

TITIS PARISIENS

Rules 2023

Rules of the competition | Preamble

This document is based on the rules of refereeing and competitions present in the [Book n°10](#) of the French Savate Federation rules, regarding Canne de Combat. The additional rules described below modify or complete those found in appendices I (p. 125 of book n°10) and J (p. 143).

Principle

Modifications to Book 10 Appendix J - §4.4.3.1

The competition is mixed.

The number of teams is not limited.

Depending on the number of teams registered, all may or may not meet each other. See the "Procedure" section of this document. In any case, all teams will play the same number of matches.

Form of the matches and weapons

Modifications to Book 10 Appendix J - §4.4.3.2

The competition takes place in relays of nine one-minute bouts. The same fencer can only stay for two consecutive bouts, so he must change beyond this limit.

All relays are conducted with single cane only.

Repeats between wheelchair fighters and standing fighters are allowed.

Composition of the teams

Modifications to Book 10 Appendix J - §4.4.3.3

Any member of a team may decide to fight any round of the competition with a wheelchair cane. If he does so, he undertakes to :

- announce it at least fifteen minutes before to the person in charge of the chair cane of the competition in order to have time to equip himself
- put on the specific protections for the cane-chair
- respect the specific rules of the cane-wheelchair
- fight all the restarts of the assault with the chair cane

Categories

Modifications of the Book 10 Appendix J - §4.4.3.4

The competition will include two categories:

- seniors
- youth, from 9 to 18 years old

If under eighteen year olds wish to register in the senior category, they must respect the rules for upgrading in Book n°10.

If veterans wish to register in the senior category, they must respect the rules for upgrading in Book 10.

The competition for the youth category follows the same rules as the senior category, except that it is spread over one day only.

Equipment

Modifications of book 10 appendix J - § 2.4.3

The fighters of the "youth" competition are authorized to fight in simplified clothing: mask, cap, gloves, shin guards and shell for the boys. The chest protector for girls is compulsory from the age of 15.

Fighters in the "senior" competition must fight in full uniform, as described in paragraph 2.4.3 of book n°10.

The fights with a wheelchair cane may require special protection. If necessary, these will be provided by the organizer. Any fencer in a wheelchair cane must put them on before the start of the bout.

Procedure

Modifications to Book 10 Appendix J - §4.4.3.6

The conduct of the competition will depend on the number of teams registered.

If eleven teams or less are entered, all teams will meet during the two days of competition.

If strictly more than eleven teams are entered, not all will meet but will compete on the basis of a system defined by the organizers (Swiss system or randomized matches).

The threshold of eleven teams is fixed by experience on the basis of :

- the time it takes to get all the teams to meet
- the thresholds imposed by the populating of the areas (four teams are needed to populate a combat area)
- the fatigue experienced by the fighters
- the two consecutive days that the competition lasts

For Youth matches, if there are not enough fighters to form teams of three, teams of two fighters will be formed. In order to respect the recommendation of the Medical Commission that a young person should not fight for more than one minute and thirty seconds without recovery time, while allowing all the opponents to meet, a minute of recovery will be integrated in the middle of the four rounds normally planned. This should also encourage tactical exchanges between teammates.

The table below illustrates this process.

	Round 1	Round 2		Round 3	Round 4
Team 1	A	B	minute of recovery	A	B
Team 2	A'	B'		B'	A'

Organization of an assault by teams of 2 fighters during which all the fighters meet

Wheelchair Cane Rounds

Fighting in a wheelchair during a round is allowed. Wheelchair cane fighters must comply with the specifications for wheelchair cane fighting.

Opponents of wheelchair cane fighters must respect the specific rules for touching.

The specific rules are listed in the appendix of these rules.

Judging

Modifications to Book 10, Appendix I - § 1.1.3

The judging of matches is carried out by the participants in the competition. In order to ensure a fair rotation of officials, the teams that have just fired must divide up the judging positions for the bout immediately following the one that has just ended.

There are three judges' stations, positioned in an equilateral triangle around each bout area. They count the points corresponding to the hits of the two teams, which they validate in accordance with the technical criteria in force, by means of mechanical (manual counters) or electronic (tablets) devices.

They give their opinion on request of the referee as described in the refereeing rules.

Timing

Amendments to Book 10, Appendix I - § 1.1.4 AND § 3.2.1

The timing is done automatically or is started by the Official Delegate (O.D.) at the beginning of each match. The O.D. must wait until all the areas are ready before starting the bouts. The timing is global for all the areas and is only interrupted at the end of the match. Furthermore, it is not interrupted during the referee's stops or between bouts.

Number and duration of recoveries

Modifications to Book 10, Appendix I - § 2.3.2

The matches last nine one-minute restarts, without any minute of rest, and do not provide for any additional restarts.

Identification of the teams

Clarification made to Book 10 Annex I

The team identification colors are red and blue. The fighters must bring an element allowing them to be identified (belt, cap, jacket) of each color, or reversible. In case of absence of an element allowing to identify him, a fencer can exceptionally ask the organizer to borrow such equipment.

Protocol for start/end of recovery/assault

Modifications to Book 10 Appendix I - § 3.2.2

REFEREE: "Both teams in the center for the salute".

The fighters present themselves on the area with the helmet under the arm before the salute.

Presentation of the teams with their colors

Salute without helmet and fighters equipment

REFEREE: "Fighters in place for salute".

REFEREE : "Ready for the salute".

REFEREE: "Salute".

REFEREE: "Equip yourselves, first fighter in the center".

If the necessity of the planning requires it, the salute is done with the mask equipped.

Control of the officials

REFEREE: "Judge 1, ready?", "Judge 2, ready?", "Judge 3, ready?"

Start of the fight

REFEREE: "For 9 rounds of 1 minute".

REFEREE: "On guard".

REFEREE: "Go"

End of the round

At the announcement of the timekeeper or the automatic signal for the end of the restart, the referee announces "Stop, end of restart, change or stay".

If at least one fencer finishes his second consecutive bout in this way, the referee announces in addition: "Obligatory change, fencer..." and specifies the color of the fencer(s) concerned.

End of the fight

At the announcement of the timekeeper or the automatic signal of the end of the bout, the referee announces "Stop, end of the restart, end of the bout".

The referee then invites the teams to greet each other.

REFEREE: "Both teams in the center for the salute".

REFEREE : "Fighters in place for the salute".

REFEREE: "Ready for the salute".

REFEREE: "Salute".

The announcement of the results

It is made by the Official Delegate, the referee or the official announcer.

"Results, area ..." followed by the number of the area

One fighter from each team, wearing a closed uniform, without mask and without stick, goes to the center of the area.

In case of victory of one team over the other, the announcement is as follows:

"After counting the points and penalties, is declared the winner by a score of ... to ... the team ..." specifying the score of each team and followed by the color or name of the winning team.

The referee raises the hand of the fighter representing the winning team.

In case of a draw, the announcement is as follows:

"After counting the points and penalties, the two teams are tied by a score of ... to ..." stating the teams' scores.

The referee raises the hands of both fighters.

The results are always given in front of the public (main stand).

Principle of scoring

Modifications to Book 10, Appendix I - § 4.3.1

During the fight, each judge, independently, awards one point to the team for each hit he considers valid.

The points of all the judges are added together to determine the total score of each team.

Penalties (one point), warnings (three points) and cards (three points) are then subtracted to arrive at each team's final score.

The team with the most points at the end of the bout is declared the winner.

Ranking

In order to rank the teams, points are awarded according to their results per bout:

- three points-assaults in case of victory,
- two in case of a draw,
- one in case of defeat
- zero in case of forfeit

In case of a tie in the number of points, the following criteria will be used to decide between two teams

- the victory of one team over the other
- the number of cautions received by the teams
- the number of cards received by the teams
- goal average (difference between hits given and hits received)

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