

EUROPEAN YOUTH FENCING FESTIVAL - 2026

Goals:

The foregoing has the aim to contribute to the growth and the consolidation of the culture of exchange, integration and mutual knowledge among young generations, who represent the future of our continent.

Purposes:

To achieve these goals, the EFC wants to continue organizing the "European Youth Festival", reserved for young athletes in the U14 category; the festival will initially develop with a series of individual competitions for each discipline. The possibility to split the event into 3 events at 3 locations while integrating teams will be analyzed to determine the further evolution of the project.

Participants:

Boys and girls born in the years 2012 or younger will be able to participate in the Festival for 2026. Each Federation associated with the EFC will be able to participate in the Festival's competitions with a maximum of 4 athletes men and 4 women, born in 2012 in each competition.

Schedule:

During the event will be organized the following competitions:

Individual tournaments:

- Men's foil competition in boys
- Women's foil competition in girls
- Men's épée competition in boys
- Women's épée competition in girls
- Men's saber competition in boys
- Women's saber competition in girls

Organization:

The 2026 edition of the Festival will be held in one place.

Date:

26-27.06.2026

Competition systems:

Individual:

First round with poule and no eliminations, then direct elimination. Initial ranking based on the EFC U14 rankings.

Duration of the competition:

Schedule of the event in general terms:

- Thursday arrival day, hotel accommodation, contact with the organizers and possible weapons control.
- Friday and Saturday running of the competition according to the schedule that will be communicated.
- Saturday evening and Sunday departure.

Equipment:

The equipment of the participating athletes must be checked before the Festival and must comply with the FIE's security regulations. The length of the blades – n.5 as it is along the season in the U14 Circuit competitions.

Referees: regulation by EFC's COMEX advised by the EFC Referees Commission, however, an EFC C or higher category is requested.

Host country:

The Federation that applies for hosting the event must provide:

- Venue for competitions
- Preparing an appropriate competition field with particular attention to the finals piste, which must observe all the rules provided for the European Cadet Championships;
- Accommodation for participants
- Providing transfer service from the hotel (s) to the venue in case;
- Medical service (a doctor, auxiliary staff, ambulance);
- Two weapons technicians available.

Registration fee:

- 30,00 EUR per fencer

Opening ceremony¹

¹ Optional for the organiser

Awarding ceremony:

For each competition, taking into account the general ranking, the first 4 fencers will be rewarded.

Great attention must be paid to this official moment: the EFC's protocol must be strictly applied.

The athletes will wear on the podium, under penalty of exclusion, the tracksuit of their country (jacket and trousers) or Club.

Prizes:

Medal and certificate.