37th Senior National Championships (2026-2027)

Guru Nanak Dev University,Amritsar,Punjab

27th November to 2nd December, 2026

1. ORGANISERS

Punjab Fencing Association
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2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. Dates of the Championship: 27th November to 2nd December, 2026

2.2. Venue: Gymnasium Hall, Guru Nanak Dev University

2.3. Address of the Venue: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab

2.4. Date of Reporting: 26th November, 2026 (On or Before 2:00 PM)

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1. Age criteria: Fencers, who are over 13 years of age as of 31st October 2026, are eligible to participate in this Championship.

3.2. Participants: A member unit/SSCB may enter a maximum of 24 fencers, 4 men and 4 women per weapon. Team event participation is limited to one team per weapon, per gender, per Member Unit/SSCB.

3.3. Participation Fee: INR 1,000 (Rupees One Thousand Only) to be paid at the venue.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1. FAI Registration and license: Fencers participating in this National Fencing Championship should be registered with the FAI and have a valid license for the year 2026 – 2027. There is no on-the-spot registration.

4.2. Registration before entry: Registration of fencers should be completed and license numbers issued before sending the entry, failing which, the entry will not be processed.

5. ENTRIES

5.1. Letter confirming entry: The State/ UT Association/ SSCB is required to send a Letter of Confirmation on their letterhead regarding the participation in this National Championship, signed by the President or Secretary or CEO/Director. The letter should necessarily include the following information:

5.1.1. Total number of participants
5.1.2. Total number of team officials
5.1.3. Name and Mobile number of Team Officials

5.2. Participants Entry Form: The template (Excel Sheet) Participants Entry Form shared with this invitation should be submitted with requisite information about participants.

5.3. Form of Consent: The Form of Consent, that is provided along with invitation, should be duly filled out by the fencers and the coaches/team officials and submitted by the fencers and officials at the venue.

5.4. Email: The Letter of Confirmation and Participants Entry Form should be mailed to info@fencingindia.org , sportsm2@fencingindia.org

5.5. **Last date submission of Entry by Name to FAI: 18th November, 2026 11:59 pm. The entry should include Letter of Confirmation and the Participants Entry Form. Entry after the dates will be imposed a fine of 1000 rupees per fencer. No face of charge per fencers will 5000.**

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Ceremonies: Opening Ceremony of the Championship is scheduled at 02:30 pm on 27th November, 2026.
Closing Ceremony of the Championship is scheduled at 06:00 pm on 02nd December, 2026.

6.2. Technical Officials Meeting: A meeting of the technical officials will be held at the competition venue on 26th November, 2026 06:00 pm. The team manager/coach should necessarily attend the meeting.

6.3. Competition Schedule:

Day 1	**27th November, 2026**	
Time	Event	Format of competition
08:00	Men's Foil Individual	Pools
09:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
10:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Women's Foil Individual	Pools
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
13:30		Direct Elimination Table of 32
14:15		Direct Elimination Table of 16
14:40		Direct Elimination Table of 8
15:15		Semi-finals
15:40		Finals

Day 2	28th November, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	Men's Foil Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Women's Foil Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:15		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals

Day 3	29th November, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
08:00	Men's Sabre Individual	Pools
09:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
10:15		Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Women's Sabre Individual	Pools
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 64
13:30		Direct Elimination Table of 32
14:15		Direct Elimination Table of 16
14:40		Direct Elimination Table of 8
15:15		Semi-finals
15:40		Finals
Day 4	**30th November, 2026**	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	Men's Sabre Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Women's Sabre Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:15		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals

Day 5	1st December, 2026	
12:00	Men's Epee Individual	Pools
15:15		Direct Elimination Table of 64
16:30		Direct Elimination Table of 32
17:15		Direct Elimination Table of 16
17:40		Direct Elimination Table of 8
18:10		Semi-finals
18:30		Finals
12:00	Women's Epee Individual	Pools
15:15		Direct Elimination Table of 64
16:30		Direct Elimination Table of 32
17:15		Direct Elimination Table of 16
17:40		Direct Elimination Table of 8
18:10		Semi-finals
18:30		Finals

Day 6	2nd December, 2026	
Time	Event	Format of competition
09:00	Men's Epee Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
10:45		Direct Elimination Table of 16
11:10		Direct Elimination Table of 8
11:40		Semi-finals
12:10		Finals
10:00	Women's Epee Team	Direct Elimination Table of 32
11:30		Direct Elimination Table of 16
12:30		Direct Elimination Table of 8
14:15		Semi-finals
15:15		Finals

***This is a tentative schedule. FAI reserves the right to make changes.**

7. RULES

The fencing competition will be held in accordance with the FIE Rules that are in force at the time of this competition.

8. DURATION AND SCORING

8.1. Individual Events:

In preliminary pool round, the object of a bout is to effectively score 5 hits in three [3] minutes. At the end of three [3] minutes, if there is a difference of at least one hit between the scores of the two fencers, the fencer who has scored the greater

number of hits is declared winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute. In Epee, if the two fencers reach a score of 4 – 4, they must fence for a deciding hit, up to a time limit.

In direct elimination, the bouts will consist of three [3] periods of three [3] minutes, with [1] minute between the periods, or until one fencer has scored 15 hits. As an exception, in sabre, the first period ends either at the expiry of the three [3] minutes or when one of the fencers has scored 8 hits. If the third period is completed before either fencer has scored 15 hits, the fencer with the most hits will be declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

8.2. Team Events:

Till the table of 16, each elimination match will consist of three [3] bouts, to a maximum of 15 hits. Each bout will last three [3] minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of ten hits after the second bout, and a score of 15 after the third bout. If the third bout is completed before either team has scored 15 hits, the team with the most hits will be declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

From the table of 16 onwards, each match will consist of nine [9] bouts, to a maximum of 45 hits. Each bout will last three [3] minutes, or until one team's score has reached the next multiple of 5 hits after the first bout, a score of ten hits after the second bout, a score of 15 after the third bout, and so on. If the ninth bout is completed before either team has scored 45 hits, the team with the most hits will be declared the winner. If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one [1] minute. Before the fencing recommences, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

9. EQUIPMENT

All fencers should be equipped with full fencing uniform, mask and gear as mandated in the FIE regulations.

10. WEAPON CONTROL

As stated in the FIE Material regulations, equipment will have to pass weapon control.

11. DOPING CONTROL

NADA is informed of this National Championship. Doping control is expected to be carried out in accordance with the NADA regulations at the venue.

12. HOW TO GET THERE

12.1. By Train:

The distance of the venue from the Amritsar Railway station in just 3 Km. It is accessible by Public Transport.

12.2. By Flight:

Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport (Amritsar) is located at a distance of 10 km from the venue. Private taxi can be availed for transportation.

13. F&B and ACCOMMODATION

13.1. F&B Services for Technical Officials: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided from 26th November, 2026 at the venue / Hotel. This service will be available from 26th November to 03rd December, 2026(till 10:00 AM).

Host Accommodation : The details of the accommodation of the fencers will be circulated shortly.

13.2. Hotels Nearby:

13.2.1. Hotel Comfort Court, Amritsar
13.2.2. Hotel Royal Grand Galaxy
13.2.3. Hotel Pearl
13.2.4. Hotel Veenus International

14. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

14.1. Reception Desk at the Railway Station: There will be a reception desk for coordinating arrival at the Amritsar Railway Station, Platform Number 01, on 26th November, 2026.

14.2. Local Transportation Liaison: If assistance is required for local transportation on from New Delhi Railway Station/Airport to the Venue & your accommodation, the travel details and request should be informed to the Local Organizing Committee on or before 20th November, 2026.

15. OTHER GENERAL NORMS

15.1. Delegation: A delegation of fewer than ten fencers may have a maximum of two team officials including a coach. A delegation of more than ten fencers may be accompanied by a maximum of four team officials, including two coaches. A

delegation with women fencers should necessarily have a minimum of one women team official.

15.2. Refundable Caution Deposit: All participating State/ UT Associations/ SSCB is required to pay INR 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand) as a caution deposit, which will be fully refunded before departure if there is no loss or damage to the resources made available for this Championship.

15.3. The team officials should ensure that the fencers remain disciplined on and off the field of play.

15.4. The persons appointed by the FAI as technical officials for this National Championship cannot serve as team officials. Any violations can be reported to secgen@fencingindia.org

15.5. The delegations are requested to bring an adequate number of locks for securing the rooms allotted to them in host accommodation.

16. CONTACTS

16.1.

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