May 15, 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are warmly inviting you to the 1st Asian Masters Fencing Championships which will be held in Pasig City, Philippines on August 28-31, 2015.

Attached are the Entry and Accommodation forms to facilitate your participation to the competition. Kindly take note of the deadlines with which you are required to complete and submit these forms.

Details about the competition and the Philippines may also be found in the succeeding pages. For further details you may make inquiries through email: philfencing@gmail.com.

Thank you very much and we look forward to welcoming you in Manila.

Best regards,

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Fencing Confederation of Asia

1st ASIAN MASTERS (Veterans) FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: August 28 to 31, 2015

Venue: PSC-Philsports Arena

Pasig City, Philippines

Host Federation: Philippine Fencing Association

1. Age Categories: Male

40 – 49 : Category A (born in years 1966 to 1975)
50 – 59 : Category B (born in years 1956 to 1965)
60 – 69 : Category C (born in years 1946 to 1955)
70 plus : Category D (born in years 1945 or earlier)

Female

35 – 49 : Category A (born in years 1966 to 1980)
50 – 59 : Category B (born in years 1956 to 1965)
60 – 69 : Category C (born in years 1946 to 1955)
70 plus : Category D (born in years 1945 or earlier)

2. Who can participate:

Fencers representing federations in Asia and Oceania only and must satisfy any one of the following conditions:

- 1. Hold an FIE License of an Asian or Oceania Country, or
- 2. Hold a Passport, Residence Card, or Identity Card of an Asian or Oceania country, **or**
- 3. For Expatriates living in an Asian or Oceania country, must be endorsed by and represent the National federation of the country they reside in.

3. Competition Format:

Individual Events:

1. There will be one round of Poules, after which a Direct Elimination by Gender, weapon and age Categories. All Poules will be for 5 touches per bout or 3 minutes and Direct Eliminations shall be for 10 touches, or 2 rounds of 3 minutes each.

- 1.1 If there are a minimum of 4 fencers in each gender, weapon and age category, they will have Poules by themselves for ranking, then Direct Elimination for placing and awards
- 1.2 If there are less than 4 fencers in a gender, weapon and age category, they will be grouped in Poules with the next younger age category, for ranking, then DE by age category for placing and awards
- 1.3 if there are only 1 or 2 fencers in a gender, weapon and age category, they will be grouped in MIXED (men and women together) Poules, for ranking, then re-grouped for DE or fenced-off among fencers per gender, weapon and age category, for placing and awards

Team Events:

Each country/federation can enter not more than TWO Teams in each gender per weapon whose combined age for the youngest 3 fencers nominated, are:

- a) a minimum of 135 years old total, for men
- b) a minimum of 120 years old total, for women

However, the host country/federation can enter more teams as may be appropriate to fill up available slots and ensure optimum participation.

4. Equipment and Uniforms

Fencers must wear uniforms (at least 350 Newtons) and plastron of 800 Newtons. Uniforms must either carry the name and marks of the Asian or Oceania country he/she represents; or no markings at all. Fencers must use Maraging blades, and FIE masks.

5. Awards:

Individual events: For each Age Category (male and female); one gold medal, one silver medal, and 2 bronze medals

Team events: As per individual, there will be no third place fence off.

6. Entry Fees:

An entry fee of US\$60/fencer on one event, or US\$120/fencer on two events, or US\$180/fencer on 3 events

An entry fee of US\$150/team

7. Referees:

Countries should bring referee(s) at their expenses in the following ratio:

- a. 0-4 entries: (if a fencer enter for 3 events, this is counted as 3 entries) no need to provide referee.
- b. 5-9 entries: 1 referees
- c. 10-18 entries: 2 referees
- d. 19 and over entries: 3 referees
- e. For Countries not able to fulfill this obligation, a levy will be charged, the organizer will determine at a later date the amount.

8. Schedule:

Tentative competition dates will be from August 28 to 30, 2015, though this may be extended to August 31, 2015 if necessary subject to the number of participants

27th August: arrival, weapon check, team managers and referees' meeting

28th August: Individual events weapons groups TBC 29th August: Individual events weapons groups TBC

30th August: Team events

31st August: Extra day (if necessary)

All medal presentation will be done during the Championships Dinner either on the **30**^{th or} 31st August, 2015. Participation is optional, though cost of dinner is US\$30 per person, which will be collected together with the entry fees.

9. Deadline of Entries

- Preliminary Entry (by event and number) Form 1 by July 30, 2015
- Final Entry (by event and name) Form 2 & 3 by August 17, 2015

Please note that ALL participating fencers must accomplish the personalized Entry Form (with waiver) and must be submitted together with the Final Entry Form

10. Competition Method

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

11. Official Hotels:

(a) Five Star Hotel (Crowne Plaza Ortigas) Single/Twin: US\$140.00/room/night

(b) Four Star Hotel (Holiday Inn Ortigas) Single/Twin: US \$110.00/room/night Triple:US\$145.00/room/night

Two-way airport transfers, daily two-way venue transfers and daily Buffet Breakfast are included in the above rates. Transportation will be provided by the organizers and available ONLY to all participants who will stay at the official hotels and arranged by the organizers

Payment of entry fees and accommodations are to be paid in cash by August 27, 2015 after the Team Managers' Meeting.

Please use Form 4 for reservation of accommodation and airport pick-up and email:philfencing@gmail by August 17, 2015.

12. Language

The official language of the Asian Masters Fencing Championships is English

13. Visa

Everyone entering the Philippines must possess valid passports, participants are recommended to check with their local Philippine Embassy for visa requirements before traveling.

14. General Information

- (i) Currency
 Philippines unit of currency is the Philippine Peso (Php). Foreign
 currency can be exchanged freely at banks, hotels, the airport and most big
 shopping malls. Current exchange rate is approximately PhP44.25 to USD1.00.
 Major credit cards are widely accepted in most establishments.
- (ii) Weather & Dress

 The Philippines has a warm and humid climate throughout the year with a daily average temperature range of 26"C to 38"C. Light clothing is best for everyday wear.
- (iii) Electricity
 The Philippines voltage is 220-240 volts AC, 50 Hz.