

The refereeing examinations take place in special events organized by the FIE in collaboration with host federations in September and October for each zone and consists of 3 parts: theoretical examination, video analysis and practical examination.

Only the candidates who passed the theoretical examination and the video analysis test will be allowed to continue with the practical examination.

3.4.1. There will be one (1) General Refereeing Examination per year per continent in 3 weapons organized during a competition.

The duration of the General Refereeing Examination for three weapons will be up to 6 days (maximum 2 days per weapon).

During the General Refereeing Examination the organising federation must provide:

- Theoretical examination: meeting room for 25 candidates and 5 persons exam panel
- Practical examination: 2 pistes fully equipped and minimum 14 fencers per weapon

3.4.2 The calendar (dates and places) of all FIE refereeing examinations is established by the Executive Committee under the proposal of the FIE Sport Department and Refereeing Commission.

3.4.3 The expenses of the members of the Exam Panel incurred in relation to the refereeing examinations are covered by the FIE (travel costs, 80 euros per day, local transportation and accommodation [including breakfast and an indemnity of 25 euros for lunch and 25 euros for dinner](#)).

3.4.4 The National Federations can only enter candidates chosen among their best national referees according to the criteria of experience and confirmed competences in the refereeing of national competitions. The candidates must have a perfect knowledge of the Rules and their application.

The National Federations and Confederations are responsible for preparation of the candidates for FIE examination.

3.4.4.1. The selection criteria of the General Refereeing Examinations are as follows:

Maximum places per weapon: 25

General examination :	Host federation	Other federations from the same continent
Total places if no women candidates	6	4
Places per weapon	2	1-2
If 1-3 women candidates then total of places	7-9	5 (if one woman candidate is presented)
Reserved by default	Yes	First come - first served basis
If change of candidate after the closure for entries	New candidate is included	New candidate is included

<p>If the total number of candidates in one weapon is less than maximum number (see above the maximum number per weapon and per continent)</p>	<p>Can propose additional candidates, only if they had informed the FIE as indicated in step 1 b) of 3.4.4.3 below.</p>	<p>Can propose additional candidates, only if they had informed the FIE as indicated in step 1 b) of 3.4.4.3 below.</p> <p>The available quota will be distributed fairly among the national federations.</p>
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In case no General Refereeing Examination is organised during the year on one continent, then candidates from this continent can apply to the examination held on another continent, provided that the total number of the proposed candidates in that weapon is still under the number specified above for each continent.

These places are given on a first come – first served basis.

Otherwise a candidate cannot participate in an examination that takes place on another continent than his or hers.

3.4.4.2 The call (opening and closing) of the examinations is published on the FIE Website and is sent to all the National Federations of the continent concerned. Registrations open on the date the call is published. No candidatures/registration will be accepted before the call and after the deadline.

3.4.4.3 The process is as follows:

Step 1:

- a) At the latest 30 days prior to the examinations, national federations must inform the FIE that they intend to send candidates to the examinations and provide their preliminary number.
- b) In addition, and in case the total number of candidates in an examination session in one weapon would be less than the maximum authorized number, national federations will propose additional candidates

Step 2: At the latest 12 days prior to the examinations, national federations must confirm to the FIE their total number of candidates and register them on the FIE website.

Failure to confirm the number of candidates and/or to register them on the FIE website according to the deadline will result in the cancellation of the preliminary request of the national federation in step 1. No candidate will be authorized to participate in the examination if he/she has not been registered according to the deadline.

Step 3: At the latest 10 days prior to the examinations, the FIE must receive from national federations proofs of payment of the examination fees. If these proofs of payment have not been received by the FIE according to the deadline, applications will not be considered.