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**PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES NOMINATION POLICY  
OF THE FENCING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decides the qualification system for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. This policy, considered an addendum to the Selection Policy of the Fencing Association of India, streamlines the norms for the nomination of fencers from India who qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

## 2. QUALIFICATION AND NOMINATION

- 2.1 The qualification system of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games decided by the International Fencing Federation (FIE) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) can be found on the IOC website –

[https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Fencing.pdf?\\_ga=2.42986789.1284756619.1682844749-138025882.1674766823](https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Fencing.pdf?_ga=2.42986789.1284756619.1682844749-138025882.1674766823)

According to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

- 2.2 There is Team Qualification. Teams can qualify directly through the team World/ FIE Ranking by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 as per the FIE/IOC qualification system. There shall be 8 (eight) teams per event composed of 3 (three) fencers. Any Fencing Association of India weapon team which qualifies by right in accordance with the FIE/IOC norms will be nominated by FAI to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Three fencers with the highest individual World/ FIE Ranking in the weapon and category from among the fencers who represented India in the Senior World Cups with credible performance, Senior Asian Championships, and Senior World Championships, in the qualification period shall be nominated to the IOA for selection to Team India for both the team and individual events, subject to acceptance of fitness standards and disciplinary conditions. A fencer whose World/ FIE Ranking is fourth in order from among the fencers who represented India in the Senior World Cups with credible performance, Senior Asian Championships, and Senior World Championships in the qualification period shall be nominated as a reserve (Ap). In general, the selection of the teams for the FIE competitions are as per the Selection Policy of the Fencing Association of India.
- 2.3 For the nations where a Team does not qualify there is Individual Qualification. After deducting the count of 24 (twenty-four) fencers mentioned above, 6 (six) highest ranked fencers in World/ FIE Ranking (Two from Europe, Two from Asia-Oceania, One from America, and One from Africa) with only 1 (one) fencer per NOC per weapon will qualify for the Olympic Games. As this qualification is by name, the FAI has a limited role in the nomination of a fencer in Individual Qualification.
- 2.4 According to the FIE Qualification system, should no Team or Individual fencer qualify by World Ranking or FIE Ranking in a weapon, there is a further opportunity to qualify through winning the Asian Zonal Qualifying Event 2024. The 4 (four) highest ranked fencers in the Zonal Qualifying Event (One from Europe, One from Asia-Oceania, One from America, and One from Africa) with only 1 (one) fencer per NOC per weapon will qualify by name for the Olympic Games.

If eligible, the Fencing Association of India shall send a maximum of 1 (one) fencer per weapon to the Asian Zonal Qualifying Event. The National champion (Gold medallist) of the recent

senior national championship conducted by FAI in the eligible weapon and category shall be nominated for the Asian Zonal Qualifying Event, subject to acceptance of fitness standards and disciplinary conditions.

- 2.5 If necessitated, the qualified/ eligible/ nominated fencer(s) shall undergo a medical assessment by a physician approved by the FAI.

### **3. REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FENCER(S)**

- 3.1. A fencer who is probable to be nominated by the FAI may be removed for any of the following reasons:
- 3.1.1 Voluntary withdrawal, wherein the fencer may submit a written letter to the President or Secretary-General.
  - 3.1.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician approved by FAI. If an athlete refuses verification of his/ her illness or injury by a physician approved by FAI, his/ her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/ she may be removed.
  - 3.1.3 Failure to participate in mandatory training or/ and competition as directed by FAI.
  - 3.1.4 Violation of the FAI Code of Conduct and Discipline.
- 3.2. A fencer may also be removed as a nominee any time for an adjudicated violation of the WADA Code, Anti-doping protocol, etc.
- 3.3. If a fencer in a team event is removed, then he/ she shall be replaced by the next highest ranked fencer from among the fencers who represented India in the Senior World Cups with credible performance, Senior Asian Championships, and Senior World Championships, in the qualification period, subject to acceptance of fitness standards and disciplinary conditions.

### **4. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on the IOC, IOA, and FIE rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the procedures caused by a change in the IOC, IOA, and FIE rules might also impact the nomination of fencers. This policy is based on the latest information available to the FAI. If by any reasons, there has to be a change in the Policy, it shall be revised and published.