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International Fencing Cup Dubai 2026

5-6 December

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founder's message



Dear Federations, Clubs, Fencers and Coaches,

On behalf of MK Fencing Academy, I am proud to invite you to the 10th MK Fencing Academy International Cup Dubai, taking place on 5–6 December 2026 at Dubai International Academy Town Square, Dubai, UAE, in partnership with the UAE Fencing Federation and Dubai Sports Council.

Since 2002, our work has been shaped by a passion for fencing and a commitment to giving fencers opportunities to develop, compete and progress. We have seen how much can begin with a first lesson, grow through patient coaching and dedicated training, and ultimately be tested on the competition piste. This Cup is part of that journey, bringing fencers together to test their progress, learn from different opponents and build friendships across clubs and countries.

The 10th edition is a milestone we are proud to share with all those who have helped us reach it: the Fencers, Coaches, Families, Clubs and Federations whose commitment has sustained and strengthened this event over the years. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the legacy we build together through the standards we uphold, the welcome we extend and the example we set for the next generation.

The individual competition programme includes:

- Épée: U10, U12, U14 and U17 Boys and Girls; Senior Men and Women
- Foil: U12 and U14 Boys and Girls
- Sabre: U12 and U14 Boys and Girls

To those returning, thank you for continuing to be part of this journey. To those joining us for the first time, we look forward to welcoming you into our Fencing community. Whether this is your first international competition or another step towards your next podium finish, we hope you leave Dubai with valuable experience, new friendships and renewed determination.

We would be delighted to welcome your team and celebrate this special 10th edition together, united by our love of fencing and our shared commitment to its future.

Yours in Fencing,

Dr Mihail Kouzev
Founder and CEO
MK Fencing Academy

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Competition categories
Épée: U10, U12, U14 and U17 Boys and Girls; Senior Men and Women
Foil: U12 and U14 Boys and Girls
Sabre: U12 and U14 Boys and Girls.

Registration
Fencers may register and pay their entry fees individually through our online registration platform. Clubs and national federations may also submit entries in bulk, with the option to pay collectively or allow each fencer to pay individually.
All fencers must be registered with both a fencing club and an official national fencing federation. Bulk submissions must include an official club or federation letter listing each fencer's full name, age group, competition category and weapon: épée, foil or sabre.
International fencers must provide a passport copy, proof of international insurance cover, medical check fitness certificate and, where applicable, a valid FIE licence number. For fencers under 18, individual registration must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.
All entries remain subject to eligibility checks, verification of the required documents and receipt of the entry fees.

Register online at MK Fencing Academy

Entry fees
Entry Fees (per fencer, per category):
U10, U12 and U14 – AED 100
U17 and Senior categories – AED 150

MKFA Fencing Academy
Emirates NBD Bank
IBAN: AE640260001015533207101
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Registration deadline
29 November 2026

Birth-year eligibility
Age Group Eligibility (Year of Birth)
Senior: Fencers born in 2014 or earlier
U17: 2010–2012 (Categories under 12, 14 can participate)
U14: 2013–2014 (Categories under 12, can participate)
U12: 2015–2016
U10: 2017-2018 and younger

Two days of competition
All times are Dubai local time (UTC+4). Boys and girls start together in their separate events. Each pool session has a two-hour window, followed by rankings, direct elimination and finals.

Saturday 5 December 2026
U10 Épée Boys and Girls; U14 Épée Boys and Girls; U14 Foil Boys and Girls;
U14 Sabre Boys and Girls; Senior Épée Men and Women.

Sunday 6 December 2026
U12 Épée Boys and Girls; U12 Sabre Boys and Girls; U12 Foil Boys and Girls;
U17 Épée Boys and Girls.

Rules and equipment control
Referees will check equipment at the start of each bout. Please ensure that all equipment meets the required standards and complies with the competition rules.

Competition rules
The competition will follow FIE competition rules, subject to the event's published age-group and equipment modifications. Pools will be followed by direct elimination and finals. U10 and U12 scoring limits, bout duration and qualification details specified in the final technical regulations.

Protective equipment
U10, U12
Fencers must use blade size 2 with mini guard in Épée, Sabre and Foil.

U10, U12 and U14
Full club-level protective equipment, 350 N: including mask, jacket, breeches, plastron, chest protector, glove and proper fencing socks covering the knees.

U17 and Senior Men and Women
Full FIE-compliant equipment is required for Senior Épée. This includes FIE clothing rated to at least 800 N, an FIE mask with a 1600 N bib, and FIE-compliant weapons.
A U17 fencer entering a senior competition must meet the full senior equipment requirements for that event.

U10 and U12 blades and guards
Size 2 blades with small (MINI) guards

Competitions Formula
U10 individual competitions are held in a round-robin pool system (5 touches per bout) over three-minute preliminary rounds, with 100% of players advancing to the direct-elimination rounds.

Direct elimination then proceeds according to the number of qualified players (10 touches, 6-minute bouts split into two 3-minute periods with a one-minute break between periods) in foil and épée, unless the rules of the game require otherwise. In sabre, the one-minute break occurs once either player reaches 5 touches.

The semi-final round is played so that the winners advance to the final, and the two beaten semi-finalists are ranked third and third-equal according to their position in the elimination bracket.

Individual competitions for the Under-12, Under-14, Under-17, and Senior categories are held in a round-robin pool system (5 touches per bout) over 3-minute preliminary rounds, with the following exclusion rates applied after the pools:

20%: where fewer than 30 players/fencers take part, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

30%: where more than 30 players/fencers take part, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Ranking after the preliminary pool results determines seeding; direct elimination then proceeds according to the number of qualified players (15 touches, 9-minute bouts split into three 3-minute periods with a one-minute break between periods) in foil and épée, unless the rules of the game require otherwise. In sabre, the one-minute break occurs once either player reaches 8 touches.

The winners of the semi-finals advance to the final, while the other two semi-finalists are both awarded joint third place.

Live Results
Live competition results will be available on Fencing Time Live. The link will be shared with all participants.

MK Fencing Academy International Cup

Team registration form

Club or Federation _____

Country _____

Team manager _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

No	Full name of fencer	Date of birth DD/MM/YYYY	Event category	Weapon

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Club or Federation confirmation

We confirm that the fencers listed above are registered with our club or federation, that their details are correct, and that we authorise their entry in the event categories indicated. We further confirm that they are medically fit to participate in the event.

We acknowledge the requirement to complete the event's Waiver of Liability Form and will ensure that it is completed and signed by each fencer, or by their parent or legal guardian where applicable, before participation.

Authorised representative _____

Position _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Official club or federation stamp

Additional Information

Visas and accommodation

MK Fencing Academy does not arrange visas or hotel accommodation. All visa applications, accommodation bookings and associated costs are the sole responsibility of the relevant Federation, Club or Individual participant. The Academy can only provide an invitation letter to attend the event, which does not guarantee visa approval.

Preparing for the competition

We ask Federations and Clubs to review the competition information with their Fencers and parents before submitting entries. Please check age eligibility, event categories, required documents and equipment standards carefully, and ensure that all registration requirements are completed by the published deadline.

Before travelling, each delegation should ensure that its fencers are medically fit to compete and have appropriate international insurance covering their participation. Please also review the event timetable and equipment control arrangements so that athletes arrive prepared and on time.

Respect on and off the piste

We ask everyone attending to support a respectful and welcoming environment. Encouragement from coaches, families and teammates is an important part of the competition experience. Please respect referees' decisions, fellow competitors and venue staff throughout the event.

We look forward to welcoming your delegation to Dubai and sharing two days of fencing with you.

Discover Dubai

Beyond the piste, Dubai offers visiting fencers and their families plenty to explore together. Discover the city's heritage around Dubai Creek and Al Fahidi, browse the traditional souks, or experience the views of the Burj Khalifa and the atmosphere of Dubai Marina. Beaches and desert excursions offer further opportunities to enjoy your time in the UAE.

We hope your visit will be an opportunity to enjoy international fencing, spend time with family and friends, and discover a city that welcomes people from around the world.

https://www.visitdubai.com/en



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