annulled.

c) Rules

I – Weapons having an individual event and a team event at the 2016 OG:

The zonal qualification competition is only open (one fencer per country **and per weapon**) to the countries who have no qualified fencers, whether by team or through the FIE Individual A.O.R. by zone **in that weapon**.

In each weapon, the four (4) best ranked fencers in the zone qualification event will qualify according to the following quotas:

1 for Europe, 1 for Asia-Oceania, 1 for America, 1 for Africa.

II - Weapons without team event at the 2016 OG:

The zone qualification competition is only open (one fencer per country **and per weapon**) to the countries who have no qualified fencer, either through the FIE Individual A.O.R. or through the FIE Individual A.O.R. by zone **in that weapon**.

In each weapon, the ten (10) best ranked fencers in the zone qualification event will qualify according to the following quotas:

4 for Europe, 3 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America, 1 for Africa.

d) Format of the competition

Taking into account the nature of this kind of tournament, and in order to ensure equal opportunities for all participants, the following principles must be applied:

1. One round of pools (with or without exempted fencers), followed by direct elimination.
2. The pools will be composed according to the official FIE ranking, and by drawing of lots for the eventual unranked fencers.
3. All the pools will be composed of the same number of fencers, in order to create equal hit indicator conditions for all participants.
4. After the round of pools, 20 to 30% of the fencers will be eliminated. Depending on the number of entered fencers, the best ranked fencers in the official FIE ranking could be exempted from the round of pools, and take the first seeded places in the direct elimination table.

The pools will be composed in the following manner based on the number of registered fencers:

Number of registered fencers	Pool	Exempted	Number of eliminated fencers
5-6-7	unique	none	1
8	7	1	2
9	7	2	2
10	2 x 5	none	2
11	2 x 5	1	2
12	2 x 6	No	3
13	2 x 6	1	3
14	2 x 7	none	4
15	2 x 7	1	4
16	2 x 7	2	4
17	2 x 7	3	4
18	3 x 6	none	5
19	3 x 6	1	5
20	3 x 6	2	5
21	3 x 7	none	6
22	3 x 7	1	6
23	3 x 7	2	6
24	4 x 6	none	6
25	4 x 6	1	6
26	4 x 6	2	6
27	4 x 6	3	6
28	4 x 7	none	7
29	4 x 7	1	7
30	4 x 7	2	7
31	4 x 7	3	7
32	5 x 6	2	8
33	5 x 6	3	8
34	5 x 6	4	8
35	5 x 7	none	8
36	5 x 7	1	8

For Asia-Oceania (for the weapons without an Olympic team event), a match for the 3rd place will take place.

All other placings for the final ranking will be established according to the initial ranking in the direct elimination table after the pools.

e) Video-refereeing

The use of video-refereeing is compulsory for all phases of the competitions.

f) Results

The complete results of these competitions must reach the FIE, either by fax (+41 21 320 31 16), or by e-mail (info@fie.ch) as soon as the competitions are finished.