



Presidents Cup & Veteran Sabre Championship 2026

Fencing New Zealand and Fencing Central invite you to attend the 2026 Presidents Cup & Veteran Sabre Championship

Key Information

Date: Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th November 2026

Venue: [Main Gym, Upper Hutt College, Moonshine Road, Upper Hutt](#)

Eligibility: To fence in the open events, fencers must be aged 13 years or older. To fence in the veteran sabre, fencers must be aged 40 years or older by 31 December 2026.

Contact: secretaryfencingcentral@gmail.com

Entry form: [Enter here](#)

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

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

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 placings.

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

Podium protocol: All fencers must wear a tracksuit jacket if they have one, their club jacket, regional or national 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: Video referees will be used for the semis and final bouts of all events where available. 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

Junior Individual Championship: \$60.00 for first event.

Additional Individual events: \$30.00 for each additional individual event.

Entries due: 10:00pm Wednesday 4th November.

Entries received after this date will attract a **\$50.00 late fee**.

Payment can be made by direct deposit to:

Fencing Central

02-0500-0025212-00

Payment is due at the time of entry. Please reference **fencer's full name** and **"PC26"** and ensure that the amount paid is accurate and includes late fees if applicable.

Equipment Standards

[Equipment Standards for Fencing NZ Competitions](#)

All clothing and equipment (Masks, Weapons and wires) used at a National Competition will be clean and comply with all safety rules before being presented for Weapons Control.

Torso:	350N (CEN 1) or 800N (CEN 2) (jacket & plastron 1150N total)
Breeches:	350N (CEN 1)
Gloves:	800 N (CEN 1) (sabre only)
Socks	Socks must cover the legs right up to the breeches and be held up in such a way that they cannot fall down, and do not have any holes.
Chest protector:	Compulsory for all women's events. Foil: all chest protectors must have an over cover.
Foil:	Lamé bibs and FIE blades required. Curly mask wires are not permitted.
Épée:	FIE blades required. Leon Paul SR-71 Epee blades dated 08-2012 to 06-2015, and Leon Paul V Epee blades 08-2012 to 06-2015 without serial numbers are not permitted.
Sabre:	FIE blades S2000 or later blades required. Curly mask wires are not permitted.
Masks & Bibs:	350N (CEN 1)

Weapons control: Open on Friday 13th November 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 Thursday evening during the 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.

Presidents Cup 2026 Timetable Day One

Saturday 14th November

Event	Registration opens	Registration closes	Start time
Men's Foil	8am	8:30am	9am
Women's Epee	10am	10:30am	10am
Women's Foil	12pm	12:30pm	1pm

* 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.

Presidents Cup 2026 Timetable Day Two

Sunday 15th November

Event	Registration opens	Registration closes	Start time
Men's Sabre	8am	8:30am	9am
Women's Sabre	9am	9:30am	10am
Men's Epee	8am	8:30am	9am
Veteran Sabre	12pm	12:30pm	1pm

* 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](#).

Wellbeing agreement: You agree to withdraw from this competition if you are feeling unwell on the day of the competition.

Photography: You understand that video and photographs may be taken at the event, including competitors, officials, and spectators. You 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. If this is an issue please advise the DT by emailing tournaments@fencingcentral.org.nz

Withdrawals: In the event that you must withdraw from the competition or an event, you must notify the DT by emailing secretaryfencingcentral@gmail.com 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 Wednesday 4th November. 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 likely be running a food stall with a variety of different food and drink options available for purchase. Payment will be accepted via cash, there is no eftpos machine.

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 Time Live website](#).

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

- [Bristol Motel, Trentham](#)
- [Totara Lodge Motor Inn](#)
- [Matahari Apartments and Villas](#)

Travel to the venue:

From Wellington City: Regular Hutt Valley train services connect Wellington Station with Upper Hutt. Approximately 30–35 km from central Wellington — around 35–45 minutes by car.

From Wellington Airport: Approximately 35 km away, around 45 minutes by car depending on traffic.

Public transport: Airport Express connects the airport with Wellington Station, where travellers can transfer to the Upper Hutt train with regular services.

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.