EVENT RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	6	None	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1 Changed per BOD	15	4 E's (or higher	2 E's (or higher) In top 8	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	15	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or	2 C's & 2 D's (or higher) In top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C2	25	4 D's & 4 E's (or	4 D's (or higher) In top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C3	63	24 D's &12 E's (or higher)	4 D's in top 8 & 4 E's (or higher) In top 12	1-4 → C 5-8 → D 9-16 → E
GROUP B1	15	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & C's (or higher) In top 8	1 → B 2-4 → C 5-6 → D 7-8 → E
GROUP B2	25	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & C's (or higher) In top 8	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \rightarrow B \\ 2-4 \rightarrow C \\ 5-8 \rightarrow D \\ 9-12 \rightarrow E \end{array} $
GROUP B3	63	24 C's &12 D's (or higher)	4 C's In top 8 & 4 D's (or higher) In top 12	$1-4 \rightarrow B$ $5-8 \rightarrow C$ $9-16 \rightarrow D$ $17-32 \rightarrow E$
GROUP A1 Changed per BOD 7/07	15	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) In top 8	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \rightarrow A \\ 2 \rightarrow B \\ 3-4 \rightarrow C \\ 5-6 \rightarrow D \\ 7-8 \rightarrow E \end{array}$
GROUP A2	25	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) In top 8	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \rightarrow A \\ 2-4 \rightarrow B \\ 5-8 \rightarrow C \\ 9-10 \rightarrow D \\ 11-12 \rightarrow E \end{array} $
GROUP A3	63	24 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 B's in top 8 & 4 C's (or higher) In top 12	$1-4 \rightarrow A$ $5-8 \rightarrow B$ $9-16 \rightarrow C$ $17-24 \rightarrow D$ $25-32 \rightarrow E$
GROUP A4	63	12 A's & 12 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 A's In top 8 & 4 B's (or higher) In top 12	1-8 → A 9-16 → B 17-24 → C 25-32 → D 33-48 → E

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