

Updated description of the project “European U14 Circuit”

- 1) The project already existed under testing pilot mode since 2018/2019 season; many competitions with increasing participants were running and cca 27 countries were participating in competitions.
- 2) The project was updated and is presented upon results of the survey convened in 2020 as follows:
 - a) 82% of answers express the wish to enter official EFC age category U14
 - b) The majority voted for the setting the EFC ranking from the overall calendar where only 3 competitions will be taken into account
 - c) The large majority of respondents voted for the European U14 Championships to be organised by the end of the season
 - d) Then, 70% voted for Organising Championships in 3 different cities, thus using only 3 weekend days
 - e) 57% wish to handle the inscriptions of fencers and referees by the national federations. In case, the EFC is still able to put in place the system allowing the administration of entries by clubs if the federation's offices would feel overcharged
- 3) Some other important characteristics:
 - a) General Calendar U14 will be prepared by the EFC Sport and Technical Director the same way as it is in U17, i.e. upon suggestions coming from interested clubs – organizers via their national federation
 - b) No limitation of competitions per weapon will be applied, allowing the participation in reasonable number of competitions, rather in neighbouring countries
 - c) Due to the new situation in the EFC from the financial aspect, the EFC licenses will be required for fencers and referees also in U14 Circuit. That way only fencers and referees equipped by EFC license for the concerned season can participate in the Circuit.
 - d) There is only one restriction: for U14 Calendar only tournaments containing both genders, girls and boys, can be proposed. However, proposed tournament can contain one or several weapons according to the decision of the organisers.
 - e) Results, generally with details from all U14 tournaments, will be available at EFC website: <https://www.eurofencing.info/competitions/latest-results>
 - f) The tournaments will be open to participants from any country in the World
 - g) Only member clubs from Europe can apply for competition organization
 - h) When a competition is finished organizer can upload results files (XML and pdf). Assistance from the EFC STD will be available if needed.
 - i) One photo of the podium of each competition would be uploaded once the competition is finished
 - j) No EFC prescribed detailed formula will be defined at this stage. However, it is recommended to run all competitions with one or two round of pools followed by the table of direct elimination.
 - k) The EFC U14 ranking will be calculated using only simple FIE scale from 32

points (the first place in the final placement) to 1 point (places in T 128) without any multiplication. Only fencers qualified from the round of pools can be awarded by points in the ranking.

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