

13 May 2016

Dear Fencers, Affiliates and Schools

5th SINGAPORE YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL (FENCING)

The 5th Singapore Youth Olympic Festival (SYOF 2016) will incorporate Fencing for the first time. We have lined up a host of exciting events to be from 15 June to 10 July 2016.

Event Objectives

- ✓ This event aims to cultivate a culture of Friendship, Respect and Excellence (Olympic Values).
- ✓ This event aims to encourage a new generation of fencers (both recreational and competitive), armourers, referees and organisers.
- ✓ This event aims to bring the community together to engage, share and inspire the youths and the broader communities in the Olympic sport of Fencing.

The SYOF Fencing Festival will not be a traditional competition. It will be designed to provide greater avenues for fencers of different levels to pursue fencing with a spirit of excellence. The SYOF Fencing Festival will include a series of training camps for participants, learning workshops/seminars, as well as the competition weekend.

This one-of-a-kind youth-community driven initiative provides an avenue for the community to gather and for talents to emerge. Through developing and recognizing **youth armourers, referees and competition organisers**, this festival will provide volunteering opportunities that lead to future pathways for our youth.

Details of the SYOF Fencing Festival can be found in the following pages.

If you need further details, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following:

Secretariat Office & Fax no.: (65) 6702 3740
Contact email: admin@fencingsingapore.org.sg

We look forward to having your support and favourable response soonest.
Thank you and hope to see you there!

Yours Sincerely,

Fencing Singapore

**5th SINGAPORE YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL (SYOF) 2016
FENCING FESTIVAL**

COMPETITION DETAILS

1 VENUE **Map on the last page**

OCBC Arena
5 Stadium Drive
Singapore 397631

Courses are run in NSA Office
Competition are run in Hall 6, Basement 1, Fencing National Training Centre

2 SYOF FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Group	Programme	Fees	Participant Details
FENCERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festival Camp – Sparring + Rules & Refereeing Course for Fencers (no exam) SYOF Competition <i>Optional: Referee Exam</i> 	SGD45 (+ SGD 25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born 2001 – 2003 (both years inclusive) SYOF competition (1 to 3 July) is only open to Singaporean For non-Singaporean Fencers, Referee Exam is included in \$45 fees Referee Course and Exam are by specific weapon only
REFEREES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festival Camp – Refereeing Course & Exam SYOF Competition 	SGD45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born 1998 through 2003 (both years inclusive) Singaporeans & Foreigners
FESTIVAL INTERNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track 1 - Competition Organisation (DT) Track 2 – Competition Armourers 	SGD25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born 1998 through 2003 (both years inclusive) Singaporeans & Foreigners

3 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Weapon	Event
Festival Interns – Track 1 - Competition Organisation			
15 June 2016 Wednesday	1400 to 1800	NA	DT Course
18 June 2016 Saturday	0900 to 1300	NA	Practical Hands On
30 June 2016 Thursday	1700 to 1900	NA	Competition Preparation
3 July 2016 Sunday	0900 to 1800	NA	Competition Running (Rotation Based on Best Fit Availability)
Festival Interns – Track 2 – Competition Armourers			
24 June 2016 Friday	AM (0900 to 1300) PM (1400 to 1700)	NA	Armoury Course Armoury Test
3 July 2016 Sunday	0900 to 1800	NA	Practical Hands On (Rotation Based on Best Fit Availability)

*All fencers are encouraged to register for the armoury course and test.

Referees and Fencers			
	AM (0900 to 1300)		Epee Rules & Referee Course
21 June 2016 Tuesday	PM (1400 to 1700)	Epee	Epee Sparring Epee Referee Theory and Practical Exam*
	AM (0900 to 1300)		Foil Rules & Referee Course
22 June 2016 Wednesday	PM (1400 to 1700)	Foil	Foil Sparring Foil Referee Theory and Practical Exam*
	AM (0900 to 1300)		Sabre Rules & Referee Course
23 June 2016 Thursday	PM (1400 to 1700)	Sabre	Sabre Sparring Sabre Referee Theory and Practical Exam*

*All fencers are encouraged to register for the referee exam

** All Referees should bring their training gears, those who are done with their exam are welcomed to fence as well

4 REGISTRATION

- Via online at ACTIVE.com

1. Competition and Courses Registration (from 13th May 2016)

[ACTIVE.com listing](#)



You may be linked to the registration page using the above unique QR code.

Or go to:

<http://www.active.com/other-endurance/singapore-youth-olympics-festival-individual-2016>

5 QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

5.1 SYOF Competition Fencers

- 5.1.1 Participants must be Singaporeans born between 2001 through 2003 (both years inclusive).
- 5.1.2 As part of the competition preparation, participants are strongly encouraged to attend the weapon relevant referee course at no additional cost.

5.2 Competition Interns and Referees

- 5.2.1 Participants must be born between 1998 through 2001 (both years inclusive).
- 5.2.2 Open to participants (Singaporean and Non Singaporeans) to register.

6 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 The fencing competition shall be conducted in accordance with the current Statutes and Rules of the FIE. In case of disagreement in interpretation of the Rules, the latest English version shall prevail.
- 6.2 The Directoire de Technique (DT) shall deal with any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules
- 6.3 The competition will be modified based on the number of participants. It will not be a traditional format, there will be no elimination after the first round, and may include other unique formats such as additional round robin matches and / or divisional finals. Details to be released at the Festival Camp Sparring.

7 ATTIRE

- 7.1 All participants must be suitably attired in accordance with the requirement of the game/sport.

8 EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- 8.1 The following safety standards are to be followed and will be enforced by the referees:

Item	Minimum Safety Level	Additional Notes
Mask	CE 350N	Mask safety features must be intact and working well
Jacket & Breeches	CE 350N	Jacket and Breeches, when worn, should overlap by an area at least 10cm long all around the trunk of the fencer. Zippers should be facing the non-weapon arm. With accordance to the FIE Rules for Competitions: Fencers' Weapons & Equipment Control Document-

		The fencer must wear, over his jacket, a conductive over-jacket, the conductive surface of which must cover entirely and without omission the valid surface of the body above a horizontal line which, when the fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer's trunk, the tops of the two hip bones
Socks	None	Socks should be white and cover the entire shin of the fencer and be overlapped by the Breeches just under the knee
Gloves	None	Gloves should not have obvious holes in them
Metallic Jackets	None	Zippers should be facing the non-weapon arm
Weapons	None	Weapons should not be rusty

8.2 Please note that the fencers will be required to submit the following parts of their equipment for checks prior to use in the competition:

8.2.1 All masks for mask mesh integrity

8.2.1.1 Masks must pass the punch test

8.2.1.2 Masks must not be rusty and/or on the verge of failure

8.2.1.3 Masks should not have any mesh indentations

8.2.2 Conductivity of metallic target areas

8.2.2.1 Foil/Sabre masks, Sabre cuffs, Sabre gloves, Foil/Sabre metallic jackets

8.2.2.2 These items should have a resistance of 50 ohms or less

8.2.3 Foil/Sabre body cords and mask cables

8.2.3.1 All of these items should be in working order with no breakages or exposed wiring

8.2.3.2 Mask cables and Foil/Sabre body wires should have no tape covering the area connected to the crocodile clip

8.2.3.3 For mask cables and Foil/Sabre body cords, the crocodile clip should be firmly soldered to the correct wire

8.2.3.4 These items should have a resistance of 50 ohms or less

8.3 The equipment check area will be manned by festival interns at the start of the competition for a limited time. Please present the equipment that needs checking in an orderly fashion early to avoid a rush. Equipment that has been checked and pass the tests will be marked by the armorers. Equipment that does not have the correct markings will not be permitted for usage for the competition.

8.4 **Reminder:** It is compulsory for all competitors to wear FIE 800N under plastrons, minimum CE 350N fencing suits and long socks (predominantly white in color that covers to above the knees, i.e. fencing or soccer socks). All Foilists are required to wear a Mask with a conductive bib. Competitors found not wearing the above will not be allowed to fence. Competitors are also reminded to bring a spare weapon and spare body cord to be put at the side of the piste during their bout. Sabre Cuff or Sabre Glove must be used. Sabre and Foil masks may not be used in the Epee event.

8.5 Please also be reminded that competitors' equipment can be rejected on the grounds of safety and poor maintenance.

8.6 *Note: With reference to the FIE "List of decisions of the 2013 Congress", Fencing Singapore has decided, with effect from 2014, to ban the use of transparent visor masks for all weapons in all competitions. Only masks with two independent, working security devices will be allowed.*

9 PROTESTS

9.1 No appeal can be made against the decision of the Referee regarding a Point of fact*.

9.2 If a fencer infringes this principle, casting doubt on the decision of the Referee on a point of fact during the bout, he will be penalised according to the FIE rules.

9.3 This appeal must be made:
a) in individual events, by the fencer,
b) in team events, by the fencer or the team captain,

9.4 It should be made courteously but without formality, and should be made verbally to the Referee immediately and before any decision is made regarding a subsequent hit.

9.5 If the Referee maintains his opinion, the Refereeing Commission delegate or the Supervisor (if there is no delegate) has the authority to settle an appeal. If such an appeal is deemed to be unjustified, the fencer will be penalised in accordance with the FIE rules.

9.6 Protests which are not concerned with a referee's decision must be made in writing without delay; they must be addressed to the Directoire Technique.

9.7 A non-refundable fee of SGD100 is to be paid upon lodging an official protest.

**Point of Fact – Referee's judgement of a point.*

10 Directoire de Technique (DT).

10.1 The DT shall be responsible for the technical organisation of the competition. The decision of the DT shall be final.

11 AWARDS / CERTIFICATE

11.1 Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and joint 3rd places in each event. Prize voucher will also be awarded to 1st and 2nd prize winners.

11.2 All festival competitors and interns will receive a certificate for his/her participation.

12 DECLARATION

- 12.1 Affiliate representatives (Manager / Coaches) must ensure that parents of participants under 21 years old personally endorse the indemnity forms. They will be held responsible if the forms contain fake signatures.

13 CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

- 13.1 The closing date for entries will be **17th June 2016**.

14 MODIFICATION OF ENTRIES

- 14.1 Late entries will be accepted up until a week after the closing date subject to a **penalty equivalent to the amount of the entry fee** payable.
- 14.2 Any entries received a week after late entries' closing date will still be allowed until 0900h on the day before the participation date. This will be subject to the following penalty **3 times** to the amount of the entry fee payable.
- 14.3 **NO SHOW penalty - \$100.00**. Penalty will be charged once poules have been rolled out.
- 14.4 Withdrawal of entry is allowed without additional charge up until a week after the closing date. Beyond that date, a Penalty equivalent to the **entry fee** will be imposed for each withdrawal without acceptable excuse.
- 14.5 With ref to 13.4, some acceptable excuses:
- 14.5.1 Sudden sickness (with medical certificate to be produced latest by the day of the competition) occurring after deadline of last entry withdrawal.
- 14.5.2 Sudden suspension (with letter by school to be produced latest by the day of the competition) from fencing by school due to reasons such as disciplinary problem occurring after deadline of last entry withdrawal.

15 ENQUIRIES

- 15.1 For further clarification, please email Fencing Singapore (Ms. Spiffy Ng) at admin@fencingsingapore.org.sg.





INDEMNITY FORM

1. Acknowledgement

a. For participants who are below 21 years of age; to be signed by parent/guardian.
In consideration of you agreeing to accept my child/ward _____,
NRIC no. _____ as a participant in the Singapore Youth Olympic Festival 2016, I
hereby agree to indemnify and keep you and your officials, duly authorized agents and servants
fully indemnified against any loss, damage, claim or demand howsoever caused that you may
incur or be liable for in connection with the participation of my child/ward in the competitions.

2. Further damages

- a. I further agree that neither you nor any of your officials, duly authorized agents or
servants shall be responsible for:
- i. Any loss of or damage to property whatsoever and howsoever caused;
 - ii. Any personal injury, death or illness howsoever caused (except for death or
personal injury caused by the negligence of yourself or your officials, duly
authorized agents or servants);
 - iii. Any other loss or damage suffered (including but not limited to death or
personal injury caused by the negligence of yourself or your officials, duly
authorized agents or servants).

3. Others

If any of the term or provision of this indemnity form shall be held to be illegal or
unenforceable, whether in whole or in part, under any enactment or rule of law, such term or
provision or part shall to that extent be deemed not to form part of this indemnity form but the
validity and enforceability of the remainder of the terms or provisions of this indemnity form
shall not be affected.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____