



# European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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## Call for candidates – FIE Refereeing Exam 2026

### Information Letter no. 12-2026

Dear Member Federation,

Following the FIE Administrative Rules (Chapter 3, article 3.4), the FIE refereeing examination for Europeans will be held between September and October.

If you would like to host the examination, you are kindly requested to provide your application to [iryna@fencing-efc.eu](mailto:iryna@fencing-efc.eu) **by April 24, 2026**. This application must be compiled in accordance with the [EFC Bidding Guide](#) (page 31) which is available on our website.

Please be advised that:

- 🕒 The duration cannot exceed 6 days (2 days per weapon);
- 🕒 For each weapon, the examination will be held during two days as follows:

#### Day 1: Theoretical examination

##### Morning:

- 🕒 30 minutes of introductory explanations
- 🕒 Written exam: multiple choice questionnaire
- 🕒 Correction of questionnaires

##### Afternoon:

- 🕒 Video-refereeing examination

#### Day 2: Practical examination

All day:

- 🕒 The practical part of the exam should be linked to the competitions happening the same time as the refereeing exam
- 🕒 Observation of the candidates while officiating as referee
- 🕒 Matches are organised with the high level fencers provided by the host federation
- 🕒 Each candidate will be observed by at least two examiners.



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Please note that the candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 🕒 Sustainability: The extent to which the city enables efficient use of public transportation.
- 🕒 Costs: The accessibility of the city and the overall cost of reaching it.
- 🕒 Accommodation: Hotel prices in relation to the general cost of living in the host city.
- 🕒 Food and Living Expenses: The average cost of food and day-to-day expenses in the city.
- 🕒 Logistics: The host's track record as an organiser and their prior experience.
- 🕒 Universality: The extent to which opportunities are provided to new organisers.
- 🕒 EFC Licenses: The number of active EFC licenses in the host country relative to its size.
- 🕒 Respect of rules

Best regards,

**Pascal Tesch**  
**President**