

## Fencing Singapore Referee Course (Sabre)

**Course title:** Fencing Singapore Basic Refereeing Course (Sabre)

**Course duration:** 5 hours

**Test only:** \$30

**Course only:** \$25

**Test & Course:** \$45

### **Course Description:**

This course is designed to educate potential referees on basic competitive refereeing. At the end of the course, candidates will be assessed via a theory test and practical test.

### **Course Objectives:**

At the end of this course, referees will be able to:

- 1) Be equipped with the basic rules of the game
- 2) Communicate well with players and fellow referees
- 3) Manage the game positively

### **Course Requirements:**

Candidates are required to attend a 2-day long basic refereeing course. At the end of the course, candidates are expected to sit for two tests, namely a theory test and a practical test.

Candidates will be assessed based on the following:

- Theory test –
  1. 50 Multiple-choice questions based on FIE Technical Rulebook
  2. Minimum score of 80% to pass
  
- Practical test –
  1. Candidate to referee live matches under supervision
  2. Assessed on candidates' confidence level, accuracy and hand signals
  3. Three components to pass – Presentation, Analysis and Question Response.

Candidates must pass **both** theory and practical tests to pass the basic refereeing course, and be considered a 'probation' referee. They will then be assessed on Competition Grading before being granted the status of full Cat D Referee.

- Competition Grading –
  1. Within 6 months from the date of the examination, candidates are to volunteer for one of the following events:
    - a. National Trials
    - b. National Cadet/Junior Trials
    - c. National U-14s
    - d. Novices Championships
  2. Candidate's performance will be evaluated by the Referee Commission members.
  3. Candidates who pass will be granted full Cat D Status.
  4. If the candidate's performance is deemed unsatisfactory, the probation period may be extended and the candidate will have to volunteer again for one of the above events.
  5. A second unsuccessful performance will lead to the 'probation' status being revoked and the candidate will have to undergo the tests again.
  6. If the candidate does not sign up for any of these events within the 6 month window, his 'probation' status will be rescinded and he will have to retake the tests to re-qualify as a referee.

### Course Schedule

*Day/Time	Lesson Content	Remarks
19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Monday/Tuesday) Time TBC	Sabre Referee Seminar and Theory	a. Sabre referee skills b. Maintaining order & control of situations c. Role of Referee Commission d. Referee grading promotion
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2016 (Wednesday) Time TBC	Practical Exam	Schedule will be emailed out.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **For Referees-to-be**

#### **1. Is there any minimum age for the Basic Refereeing Course?**

Ans: No, there is no minimum age for the course. However, while we do not enforce a minimum age requirement, we would usually recommend that referees be of at least 16 years of age.

#### **2. Can I still sign up to be a referee if I do not know much about Fencing?**

Ans: Yes you can. However it takes a lot of practice to be able to referee and it is strongly advised that referee candidates be previously trained in Fencing.

#### **3. How and when do I register for the Basic Refereeing Course?**

Ans: Please keep a lookout for the announcements on the official website of Fencing Singapore (<http://fencingsingapore.org.sg>) or emails that will be sent out to fencing clubs.

#### **4. Is there any minimum attendance for the Basic Refereeing Course?**

Ans: Candidates are expected to be present for all 5 days of the course. On Day 1 and 2, compulsory attendance is expected of candidates for the session covering the specific weapon of interest. However, they are given the choice to attend just 1 or up to all 3 of the weapon specific sessions.

#### **5. Will there be any make-up lesson if I am absent for one of the lessons?**

Ans: No, we will not be able to conduct a make-up lesson for the course.

#### **6. I am currently a national fencer. Do I still have to go through the Basic Refereeing Course?**

Ans: Yes, all national fencers are subjected to the same referee qualifying procedures.

#### **7. I am currently a fencing coach. Do I still have to go through the Basic Refereeing Course?**

Ans: Full-Time coaches employed by clubs are excused from the tests procedures and are allowed to referee at competitions, at the discretion of the Referee Commission. They are however encouraged to attend our Referee Seminar to share their experiences.

**8. I am currently a referee on 'probation'. What will happen if my performance during the practical grading is deemed unsatisfactory?**

Ans: If the candidate's performance is deemed unsatisfactory, the probation period may be extended and the candidate will have to volunteer again for one of the following fencing events:

- a. National Trials
- b. National Cadet/Junior Trials
- c. National U-14s
- d. Novices Championships

A second unsuccessful performance will lead to the 'probation' status being revoked and the candidate will have to undergo the theory and video tests again.

**9. I am currently a Referee on "probation". What will happen if I do not manage to volunteer at any fencing events within the 6 month window?**

Ans: If the candidate does not sign up for any of the fencing events within the 6 month window, his 'probation' status will be rescinded and he will have to retake the theory and video tests to re-qualify as a referee.

**10. I am currently a Cat D Referee and I wish to advance to become a Cat C Referee. What am I required to do?**

Ans: Cat D Referees have to fulfill a minimum 5 days of service in the fencing season. After which, Cat D Referees may be selected (or requested) to undergo promotion to Cat C. Referees under consideration will have to go through a practical grading session. They will be tasked with refereeing a Quarter-Final and/or Semi-Final DE bout at National Cadet/Junior, National Open or Fencing Singapore Challenge. Referees' performance will then be evaluated by the attending Referee Commission members.

**11. I have more questions that are not addressed in the FAQ. Who should I talk to?**

Ans: You may contact Fencing Singapore at [admin@fencingsingapore.org.sg](mailto:admin@fencingsingapore.org.sg)