

FENCING SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL

Singapore
10 - 16 July 2008

INVITATION

Dear Sir / Madam,

Fencing Singapore is pleased to invite your fencers to participate in our Fencing Singapore International 2008.

This is the 6th time that Singapore is hosting the Fencing Singapore International and the first time that we have junior events added to the competition. We hope you will grace the competition with your participation.

Details about this competition can be found in the following pages. If you need further details, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Wang Wenying (Finance & Admin Executive) or Ms Loo Luan Luan (General Manager, Fencing Singapore) at the following:

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I look forward to having your support and favorable response soonest. More than that, I look forward to welcoming you and your contingent to Singapore in July.

Yours sincerely,



Adrian Lee
President

16 May 2008

Enclosures: Competition information

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COMPETITION DETAILS

- Date:** 10 to 16 July 2008
- Venue:**
Hall 3, Sports & Recreation Centre
Nanyang Technological University, 20 Nanyang Green, S(637715)
The competition venue is air-conditioned. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A **NO-SMOKING** VENUE and smoking is prohibited AT ALL TIMES throughout the campus.
- Organizer:**
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- Competition Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
9 Jul 08 (Wed)	2:00pm	Weapon's control
	4:00pm	Meeting for DT & referees
	5:00pm	Meeting for Team Managers
<u>Open Category</u>		
10 Jul 08 (Thu)	9:00am	Preliminary round - Individual men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	12:00pm	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Individual men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	6:00pm	Opening ceremony
	6:30pm	Finals - Individual men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	7:30pm	Prize presentation
11 Jul 08 (Fri)	9:00am	Preliminary round - Individual men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	12:00pm	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Individual men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	5:00pm	Finals - Individual men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	6:00pm	Prize presentation
12 Jul 08 (Sat)	9:00am	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Team men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	4:00pm	Finals - Team men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	6:00pm	Prize presentation
13 Jul 08 (Sun)	9:00am	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Team men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	4:00pm	Finals - Team men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	6:00pm	Prize presentation
<u>Junior Category</u> (under-20 years of age as of 1 Jan 2008)		
14 Jul 08 (Thu)	9:00am	Preliminary round - Individual men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	12:00pm	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Individual men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	5:00pm	Finals - Individual men's epee, men's sabre & women's foil
	6:00pm	Prize presentation
15 Jul 08 (Fri)	9:00am	Preliminary round - Individual men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	12:00pm	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Individual men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	5:00pm	Finals - Individual men's foil, women's epee & women's sabre
	6:00pm	Prize presentation
16 Jul 08 (Sat)	9:00am	Direct elimination to semi-finals - Team men's & women's epee/foil/sabre
	5:00pm	Finals - Team men's & women's epee/foil/sabre
	6:00pm	Prize presentation

The above schedule may be subject to changes.

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5. Participants

Each country may enter any number of fencers for each individual event and any number of teams for each team event. Each team will comprise of three (3) competitors and one (1) substitute. For the junior events, participants must be less than 20 years of age on 1 Jan 2008.

6. Entries

- (i) Preliminary Entry (by event and number) – Form 1, by **6 June 2008 (Friday)**.
- (ii) Final Entry (by event and name) – Forms 2 & 3, by **20 June 2008 (Friday)**.

7. Competition Methods

The fencing competition shall be conducted in accordance with the current Statues and Rules of the FIE. In case of disagreement in interpretation of the Rules, the latest English version shall prevail. The Directoire de Technique shall deal with any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules.

8. Equipment

All equipment used must pass standard weapon and equipment tests as prescribed by FIE. Kindly note it is COMPULSORY for all participants to wear FIE 800N underplastrons. It is NOT COMPULSORY, however, to wear 800N FIE fencing jackets / breeches. All equipment must be sent for weapons testing and marked by us before they can be used in the competition.

9. Competition Management

(a) Referee

Each country participating in the competition must be accompanied by a number of referees according to the following formula:

1 - 4 fencers	no referee required
5 - 9 fencers	1 referee required
10 or more fencers	2 referees required

Please ensure that the referees are **properly attired** in jacket/blazer and long pants. They are to be on duty under the assignment of the Directoire de Technique throughout the competition.

(b) Directoire de Technique (DT)

The DT shall be responsible for the technical organisation of the competition. The members shall consist of representatives from the participating countries, including one from the host country. The decision of the DT shall be final.

(c) Protests

Appeals against decisions of a referee should be immediately made by the competitors or their team captains to the referee, before any decision is made regarding a subsequent hit. If the referee should maintain his decision, the complaint shall be brought to the attention of the DT.

10. Prizes

Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each event. Joint bronzes will be awarded for both Individual and Team events.

11. Entry Fees, Accommodation & Food

The rate of entry fees is SGD30.00/person/individual event and SGD80.00/team/event

The official accommodation is located within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in 2 hostels:

(i) Hall of Residence 1, 21 Nanyang Circle, NTU, Singapore 639778

(ii) Hall of Residence 2, 41 Student Walk, NTU, Singapore 639549

Single room: SGD40.00/person/day (limited in numbers, priority will go to team officials)

Twin-sharing room: SGD35.00/person/day

Both are located within 5 minutes' walking distance from the competition venue. The rooms are non-airconditioned but there are big ceiling fans which keep them breezy and well-ventilated. Food outlets are available around the campus. **Two-way airport transfer is included in the above rates.**

Payment for entry fees and accommodation is to be made in cash by 9 July 2008 after the Team Managers' Meeting.

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Please use Form 4 for reservation of accommodation and airport pick-up and fax it to us at fax no.: (65) 6234 0925 by **20 June 2008**. We are able to assist teams which prefer to stay in air-conditioned hotels but we would like to inform you that the competition venue is far away from town and it is difficult to source for hotels during this period.

12. Photos

Please email us a passport sized photo (in .jpg, .bmp or .tif format) of each participant (officials and athletes) for purpose of making ID cards. Kindly name each photo file in the following manner:
<COUNTRY CODE in block letters>_<FUNCTION>_<LAST NAME in block letters>_<FIRST NAME>.
E.g. SIN_Athlete_YING_DaoWan.jpg, CHN_Official_NI_Hao.jpg

13. Language

The official language for Fencing Singapore International 2008 is English.

14. General Information

(i) Currency

Singapore's unit of currency is the Singapore Dollar (SGD). Foreign currency or traveler checks can be exchanged freely at banks, international tourist hotels and the airport. Current exchange rate is approximately SGD 1.39 for USD 1.00. Major credit cards are widely accepted in most places.

(ii) Entry Formalisation

All passengers entering Singapore must possess valid passports, participants are recommended to check with local Singapore Embassies for visa applications before traveling.

Foreigners holding travel documents issued by the following countries will require a Visa to enter Singapore:

Assessment Level I Countries:

India*, Myanmar*, People's Republic of China+ (PRC), Holders of Hong Kong Document of Identity, Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Travel Permit and Commonwealth of Independent States+ (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan).

* Except for visitors with Diplomatic, Official and Service passports.

+ Except for visitors with Diplomatic, Official, Service and Public Affairs passports who are exempted from visa requirements for a stay of up to 30 days

Refer to this link for visa application procedures:

Assessment Level II Countries:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, and holders of Palestinian Authority Passport, Temporary Passport issued by the United Arab Emirates and Refugee Travel Document issued by Middle-East countries.

Refer to this link for visa application procedures: <http://www.ica.gov.sg/page.aspx?pageid=169&secid=166>

For the letter of invitation (Form V39A), please use attached copy and fill in the name, country of citizenship, passport number and country of embarkation. Email the completed copy to us so that we can sign and stamp it and email back to you in PDF copy for submission to the Singapore embassy in your country.

(iii) Weather & Dress

Singapore has a warm and humid climate throughout the year with a daily average temperature range of 24°C to 32°C. There may be isolated to scattered late morning and early afternoon showers during the competition period. Light clothing made from natural fabrics like cotton is best for everyday wear.

(iv) Water & Electricity

It is safe to drink water straight from the tap in Singapore. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, any supermarket will have ample stocks. Electric current is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles/sec, AC.

(v) Tipping

Tipping is not encouraged as most hotels and restaurants in Singapore already levy a 10% service charge on customers' bills. Tipping is not a way of life in Singapore and is prohibited at the airport.

(vi) Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in all educational institutions, public service vehicles, museums, libraries, lifts, theatres, cinemas, air-conditioned eating places, hair salons, supermarkets, department stores and government offices. Offenders can be fined up to SGD 1,000. However, smoking is permitted in air-conditioned pubs, discos, karaoke bars and nightspots.

