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## Competition Regulations

- The competition will be held on March 25, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. in the fencing hall of the Warszawianka Sports Club at Piaseczyńska str. 71 in Warsaw
- Regulations give the right to participate in Amateur tournament only to adult competitors affiliated and not affiliated to fencing clubs, amateurs practicing fencing as a hobby, residents of Poland and other countries (excluding Russia and Belarus).
- Minors have the right to take part only on the basis of the written consent of their legal guardians.
- An amateur is considered to be a person not classified on the classification list in his country and on the FIE list in the last 10 years in epee, saber, foil and modern pentathlon.
- Registration for the tournament should be done by e-mail [info@naukaszermierki.pl](mailto:info@naukaszermierki.pl) until March 23, 2023, 23:59.
- All persons registered for the tournament will be verified in order to avoid the participation of competitive fencers representing their countries in the past. At the same time, the organizers reserve the right to make the final decision regarding the acceptance or exclusion of a person submitted to the tournament.
- Each person registered for the tournament will receive a confirmation of participation with an individual starting number in electronic form.
- Attendance should have a valid medical certificate confirming their ability to participate in the competition or should complete the appropriate declaration before they start the competition.
- If it turns out that the competitor is not an amateur, he / she may participate in the tournament, but will not be classified.

## Applications of Competitors for Participation

The organizer has the right not to allow a competitor to start in tournament who, in addition to other requirements described in above **Competition Regulations**, does not meet one of the following requirements:

- fails registration at location in **Technical Committee**, providing all required personal data, at the latest 45 minutes before the scheduled start time of the competition,
- fails to pay the starting fee and fails to sign the relevant declarations required by the **Technical Committee** 45 minutes before the scheduled start time of the competition.

## Time for fights

- in men's and women's fights, the same principles of measuring fight time are applied,
- time measurement is mandatory when fighting,
- for fights up to 5 hits, the pure fight time is 3 minutes,
- for fights up to 15 hits, the fight time is three times 3 minutes each, with a one-minute break between these turns,
- if after the end of the fight time it remains undecided, the priority is drawn and an additional minute is added for the settlement of the fight. After this time, the fight must end.



## Competition Rules

- In amateur fencing tournaments, men and women fight separately.
- Tournament ranking is independent for men and women.
  - In competitions with up to 24 players, the following applies:
    - fight system: everyone with everyone, up to 5 hits.
    - in situation of an equal number of fights won by two or more competitors, the first place is not decided by the better ratio of hits, but by the play-off fight,
  - if in competitions in which 25 or more competitors take part, the following method of fighting is used:
    - one group elimination is carried out in groups of 6-7 people. Fights take place up to 5 hits
    - after the elimination round, a ranking list of the competition is prepared on the basis of the number of fights won,
    - on the basis of the ranking list of the competition, the direct elimination list is determined.
    - during the direct elimination, fencers fight up to 15 hits until the winners are selected.

## Referies

- during the refereeing of fights, the FIE regulations are applied,
- referee service is provided by the organizer of the competition.

## Equipment Control

- Competitors during the competition are required to use equipment manufactured in accordance with the relevant technical standards set by the FIE for manufacturers of fencing equipment,
- The organizer of the competition has the right not to inspect the equipment used by the competitors before the competition.
- The organizer of the competition is obliged to have at least one pair of appropriate weights and a feeler gauge during the competition,
- Each competitor has the right before or during the bout to request an inspection of the weapon with a weight and feeler gauge. The weapons of both players are then controlled,
- The competitor has the right to refuse to continue the fight, both during and before it starts, if he considers that the equipment he or his opponent uses poses a threat to the health or life of one of the competitors. The referee leading the fight decides about the legitimacy of the refusal, and in case of his doubts - the Technical Committee decides. If the refusal is considered unjustified, the refusing competitor receives a penalty hit, and in the event of a further refusal - he loses the fight, maintaining his current score.

## Technical Committee

- The Technical Committee is a body appointed by the organizer
- the composition of the Technical Committee is determined by the organizer. The Technical Committee should consist of at least 2 people
- The Technical Committee is the body that conducts the competition in terms of content and which watches over the efficient and proper course of the tournament.
- in carrying out its tasks, the Technical Committee is obliged to comply with the rules contained in the **Competition Rules and in the Competition Regulations**, and in the absence of relevant regulations in this publication, in the FIE Regulations. The term "FIE Regulations" should be understood as the current edition of the Polish text, along with any amendments or supplements announced in Polish Fencing Federation announcements.

Tasks and powers of the **Technical Committee**:

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1. The Technical Committee verifies the fulfillment of the requirements by the Organizer enabling the competition in the field of sports facilities and sports equipment.
  2. The Technical Committee verifies the fulfillment of the requirements by the Organizer regarding the conditions for organizing amateur competitions as a form of physical recreation
  3. The Technical Committee admits participants to the competition after enforcing the Organizer to meet the requirements of responsibility, safety, order and hygienic conditions of participants during amateur sports competitions.
  4. The Technical Committee admits the competition after enforcing the Organizer to meet the requirements regarding the requirements for buildings where amateur sports competitions will take place.
  5. The technical team will ensure that the Organizer/secretariat of the competition fulfills the obligation to send (by e-mail, fax) the list of tournament participants to the address/number of the Insurance Company
  6. During the competition, the Technical Committee supervises the work of judges, the competition staff, considers and resolves conflicts and protests of participants
  7. At the end of the competition, the Technical Committee demands from the Organizer the final elaboration of the results of the sports competition..

### Responsibility

- Competitors use weapons, equipment, clothes and fight at their own risk.
- The **Technical Committee** is responsible for holding the competition in accordance with the **Competition Rules and Regulations**.
- it is the responsibility of the competition organizer to appoint a **Technical Committee** responsible for the competition in accordance with the **Competition Rules and Regulations**.
- The **Rules Committee** is the superior body authorized to settle any disputes during the competition.
- The **Competition Regulations** must include information in accordance with the **Competition Rules** described above or a reference to them without any inconsistency.