



Qualifying Championships to the 2016 Olympic Games America

To all federations affiliated to FIE

We have the pleasure to invite you to the Qualifying Championships to the 2016 Olympic Games, to be held in San José, Costa Rica from April 14th to 17th.

Regulations

Organizer

Qualifying Championships to the 2016 Olympic Games will be organized by the Costarican Fencing Federation under the auspices and authority of the Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime (FIE) and with the support of the Pan-American Fencing Confederation

Place and Date

The World Cup will be held in the "Gimnasio Nacional" at the city of San José from the 15th to the 17th of April 2016.

Schedule

Thursday, Apr. 14th

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. PM Registration, accreditation and weapon control.

Friday, Apr. 15th

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration, accreditation and weapon control.

09:00 A.M. Beginning of Qualification Pools Men's Sabre

01:00 P.M. Beginning of Qualification Pools Women's Foil

06:00 P.M. Semi finals and Final.

Saturday, Apr. 16th

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration, accreditation and weapon control.

09:00 A.M. Beginning of Qualification Pools Women's Sabre

01:00 P.M. Beginning of Qualification Pools Men's Epee

06:00 P.M. Semi finals and Final.

Sunday, Apr. 17th

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration, accreditation and weapon control.

09:00 A.M. Beginning of Qualification Pools Men's Foil

01:00 P.M. Beginning of Qualification Pools Women's Epee

06:00 P.M. Semi finals and Final.

Equipment of Fencers

The personal equipment of the fencers must comply with the FIE rules.

Entries

The zone-qualifying events are only open to those countries which do not have any fencers who have qualified to the Olympic Games (through team or through the individual AOR by zone). Entries should be done by the National Federations in the FIE's website, and will be closed seven (7) days before the date of each event. **Federations concerned can only register one fencer per country and per weapon**, even if the website states otherwise. Any entry not respecting this rule will be automatically annulled.

The entry fee is USD \$40.00 per participant. It is to be paid on the day of the accreditation.

Anti-doping

Controls will be carried out in compliance with the prevailing WADA, FIE and IWAS Regulations.

Referees

Participating delegations must be accompanied by the number of referees provided for by article 81 of the FIE rules:

1 to 4 fencers : No obligation 5 to 9 fencers: 1 referee

the table penalty applies for non-submission of the required quantity of referees according to regulation the FIE.

Local Transportation

Transportation will be available to and from the venue at fixed schedules to participants staying at the official hotels.

Transportation will also be available to and from the airport. All delegations must confirm two weeks before arrival, the airline, flight number, time and date of arrival at: mauricio.jurado@esgrimacostarica.net

Contacts: Costarican Fencing Federation. mauricio.jurado@esgrimacostarica.net



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Useful information

Official language

The official language is Spanish, but English is understood and spoken in most places.

Local and foreign currency

The Costarican Colón is the official currency, but U.S. Dollars are widely accepted. (1 U.S. Dollar = ₡540).

International credit cards and transfers

The main international credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, etc. . .) can be used to make purchases and in major hotels, restaurants, car rental agencies and travel agencies .

These cards are also used to withdraw cash at ATMs.

In addition, Western Union Money Transfer and Money Gram companies have representatives in Costa Rica.

Electricity

Voltage: 110 V

Outlets identical to those in USA .

Telephone and Internet

The country code for Costa Rica is 506.

Wi-Fi will be available at the venue.

Weather

In Costa Rica the average annual temperature is around 21 to 27 degrees Celsius or 70 to 81 degrees Fahrenheit and the coolest months of the year are November, December and January. The rainy season here lasts from May to November.

Official Hotels

Reservations can be made directly with the hotel.

This special rates apply only if you mention the Qualifying Championships to the 2016 Olympic Games

Hotel	Tarifas	Email	Website
Park Inn	Single: \$90.00 Double: \$90.00 Triple: \$110.00	mariela.ortiz@parkinncostarica.com	www.parkinn.com
Parque del Lago	Single: \$80.00 Double: \$80.00 Triple: \$100.00	larias@parquedellago.com	www.parquedellago.com
KC Hotel	Single: \$68.00 Double: \$68.00 Triple: \$88.00	info@kcsanjose.com	www.kcsanjose.com
Rincón del Valle	Single: \$96.00 Double: \$96.00 Triple: \$116.00	corporativo@hotelrincondelvalle.com	www.hotelrincondelvalle.com
Casa Colón (Hostel)	From \$35 por person. Please contact them for an estimate.	info@hostelcasacolon.com	www.hostelcasacolon.com

VISAS

Please check the visa requirements.

If your country is listed under “FIRST GROUP” or “SECOND GROUP” you don’t need a visa to visit Costa Rica. All you need is a valid passport with at least 3 months before it expires.

If your country is listed under “THIRD GROUP” or “FOURTH GROUP” you will require a visa. If this is the case, you should contact the costarican consulate in your country and inform us of the situation at:

presidencia@esgrimacostarica.net

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BELICE
BOLIVIA
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GRANADA
GUATEMALA

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SURINAM
VENEZUELA

COLOMBIA
ECUADOR
NICARAGUA

Group 3

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REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA

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Group 4

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