

## OFFICE ORDER

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### Office Order regarding international competitions

The Fencing Association of India (FAI) is authorised to issue FIE licenses in India and facilitate the participation of fencers in international competitions. Over the last few years, the lack of consistency and delays have damaged the standing of India in the global fencing fraternity. After much deliberation on the subject with different stakeholders, a timeline for international competitions is adopted so that the number of such incidents is fewer in the future.

The FIE timeline for international competitions is as follows:

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| ▪ Before deadline   | – There is no fine   |
| ▪ After deadline 1 (C-7 days)*                              | – Fine of 150 Euros  |
| ▪ After deadline 2 (C-6 days)*                              | – Fine of 250 Euros  |
| ▪ If a fencer duly entered does not turn up for competition | – Fine of 500 Euros  |
| ▪ Participation of a fencer not properly entered            | – Fine of 1000 Euros |
- \* varies

As known, the transfer of funds to international accounts and completing the related transactions take a few days. Given the number of festive and bank holidays in India, 7 – 14 days are the safe duration for the transfer of funds, which was a key consideration in drafting the timeline. Besides, the requests for entry are repeatedly received by the office at odd hours on weekends. Even if our office processes such requests at night on weekends, it is not possible for organisers/ host National Federations to reciprocate at the same pace. Eventually, it is the National Federation that bears the brunt. In the case of visa for some countries, it takes three or four weeks to get an appointment to submit the visa application. Accordingly, other National Federations have adopted guidelines and timelines that best suit them to complete the procedures.

The Fencing Association of India implements the following timeline for participation in international competitions, with immediate effect.

### **1. Application to participate in international competitions**

There are limited positions available for fencers to represent India in official international competitions. To complete the necessary documentation in this regard, there is a lead time required. Such an advance period is also necessary to ensure that fencers not in the top 12/16 ranking in the National Championship get an opportunity in the instance when the top fencers don't avail of the opportunity. In view of the above, it is decided that fencers interested to participate in international competitions should inform the FAI Office by email C – 70 days (before the competition) and not before C – 90 days (before the competition).

<b>Application to participate in international competitions</b>		
No.	Particulars	Timeline
1	Email on interest for participation in international competition to be received by the FAI Office	C – 90 days to C – 70 days (before the competition)

The above timeline applies to all fencers interested to participate in international competitions, irrespective of having a visa, FIE license, etc. After the deadline, the FAI reserves the right to not permit participation for non-compliance with the norms.

The email or communication should also provide the following information:

- 1.1. Title of the competition
- 1.2. Eligibility –
  - 1.2.1 FAI ID
  - 1.2.2 Title of the FAI Qualification National Championship
  - 1.2.3 Ranking in the FAI Qualification National Championship
- 1.3. Competition entry –
  - 1.3.1 Event details. Entry in Individual event only/ And Team event
  - 1.3.2 If there is an entry needed in Team event, who are the teammates?
- 1.4. Visa –
  - 1.4.1 Does the fencer have a valid visa for the host country?
  - 1.4.2 If not, provide the passport details as follows:  
Name as in the Passport (Given Name) (Last Name) –  
Passport No. –  
Date of Issue –  
Date of Expiry –  
Place of Issue –
  - 1.4.3 If processed in India, which diplomatic mission will be processing the visa application?
  - 1.4.4 Date of entry in the Host country and date of exit from the Host country
  - 1.4.5 Two pages of the passport – the page with the picture and the page with the address
- 1.5. FIE License –
  - 1.5.1. Does the fencer have a valid FIE license for the season? If not, provide the information on the transfer of fee for the FIE license. Fee License Fee costs INR 2,500/ per license.
- 1.6. Source of Funds –
  - 1.6.1 What is the source of funds for participation in the competition specified in 1.1. Please specify if the participation is funded by SAI/ NCOE/ SSCB/ ASI/ State Government, NGO/ Self, etc.



Last date for FAI to receive the application with needed documents, information, fee, etc.			
No.	Particulars	Timeline	Fine
1	Deadline 1	C – 70 days (before the competition)	No Fine
2	Deadline 2	69 – 60 days (before the competition)	INR 5,000
3	Deadline 3	59 – 50 days (before the competition)	INR 10,000

It is clarified that only applications completed in time with needed documents, information, fee, etc. are considered complete on deadline.

## 2. Cancellation

After expressing interest for entry in international competitions, if a fencer decides not to pursue the request or to cancel the entry, FAI should be informed of the same on or before C – 40 days (before competition).

Cancellation			
No.	Particulars	Timeline	Fine
1	For FAI Office to receive email on cancellation	C – 40 days (before competition)	No Fine
2	For FAI Office to receive email on cancellation	After C – 40 days (before competition) and before C – 30 days (before competition). Any cancellation thereafter will be referred to the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Commission.	INR 5,000

## 3. Minors

When participation is at the fencer's own cost, the parent of a fencer in the minor age-group has to ensure that the fencer is accompanied by a coach/ parent or guardian/ support staff. The detail of the accompanying person must be provided to FAI in advance for approval.

## 4. FAI Bank Details

The bank details of the Fencing Association of India are as follows:

Name: Fencing Association of India  
A/c No.: 50100505834614  
Bank: HDFC Bank Ltd.  
Branch: Adarsh Nagar Branch, New Delhi  
IFSC: HDFC0000391

## 5. Exception on timeline

There might be exceptions to the timeline only in the instance where the FAI issues an invitation with such an exemption.

## 6. Concluding Note

Entry fee for competitions will be as specified in the invitation of the organisers. The fine mentioned herein is in addition to the fine charged by the FIE.

The fine is meant to be a deterrent for fencers, who perpetually delay their information on FIE licenses and international competitions till the nth hour. We hope fencers will henceforth plan in advance so that their entry and participation can be smoothly co-ordinated by all involved. This will help the FAI office to send the visa request and entries at once.

Sincerely,



**Rajeev Mehta**  
Secretary-General  
Fencing Association of India