

Press Release

European Fencing Leads the World – Success Built on Development, Open to Collaboration

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The conclusion of the 2026 FIE World Championships in Hong Kong once again highlighted the exceptional strength of European fencing on the world stage.

European athletes won **25 of 42 medals**, including **10 of 12 golds, 7 silvers and 8 bronzes** - nearly **60% of all medals**. European nations also took seven of the top eight places in the medal table, underlining the continent's depth and consistency.

Italy led with 4 gold medals, while 11 countries won medals overall.

These results are a source of pride for the European Fencing Confederation; but above all, they demonstrate that sustained investment in athlete development delivers long-term success.

Success Does Not Begin at the World Championships

World Championship medals are earned over many years.

Behind every podium finish stands an ecosystem of clubs, coaches, referees, volunteers, national federations and families who accompany young athletes throughout their journey.

One of the most important milestones on that journey is the **European Cadet Circuit**.

While the World Championships mark the highest level of international competition, the Cadet Circuit is where future champions develop. It gives young fencers international experience, exposure to different styles, pressure-tested competition, and lasting connections across and beyond Europe before they reach the sport's biggest stages.

As discussed at the recent EFC Conference, the Cadet Circuit is more than a competition calendar: it is a strategic investment in fencing's future, developing young athletes' skills, values, confidence, and international outlook.

European Leadership Comes with Responsibility

Europe is proud of these outstanding sporting achievements.

However, leadership is not measured only by medal tables.

The European Fencing Confederation believes that sporting success brings with it a responsibility to contribute to the development of fencing worldwide.

As highlighted at our conference the role of the EFC is not simply to celebrate existing excellence but to create opportunities for excellence to grow everywhere.

Ready to Build Together

The strength demonstrated by European athletes in Hong Kong should not be seen as a barrier between continents but as an invitation to work more closely together.

The EFC remains fully committed to strengthening cooperation with the **FIE**, the **Asian Fencing Confederation**, the **Pan-American Fencing Confederation**, the **African Fencing Confederation**, and every national federation that shares the ambition of developing global fencing.

The EFC aims to extend to the global stage in Tashkent—at the FIE international conference—the constructive dialogue that began at the confederation level in Paris.

Sharing knowledge, exchanging best practices, supporting organisers and creating opportunities for young athletes benefits the entire fencing community.

As stated during the EFC Conference, the future of fencing will not be built through isolated efforts but through connected institutions that trust one another and work together for the benefit of the sport.

Looking Ahead

The performances witnessed in Hong Kong demonstrate that European fencing remains exceptionally strong.

They also remind us that today's success is built on yesterday's investment in youth.

The European Cadet Circuit will therefore continue to play a central role in preparing the next generation of athletes, while the EFC continues working with the FIE and partners around the world to strengthen fencing at every level.

European strength creates stronger partnerships worldwide.

When Europe grows stronger, it helps making world fencing stronger as well.

European excellence. Global collaboration. One future for fencing.

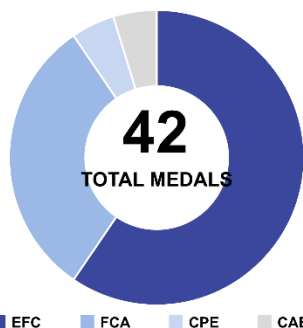


EFC FENCERS LEAD THE WORLD

EUROPEAN EXCELLENCE - GLOBAL IMPACT

MEDAL TABLE HIGHLIGHTS

25 OF 42 TOTAL MEDALS WON BY EFC FENCERS
59.5% OF ALL MEDALS



EFC DOMINANCE



10 OF 12 GOLD MEDALS
83.3%



7 OF 12 SILVER MEDALS
58.3%



8 OF 18 BRONZE MEDALS
44.4%

EUROPE WON 10 GOLD, 7 SILVER, AND 8 BRONZE MEDALS

TOTAL MEDALS BY CONFEDERATION

25
59.5%

EFC
EUROPEAN FENCING
CONFEDERATION

13
31.0%

FCA
FENCING CONFEDERATION
OF ASIA

2
4.8%

CPE
PANAMERICAN FENCING
CONFEDERATION

2
4.8%

CAE
AFRICAN FENCING
CONFEDERATION

MEDAL TABLE BY COUNTRY (OLYMPIC RANKING)

RANK	COUNTRY	CONFEDERATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1	ITA	EFC	4	4	0	8
2	KOR	FCA	1	2	1	4
3	FRA	EFC	1	1	2	4
4	HUN	EFC	1	0	2	3
5	CZE	EFC	1	0	0	1
5	GER	EFC	1	0	0	1
5	RUS	EFC	1	0	0	1
5	SUI	EFC	1	0	0	1
5	KAZ	FCA	1	0	0	1
10	USA	CPE	0	1	1	2
10	UKR	EFC	0	1	1	2
10	CHN	FCA	0	1	1	2
13	EST	EFC	0	1	0	1
13	HKG	FCA	0	1	0	1
15	JPN	FCA	0	0	4	4
16	EGY	CAE	0	0	2	2
16	ROU	EFC	0	0	2	2
18	POL	EFC	0	0	1	1
18	KSA	FCA	0	0	1	1

EUROPE SETS THE STANDARD
25 MEDALS - 11 COUNTRIES - 1 WINNING SPIRIT

59.5%
OF ALL MEDALS WON BY EFC