



Waitangi Weekend National Open

Fencing New Zealand and Fencing Central invite you to attend the 2022 Waitangi Weekend National Open Tournament

Key Information

Date: Saturday 5th February 2022 to Monday 7th February 2022

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](#)). To fence in the veteran events fencers must be 40+ years old on 31st December 2022.

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.

Vaccinations

Fencing NZ Events and Tournaments are Vaccine Certificate Required events. **No Jab, No Stab.**

Double (or triple) vaccinations – evidenced by a MOH Vaccine Pass are mandatory for all eligible persons attending a Fencing NZ event or competition, unless proof of exemption from the MOH is provided in advance along with an approved negative test not older than 72h. Please contact us beforehand as unannounced exemptions will not be accepted on the day.

Competition Format

Waitangi Weekend Open: One round of poules (bouts to five hits) followed by direct elimination (bouts to 15 hits). Separate events will be held for each gender, and for Open and Veteran age categories.

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 podium. No hats, sunglasses or other similar attire are to be worn on the podium during 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

Waitangi Weekend Open: \$60.00 for first event.

Additional events: \$30.00 for each additional event (maximum \$150.00 for 4+ events).

Late entry fee: \$50.00 for entries received after 10:00pm Friday 28th January.

Payment can be made by direct deposit to 02-0500-0025212-00. Please reference as fencer's name and "Waitangi22". Please ensure that the amount paid is accurate and includes late fees if applicable. Payment is required in advance, and cheques and cash will not be accepted at the venue.

Entries due: 10:00pm Friday 28th January. Entries received after this date will attract a \$50.00 late fee and are at discretion of the Head DT and Head Referee.

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 2013 to 2015 will not be accepted. Leon Paul V blade 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 4th February 6:00pm to 9:00pm. 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.

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

While there is a risk of COVID-19 in the community and New Zealand is at Alert Level one or higher the following additional rules and protocols 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.
- The DT has the right to refuse entry to a competitor, coach, official or spectator who is showing signs of being unwell. This will be determined by a medically trained officer who will administer a temperature check. If the result comes back over 38C+ they shall be removed from the competition.
- Fencers' equipment & whites must be clean and recently washed.
- There is to be no sharing of fencing equipment or water bottles.
- Please sign in with the government COVID Tracer App when you enter the venue.
- The change to rule t.122 will apply. Fencers will not shake hands of their opponent or the referee on the piste but will salute instead.
- There is to be no hugging or kissing at the conclusion of bouts.
- Spare weapons/ body wires need to be kept either in a piste bag or neatly at the end of the piste. They need to be removed by the fencer at the end of each bout.
- Hand sanitiser will be at each piste for use before fencers start poules & DE rounds.
- QR codes will be posted around the venue that will link fencers to the live competition results. Results will not be posted in one location within the venue, as we wish to minimise large congregation of fencers/ coaches and spectators.
- 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.

Waitangi Weekend National Open 2022 Timetable⁺

Saturday 5th February

Event	Registration opens	Registration closes	Start time
Men's Épée	7:45am	8:00am	8:30am
Women's Foil	Morning event. Start time to be confirmed based on entry numbers.		
Veteran's Foil	Afternoon event. Start time to be confirmed based on entry numbers.		

Sunday 6th February

Event	Registration opens	Registration closes	Start time
Men's & Women's Sabre	Afternoon event. Start time to be confirmed based on entry numbers.		
Veteran's Sabre	Afternoon event. Start time to be confirmed based on entry numbers.		
Veteran's Épée	Afternoon event. Start time to be confirmed based on entry numbers.		

Monday 7th February

Event	Registration opens	Registration closes	Start time
Men's Foil	7:45am	8:00am	8:30am
Women's Épée	Morning event. Start time to be confirmed based on entry numbers.		

* 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 travelled from overseas or been in close contact with anyone who has travelled from overseas or tested positive for COVID-19 that I will refrain from fencing at this competition or other competitions for 14 days.

Vaccinations: A copy or screenshot of the vaccine passes can be emailed ahead of time to president@fencingcentral.org.nz OR shown during registration. These passes will not be kept on a file and will only be viewed by the Tournament Organiser and the DT of the event, these will all be deleted at the completion of the tournament.

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 28th January. 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.