



European Olympic Qualification Tournament 26 - 28 April 2024

Team Information Package



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1 Greetings

Maîtres,
Fencers,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

A heartfelt and enthusiastic welcome to each and every one of you as you embark on this remarkable journey to the Zonal Qualification Event in Fencing here in the picturesque city of Differdange, Luxembourg! It is truly a joy and privilege to extend our warm hospitality to fencers who have earned the opportunity to compete for a place in the illustrious Grand Palais, home of the Paris 2024 Olympics in Fencing.

Nestled in the heart of the Haute Chiens valley, Differdange warmly embraces athletes from across Europe, creating a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere for this pivotal zonal qualification event. Your unwavering dedication, exceptional skill, and profound passion for fencing have brought you to this significant moment, and we feel deeply honored to host you in our beautiful city. It is noteworthy that Differdange holds a special place in my heart, as it was the venue of my first international competition many years ago.

As you dive into the intensity of the competitions, remember that beyond the pursuit of individual triumphs, you are also contributing to the rich tapestry of global fencing. May this event be characterized by the principles of fair play, camaraderie, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

Beyond the fencing bouts, we encourage you to explore the captivating charm of Differdange, affectionately known as “Steeltown”, with its unique industrial history and scenic surroundings. The resonance of blades clashing finds a fitting home in a town that earned its fame through steel production.

I am delighted to share that the tournament is anchored within the European School here in Differdange. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Minister for accepting this extraordinary challenge, the director for his exceptional out-of-the-box thinking, and my entire team for transforming this event into a once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

A special expression of gratitude goes out to our esteemed sponsors and partners, whose invaluable contributions form the financial backbone that enables us to ignite the flames of this extraordinary event. Your support is the key catalyst that transforms our aspirations into reality, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to making this fencing tournament an outstanding success.

We are genuinely excited to welcome each one of you, and we trust that your time here will be filled with unforgettable experiences both on and off the fencing strip.

To every fencer, coach, and supporter, may this event serve as a stepping stone toward the realization of your Olympic dreams. Wishing the best of luck to all participants and may the thrill of the competition resonate within the walls of EIDE as we witness the forging of paths toward Paris 2024.

Welcome to the Zonal Qualification Event in Fencing – let the bouts begin! Let's make it happen!

Pascal Tesch
President of the Organising Committee

2 General information

2.1 Organising Committee

FLE President	Gerard Zens
President of the Organising Committee	Pascal Tesch
Head of Staff	Lynn Strasser
Head of Delegation Relations	Camila Rodrigues
Head of Logistics	Joël Bierlaire
Head of Fencing Logistics	Claude Wolter
Head of Sports Department	Veronika Goncharova
Head of Result Management	Timon Hagen
Head of VideoRef	Tristan Muller
Head of Operations	Odile Delagardelle
Head of Finances	Francine Tossing
Head of MarCom	Sonja Meyrl
Head of Press	Claudia Gaebel
Head of Medical	Dr Emile Colling, MD

2.2 Local contact details

Main contact person for delegations	Camila Rodrigues	camila@6tickets2paris.lu
Transport		transport@6tickets2paris.lu
Visa		visa@6tickets2paris.lu
Accreditation		accreditation@6tickets2paris.lu
Administration		administration@6tickets2paris.lu

Official tournament website: <https://www.6tickets2paris.lu/en>

3 Venue

Ecole Internationale Differdange et Esch/Alzette - EIDE
6, rue John E. Dolibois
L-4573 Differdange
Luxembourg



4 Travel to Differdange

4.1 Arrivals

The official ports of entry and departure for the Zonal Qualification Event are the Luxembourg Airport and the Luxembourg City central rail station.

The airport is located 30 km away from the venue.

The train station in Luxembourg City is located approximately 25 km from the venue.

As a sustainable event, we strongly recommend the delegations to use public transport.

Public transport in Luxembourg is free.

You can simply board a bus, train or the tram and ride to your destination.

4.2 Parking

Parking near the venue is available at a fee. The indoor Parking in the shopping center nearby is free for 2 hours and charges 3€ for each additional hour. More information can be found at the website of [Differdange](#). Parking is at your own responsibility. Cars parked illegally near the venue will be towed away at your expense.

4.3 Visa

The organisers will provide invitation letters of those requiring visas upon request. National Federations are responsible for sending those requests ahead of time. Please allow at least one week to deliver this invitation. Invitations will be issued free of charge for those booking in one of our official hotels and at an administrative fee for all others. It is the responsibility of the National Federations to provide the required information ahead of time and enquire in their respective country about the delays of visa delivery.

The organisers will transmit the information to the MAE (Ministère des affaires étrangères) in order to expedite the process.

When applying for a Luxembourgish visa, please ensure that the passport is valid for at least six more months after the end of the event.

Visa requests should be sent to: visa@6tickets2paris.lu

For more information, please check <https://maee.gouvernement.lu/en/services-aux-citoyens/visa-immigration.html>

4.4 Insurances

All delegation members must have appropriate accident and health insurance accepted in Luxembourg as well as by the health system of their home country if required. No medical insurance will be provided to any of the participants. The Organisers will provide medical services in the venue to address bruises and (hopefully not occurring) injuries. Participants are responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event. (cf. FIE rules t.20)

5 Accommodation

5.1 Official Hotel

There are two official hotels with special rates for this tournament. These include:

- B&B
- Shuttle to the venue
- Accreditation costs for officials

Important note: The rates will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Accommodation 1	Address
Hôtel Ibis Esch Belval Tel: (+ 352) 26 17 31 Fax: (+ 352) 26 17 31 01	12, Avenue Du Rock'n Roll L-4361 Esch-sur-Alzette Luxembourg

Accommodation	Date	Single	Double
Bed and Breakfast	25 April 24	135€	150€
Bed and Breakfast	26, 27 and 28 April 24	120€	135€

Please send your accommodation request to H7071@accor.com informing the code 161936.

Rooms can be reserved at this rate until 31 March 2024. (EXTENDED from 14 of March.)

Cancellation free of charge is possible up to one month before arrival.

Payment must be made in advance before the team's arrival.

Please note, teams must settle any additional costs (telephone, laundry, minibar, meeting room bookings, damages, etc.) directly with the hotel reception desk prior to departure. The Organisers will not be responsible for any additional charges.

Accommodation 1	Address
Threeland Hotel Pétange Tel: (+ 352) 26 50 80 0	50, rue Pierre Hamer L-4737 Pétange Luxembourg

Accommodation	Room Type	Single	Double
Bed and Breakfast	Standard	103€	113€
Bed and Breakfast	Deluxe	135€	155€

Please send your accommodation request to threeland@pt.lu the including code ESCRIME 2024.

6 Transport

Free transportation from the hotel to the venue will be organised at the main hours. Schedule will be made available at the venue and in the hotel.

The local train station in Differdange is 100 m away from the venue and teams are encouraged to use public transport as much as possible. Public transport is free in Luxembourg and is quite frequent during the daytime. For information on public transport including timetables and routes, visit <https://www.mobiliteit.lu/de/> or download the mobiliteit.lu app.

6.1 Private Transport

Private transport can be organised upon request, subject to a fee.

The round trip from Luxembourg airport/train station to the hotel can be booked for 60€/person.

The teams staying at the official hotels will get a discount of 20€/person.

Transport booking requests must be sent to transport@6tickets2paris.lu

Deadline to send transport request: 21 April 2024

7 Sport

7.1 Entry regulations (cf. FIE letter 2-24)

7.1.1 Participation

Only federations that do not have a qualified athlete in the weapon in question via qualification by teams or individual by zone can participate in the Zonal Qualification Event. Each national federation may enter a maximum of one athlete per weapon. In each weapon, the highest ranked fencer in the Zonal Qualification Event will qualify.

Registrations can be made exclusively on the FIE website until the respective deadline.

Entries deadlines: 19 April 2024, midnight Lausanne time

Competition entry fee: 100€/per participant

The payment should be made preferably via bank transfer to:
Fédération Luxembourgeoise d'Escrime
IBAN: LU45 0030 0450 6192 1000
SWIFT/BIC: BGLL LU LL

Reference: 6tickets2paris + Name of fencer + country
Payment must be received before collecting the accreditation.

7.1.2 Competition formula

Considering the special nature of this tournament and to ensure equal opportunities for all participants, the following principles apply for all participants:

1. A pool round (with or without exempt fencers), followed by direct elimination.
2. Pools will be formed based on the official FIE ranking and by drawing lots for any unranked fencers.
3. All pools will have of the same number of fencers to create a similar condition for all participants.
4. After the round of pools, 20 - 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 prepared according to the number of fencers entered, as follows:

Nombre de Tireurs engagés	Poule	Exemptés	Tireurs à éliminer
5-6-7	unique	non	1
8	7	1	2
9	7	2	2
10	2x5	non	2
11	2x5	1	2
12	2x6	non	3
13	2x6	1	3
14	2x7	non	4
15	2x7	1	4
16	2x7	2	4
17	2x7	3	4
18	3x6	non	5
19	3x6	1	5
20	3x6	2	5
21	3x7	non	6
22	3x7	1	6
23	3x7	2	6
24	4x6	non	6
25	4x6	1	6
26	4x6	2	6
27	4x6	3	6
28	4x7	non	7
29	4x7	1	7
30	4x7	2	7
31	4x7	3	7
32	5x6	2	8
33	5x6	3	8
34	5x6	4	8
35	5x7	non	8
36	5x7	1	8

All other places in the final ranking will be determined by the initial ranking of the eliminatory table, after the pool round.

7.1.3 Draft program (final program will always be in function of the number of registered fencers)

Thursday, 25 April 2024

Arrival of delegation and meetings

15:00 - Meeting of the DT
16:00 - Posting of pools
17:00 - Initial weapon control/accreditations
19:00 - Seminar and meeting of referees

Draft: Friday, 26 April 2024

10:00 - Pool men's foil
12:00 - Pool women's epee
16:30 - T4 men's foil
17:30 - T4 women's epee
19:00 - Final men's foil
19:30 - Final women's epee

Draft: Saturday, 27 April 2024

10:00 - Pool men's sabre
11:00 - Pool women's foil
16:30 - T4 men's sabre
17:30 - T4 women's foil
19:00 - Final men's sabre
19:30 - Final women's foil

Draft: Sunday, 28 April 2024

10:00 - Pool women's sabre
10:00 - Pool men's epee
16:00 - T4 women's sabre
17:00 - T4 men's epee
18:00 - Final women's sabre
19:00 - Final men's epee

7.1.4 Video refereeing

Video refereeing will be used at all stages of the competition.

7.1.5 Results

Results will be online live (hit by hit) and uploaded to the FIE website after the competition.

7.1.6 Weapon Control

Weapon control will start on 25.04 at 17:00 prioritising the weapons of 26.04.24.

Weapon control on 26.04 will start at 08:00 prioritising the weapons of 26.04.24 and 27.04.24

Weapon control on 27.04.24 will start at 08:00 prioritising the weapons of 27.04.24.

Weapon control on 28.04.24 will start at 08:30.

There will be repair service (subject to a fee) and fencing material by Uhlmann.

7.2 Accreditation

For security reasons only people with valid entry cards or accreditation will be allowed to enter the venue.

Accreditation will only be given to people who send a recent high-quality picture to accreditation@6tickets2paris.lu before the deadline of 21 April 2024, Midnight Lausanne Time.

For those who register with our official hotels the accreditation process is free within the quota foreseen by the EFC/FIE. Additional people can be accredited for 20€/person.

People who register in hotels outside of the official pool will be charged 20€/person within the EFC/FIE quota and 40€ for additional people.

All accreditations are also valid as a Silver event pass, giving access to Pools/DE on all 3 days. Free access to finals is at the discretion of the Organizers and limited by availability.

The Organizers reserve the right to refuse handing out an accreditation where the picture does not match the accredited person. In this instance, it will be possible to get a new accreditation on the spot for a 50€ administrative fee.

7.3 Tickets

The entrance fee for visitors is set forward as follows:

- Bronze pass at 10€ valid for one day – Pools/ DE
- Silver Day pass at 15€ valid for one day - Pools/DE/Finals
- Silver event pass at 20€ valid for the whole event - Pools/DE
- Gold event pass at 40€ valid for the whole event for all stages

Anyone with accreditation will be able to watch competitions where places are available on a first come, first served basis.

Children under 13 years are free.

8 Doping Control

8.1 Doping Control Program

A doping control will be carried out for each weapon by L'Agence Luxembourgeoise Antidopage (ALAD).

ALAD is the national organisation responsible to fight doping in Luxembourg. ALAD is certified ISO (9001:2015) and carries out all tests under the highest standards.

9 Officials

9.1 Directoire Technique / Delegates

1	Mr.	Ziad	Feriani (TUN)	- Président du DT
2	Mrs.	Marjorie	Ginouvier-Dufrène	- Membre du DT
3	Mr.	Jérémy	Rousseau	- Membre du DT
4	Mr.	Julius	Kralik	- Membre du DT
5	Mr.	Papa Khassoum	Toure (SEN)	- Délégué à l'arbitrage
6	Mr.	Piet	Wauters	- Semi-délégué
7	Dr.	Sébastien	Robineaux,	- Délégué médical
8	Mrs.	Ana	Valero-Collantes	- Chef du protocole
9	Mrs.	Eva	Pavia Gomez	- EFC Photographe

9.2 FLE – Team

1	Mr.	Timon	Hagen
2	Mr.	Xavier	Michel
3	Mrs.	Margot	Salaün
4	Mrs.	Martina	Zmaïc
6	Mr.	Claude	Wolter
7	Ms.	Lynn	Strasser
8	Dr.	Emile	Colling, MD

9.3 Referees

9.3.1 Referees designated by the EFC

1	AUT	Roman	Bereuter
2	CZE	Vilem	Madr
3	ESP	Vanessa	Chichon
4	FRA	Aurélie	Jeanny
5	GER	Tom	Möller
6	GRE	Efstathios	Gerosideris
7	HUN	Miklos	Kosa
8	ITA	Gaspare	Armata
9	POL	Andrzej	Witkowski
10	POR	Miguel	Machado
11	ROU	Andreea	Doana
12	SRB	Ana	Kovrlija
13	SUI	Ambre	Coviero-Aivano
14	SVK	Pavol	Celler
15	SWE	Tomasz	Goral
16	TUR	Ilgin	Güçlüer Sürekcigl

9.3.2 Referees designated by host Organizer

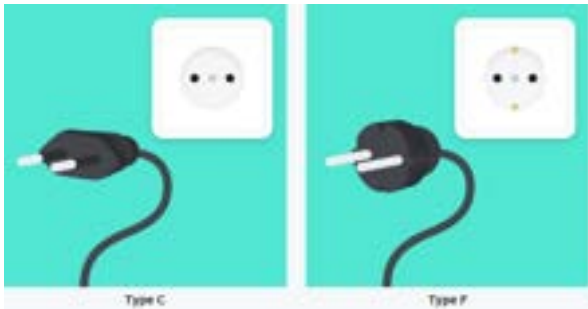
17	BEL	Jeffrey	Delatre
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9.3.3 Referees designated by the FIE

18	RSA	Andrei	Kovrijnykh
19	EGY	Amr	Saleh
20	SGP	Eugene	Chua
21	CAN	Pascal	Cantin

10 Information about Host Country and City

Differdange is the third biggest city in Luxembourg with 29.536 inhabitants.

Location	Differdange, Luxembourg
Time Zone	Central European Time (CET) (UTC + 1)
Official Languages	Luxembourgish, French and German
Climate	Oceanic with average temperatures between 4 to 13 degrees Celsius
Currency	Euro €
Drinking water	All tap water is drinkable in Luxembourg
Driving	In Luxembourg you drive on the right-hand side. EU, EEA or International Driving Permit required
Electricity	In Luxembourg there are two associated plug types: C and F. Plug type C is has two round pins and plug type F has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Luxembourg operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. 
Useful telephone numbers	All the emergency services (Ambulance, Fire, Police) can be reached by calling 112