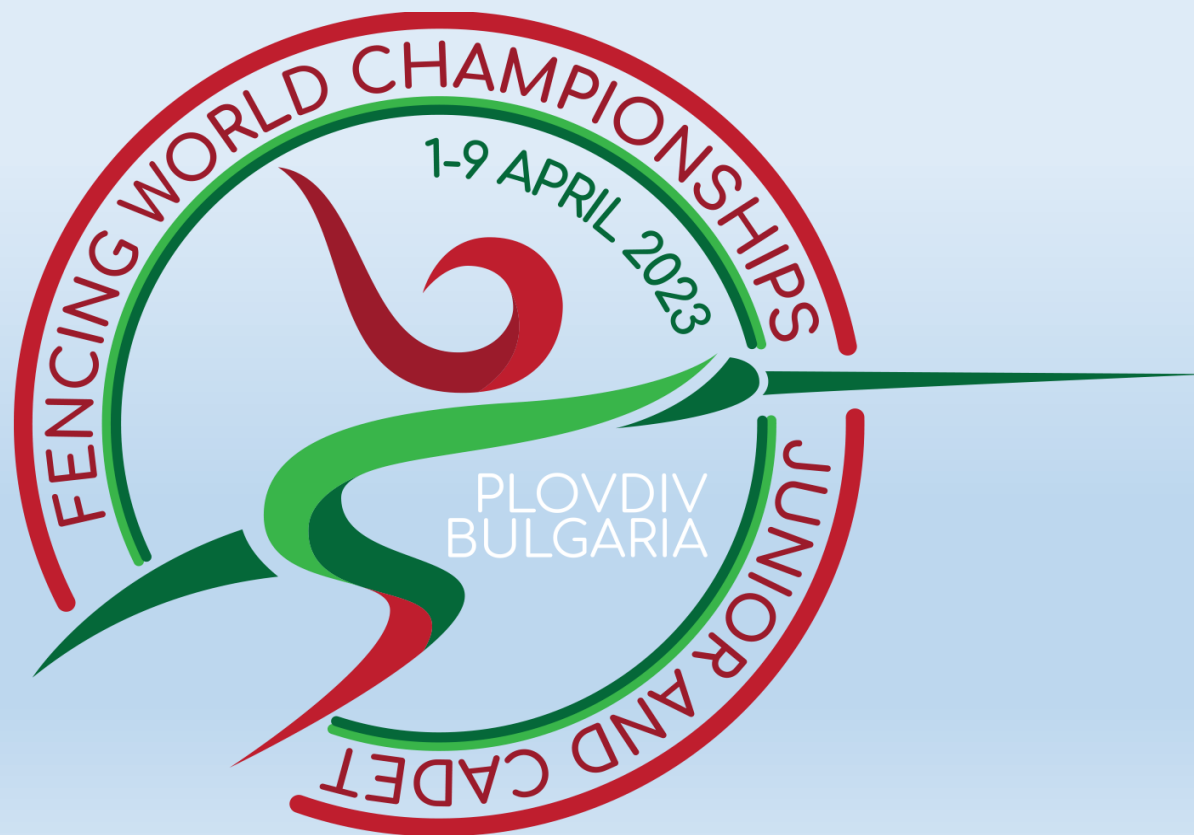




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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2023 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships! I hope you and your team have a successful and enjoyable visit to Bulgaria, this being the fourth time in 20 years Plovdiv will host this important FIE competition.

I would especially like to thank the Bulgarian Fencing Federation for their generous support, dedication and exceptionally skilled preparation and management. With more than 1,000 fencers expected to participate as well as coaches and staff from nearly 100 countries, we are confident plans will run smoothly in Plovdiv.

As always for the Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships, we will have a total of 18 exciting individual and team events in all weapons over nine days of competition. There will also be a training camp and several activities in which fencers and coaches have the opportunity to learn essential information about anti-doping, Safe Sport and Fair Play. Plus, our Donate Your Fencing Gear! programme will be available to receive equipment donations to benefit countries in need of support to develop fencing.

When you plan your visit to Plovdiv, be sure and take time with your athletes to explore the City's stunning and ancient history and architecture, including the marvelous old town as well as the Roman-era Ancient Theatre of Philippopolis.

I wish you the very best in your preparations for the Championships and look forward to seeing you in April in Plovdiv!

Emmanuel Katsiadakis
FIE Interim President





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I. Organizers



Bulgarian Fencing Federation

Mrs. Velichka Hristeva

President



International Fencing Federation

Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis

Interim President



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II. Plovdiv

Plovdiv is the second largest city and is the cultural capital of Bulgaria and it was the European Capital of Culture in 2019. It is an important economic, cultural and educational center. Plovdiv is situated in the south-central part of Bulgaria on the two banks of the Maritsa river. The city has many archaeological sites with remains from antiquity till nowadays – ancient theaters, medieval walls, Ottoman baths and mosques.

Plovdiv is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations. It has many hotels, restaurants, shopping centers, cafes, craftsmen shops and souvenir shops. The Plovdiv International Fair is the largest and oldest fair in the southeastern Europe located on a territory of 350 thousand squared meters. Plovdiv's geographical position makes it an international transport hub.





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III. General Information

Official language – Bulgarian

Currency – BGN(Bulgarian Lev)

Time – EST, UTC/GMT-5

Country Code - +359

Weather – Average weather in April(17-20°C)

Electricity – Electric current 220V(50 Hz)



Emergency Numbers – 112 for European SOS

166 for Police

150 for Ambulance

160 for Fire Department

Helpful numbers - +359 2 9842404 - Ministry of foreign affairs for tourist security issues

+359 2 8050300 - Ministry of health for emergency issues



IV. Schedule



DATE	COMPETITION	DATE	COMPETITION
30 March	Start of accreditation and weapon control	5 April	Cadet Individual Women's Foil Cadet Individual Men's Foil
31 March	DT and Referees meeting	6 April	Junior Team Women's Foil Junior Team Men's Foil
1 April	Junior Individual Women's Sabre Junior Individual Men's Sabre Opening Ceremony	7 April	Junior Individual Women's Epee Junior Individual Men's Epee
2 April	Cadet Individual Women's Sabre Cadet Individual Men's Sabre	8 April	Cadet Individual Women's Epee Cadet Individual Men's Epee
3 April	Junior Team Women's Sabre Junior Team Men's Sabre	9 April	Junior Team Women's Epee Junior Team Men's Epee Closing Ceremony
4 April	Junior Individual Women's Foil Junior Individual Men's Foil		



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V. Plovdiv International Fair

The fairgrounds is the largest in Southeast Europe with a total area of 352 000 square meters. It combines a comfortable base, up-to-date infrastructure and services that meet the highest standards in the organization of sport's complex and create a comfortable environment for the athletes and the staff. It hosted the World Fencing Cadet and Junior Championships in 2004, 2014 and 2017, the European Fencing Cadet and Junior Championships in 2017, the European Championships under 23 in 2016 in 2019, the European Fencing Senior Championships in 2009.





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VI. Accreditation

- According to the FIE Covid-19 plan for the 2022-2023 season the sanitary measures at FIE competitions have been adapted as follows, until further notice: - Wearing a sanitary mask is no longer compulsory, but remains recommended; Participants will have to present to the organizers the negative result of a Covid-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen test), carried out within a maximum of 72 hours before arrival in the country.
- These measures may be subject to review depending on the evolution of Covid-19 situation.
- The accreditation office and system will remain operational until the end of the World Championships in "Plovdiv International Fair".
- Accreditation will start 2 days before the competition. Working hours are daily from 08:00-18:00 from March 30 till April 9, 2023.
- Without accreditation no participant will be allowed to use internal transport, weapon control, training, venue, competition hall or any other facility.
- Accreditation cards with code will be prepared at the competition venue.
- Each participant will have to go to the venue to personally withdraw their accreditation, after:
- Parents accompanying children will not register on the FIE website. They will be accredited directly with the organizers outside/ in addition to the quota for each delegation.
- A personal photo of the accompanying persons or parents of the athletes should be sent via email by maximum March, 10th 2023.

Entry fees : The entry fees are **55 Euros** for the individual event and **140 Euros** for the team event.
Fees must be paid when registering in cash or by bank transfer.



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VII. VISA AND MINOR ATHLETES

- Kindly check for visa requirements to Bulgaria before making your reservations.
<https://www.mfa.bg/bg/uslugi-patuvania/konsulski-uslugi/patuvane-bulgaria/viza-bulgaria>
- If you need any visa support or assistance, please, fill in attached form and send it to the visa department along with a copy of your delegation' passports and photo (The national identity of some countries) no later than 15th of Feb 2023 to receive the needed support by Bulgarian Fencing Federation.
- It is extremely important that all requests are received by the stated date to ensure that the required visas are obtained on time. Any requests received after this date will not be accepted.

Minors accompanied by an adult only:

Minors are allowed to travel alone and enter the country without any problem. Just carry a letter from the National Federation to which he is affiliated, that he is participating in the tournament and will not face any problem at the airports.

If a child under the age of 18 is traveling with someone who is not a parent or a legal guardian, the supervising adult must have a written and signed statement certifying that she/he has parental consent for the child.

Minors accompanied by a group: In case of travelling with a group; the group should have a letter on organizational letterhead with:

- The name of the group and supervising adult(s).
- The names of the children on the trip and their primary address, phone number, date and place of birth, and name of at least one parent or legal guardian for each child.
- A written and signed statement of the supervising adult certifying that she/he has parental consent for each child.
- All minor should be accompanied by fully authorized person (team manager, coach, parent etc,...) with the proper written authorization (cf. Minor sample authorization form on the FIE website:
<https://fie.org/fie/documents/administrative-department>)



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VIII. Sofia International Airport and Transportation

Sofia International Airport is a major international airport located in Bulgaria. The airport is approximately 140 km away from Plovdiv. When the delegations arrive in Sofia there will be a tournament banner and an information desk to welcome all delegations.



Organizers will provide **transportation** from Sofia International Airport to Plovdiv and vice versa as well as from the official hotels to the venue. Transportation cost is **98 Euros per person for both ways**. Transport will be organized with the allocated busses that are during the WCH. Hotel bookings and transportation reservations must be done through the official site of the competition. Deadline: no later than 1st March 2023.



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Accommodation



Accommodation

Hotel 1: Grand hotel Plovdiv

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single Standard	90€
Double Standard	140€
Triple	210€
Single Premium	130€
Double Premium	160€

Hotel details

- ✓ 4-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 1 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Walking distance



Accommodation

Hotel 2: Hotel Sankt Peterburg

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single Standard	90€
Double	140€
Single Premium	110€

Hotel details

- ✓ 4-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 2 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 3: Hotel Imperial

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single Standard	90€
Double	140€
Single Premium	115€

Hotel details

- ✓ 4-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 3,5 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 4: Hotel Holiday Inn

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	90€
Double	130€

Hotel details

- ✓ 4-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 2 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 5: Hotel Leipzig

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	70€
Double	120€

Hotel details

- ✓ 4-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 3 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 6: Hotel SPS

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single Standard	60€
Double	105€
Single Premium	105€

Hotel details

- ✓ 3-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 4 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 7: Hotel Kendros

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	75€
Double	105€

Hotel details

- ✓ 3-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 4 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 8: Alliance Hotel

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	70€
Double	110€

Hotel details

- ✓ 4-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 3,5 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 9: Park Hotel Plovdiv

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	70€
Double	110€

Hotel details

- ✓ 3-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 4 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 10: Hotel BLVD 7

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	75€
Double	115€

Hotel details

- ✓ 3-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 1 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Walking distance



Accommodation

Hotel 11: Hotel A&M

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	65€
Double	105€

Hotel details

- ✓ 3-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 3,5 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided



Accommodation

Hotel 12: Hotel Philippopolis

Rates per room per night

Room Type	Respective price
Single	55€
Double	95€

Hotel details

- ✓ 3-star hotel
- ✓ Bed and breakfast
- ✓ 4 km. from the fencing venue
- ✓ Shuttle bus provided





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X. Contact Details

Official website: www.fencingplovdiv.com

Official email: info@fencingplovdiv.com

Visa form

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Accommodation form

- Federation:.....
- Hotel:
- Contact person:.....
- E-mail and phone No:.....



Room Type	Check-in date	Check-out date	No of nights
Single			
Double			

Transfer form

- Federation:.....
- Hotel:
- Contact person:.....
- E-mail and phone No:.....



ARRIVAL DETAILS			
Hotel	Time	Flight No	No of persons
DEPARTURE DETAILS			



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