



Presidents Cup & Veteran's Sabre Championship 2023

Fencing New Zealand and Fencing Central invite you to attend the 2023 Presidents Cup and Veteran's Sabre Championship

Key Information

Date: Saturday 27th May 2023 to Sunday 28th May 2023

Venue: [Upper Gym, Wellington High School, Taranaki Street, Wellington](#)

Eligibility: To fence in the open events fencers must be 13 years or older ([Fencing NZ minimum age policy](#)).

Contact: tournaments@fencingcentral.org.nz

Affiliations

Please note that all competitors must be affiliated members of Fencing New Zealand or if you are an overseas competitor, you must be affiliated to your national body. Go to fencing.org.nz/membership to affiliate with your relevant region. Affiliations of all competitors will be checked at time of entry.

Competition Format

Presidents Cup: One round of poules (bouts to five hits) followed by direct elimination (bouts to 15 hits). Separate events will be held for each gender.

Veteran's Sabre Championship: One round of poules (bouts to five hits) followed by direct elimination (bouts to ten hits). Separate events will be held for each gender, unless a minimum of four participants in each gender is not achieved.

Multiple discipline entry: If you are entered in multiple disciplines and the next discipline is scheduled to begin while you are still competing, you will be scratched from the then starting discipline and expected to continue competing in the ongoing discipline. No refunds will be provided.

Medals: Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd equal placings.

Non-combativity: FIE rule t.124, non-combativity will be implemented at this competition.

Podium protocol: All fencers must wear either their club jacket, regional or FeNZ tracksuit jacket, breeches or tracksuit pants, fencing socks and shoes while on the podium. No hats, sunglasses or other similar attire are to be worn on the podium during the presentation.

Video refereeing: The use of video refereeing is yet to be determined. If used, video referees will be used for the final bout of all events. In all cases, it will be used at the discretion of the Head DT and Head Referee. Video footage will be used purely to review decisions and will not be released post competition.

Competition Fees

Presidents Cup & Veteran's Sabre Championship: \$60.00 for first event.

Additional events: \$40.00 for each additional event (maximum \$180.00 for 4 events).

Late entry fee: \$50.00 for entries received after 10:00pm Friday 19th May.

Entries due: 10:00pm Friday 19th May. Entries received after this date will attract a \$50.00 late fee and are at discretion of the Head DT and Head Referee.

Payment can be made by direct deposit to **02-0500-0025212-00** and is due by May 19th. Please reference **fencer's full name** and "**PC23**" and ensure that the amount paid is accurate and includes late fees if applicable. Cheques and cash will not be accepted.

Equipment Standards

All clothing and equipment must be in a good state of repair and cleanliness.

Torso: 350N (CEN 1) or 800N (CEN 2) (jacket & plastron 1150N total)

Breeches: 350N (CEN 1)

Gloves: 800 N (CEN 1) (sabre only)

Chest protector: Compulsory for women's events.

Foil: Lamé bibs (curly mask wires are not permitted) and FIE blades required, Bayonet and 2 pin body wires accepted.

Épée: FIE blades required. Leon Paul SR-71 blades that are stamped 08-2012 to 06-2015 will not be accepted. Leon Paul V blade stamped 08-2012 to 06-2015 without a unique serial number will not be accepted.

Sabre: FIE blades S2000 or later blades required. Curly mask wires are not permitted.

Masks & Bibs: 350N (CEN 1)

The FIE 2018 strapping system requirements are now compulsory. All masks must adhere to the [Fencing New Zealand Masks Weapon Control Requirements](#) effective from May 2021.

Weapons control: Open on Friday 26th May 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the venue. Weapons control is also open for one hour before the start of each event, however priority will be given to out-of-town fencers at this time. All local fencers should attend weapons control on the Friday evening during tournament set up.

Control marks: It is the fencer's responsibility to ensure that all equipment that goes through weapons control has control marks. It is the fencer's responsibility to ensure control marks are still present every time they go to the piste.

COVID-19 Protocols

There is a continued risk of COVID-19 in the New Zealand community, therefore the following guidelines will be followed:

- Fencers, coaches, officials, and spectators who are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms should withdraw from the competition and stay away from the venue.
- Fencers, coaches, officials and spectators who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 are to isolate and stay away from the venue.
- The change to rule t.122 will apply. Fencers do not have to shake hands of their opponent or the referee on the piste but can salute instead.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for use before fencers start poules & DE rounds.
- If there is an alert level change in Wellington, guidelines will be issued to all registered fencers with any updates regarding venue, spectators or any additional protocol that will be put into place.

Presidents Cup 2023 Timetable⁺

Saturday 27th May

| Event | Registration opens | Registration closes | Start time |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Men's Foil | 7:45am | 8:00am | 8:30am |
| Women's Épée | 8:45am | 9:00am | 9:30am |
| Men's Sabre | 11:30am | 11:45am | 12:15pm |
| Women's Sabre | 12:45pm | 1:00pm | 1:30pm |
| Veteran's Sabre | 1:15pm | 1:30pm | 2:00pm |

Sunday 28th May

| Event | Registration opens | Registration closes | Start time |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Men's Épée | 7:45am | 8:00am | 8:30am |
| Women's Foil | 8:45am | 9:00am | 9:30am |

* Starting time may vary subject to completion of preceding events.

⁺ We cannot guarantee the finish time of any events or days. We strongly advise that return flights are booked after 7:00pm on the day of fencing or day after.

Competition Entry

Entry conditions: By registering as a participant in this tournament, you are agreeing to abide by the rules of fencing as set out by the FIE, OFC, Fencing New Zealand, and any directions given by the organisers in relation to the running of the tournament. You agree that you fence at your own risk, and that should emergency medical care need be sought, that this is at your own expense in the event of sudden accident or illness. You agree to abide by all applicable Fencing New Zealand rules including the FeNZ Health and Safety Policy and the Fencers Code of Conduct.

Anti-doping: By participating in this event, you agree that you have been warned of the potential of being selected for anti-doping testing and you will comply with anti-doping testing if required. The testing process and your rights and responsibilities as an athlete are outlined in the [Drug Free Sport NZ website](#).

COVID-19 agreement: I understand that Fencing NZ and Fencing Central continue to monitor the overseas and local COVID-19 situation. I agree that if I have recently been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 that I will refrain from fencing at this competition or other competitions unless I test negative.

Wellbeing agreement: I agree to withdraw from this competition if I am feeling unwell on the day of the competition. I agree to submit to having my temperature checked by the medical officer if the DT requires. If my temperature is taken and it is 38C or higher I agree to withdraw from the competition and leave the venue.

Photography: I understand that video and photographs may be taken at the event, including competitors, officials, and spectators. I agree that photos taken at the venue may be used by Fencing Central and Fencing New Zealand for promotional purposes, including posting on official social media channels.

Withdrawals: In the event that you must withdraw from the competition or an event, you must notify the tournament organiser or Head DT either by emailing tournaments@fencingcentral.org.nz or calling (+64)27-229-6102 a minimum of one hour before registrations for the event open.

Entry form: [Click here to enter](#). Please note that entries are due by 10:00pm Friday 19th May. Entries received after this date will attract a \$50.00 late fee and are at discretion of the Head DT and Head Referee.

Additional Information

Food stall: Hutt Valley Fencing Club will be running a food stall with a variety of different food and drink options available for purchase.

Waste reduction: Fencing Central is taking steps towards reducing the amount of waste produced at our tournaments. We will no longer be selling bottled water and instead encourage everyone to bring their own reusable drink bottle. We ask people to bring their own reusable travel cup to the tournament if they intend to purchase hot drinks.

Live results: Live results will be available on the [Fencing Central website](#) and at the [Fencing Time Live website](#).

Accommodation: Several accommodation options are in close proximity to the venue.

- [Marksman Motor Inn - 40 Sussex Street, Mount Cook, Wellington](#)
- [Capital View Motor Inn Motel - 12 Thompson Street, Mount Cook, Wellington](#)
- [The Cambridge Hotel - 28 Cambridge Terrace, Te Aro, Wellington](#)

All information contained in this document was correct at time of publication. Competition details are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament organiser. Please visit fencingcentral.org.nz for the most up-to-date competition information.