FCA Top-Level Program Scholarship Tryout Weekend – Official Brief

77 **Dates:** May 17-18, 2025

Location: FCA Piccolo Teatro Milano, Via Procaccini 6, Red Door

Overview

Future Champions Academy (FCA) is thrilled to announce a **Scholarship Tryout Weekend**, designed to identify and award **one full scholarship per weapon (Foil, Épée, Sabre) for the FCA Top-Level Program**.

This exclusive **two-day event** will offer selected athletes the opportunity to train **for free**, undergo high-level **performance evaluations**, and compete for a scholarship that grants access to one of the world's most advanced fencing training environments.

Why Participate?

- ▼ Train at FCA one of the best fencing hubs in Europe
- Compete for a full scholarship to the FCA Top-Level Program (one per weapon: Foil, Épée, Sabre)
- ✓ Experience elite-level coaching and competitive training sessions
- Join a world-class training environment with top international athletes

This is a unique opportunity to prove your talent, develop under FCA's expert guidance, and potentially secure a spot in our high-performance program.

Tryout Format & Training Structure

- Day 1 May 17, 2025
 - 09:00 09:30 | Check-in & Introduction
 - 09:30 12:30 | Technical & Tactical Training Session
 - 12:30 13:30 | Lunch Break

- 13:30 15:30 | Private Lesson Evaluation (Optional)
- 15:30 17:30 | Tactical Bouts & Small Group Drills
- 17:30 18:00 | Feedback & Performance Review

Day 2 – May 18, 2025

- 09:00 09:30 | Warm-up & Preparation
- 09:30 12:30 | Competition-Based Evaluation (Tournament or Simulated Matches)
- 12:30 13:30 | Lunch Break
- 13:30 16:00 | Final Testing & Physical Conditioning Assessment
- 16:00 17:00 | Scholarship Announcements & Closing Ceremony

Scholarship Evaluation Criteria

FCA Scholarship Tryout – Evaluation & Rating System

To ensure a **transparent and structured selection process**, the evaluation will be based on a **scoring system** that considers **technical execution, competitive performance, physical attributes, and attitude/work ethic**.

Each athlete will be assigned a **final score out of 100 points**, determined by the following criteria:

1. Technical & Tactical Level (Max: 20 points)

Athletes will be evaluated through a **series of structured exercises**, graded on a **5 to 1 scale**, based on execution quality and consistency.

- \square Execution of actions with the blade (offensive & defensive) \rightarrow (Max: 5 points)
- \bigvee Execution of actions without the blade (offensive & defensive) \rightarrow (Max: 5 points)
- Tactical decision-making in applied exercises → (Max: 5 points)
- ✓ Effectiveness in adapting to opponent's strategy → (Max: 5 points)
- Total: 20 points

2. Competitive Performance (Max: 50 points)

Athletes will compete in an **internal competition**, with points assigned based on **final ranking**.

- 1st place → 50 points
- $\frac{7}{8}$ 2nd place \rightarrow 45 points
- 3rd place → 40 points
- 4th place → 35 points
- Each following position decreases by 5 points
- Total: 50 points

3. Physical Condition & Athleticism (Max: 20 points)

Performance in **physical fitness tests** will be scored **objectively**, using measurable benchmarks in four key areas:

- Strength (Max: 5 points)
- Endurance (Max: 5 points)
- Mobility (Max: 5 points)
- Explosiveness (Max: 5 points)
- **★** Each category will be graded from 5 to 1 based on pre-established performance ranges.
- rotal: 20 points

4. Attitude & Work Ethic (Max: 30 points)

This category will be assessed by the evaluation jury, based on the following:

- Commitment & discipline in training (Max: 5 points)
- ✓ Interaction with coaches & adaptability to feedback (Max: 5 points)
- Motivation, focus, and competitive mindset (Max: 5 points)
- **Teamwork & sportsmanship** (Max: 5 points)
- Resilience & ability to handle pressure (Max: 5 points)
- Interview with the evaluation panel (Max: 10 points)
- * Total: 30 points

Final Scoring & Scholarship Assignment

Each athlete's final score will be out of 100 points. The highest-scoring athlete in each weapon (Foil, Épée, Sabre)will be awarded a full FCA Top-Level Scholarship.

Evaluation Panel & Selection Process

A jury of experts will be responsible for evaluating athletes during the tryout process.

- The panel will consist of experienced coaches, former athletes, and sports professionals.
- To ensure unbiased and transparent assessment, the members of the evaluation panel will remain confidential until the day of the tryouts.
- The jury's decision will be **final and based on a collective assessment** of all the criteria outlined.
- Only one full scholarship will be awarded per weapon (Foil, Épée, Sabre).

Eligibility & Participation Criteria

Who can participate?

- ✓ Fencers born between 2003 and 2012 (exceptions may be considered upon request).
- ✓ Competitive experience at a national or international level (not necessarily FIE-ranked).
- ✓ Athletes looking for a professional high-performance environment for long-term development.

How to Apply

Application Process:

Interested athletes must complete an **online application form** and submit:

- Fencing CV (competition results, ranking, experience).
- Motivation Letter (Why you want to join FCA's Top-Level Program).
- (Optional) Short Video (showing training or competition performance).
- 77 Application Deadline: April 30, 2025
- Contact & Registration Link: [futurechampionscamp@gmail.com]

Selected applicants will receive confirmation via email and further details on logistics.

Final Notes

This **Scholarship Tryout Weekend** is an **unmissable opportunity** for competitive fencers aiming to take their careers to the next level. FCA is committed to **developing top-tier athletes**, and we look forward to welcoming the next generation of high-performance fencers.

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