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# Attendance

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

## Took place at the tribune:

<b>Mr. Alisher Usmanov (RUS)</b>	President
<b>Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE)</b>	Secretary General
<b>Mrs. Ferial Nadira Salhi (ALG)</b>	Secretary-Treasurer
<b>Mr. Donald Anthony (USA)</b>	Vice-President
<b>Mr. Wei Wang (CHN)</b>	Vice-President
<b>Mrs. Ana Pascu (MH, ROU)</b>	Vice-President
<b>Mrs. Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H.</b>	CEO
<b>Mr. Evgeny Tsoukhlo</b>	Sport and Technical Director

## Members of the Executive Committee:

**Mr. Jacek Bierkowski (POL)**  
**Mr. Bence Szabo (HUN)**  
**Mrs. Erika Aze (LAT)**  
**Mrs. Velichka Hristeva (BUL)**  
**Mr. Oleg Peskov (KAZ)**  
**Mr. Novak Perovic (RSA)**  
**Mr. Giorgio Scarso (ITA)**  
**Mrs. Isabelle Lamour (FRA)**  
**Mr. Pascal Tesch (LUX)**  
**Mr. Yuki Ota (JPN)**  
**Mr. Aldo Montano (ITA) (President of the Athletes Commission)**

## Presidents of the Confederations:

<b>Mr. Stanislav Pozdnyakov (RUS)</b>	President of the European Confederation
<b>Mr. Vitaly Logvin (MEX)</b>	President of the Pan-American Confederation
<b>Mrs. Helen Smith (MH, AUS)</b>	President of the Oceanian Confederation
<b>Mr. Celso L. Dayrit (MH, PHI)</b>	President of the Asian Confederation

# Attendance

## Apologies received:

**Mr. René Roch (MH, FRA)**  
**Mr. Mbagnick Ndiaye (SEN)**

President of Honour  
President of the African Confederation

## Members of Honour:

**Mr. Samuel David Cheris (MH, USA)**  
**Mr. Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR)**  
**Mr. Stephen Higginson (MH, GBR)**  
**Mr. Bert van de Flier (MH, NED)**  
**Mr. Jenő Kamuti (MH, HUN)**

## Federations present or represented

<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	Ahmad Tariq ROSHANGAR
<b>ALGERIA</b>	Ferial Nadira SALHI
<b>ANGOLA</b>	Domingos Pedro PASCOAL
<b>ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b>	Ickford THOMAS
<b>ARGENTINA</b>	Victor Sergio GROUPIERRE Omar Alejandro VERGARA Julio Cesar ABATTI
<b>ARMENIA</b>	Armen GRIGORYAN Samvel ABRAHAMYAN
<b>ARUBA</b>	Represented by Uruguay
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	Evelyn HALLS
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	Ursula HINTERSEER
<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>	Mikayil JABBAROV Farkhad KASSIMOV
<b>BAHAMAS</b>	Represented by Costa Rica
<b>BAHRAIN</b>	Ibrahim Bin Salman AL KHALIFA Saleh Faraj SULTAN FARHAN
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Islam QAMRUL
<b>BELGIUM</b>	Piet WAUTERS
<b>BELARUS</b>	Aliaksei AUSIANKIN Natalia TEREHOVA
<b>BELIZE</b>	Yolanda FONSECA



## Federations present or represented

<b>BENIN</b>	Jacques OKOUMASSOU
<b>BERMUDA</b>	Travis STEVENS Allison TUCKER
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	Erika BURGOS CUELLAR
<b>BRAZIL</b>	Ricardo PACHECO MACHADO Arno Perillier SCHNEIDER
<b>BRUNEI</b>	Nashriq MOKSIN Huzaimi KASSIM
<b>BULGARIA</b>	Velichka HRISTEVA
<b>BURKINA FASO</b>	Djibril ZEBA
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	Sok ANG
<b>CAMEROON</b>	Marcel AMOUGOU
<b>CANADA</b>	Brad GOLDIE
<b>CHILE</b>	David MIRA JIMENEZ
<b>CHINA</b>	Haibin WANG Aihua XIAO Tong ZHAO
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	Vladimir IWANOFF
<b>COSTA RICA</b>	Luis Alberto CRUZ MELENDEZ
<b>CROATIA</b>	Marko KALLAY Reno MAROLT
<b>CUBA</b>	Alhajadis Ricardo BANDERAS MIRANDA

## Federations present or represented

<b>CYPRUS</b>	Antri NIKOLETTOU Panagiotis NIKOLETTOU
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	Oldrich KUBISTA Jiri BERAN Senior Jiri BERAN Junior
<b>DENMARK</b>	Jan Sylvest JENSEN
<b>DOMINICA</b>	Woodrow LAWRENCE
<b>ECUADOR</b>	Lorena ARROYO Carlos ECHEVERRIA CORDOBA
<b>EGYPT</b>	Abdel Monein Elhamy EL HUSSEINY Mohamed EL MOTAWAKEL Gamil ELZEFTAWI
<b>EL SALVADOR</b>	Gen. de Division David MUNGUIA PAYES
<b>ESTONIA</b>	Margus HANSON
<b>FINLAND</b>	Terho MUSTONEN Lena TALLROTH - KOCK
<b>FRANCE</b>	Jean – Michel LUCENAY
<b>GEORGIA</b>	David SAKHVADZE Zaza MCHEDLIDZE
<b>GHANA</b>	Mohamed MAHADI
<b>EQUATORIAL GUINEA</b>	Frederico MODU EBUKA
<b>GERMANY</b>	Dieter LAMMER Claus JANKA Wilfried WOLFGARTEN Claudia BOKEL Reka SZABO Gordon RAPP



## Federations present or represented

<b>GREECE</b>	Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS
<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>	Hilary PHILBIN Georgina USHER
<b>GUAM</b>	Anthony R. CAMACHO
<b>GUATEMALA</b>	Otto Rene VALLADARES BALDERRAMOS
<b>GUYANA</b>	Samuel BARAKAT
<b>HAITI</b>	Louis Dukerns JOSEPH
<b>HONDURAS</b>	Marco Antonio IZAGUIRRE RODRIGUEZ
<b>HONG KONG</b>	Alexander N.W. YEUNG Ka Leung LIU
<b>HUNGARY</b>	Zsolt CSAMPA Gabor BOCZKO
<b>ICELAND</b>	Nikolay Ivanov MATEEV
<b>INDONESIA</b>	Agus SUPARMANTO
<b>INDIA</b>	Rajeev MEHTA
<b>IRAN</b>	Fazlollah BAGHERZADEH Peyman FAKHRI
<b>IRAQ</b>	Zeyad Hassan JASIM Alaa LABEEB
<b>IRELAND</b>	Nuala MC GARRITY

## Federations present or represented

ITALY	Alessandro NOTO
IVORY COAST	Souleymane SAKHO
JAMAICA	James MCBEAN
JAPAN	Nobusuke MIYAWAKI Mamoru SAITA Yuko KATO KADOWAKI
JORDAN	Khaled ATIYAT Wasim HAMMAD
KAZAKHSTAN	Rushidin KICHIKOV
KYRGYZSTAN	Osmonjan KASYMOV Ainura TEMIRALIEVA
KOREA	Heon Cheol SHIN Wankun OH Bokyung KIM
LATVIA	Klinta AZE
LEBANON	Georges ZEIDAN Ziad EL CHOUEIRI <i>President of the Mediterranean Fencing Confederation</i>
LITHUANIA	Vytautas POLUJANSKAS
LUXEMBOURG	Pascal TESCH
LIBYA	Dhw Ali TOUMI
MADAGASCAR	Jackie RANDRIAMALALA
MALAYSIA	Rusni ABU HASSAN Ainaa FARIK

## Federations present or represented

<b>MALTA</b>	Represented by Italy
<b>MEXICO</b>	Jorge CASTRO REA
<b>MOLDOVA</b>	Olga COJOCARI
<b>MONACO</b>	Georges PRAT Marie Therese PRAT
<b>MONGOLIA</b>	Dashnyam GANZORIG Nomundari ZORIGTBAATAR
<b>MOROCCO</b>	Youssef FATHI
<b>MALI</b>	Zorome WAHABOU
<b>MAURITIUS</b>	Sarna RAMLOLL Veena Devi GUNPUT
<b>MYANMAR</b>	Kyaw Moe NAING
<b>NAMIBIA</b>	Herman STRYDOM
<b>NEPAL</b>	Sunil Kumar SHRESTHA
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	Etienne VAN CANN
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	Victoria LAMB
<b>NICARAGUA</b>	Represented by El Salvador
<b>NIGERIA</b>	Rachael SAMUEL
<b>NORWAY</b>	Represented by Denmark

## Federations present or represented

<b>PALESTINE</b>	Daoud Sobhi ALMITWALI
<b>PANAMA</b>	Jaime RAMOS
<b>PARAGUAY</b>	Carlos Ramiro VIVEROS BARBOZA Griselda Raquel MENDOZA GODOY
<b>PERU</b>	Rafael ZARIQUIEY NUNEZ
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Leah GONZALEZ Maria Leonor ESTAMPADOR
<b>POLAND</b>	Jacek SLUPSKI Tadeusz TOMASZEWSKI
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	Frederico VALARINHO Clauso NEVES
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	Juan Carlos RAMIREZ
<b>ROMANIA</b>	Laura Gabriela CARLESCU - BADEA Marius FLOREA Anca Ioana Ileana IONESCU
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	Michael STAFFORD
<b>RUSSIA</b>	Alexander MIKHAILOV Ilgar MAMEDOV
<b>SAMOA</b>	Represented by New Zealand
<b>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</b>	Ahmed ALSABBAN
<b>SENEGAL</b>	Oumar MAIGA
<b>SERBIA</b>	Dejan RUSKI Vukasin STOSIC

## Federations present or represented

**SINGAPORE**

Francis Yat Ping KWONG

**SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

Tatiana DROBNA  
Attila ERSEK

**SLOVENIA**

Tomaz PORS  
Natasia MUCIBABIC

**SPAIN**

Marco A. RIOJA PEREZ  
Antonio GARCIA HERNANDEZ  
Jose Luis ALVAREZ GIL DE TEJADA

**SRI LANKA**

Ajith SIYMBALAPITIYA

**SWITZERLAND**

Olivier CARRARD

**SWEDEN**

Otto DRAKENBERG  
Ana VALERO-COLLANTES  
Pierre THULLBERG

**SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

Ahmad ALREFAAI

**CHINESE TAIPEI**

Kovacs LIN

**TAJIKISTAN**

Azim YAKUBOV

**THAILAND**

Somded Admiral TONGPIAM  
Jakravudh SOMAPEE

**TUNISIA**

Zaida KHALSI Ep. DOGHRI  
Salah FERJANI

**TURKEY**

Murat ATALI  
Muminhan BILGIN

**TURKMENISTAN**

Meret MEREDOV  
Vyacheslav VORONIN



## Federations present or represented

<b>UKRAINE</b>	Vadym GUTTSAIT
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b>	HH.ENGR.SHEIKH SALEM Sultan S.Alqasimi Huda AL MATROOSHI Ibrahim Khaled IBRAHIM Mohamed Ghanem AL-MANSOURI Hamad Abdulla Ibrahim Mohamed ALMANSOORI
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	Stacey JOHNSON Carl BORACK Theodore LI Christine SIMMONS Michael MACK
<b>URUGUAY</b>	Ariel PEIRANO Lourdes TRAPOTE
<b>UZBEKISTAN</b>	Rustam SHAABDURAKHMONOV
<b>VIETNAM</b>	Le Quang PHUNG
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	Represented by Dominica
<b>YEMEN</b>	Hussain Ben Naser AL SHAREEF Mohammed AL-SALEHI

# AGENDA

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# 1. VALIDATION OF ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We will proceed to the roll call. When I call the name of your federation please raise your hand so that we can give you the voting device. I will start with the federations that are present and then we will continue with the proxies.

Afghanistan	Croatia	Jamaica	Palestine
Algeria	Cuba	Jordan	Poland
Angola	Cyprus	Japan	Portugal
Antigua and Barbuda	Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Puerto Rico
Argentina	Denmark	Kyrgyzstan	Qatar – is not here?
Armenia	Dominica	Korea	Romania
Aruba – Aruba is not here?	Dominican Republic –	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	South Africa
Australia	Dominican Republic is not	Latvia	Russia
Austria	here?	Libya	Serbia
Azerbaijan	Ecuador	Lebanon	Senegal
Bangladesh	Egypt	Lithuania	Singapore
Barbados – Barbados is not	El Salvador	Luxemburg	Sierra Leone – Sierra Leone
here	Spain	Macao – Macao is here? No.	is not here?
Belgium	Estonia	Madagascar	Slovenia
Benin	Finland	Morocco	Sri Lanka
Bermuda	France	Malaysia	Switzerland
Belize	Gabon – Gabon is not here?	Moldova	Slovakia
Belarus	Great Britain	Mexico	Sweden
Bolivia	Georgia	Mongolia	Syria
Botswana – Is Botswana	Germany	The Former Yugoslav	Thailand
here?	Equatorial Guinea	Republic of Macedonia –	Tajikistan
Brazil	Ghana	not here? Not here.	Turkmenistan
Bahrein	Greece	Mali	Togo – Togo is not here?
Brunei	Guatemala – Guatemala is	Malta	Chinese Taipei
Bulgaria	not here?	Monaco	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Guam	Mauritius	Turkey
Cambodia	Guyana	Myanmar	United Arab Emirates
Canada	Haiti	Namibia	Ukraine
Congo – Is Congo here?	Hong Kong	Nicaragua – not here.	Uganda – is Uganda here?
Congo is not here.	Honduras	Netherlands	Not here.
Chile	Hungary	Nepal	Uruguay
China	Indonesia	Nigeria – is Nigeria here?	United States of America
Cote D'Ivoire	India – India is here? Ok.	Nigeria is not here.	Uzbekistan
Cameroon – Cameroon is	Iran	Niger – Niger is not here?	Venezuela – Is not here.
not here?	Ireland	New-Zealand	Vietnam
Democratic Republic of	Iraq – Iraq is not here? Iraq	Panama	Yemen
Congo – not here?	is here. Thank you.	Paraguay	
Colombia	Iceland	Peru	
Costa Rica	Italy	Philippines	

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Were all the countries called? Are there countries that were not called?  
We are now moving to the proxies.

Bahamas has given a proxy to Costa Rica. Does Costa Rica accept it? Yes.  
Virgin Islands has given a proxy to Dominica. Does Dominica accept? Yes.  
Malta has given a proxy to Italy. Does Italy accept? Yes.  
Nicaragua has given a proxy to El Salvador. Does El Salvador accept? Yes.  
Samoa has given a proxy to New Zealand. New Zealand accepts. Thank you.  
Is there any other proxy?  
Norway has given a proxy to Denmark. Does Denmark accept? Yes.

So, the number of the present and represented countries' federations is 126. For the votes – the simple majority will be 64 and the 2/3 majority will be 84.

We move to Item #2, which is the address of the President of the FIE.

## 2. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIE AND ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FENCING FEDERATION

**Alisher Usmanov:** Dear Friends, Dear Delegates, Dear Respected Organizers,

I am happy to welcome all of you here in Dubai to our Congress, our first Congress in this Olympic cycle.

Of course, I should begin with the most important thing for everyone who participates in our Congress, who is a member of the fencing family, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has made a historical decision to include two medal sets in the Olympic programme. Every one of us understands what it is for us. In the long term, it is our most difficult and significant goal and target. It is not only just another phase for our development but a significant step in the future of our sport, because now every athlete in every weapon type and every team has a right to participate in the Olympics. I think it's not only an honour for us and a success but a big responsibility, which we take to our federations to accept this great trust from the IOC to our federations. For this, we all have to understand that the next Olympic Games will include this new program with 12 disciplines. We don't have time for hesitation and passive behaviour, we have a lot of things to do, we need to arrange so many new items to develop our sport, to become one of the best in the innovative IT technologies and to attract the new spectators. We need to rethink and understand our sport today under these new conditions, in the new era when we have no doubt about being present in the Olympic Program. This of course gives us new goals and a new target. We need to understand that the Olympic Competition is a competition for the best sportsmen and of course we must comply with many criteria that today give a place in the Olympic program to different disciplines.

To achieve all this, we need to continue our work in supporting the new federations and give a possibility to develop our sport on all the continents. This is our most important goal to develop fencing. Today, I can tell you that we need to increase our competition level. For this we must attract more media; this is highly important for us. We have a very good TV broadcast rating after the World Championship in Leipzig and the Olympic Games in Rio, but this is not enough to be among these disciplines of the Olympic Program, which have a confident perspective to participate in the Olympic Program.

In Tokyo we need to improve the level we achieved, to move it to the next step, to be among the first 10-15 disciplines of the Olympic Program. We need to captivate the mainstream audience. We need to make our sport more understandable by all customers of TV programs, and we need to open the door for the young people, to involve them in fencing, to modernize and innovate our sport and actively promote fencing in social media to attract the young generations to our sport.

We need to make a substantial progress in our development and I am sure that together we can achieve this target and deserve the trust that we have received from the IOC. This is the most important road for our federations and for the confederations inside the FIE and for other members of our family. Thank you very much for your attention.

I announce our Congress open and wish to everyone a good work, initiative, and a warm atmosphere, which we have today in Dubai.

*Applause.*

I would like to give the floor to our Chief Executive Ms. Nathalie Rodriguez to invite the President of the UAE Fencing Federation. Please.

Also, we all need to express our gratitude to our colleagues from the UAE Federation and to the hosting government who supported our Congress and gave us a possibility to organize the Congress on such a high organizational level. Thank you, thank you very much.

*Applause.*

## 2. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIE AND ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FENCING FEDERATION

**Sheikh Salem Sultan Saqr Al-Qasimi, President of the United Arab Emirates Federation (UAE):**

Dear Mr. Alisher Usmanov, Chairman of the IFF, Respected members of the Executive Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen, Salam Alikum, Marhaba and Ahlan wa Sahlan. It is my great pleasure to welcome you today in the UAE – the land of giving, love and peace, the land of Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid. Both of them represent the charity and giving. The land of multi civilizations are living together in harmony in the city of the world in Dubai.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have full confidence of the FIE, that it is living in the era of prosperity under the chairmanship of Mr. Alisher Usmanov. We hope this Congress is a new chapter of the successful story of the FIE, wishing to see this gathering again in Dubai during the coming years.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for the support given by the Dubai's Sports Council and to all efforts that led to host this special event of the FIE Congress in the UAE. Wishing you all the best and success, and a happy stay in the United Arab Emirates. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Alisher Usmanov will award the President of the UAE Fencing Federation with a gift from the FIE.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Now the floor is to Emmanuel Katsiadakis who will read the message that the FIE has received.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** The message is from the Deputy Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates.

"It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome all of the FIE delegates and participants to Dubai, the host city for the 96th FIE Congress. The sport of fencing as it plays today combines the ancient skills with state of the art technologies and is a wonderful example of the values of good sportsmanship, stamina, dexterity and grace.

The United Arab Emirates is proud that its young people are learning about the participating in this sport along with their peers from all around the world. I wish all the best to everyone attending this special event and hope they have a truly enjoyable and memorable experience."

Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister  
Ministry of the Presidential Affairs

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next item on the agenda. I would like to remind you how the voting system works. You have just received a voting device, you have also received explanations on how to vote: when you want to vote you press – Yes, or No, or Abstention, then you press the Valid key.

I will open the votes, and when the vote is finished, I will declare the vote is closed. If a Congress participant wants to intervene, he needs to raise his hand and he will receive a microphone. He has to announce his name and country. We ask you to remain in the Congress Hall and not to leave because we need the participation of everyone in the voting process. If you are absent during the vote, we might not have the required number of votes. I also want to inform you that the photo of the Congress will be taken just before the lunch. The Commission of Honour, which is chaired by the Secretary-General, and composed by all the Members of Honour present at the Congress will meet after the photo taking, during the lunch.



## 3. RATIFICATION OF THE NEW FEDERATIONS

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item on the agenda is the ratification of the new federations. The Executive Committee has provided affiliation to the federation of Angola. I ask the Congress to ratify the membership of this new federation. The total number of member federations has raised to 152. We can maybe approve this by acclamation if you have no objection.

*Applause.*

## 4. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE 2016 CONGRESS HELD IN MOSCOW (RUS)

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item is the approval of the 2016 Congress report, which was held in Moscow, Russia. I open the vote on Item #4.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The Congress report is approved. We move to item #5.

## 5. THE 2016 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item on the agenda is the Annual report 2016 of the Executive Committee, but before we move to vote on that item the floor is to Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** You have already our report. I think it is very clear and has all the details, but if there are any questions, I am ready to answer you. Are there any objections? Thank you very much.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** We have a video to show you. Please. I would like to ask you to stand up to honour the memory of those who have passed away during the last year.

*[Video presentation]*

Thank you very much.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to inform you that Nigeria and Cameroon have arrived, and that the simple majority now is 64 and the 2/3 majority is 85. We are going to move to vote on Item #5, the 2016 report of the Executive Committee and I open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The Annual report is approved.

The next item is the 2016 financial report, the report of the auditors, and the approval of the accounts.

# 6. THE 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT, THE AUDITORS' REPORT, THE APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE AUDITORS

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The floor is to Ferial Salhi.

**Ferial Salhi (ALG):** Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen Members of Honour, Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents of the Federations, Ladies and Gentlemen the participants of the Congress,

I have the pleasure to present for your approval the account information and the balance sheet for the financial year 2016. The 2016 accounts which are submitted show an excess of revenue against the expenditure, amounting to 4 363 797 CHF. On this occasion, I would like to express my gratitude to the President of our Federation for his generous donation of 5 million USD, or 4 850.000 CHF, which allowed us to organize beautiful Olympic Games.

The three departments of the FIE: the Administration and Finance department, the Sports department, the department of Communications and Marketing were in line with the budget. However, the expenditure for the Olympic Games exceeded the budget by 21,31%, and costed us an additional 1 655 956 CHF.

This over expenditure is due to the fact that the FIE had to pay for unexpected expenses due to the financial situation of RIO 2016. For example – the lighting, pistes, the furniture for the offices, the per diem for the ITOs for their traveling days and their evening meals, that were not covered by the local Organization Committee. Among the other expenses are the rooms for the Olympic Games in Rio, which costed us \$500 per night per room. The revenue of the International Federation comes mainly from the President and the IOC. It accounted for 92,50%.

We had a revenue of 1.21% from communication/marketing/tv, and the revenue from the federations (383.893 CHF) is approximately 2,5%.

Our balance at the end of December is positive due to the surplus receipts for the year and totals to 4 363 797 CHF. We have a total capital of 31 475 495 CHF.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Nathalie Rodriguez and her team from the Administrative and Finance Department, for their cooperation and work that made possible to present this report to your attention.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you. We are moving to vote on the financial report, the auditors' report, the approval of the accounts, and discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors.

I would like to remind you that the number of federations present and represented is now 128, that the simple majority is 65 and the 2/3 majority is 86.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The accounts are approved.

We move to the next item which is the budget for 2018.

## 7. BUDGET FOR 2018

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The budget for 2018 is similar to the budget for 2017. If you have no questions we can move to vote on that item.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The Budget for 2018 is approved.

The next item is the nomination of the auditors.



## 8. DESIGNATION OF THE AUDITORS

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The proposal is to nominate Ernst & Young for another year. We move to vote on Item 8 and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Ernst & Young are designated for another one-year term.

We move to the Item #9, which is the restructuring of the FIE Rules.

## 9. RESTRUCTURING OF THE FIE RULES

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The restructuring has been conducted by the Rules Commission and I would like to give the floor to the President of the Rules Commission Mr. Stephen Higginson, who will explain what was done in this restructuring.

**Stephen Higginson (MH, GBR):** Good morning. The idea of restructuring the Rules came from my predecessor Mr. Chairman of the Rules Commission Giuseppe Cafiero who is, unfortunately, not well and can't be with us. Over the years there have been frequent changes to the Rules as our sport and our organization have evolved, and some sections of the Rule-book now seem overloaded with repetitions, articles not always in a logical order, new rules that are crafted based on the original framework, and sometimes articles which are not indeed rules. To make them easier to navigate, three years ago Mr. Cafiero organized a working group of Members of the Rules Commission together with other cooperating members and the important help of CEO and members of the Lausanne staff.

You have already received the restructured versions, which we hope are now in a more logical order in all three languages of the FIE. I must emphasize that we have not changed any of the rules. If you look carefully, you may see that in places the word nation has been replaced by national federation, but I repeat, no rule has been changed. We have only changed the order, trying to cut out unnecessary repetition and trying to group the sections in a logical way.

We haven't finished yet, obviously, there remains the Material section of the rules. Some work has been done, if you give your approval to these first two books, we hope to have the whole project of restructuring complete in time for your approval next year. After that, in the course of our work, we have had a very good look at all the rules, and there are places where the wording needs updating.

You will be surprised sometimes if you read the 1913 original version of the rules, how much of the phraseology is quite familiar and is still there. There are sometimes rules which refer to the circumstances that no longer exist, but the rules have just stayed in place. There are some which are perhaps a bit ambiguous or open to interpretation, and, as I said, articles that are not really rules. So, we haven't changed anything yet, although we were very tempted on occasions. Over the next few years, as well as the normal changes will occur, we will present for your approval a number of improvements and corrections to the current texts. In fact, there are already one or two of these rule changes, updates proposed for this year, which were identified during the restructuring process. I hope that you will agree with the work we have done so far and we have the green light to go ahead with the Material section and any other revisions. Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you very much.

We will now move to the vote, first of all on the restructuring of the Organization Rules.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The restructuring of the Organization Rules is approved.

We are now moving to the next item, which is the restructuring of the Technical Rules and I open the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The restructuring of the Technical Rules is approved.

# 10. 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to Item #10, which is criteria for qualification for the Olympic Games 2020. This document has been drafted by the IOC. It will be submitted also to the Legal Department of the IOC that is going to make sure that the language is harmonized across all their documents, and that the terminology is used in a similar way. After the Congress approves this document, these criteria will be submitted to the final approval of the Executive Board of the IOC in February. These technical criteria are the same as the ones for Rio. Do you have any questions?

**Otto Drakenberg (SWE):** Dear Mr. President, dear members of the Executive Committee, and all the fencing friends here, my name is Otto Drakenberg, I am the newly elected President of the Swedish Fencing Federation. I am very happy and excited that fencing has received the two Olympic medal sets that we have been missing for a number of years. I think this is very good and exciting, but it is not sufficient. It is not sufficient. I come from a country that hasn't qualified a team for the Olympics since 1992, and I know Sweden is not alone in this situation.

For most of our federations in the FIE, the individual qualification is the only realistic alternative to participate in Olympic Games, the only way to receive funding from our Olympic Committees in the nations, and the only way to secure and even grow the future of fencing in our countries.

Through media attention, stars attract children to start fencing and succeed in the Olympic family. We need a fair qualification to the Olympic Games in fencing. The principle that 144 athletes out of 204 are qualified because these belong to a team is not fair, and it is the important obstacle to the development of fencing in many countries.

I strongly urge the President of the FIE, the Executive Committee, and all of us present here to work as strongly as we have done in the past for a change. The Qualification Rules for Paris 2024 must have separate qualification for individual competitors and for the teams, and the work needs to start now. Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The situation is the following: you know that it has been very long and extremely hard for the FIE to obtain the two missing events. This is due mainly to the very hard, long work of the President of the FIE Mr. Alisher Usmanov. This is thanks to him that the IOC has granted us these two additional events. It is clear that we want more. Not more events, because we don't have more events, but we want more fencers qualified through the individual qualification. It is true, but we cannot obtain everything at the same time. You have to understand this. It doesn't mean that we are going to stop the work now. We are going to start the work for Paris 2024. This is very clear, but one step at a time. I hope you understand this.

The criteria that are submitted to you include the two additional team events that we have received. So, I open the vote on the criteria for 2020 Olympic Games and I repeat that these criteria have to receive the IOC final approval in February 2018.

The vote is open.

**Alisher Usmanov:** I would like to add to what our colleague from Sweden has said. It has been twenty years that our sport was missing these medal sets. We have approached the IOC previously six times and received the only answer that it is impossible. Only because of our strong argument, which was developed and prepared by Nathalie together with the Secretary-General, we were able to find a way to achieve this by keeping the same level of athletes who participate in the competitions. Of course, it is very good to say that we need to qualify more athletes through individual qualification but if you study how many disciplines lose their volume of participants and how many disciplines today are kept in the program in other sports, e.g. boxing, wrestling, etc. you will understand how difficult it is. We need to set a real target and a real achievement, otherwise, we will lose our opportunity. Thank you.

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**Marco A. Rioja Perez (ESP):** Thank you. I am Marco Rioja, President of the Spanish Fencing Federation. We would like to mention in front of the Congress that we agree to the statement of the President of the Swedish Federation and that we do need to start working on the qualification of individuals and teams, with the aim to qualify the individuals separately from the teams. We are very grateful to the President and FIE for the 12 medals. We think that the Congress should ask itself if the team qualification as it is now is really fair. I mean that the first eight best teams in the rankings do not participate in the Games. I think this is not a goal that we should defend as such, since and taking into account what the President of the Swedish federation said, 75% of the qualifications belong to 8 teams. Therefore, these teams should be the first 8 in the FIE World Cup rankings.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The qualification system takes into account the first four teams in the FIE ranking and the first best ranked team per zone, according to the rankings. For the future, we will have to work on our individual qualification, we know it. But for the moment, we do not have the possibility of a different qualification system for individuals. We will work on this for the 2024 Games.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Once more, I would like to call on everyone. Please don't create fantastic plans. For example, boxing has lost three disciplines and gave one to women, together it is only three for women, before only men had eleven disciplines. The same story happened with Wrestling and the same story with the Athletic Federations. Of course, 8 countries are not enough, but these are the best who receive the right to participate in the Olympic Games. The previous FIE President received the recognition for our disciplines, but hasn't received any medal sets. It took us twenty years. I think not everyone understands what our Federation has achieved. It's a pity. Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The vote is closed.

The criteria for qualification are approved.

We now move to the next item, which is "The proposals submitted to the Congress".

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are going to start with the modifications of the Statutes. For a proposal to pass we need 2/3 of the votes, which are 86 votes. We start with the proposal from the Executive Committee.

## Proposal from the Executive Committee

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article 5.6.2**. The Executive Committee modified its original proposal, after having checked what was the practice in the other International Federations whether they are the same size as the FIE or bigger. It could verify that the proposal was in line with the practice of other International Federations. Therefore, the Executive Committee agreed to the amended text, which is submitted to the Congress. We are voting on the modified text by the Executive Committee and the vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

## Proposal from Sam Cheris (MH) and Peter Jacobs (MH)

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article 7.2.11** and the aim is to move that paragraph into the Rules. If the proposal passes, the paragraph will move in to the Rules. The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

## Proposals from the Legal Commission

*Proposal #1*. The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal, in order to clarify the texts and to have the three languages of the FIE in line. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2*. The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal, the aim is a clarification of the language and to have the three languages of the FIE in line. The Executive Committee was in favour of the text as modified by the Legal Commission. We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #3*. This proposal is related to **Article 4.7.6**. All related articles in the Statutes mention percentages. The aim is to modify this article in order to have percentages and not numbers. The Legal Commission was in favour of this proposal and the Executive Committee was also in favour.

We open the vote on this proposal. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #4* is related to **Article 6.4.2**. The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal. The Executive Committee was in favour of the text as modified by the Legal Commission and we open the vote on this modified proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #5* is related to modifications to the Disciplinary Code articles. The Refereeing Commission was in favour of this proposal. The Legal Commission was also in favour of this proposal, after which it was approved by the Executive Committee. If this proposal is accepted **Article 7.2.11** will be added to **Article t.119** as mentioned before.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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*Proposal #6.* This proposal is about the precision of the procedure regarding the submission of the dates of the complaint. The Legal Commission modified its original proposal and clarified that the Central Office is the Bureau. The Executive Committee was in favour of the text as modified by the Legal Commission. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7.* This is a new rule to be added to our Statutes that sets up the process to be followed when addressing the participation of refugee fencers in fencing competitions. The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal modified by the Legal Commission and just mentioned that in **Article 9.2.3.** the FIE "head office" should be replaced by the FIE "bureau".

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

## Proposal from the Promotion and Publicity Commission

The following proposal suggests an update to the duties of the Commission and a modification of its name. The Legal Commission agreed to the proposal, the Promotion Commission slightly updated its proposal, and the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Promotion and Publicity Commission.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have finished with the proposals regarding the Statutes. Before we move to the proposals regarding the Rules, we propose to have a very short break of 5-6 minutes, no longer. Then we will start with the proposals on the modification of the Rules.

**Alisher Usmanov:** We will continue in a few minutes. Nathalie, please, when you are ready.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes, thank you. We move to the modifications of the Rules and we start with the proposals of the Executive Committee.

## Proposals of the Executive Committee

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article o.13.** The Rules Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee was in favour, so we open the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2* is related to **Article o.17.** The Rules Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee was in favour. This proposal, if it passes, will be implemented at the beginning of the next season.

The vote is open.

When I do not mention the date of application it means that the text will take effect on the 1st January 2018, otherwise, I will mention the date of application.

The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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*Proposal #3* is related to **Article o.20**. The Rules Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee was in favour. If this proposal passes it will be implemented at the beginning of the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to mention that we have received a proxy from Aruba to Uruguay. As a result, the number of present or represented federations is 129.

*Proposal #4* is related to **Article o.25**. The Rules Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee was in favour also. If this proposal passes it will be implemented at the beginning of the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #5* is related to **Article o.28**. The Rules Commission was in favour of the modification of the proposal, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #6* is related to **Article o.50**. The Rules Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee also.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7.* This proposal is linked to the proposal by the Medical Commission and by the Members of Honour, and to the proposal from the Israel Fencing Federation. The Rules Commission was in favour of this text. The Legal Commission agreed to the proposal. The Medical Commission agreed as well, and the Executive Committee was in agreement with the Legal and Medical Commissions and has proposed a modified text, which took into account the comments of these Commissions. We open the vote. If this modification passes it will be implemented at the beginning of the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #8.* The Rules Commission has modified the proposal. The Executive Committee is in favour of the text as modified by the Rules Commission. We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #9.* The Rules Commission has modified the proposal from the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission, and it added that there should be 3 members of the Medical Commission for the new **item e**). We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #10.* The next proposal should be divided into 3 parts. The three proposals we should vote on are: a proposal for Satellite competitions, a proposal for referees at the Veteran World Championships, and then a proposal on the referees for junior competitions.

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## Proposal on Referees for Satellite Competitions

The Rules Commission agreed with that proposal and the Executive Committee also. The idea here is to have a rule stating that the referees should be brought by national federations as it is currently practiced. We are just updating our Statutes.

The vote on referees at Satellites competition is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

## Proposal on referees at the Veteran World Championships

The Veterans Council has requested the referees to be nominated by the Executive Committee based on a proposal from the Refereeing Commission. The expense for the referee services will be covered by the Organizing Committee through the payment of an entry fee paid by the federations. This entry fee has been approved by the Rules Commission, and it will be of 90 EUR for the individuals and 185 EUR for the team events. This is an important request from the Veterans Council who are in true need to have these referees. The Rules Commission agreed with this proposal. The Refereeing Commission and the Executive Committee both agreed to this proposal.

We open the vote on this proposal. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

## Proposal on referees at the Junior Competitions

The last proposal is regarding the Junior competitions. The proposal comes from the Italian Federation with a suggestion that the referees will be arranged by the organizer. The Refereeing Commission was not in favour of that proposal and the Executive Committee didn't agree to that proposal. If you disagree with the proposal please vote – *No*, and if you agree with the proposal – vote *Yes*.

I open the vote on that proposal. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal #11* is related to **Article o.83**. The Rules Commission agreed to th this proposal and the Executive Committee also. We move to vote on that proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #12* has been withdrawn. We move to *Proposal #13*.

*Proposal #13*. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour. We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #14* has been deferred. We move to *Proposal #15*.

*Proposal #15*. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. So, we move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.



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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to the proposals of the Members of Honour.

## Proposals of the Members of Honour

*Proposal #1* is from Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs. It is related to **Article t.114**. The only modification to that proposal should be the following: since we have a new calendar the period stated for the Senior competitions should be the 1st of September, not the 1st of October since now the Senior competitions start in September. If this proposal passes it will be valid for the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2*. The remark is the same: the period stated for the Senior Competitions should be the 1st of September, not the 1st of October. And for **Paragraph 2** as well. This text is coming from the Statutes that has been moved to **Article t.119**. So, the text has been already approved and voted for. We move to vote on that item, and if it passes it will be valid for the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #3* is related to **Article t.122**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. I propose to move to vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #4* is related to **Article t.122**. The Rules Commission was in favour of the proposal. The Refereeing Commission was in favour of the proposal, and the Executive Committee was also in favour of this proposal. The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #5*. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour of this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #6* is related to **Article t.124**. The Rules Commission is in favour. The Refereeing Commission is in favour, and the Executive Committee is in favour of this proposal. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7* is related to **Article t.125**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #8* has been withdrawn. We move to *Proposal #9*.

*Proposal #9* is the same as the proposal from the Refereeing Commission, the Belgian Federation, and the Coaches Council. The Rules Commission is in favour. The Refereeing Commission is in favour, the Coaches Council is in favour, the Athletes Commission is in favour, and the Executive Committee is in favour. So, we move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to the proposals of the Refereeing Commission.

## Proposals of the Refereeing Commission

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article t.18**, and it was just voted for, so we move to *Proposal #2*.

*Proposal #2* is related to **Article t.21**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. So, we move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #3* is related to **Article t.26**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour of its proposal. The Rules Commission was not in favour, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of this proposal. If you disagree with this proposal, vote – *No*, and if you agree with it, vote – *Yes*.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal #4* is related to **Article t.48**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour of its proposal. The Rules Commission was not in favour, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of this proposal. If you are not in favour of this proposal, vote – *No*, and if you are in favour of it, vote – *Yes*.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal #5* is related to **Article t.72**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour of its proposal. The Rules Commission was not in favour of the proposal, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of this proposal. If you are not in favour of this proposal, vote – *No*, and if you are in favour of it, vote – *Yes*.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposals #6 and #7* were deferred.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the proposals of the Legal Commission.

## Proposals of the Legal Commission

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article o.63**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Legal Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. So, we move to vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2* is related to **Article t.99**. The Legal Commission has modified its proposal. The Rules Commission is in favour. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission. So, we vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the proposals of the Legal and Medical Commissions.

## Proposals of the Legal and Medical Commissions

*Proposal #1* has been withdrawn.

*Proposal #2* has been already voted on together with the proposal from the Executive Committee. It is related to **Article o.55**.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the proposals from the Medical Commission.

## Proposals of the Medical Commission

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article t.33**. The Medical Commission has modified its proposal. The Promotion, Refereeing, and Rules Commissions are in favour. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Medical Commission. So, we vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the proposals from the Rules Commission.

## Proposals of the Rules Commission

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article t.1**. This is only an update of the rules and it will be of immediate application. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. So, we move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2*. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour. We move to the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #3*. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #4* is related to **Article t.43**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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**Alisher Usmanov:** I think everyone is already tired from these changes, but it is very important for us to analyze all of these because the Statutes are like our Constitution. We don't need to change them every year, or even every two years like these Rules, but we must only initiate change when we feel the need to change a weapon, a uniform, or a security matter, or other matters of our sport that do need some changing. Please, I am asking my colleagues in the Commissions and in COMEX to stop this big play of changes.

Of course, the voting must be completed, we are solving this problem today when we put it before the Congress, but simultaneously I would like to make this remark for the future. Refereeing Commission and Rules Commission, have to be more careful in changing the Rules.

Not everybody knows but we have some problems, the most important is non-combativity. We need to solve this problem, first, in women's foil, and we discussed this issue again yesterday during COMEX. We need to have a specific change that improves the level of fighting, only this. Second, we know that we do have some other problems in épée, but it will be fine if during every Congress we make some changes.

This is very good. I am not against this. We need to change the strategy of making changes in our Rules and Statutes. After we complete our work today and make all the necessary changes, I would like to make another remark on the separation of power among the FIE President, the CEO, the Secretary-General, the Bureau members, the COMEX members, and other federations. I will need only five minutes. Thank you very much.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** *Proposal #5* is related to **Article t.114**. The remark here is that the active season for the Junior Competition should be 1st of September, not 1st of October for the World Championships. This is the same for **Article t.119**. If this proposal passes, it will be implemented for the next season. The same remark applies to **t.120**. We move to vote on that item, and if it passes it will be valid for the next season. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #6* is related to **Article m.12**. The Rules Commission was in favour, the S.E.M.I. Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7* is about the removal of texts on transparent mask in the Material Rules. If this proposal passes it will be implemented immediately. The Rules Commission was in favour, the S.E.M.I. Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #8* is related to **Article m.44**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The text was modified by the S.E.M.I. Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the S.E.M.I. Commission. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #9* is related to **Article m.51**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The S.E.M.I. Commission modified the text. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the S.E.M.I. Commission. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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*Proposal #10.* The Rules Commission was in favour. The S.E.M.I Commission modified the text. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the S.E.M.I Commission. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #11.* The Rules Commission was in favour. The S.E.M.I Commission modified the text. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the S.E.M.I Commission. We vote on this modified proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #12.* The Rules Commission was in favour. The S.E.M.I Commission modified the text. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the S.E.M.I Commission. We vote on this modified proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I propose to stop our work on these proposals and return to them after lunch. We are going to have a photo of the Congress in a few minutes, and the Commission of Honour is going to meet after the photo is taken. Then we are going to have lunch. Let's try to return to work as soon as possible. Shall we say in an hour, at 14:30? Thank you. Please proceed to take the photo now.

*(Lunch)*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We resume the work on proposals. We are moving to the proposals from the Coaches Council.

## Proposals of the Coaches Council

*Proposal #1* has already been voted for before and it was accepted.

*Proposal #2* is not really a proposal because it requests an investigation on the possibility to reduce the blocking time. As it is not possible to vote on that proposal without tests, we are going to request the S.E.M.I Commission to conduct tests on that possibility, being understood that the S.E.M.I Commission has a different proposal. We will not vote on this proposal until S.E.M.I Commission conducts the tests on both proposals.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the proposals from the Belgian Federation.

## Proposals of the Belgian Fencing Federation

*Proposal #1. Article t.18* has already been voted for and passed. So, we are going to vote only on **Article t.120**, which is only a modification of the table of sanctions. The Rules Commission was in favour, the Refereeing Commission was in favour, the Athletes Commission was in favour, the Coaches Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. We move to vote on that proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2* is only a proposal to modify the index and should be implemented immediately. The Rules, Referees, Athletes Commissions were in favour, the Coaches Council was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the proposals from the British Fencing Federation.

## Proposals of the British Fencing Federation

*Proposal #1* is related to **Article t.13**. The Rules Commission was in favour, the S.E.M.I Commission didn't express any opinion, the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2* has been withdrawn, so we move to *Proposal #3*.

*Proposal #3*. We have already voted on the first part of this proposal, so we are going to vote only on the second part, the one in blue. If this proposal passes it will be implemented for the next season, as the softwares should take into account this proposal. The Rules Commission was in favour, the Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #4* is related to **Article t.42**. The Promotion Commission was in favour of this proposal but only for the finals, and the Refereeing Commission was in favour of making only the video available for the public. The Rules Commission has modified its proposal and the Executive Committee has finally modified the proposal so that the replays of action be available only at the finals of the Olympic Games and Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships. We move to the vote. If this proposal passes it will be implemented for the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #5* has been withdrawn, so we move to *Proposal #6*.

*Proposal #6* is related to **Article t.45.1**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee also. If this proposal passes it will be implemented for the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7* is related to **Article t.45.5**. The Rules Commission was in favour. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, the S.E.M.I Commission also, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #8* has been deferred, so we move to *Proposal #9*.

*Proposal #9* is related to **Article t.120**, line 1.17. The Rules and the Refereeing Commissions were in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #10* is related to **Article t.120**, line 4.5. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #11* is related to **Article t.120**, line 4.3. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

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*Proposal #12* is related to **Article t.120**. The Rules Commission was in favour, the Refereeing Commissions was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #13* is related to **Article m.25.3**. The Rules Commission was in favour, the S.E.M.I Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #14* is related to **Article m.25**. The Rules Commission was not in favour, but the S.E.M.I Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee agreed with the S.E.M.I Commission and therefore was in favour of the proposal. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

## Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation

*Proposal #1* has been withdrawn by the federation.

*Proposal #2* is related to **Article o.24**. The Promotion Commission was not in favour. The Rules Commission was not in favour, and the Executive Committee was not in favour. So, if you are not in favour of that proposal, vote – *No*, if you are in favour, vote – *Yes*.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal #3* has been withdrawn.

*Proposal #4* has been withdrawn.

*Proposal #5* is related to **Article o.43**. The Promotion Commission was not in favour. The Rules Commission was not in favour, and the Executive Committee was not in favour. So, if you are in favour of the proposal, please vote – *Yes*, if you are not in favour of the proposal, please vote – *No* on that proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal #6* is related to **Article o.44**. The Promotion Commission was not in favour. The Rules Commission was not in favour, and the Executive Committee is not in favour. If you are not in favour, please vote – *No*, and if you are in favour of the proposal, please vote – *Yes*.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal #7* has been withdrawn.

*Proposal #8* has been also withdrawn.



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## Proposal of the Iraqi Fencing Federation

The Iraqi Federation has made a proposal, which changes the results points system. The Promotion Commission was not in favour of changing the points system. The Rules Commission modified the proposal and introduced points for fencers ranked from 97 to 256: 0.5 points for the fencers ranked from 97-128 and 0.25 points for the fencers ranked from 129-256. This would allow to have less fencers with 0 points in the rankings since these fencers participated in several competitions.

The Rules Commission is in favour of that modification, but not to the first part of the proposal. The Executive Committee is in favour and agrees to provide points to the fencers ranked from 97- 256 according to the proposal from the Rules Commission. We are going to vote on this modified proposal. And, of course, the application will be for the next season.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Next proposal from the Fencing Federation of Israel has already been dealt with, together with the proposal from the Executive Committee and the Medical Commission.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next proposal from the Italian Federation has already been dealt with when we voted on referees for Satellites, Veterans and Junior competitions.

## Proposals of the Swedish Fencing Federation

*Proposal 1* is related to **Article m.16.3**. The Rules Commission was in favour, the S.E.M.I Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour. We move to the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal did not pass.

*Proposal 2* has been deferred.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have finished now with the proposals related to the Rules.

**Abdel Monein Elhamy El Hussein (EGY):** Nathalie, could you please kindly explain the details of the Proposal #1 of the Executive Committee **#5.6.2** to understand how well we comprehend it.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Do you mean **#5.6.2** of the Statutes, the first proposal from the Executive Committee? Ok. The Executive Committee has made a proposal so that the President of the FIE may hire and dismiss the personnel of the FIE, but also inform the Executive Committee about his decision. This proposal has been suggested after the review of the bylaws of other International Federations in order to know how they were proceeding. We have examples of big federations such as Athletics and Football, but we also have an example of middle-size federations such as Ice-hockey, and we have an example of a Rowing federation, which has the same size as the FIE. We have studied their Statutes and concluded that there is only one person in charge of managing the staff. After the review of those practices, the Executive Committee has modified its original proposal in order to provide the text, which you have in front of you that says that the President may hire and dismiss the personnel of the FIE and he informs the Executive Committee about his decision. The Executive Committee was perfectly in agreement with that proposal. Does this answer your question? Thank you.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Best regards to everyone from the government of the United Arab Emirates. I told the government representatives that everyone is pleased with the way how everything is organized in Dubai. Did I give the right answer? is everyone happy with the organization?

*Applause.*



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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Is there any other question? Any questions? Yes, please.

**Marcel Amougou (CMR):** I think that after Nathalie's explanation and with the agreement of the Congress, we should revote on this issue because the Congress did not understand the background.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Are you requesting to reopen the vote on that proposal after the explanations that you have received? Shall we reopen this vote?

**Alisher Usmanov:** I very much appreciate our unity during the past 4-5 years. I think we have achieved this by arranging our work in COMEX, motivating and working with every national federation and every member of the fencing family. This is why when we discuss an issue several times in COMEX meetings we start to see the new areas of activity that need absolutely different people. For example, we need to reach various agreements with different hi-tech companies. I expressed my feelings to the Chief Executive: what is the responsibility of our managers if they do not achieve those numbers, or items, or those goals and targets that we set for them? Can we motivate and stimulate them or release them from their positions?

When Nathalie explained to me the situation I felt sorry for all money that I have donated for our federation.

Our Chief Executive needs to have a team and this team has to be responsible to the President who in his turn is responsible to the COMEX and to you.. Because of this, I agree with Mr. Cheris: The Chief Executive must sign a contract with my approval and then inform the COMEX. Do I understand it correctly Sir Cheris? So, it's not two people – it's COMEX and me. I am responsible for this, but I don't have any power to fill the executive position. The Chief Executive should be an executive who is responsible to the President and the Secretary-General. The Bureau has to control firstly the President and the Secretary-General, secondly – COMEX, and then there is the Congress. I haven't paid enough attention to this previously because I thought it's daily work questions. If Nathalie finds it important to put this question to revoting it means that she understands well what I want from her and why we need this.. Mr. Cheris, am I right, do I understand this correctly? You are the one who should tell us if this is correct. These things should be clear to avoid any misunderstanding. We should be able to completely understand each other. Everything must be open and honest. Does everyone understand everything now?

**Abdel Monein Elhamy El Hussein (EGY):** Hello, I am El-Husseini from Egypt. May I ask for revoting this item, please, since we have the right answers now?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes, we can reopen the vote.

**Alisher Usmanov:** First, we have to ask if the Congress wants to revote on this proposal.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Do you agree to revote on this proposal to change the language?

**Alisher Usmanov:** You can express your agreement by applause if you agree to revote.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Who is against? One. Please pass the microphone.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are changing the language of the proposal as apparently there was a misunderstanding.

**Piet Wauters (BEL):** Previously in this Congress we always had the same procedure: there was a proposal, COMEX would make changes to it, and we could only vote for the changed proposal, but we have never discussed anything in between of those here. Now we have voted already and we are just reopening the discussion. I don't understand why we are doing this. So, if you are discussing this proposal why haven't we discussed the other proposals?

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**Alisher Usmanov:** It is not my initiative to put this to vote, but it is necessary for the Chief Executive and the Legal Commission because we found a misunderstanding and want to find the correct wording. This is why we are asking the Congress if it wants to revote again for this proposal.

**Piet Wauters (BEL):** If we are voting again, can someone please put on the screen what is the exact wording that we are voting for.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Let me please explain. You have a text of the Executive Committee in front of you. The only change that we are going to introduce is the following – the President and the Chief Executive Officer may hire and dismiss the personnel. So, we are introducing a second person.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Maybe it can be like this – the President and the Chief Executive Officer with the President's approval – as suggests Mr. Cheris.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Mr. Cheris what is the correct text that you think is accurate wording?

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** The discussion that we had in the interim was that there should always be two people. It is a concept that we have discussed at the Legal Commission of Four-eyes. It was brought up by the members of the Commission. The discussion we had was that the Chief Executive Officer should be the person who is the operational individual. They should seek candidates, they should interview, and then they would propose a candidate for a position and the President would then affirm or deny that position. I did not write any language because I didn't know that we were going back to this. What they are discussing now is a joint piece where the President and the CEO would jointly hire and dismiss the individuals, which is similar to where I was going from and we will have two different people who will be evaluating the hiring and terminating of the personnel.

**Alisher Usmanov:** You know, I am ready to give this right to the CEO with my approval. I don't see any problem. You can change this formula. Nathalie, we have all of the Congress members here, who know that our Federation has its specificity. You don't have an executive-action type President. You have a President who is a Sponsor, a Trustee and President. Therefore, I keep my right to approve the people who can sign a contract with the Chief Executive. Today the system works through my power of attorney, which I gave to Nathalie because I trust her. We want to change this by giving her the right to hire the people whom we need to achieve these aims. We absolutely agree with Mr. Cheris, we must have two people: one person to control and sign the contract, and the other one to approve it.

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** The Legal Commission was about to try and create the language; obviously we didn't have enough time to do it here.

**Alisher Usmanov:** This is exactly what I am trying to explain here to the President of the Belgian Federation that we have a different formula but in reality, we speak about the same things, we speak about the need to have someone who can approve solutions.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Sam, can you please suggest a simple formula?

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** The simple formula without having the rest of the Commission look at it will be: The Chief Executive Officer with the approval of the President will hire and dismiss personnel of the FIE.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Yes, but it is not the Chief Executive with the approval of COMEX. Everything is very logical.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Has the right, has the right to hire.

**Armen Grigoryan (ARM):** Dear Mr. President, dear colleagues, I am Armen Grigoryan, the President of the Armenian Fencing Federation. I must say that at first, we didn't understand what was the point of this proposal, but after the President explained it, now everything is clear. I would like to suggest that we return to this proposal for a revote.

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**Alisher Usmanov:** Does the President of the Belgian Federation agree to revote on this proposal or still not?

**Tadeusz Tomaszewski (POL):** My name is Tadeusz Tomaszewski, I am the Vice-President of the Polish Fencing Federation. Since we have already voted on this problem, I think we should proceed according to the Statutes. Therefore, taking into consideration what President Usmanov just explained to us I would like to ask formally the Congress to reconsider the first proposal just to return to the discussion and if this is what we have decided we can vote for the new proposition. This is the simplest way to do this.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Jako Bardzo (Thank you very much, Polish) for the understanding.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So, we have requested the Congress if it agrees to vote again on that proposal. Belgium has requested a clear text, so we are providing you now that text that was drafted by Sam Chervis, the President of the Legal Commission. The text he proposes and which is submitted to your decision is: The CEO with the approval of the President may hire and dismiss the personnel of the FIE. The CEO will inform the Executive Committee.

If you agree now we can open the vote on this proposal. I ask you again to vote because for the modifications to the Statutes we need the support of 2/3 of the federations, that is a majority of 86 votes. Do you have any questions or is it clear now? Then we open the vote on this proposal.

**Velichka Hristeva (BUL):** I think we have to check the quorum before the vote. We are not sure if everyone is here, some people might not be back from the lunch.

**Alisher Usmanov:** There might be only 10-15 people absent. We only need 75% of those who are present.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Please vote, leave your other tasks and vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed.

**Alisher Usmanov:** We have 129 federations present or represented. How many of them are voting?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** There are 129 federations or represented and only 117 have voted.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Next time we must check who abstains. Can't we calculate who abstained?

**Oldrich Kubista (CZE):** I confirm what Velichka said, maybe some federations are absent. I have checked all the votes one hour ago and it was less than 128, it was something like 110 or 115.

**Alisher Usmanov:** It means that some people have registered and left.

**Oldrich Kubista (CZE):** Why don't we check the quorum as Velichka has offered. This is an important issue we have to vote on. Now we are missing four votes, maybe twelve federations are missing and the quorum is lower.

**Alisher Usmanov:** This is what I am saying, the proposal passed. How many are the 75% out of 117? It makes 76 votes. Can someone from those 32 federations that voted against tell us what we should do to satisfy their position? Please, please. We need to understand. Maybe we need to change something.

**Abdel Monein Elhamy El Hussein (EGY):** I would like to return to the corporate governance. We have to have segregation of duties between the CEO, the Board, and the COMEX. I believe that it is the right of the CEO and the Board to make decisions about the employees in the FIE. Nothing to do with the Congress. It is the right of the CEO and the Board. We do need segregation of duties. This is my point of view.

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**Alisher Usmanov:** I absolutely agree with you. This is the situation that we have today. We want only to clarify the right of the Chief Executive to hire new people to work for the FIE with the approval of the President. This is an absolutely segregated function inside of any normal corporate governance.

**Velichka Hristeva (BUL):** Excuse me, Mr. President, I think the normal quorum is 78. But because not everyone is here, I think it is a normal procedure to check the quorum and after that to know how many people are 75%.

**Alisher Usmanov:** It's 76. Mr. Cheris, could you clarify?

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** I made a proposal a number of years ago requesting that the majority be 2/3 of those voting. The Congress voted that proposal down saying it is 2/3 of those who show up in the morning even if they go out to lunch and stay out. I disagreed with that statement of the Congress but that is how Congress voted. The Congress said once you have the number at the beginning of the day, it's 2/3 of that group whether people go out and visit the aquarium or whether they stay in the meeting. I would like to have 2/3 of those voting. If you leave and don't vote, you are no longer a part of the quorum, but that's not what the Congress voted for. I am happy to put the proposal back in again the next year and say that it's 2/3 of those who actually vote – Yes, – No, or – Abstain. If you are not going to do that then why are you here? We have had this issue at other Congresses when Statutes have gone down to defeat because even if there are 125 or 130 people who showed up, by the end of the day we are only 95 people voting and you couldn't get the required 2/3 of the initial quorum. We are stuck 4 votes short, and there is nothing we can do.

**Alisher Usmanov:** I absolutely agree with you, but this is about the 4 votes that are absent. Nobody, however, out of those who voted against have explained their positions, in order to allow us to understand what is their position and their wishes for this item. Can someone please speak up?

**Tadeusz Tomaszewski (POL):** As far as I could understand we just voted to decide my motion. My motion was to come back formally to the discussion. It has nothing to do with the majority, the 2/3 for a majority because we don't change the Statutes. When we vote for the amendments we need the 2/3. Right now, I can read you the provision #3.5 the decisions of the Congress are reached by the simple majority vote of the federations. So, we need only the simple majority for this voting because we don't change Statutes.

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** It is changing the Statutes and it is #3.5.3. It is not the simple majority. Thank you for an easy solution, but it doesn't work.

**Alisher Usmanov:** We ask the Legal Commission to determine first what would be the correct majority for the vote to be considered valid based on what you have just explained. Second, please propose the correct wording to give a right to the Chief Executive to sign the contracts with the President's approval. Currently, we do our work without these changes, but these changes will make our work together more efficient and successful. I am saying this openly. I am waiting for the remarks of those who have other opinions, please.

**Mohamed Mahadi (GHA):** I just want to understand something. We have the three options, which is voting – Yes, – No, or – Abstention from the vote. If we have a total of 120 federations that have registered they had only these three options. If they are staying out of the room it is not an option. So, their votes should be left out because it is not an option that is included in the three options we have. The decision should be based on what we have, which is the three options that the Congress has approved: voting – Yes, – No, or – Abstention. So, I don't know why the 12 missing are even included in the vote. I think it should be corrected.

**Alisher Usmanov:** I think we only need to increase the control over those people who don't vote because the FIE arranges the full support for their travel, and it is a big traveling expense. We understand, in any case, who doesn't vote. Or we will not invite these people anymore or these people must be responsible. Why they come to the Congress if they don't vote? This will create an additional work for full year for Mr. Cheris. However, nobody spoke on behalf of those federations that voted against to understand what is their position and proposal. Your silence makes me think that this is not a real problem, it is a small issue. But this is very good for democracy.

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**Rushidin Kichikov (KAZ):** I would like to speak in Russian, if possible.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Yes, please. Is there a Russian translator available, so everyone can understand?

**Rushidin Kichikov (KAZ):** I am the representative of Kazakhstan and the Vice-President of the Kazakh Fencing Federation for many years. I am 60 years old and 50 years out of those 60 I am practicing fencing. I live in Kazakhstan. I have a great respect for two presidents, I think they are given to us by God – one is Mr. Nazarbayev (the president of Kazakhstan – ed.) and second is Alisher Usmanov – president of the FIE. Here we are sitting with representatives of 128 countries and none of us even congratulated Mr. Usmanov for what he has done for our sport. For twenty years we only had 10 disciplines, now we have 12. First, what I want to ask everyone is to stand up and applause to our President for what he has done for fencing, for this great achievement.

*Applause.*

**Rushidin Kichikov (KAZ):** Please stand up.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Please, there is no need for this.

**Rushidin Kichikov (KAZ):** Thank you, dear Mr. Usmanov. I hope that those that voted against now understand that they were mistaken. I am a mathematician by training so what I have noticed is that we had 117 votes all this time. Please check, we haven't had 129 votes even once. That's why we have to take 2/3 out of 117. Please verify. It is not hard.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to point out something. It is said that we can't change the quorum and I think this is wrong. This morning, for example, I have announced the number of federations present and represented, and also what was the simple majority, and the 2/3 majority. When additional federations arrived or gave proxies we have changed the number of voting persons, and we have increased the simple majority and the 2/3 majority. So, now if federations have left the Congress why can't we change the number of voting people, the simple majority, and the 2/3 majority since we have increased it this morning? We did not remain with the same number as at the beginning of the Congress with 124 or 126. We have increased it to 129 because people have arrived later. So now if people have left why can't we change the majority?

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Bravo. But then we need to change the Statutes.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Excuse me, but we are not going now to change the Statutes. I think that if we have changed the 2/3 majority this morning and the simple majority, we have to take into an account now how many people are actually in the room. I would like to request a vote on this to understand how many people are exactly in the room this changes the situation that we had in the morning. You can vote – *Yes*, – *No*, or – *Abstention*, and we will see how many people are in the room. I am going to open the vote now.

**Alisher Usmanov:** While we vote, we have a question from the representative of the UK.

**Hilary Philbin (GBR):** Nathalie, may I suggest something?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to start with the vote so we can know how many people exactly we have in the room.

**Hilary Philbin (GBR):** I am going to support that. Bearing in mind what you are saying, Nathalie, I would suggest that you do more than just a hand count and do another Roll Call. That would set the absolute number of people who are present at the Congress. Thank you.

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We don't need a roll call, people are going to vote electronically –Yes, – No, or – *Abstention* with their voting device and we will see how many persons are in the room.

**Osmonjan Kasymov (KGZ):** Maybe after this discussion, people thought about all these things and we should just revoke?

**Alisher Usmanov:** If you mean to have another revoting, the CEO doesn't need it. We need it for the efficiency of the work, but it's ok, we are going to lose some time now but we will solve the remaining issues during the next Congress. It is not a problem, we should do everything in the framework of our Statutes.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** If we do another roll call, we will lose another 30 minutes of our time.

**Alisher Usmanov:** I know, I know.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Please, I want to know how many federations are present in the room. I am going to open the vote. I am asking you to vote the way you want – Yes, – No, or – *Abstention*, but please vote. This will allow us to see how many federations are present and what is the 2/3 majority. I open the vote and I ask you again, please vote now.

**Herman Strydom (NAM):** Can I just support that? The highest vote count ever was 119. Clearly, something is wrong and so then your idea is perfect. It is a technical error, maybe. I would repeat, the highest vote ever reached as the member from Kazakhstan pointed out is 119, never 129. So, we do have a majority and it is probably a technical error.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Did you all vote? Has everybody voted? Yes? We close the vote.

*(Laughter). Applause. (Laughter).*

**Alisher Usmanov:** *(Laughter).* Everyone wants to come next year. This is unbelievable. Will anyone who has a different position tell us what is that position? No. I know why.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** There are 124 people voting.

**Anthony Camacho (GUM):** This question is directed more towards Mr. Cheris, my colleague in law. The question is simply this Mr. Cheris: What is the current approval system that we are using for the FIE and what is the good thing about changing it with this proposal?

**Alisher Usmanov:** Excuse me, you are asking this question but you were present here when I was explaining for fifteen minutes what is the reason for this change and what we need.

**Anthony Camacho (GUM):** Mr. President, I simply think that with this additional information perhaps those federations that might be hesitant to vote in favour of this measure might understand it better.

**Alisher Usmanov:** But do you understand why I am suggesting this change. This is my initiative and the question is not for Mr. Cheris, but for me. I haven't explained very well to Mr. Cheris what I want and that's why we had a different formula. We have different federations and different opinions. It's fine. I don't see any problem. Mr. Cheris already explained three times. If everyone attentively listened to me, everyone should have understood. It's not a legal problem because today legally we solve this problem by giving a power of attorney to Mrs. Rodriguez to sign the contracts. By this, I want to increase her rights and responsibility on behalf of me and COMEX. If someone is against this please explain. I have asked five times, please tell me what is not right and what do you want to be done differently. No one speaks up. Thank you very much for your question.



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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I haven't expressed my opinion on this so far. I think it is extraordinary, that the Congress on a simple question, a very simple one, on managing the staff, spends 45 minutes of the day. I think the first proposal was simple, the second proposal was also simple. How is it possible that we spent 45 minutes talking about something that will not change the life of fencing, which will not change anything for your federations, which will not damage the sport? I don't understand why we are doing this. This is a very simple question and this is the way other International Federations are working, and we are working very well this way. Don't you think that non-combativity that is damaging fencing is more serious than knowing who is hiring the staff?

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Bravo, bravo.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I have not finished. I am sorry, but let me finish with this, please. We now know that there are at least 124 people in this room and some people did not vote. So, please, you are requested to vote. I am sorry to say this but we have spent a fortune for your ticket and your accommodation to be here, to vote and to express your opinion. If you don't express your opinion, why are you here? Tell me. You have the right to express your opinion, so please vote. It is not normal that some people have not expressed their opinion. Thank you.

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** To answer your question. The current Statutes say: The President with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is 21 people. So, if you want to do a hiring you have to have either a meeting or a poll of 21 people. That is not a normal procedure, it is also not a normal procedure to be able to do it by yourself. The objective that was put forward by members of the Legal Commission, who are here, talked about a Four-eyes provision, which says that you would have two people so you would have the checks and balances. So, the change that I've made was to say that it's the CEO who would do the hiring with the approval of the President, so you have two separate people who have to agree before you can move forward. Does this answer your question?

**Anthony Camacho (GUM):** Yes, thank you.

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** You are welcome.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I am sorry, but I request another vote, because we know that there are 124 people in this room and these 124 people should express their opinion. I would like to know what is the 2/3 majority of 124 people.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Very good, why not.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The 2/3 majority of 124 is 83 people.

**Alisher Usmanov:** I request two minutes of your attention. Please, my friends, I know some of you don't like me, some of you don't like Nathalie, but we do love every one of you.

*(Laughter). Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Everyone in this room knows Nathalie is very responsible. We work together already for 10 years. For example, we have a big problem with the Marketing Department. We don't have any commercially-minded person who can monetize our sport.

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Everything that is arranged here is thanks to this woman and her work. Because of this, I want to express my respect towards her by giving her this right to sign the contracts because every time when she says: "Mr. Usmanov you need to sign this contract and that contract", I tell her that I don't know anything about this man or woman. I don't have time to work with them. I ask her, "Have you worked with this person?" She says: "Yes." I ask, Why are you inviting this person? She says, "For this". Then I say: "If after one year she doesn't achieve this result, fire her." She says: "I can't, she has been working here for 8 years, we need to pay her this much compensation, social security, and other benefits. After we calculate everything, we realize it's better to keep her."

Please tell us what you want us to do differently. Please propose a different system, that we can discuss and vote on, we can exchange our positions and find the right solution. But because those who disagree don't come up with different proposals.. Because of this, I propose to close this topic of discussion. It is a non-existent problem and it doesn't create any obstacles for our work. Can any of you say that because of the way we conduct our work we have lost anything? We haven't achieved everything, but we haven't lost any position.. Thank you very much for your attention.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Please, go ahead, but you have already spoken twice.

**Abdel Monein Elhamy El Hussein (EGY):** Yes, but it will be the third and the last time.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Please don't say that because we are waiting for you also next year and other times.

**Abdel Monein Elhamy El Hussein (EGY):** Thank you, Mr. President, thank you, Nathalie. Actually, I would like to introduce myself one more time. I am Abdel Monem El-Husseini, the President of the Egyptian Fencing Federation and meanwhile, I am the CEO of one of the largest Arab banks in the region. So, I know what is the requirement to do my work as a CEO. I cannot act as a CEO without having the right to hire and fire the staff in my organization. I can understand what you have said, Nathalie, and I urge all my colleagues. Please if we know the names of the employees in the FIE, how many of us know who works well and who is not working. The only one who can decide and determine who has a right to continue for the sake of our Federation is Nathalie. Please give her the right to choose her employees. I am asking you for a revoting, for the sake of Nathalie, please. Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are going to reopen the vote, hopefully for the last time. You have received the text. You know what the text is. Please, I want to see 124 votes, and the 2/3 majority is 83. Please vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The third one was the good one. Thank you very much.

The proposal passed.

**Alisher Usmanov:** This was a moral decision for Mrs. Rodriguez, but it was very good to speak with Mr. Cheris to have his professional legal opinion and the opinion of the Legal Commission to understand what we can do, to analyze how we can implement our work to avoid selecting wrong solutions. I am very happy that everyone now understands what women want.

*(Laughter). Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next item, which is the vote to award the World Championships.



# 12. VOTING TO AWARD THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **J/C 2020: candidatures of BUL, USA**
- **Veterans 2019: candidature of EGY**
- **Veterans 2020: candidatures of CRO, SLO**

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are going to award the following three World Championships: Junior/Cadet 2020, Veterans 2019, and Veterans 2020.

## **Junior/Cadet World Championships 2020: candidatures of BUL, USA**

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** For the Junior and Cadet World Championships 2020 we have the candidatures of Bulgaria and the USA. I would like to ask the representatives of Bulgaria and the USA to come here to the tribune because we are going to draw by lots the candidate which is going to present first and the candidate will present second.

**Alisher Usmanov:** We spoke with the two candidates about the nuances of this competition because our beautiful Velichka already had the Junior and Cadet World Championship competitions three times. In my opinion, it is better to give the opportunity to our kids to go to the USA to see the Olympic Salt Lake City, it is a beautiful place.

**Velichka Hristeva (BUL):** Dear Mr. President, dear friends, all of you know that I very much like to organize the competitions and I do it very well. It is not very easy for me to decide, but I give to my friend Donald and the American Federation without fighting the right to organize these competitions. And of course, if you need any help with the organization I will be there and I will try to be a candidate again for the next competitions. Good luck.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** You see, Velichka you are a great woman and a clever manager.

**Donald Anthony (USA):** Dear Velichka, first of all, thank you so much for all your hard work in organizing so many Championships and World Cups on behalf of the FIE. We appreciate all the hospitality that you have given to us over the years, and we really look forward to coming back again after 2020.

Before we start, I am going to show you what our presentation was, just because I want you to know where you are coming. If we can start the video I will really appreciate it.

*[Video presentation]*

*Applause.*

**Donald Anthony (USA):** Thank you. I am joined on the stage with Michael Mack, the Vice-President of Services for "Visit Salt Lake City", I've got our National Tournament Director Christine Strong-Simmons, and a very very dear sponsor Gary Lu from "Absolute Fencing".

*Applause.*

**Donald Anthony (USA):** USA Fencing hasn't hosted an event in the United States for the International Federations Championships in over seventeen years. We have a proven history of hosting events, both large domestic, as well as international events, not nearly as much experience as my very dear friend Velichka, but we will try to catch up. The city that we have chosen is Salt Lake City. It hosted our National Championships this summer. There were over 40 000 athletes competing in over 85 events.

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The weather will be nice in Salt Lake City when you come, it will be between 16 and 26 degrees centigrade. The Salt Lake City's airport is 5 miles or 8 km away from our venue, and getting there should not be too difficult. The 343 commercial flights per day with non-stops to 93 cities make it very convenient. You saw the traveling time from some of the major metropolitan markets. The Salt Lake City airport is one of the 25 busiest airports in North America and it's also the 87th busiest in the world with regard to the passengers. It will be inexpensive for you to get there. You will have a light rail service that goes straight to the airport and comes straight to the venue. It will cut the cost down and make it easy for you to get there.

The hotels where you will be staying are within walking distance from the Convention Center. I've stayed there before, it's literally 5 minutes walking and you are in the Convention Center. You will have over 164 000 square feet or 15 260 square meters. There will be 40 stripes supplied by our sponsor Absolute Fencing, which we know does a great job in helping to run Championship events. The Salt Lake City has hosted over 400 sporting events, including the 2002 Winter Games. The Convention Center is also an environmentally friendly venue. That is our airport, and those are your hotels and the layout of the venue, and we are at sustainability now. The IOC has made sustainability a major point in how we host events because we care about the environment.

The Salt Lake Palace is a very environmentally friendly venue with the solar panels on the roofs generating enough electricity that they are able to give carbon credits, and it's a silver LEED building.

There is a site that addresses the visa-related information, not in this presentation, but we know that some of you will be concerned about visas. We have the support of the United States Olympic Committee to make sure that all of those who want to participate will hopefully get visas and we will make that assistance. They have an office directly connected to our State Department and the Committee to make sure that you are able to come. So, with that I want to thank you for hearing us, thank you for allowing us to be a candidate and awarding us, and Velichka thank you very much for allowing us to have this event. Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** So, we have one candidate and we can agree by acclamation. Is there anyone who is against?

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Since we agreed by acclamation Salt Lake City will organize the 2020 Junior and Cadet World Championships.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Next, we have the presentation from Egypt for the Veterans Championship 2019.

### Veterans Championship 2019: candidature of EGY

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** If you remember Egypt's candidature was accepted last year at the Congress in Moscow. We are inviting Egypt to make a presentation for the Veterans World Championship 2019.

**Abdel Monein Elhamy El Hussein:** Dear Mr. President, Dear Colleagues,  
Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to present Egypt as a potential host for the 2019 Veterans World Championship.

Egypt is one of those places that will offer you the opportunity for some sword play as well as an unforgettable experience that is not to be missed.

We will show you a short presentation that includes important information about hosting this competition in Egypt.

*[Video presentation]*

*Applause.*

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Thank you. The Cairo airport has direct flights to more than 60 countries. It is located less than 20 km from the downtown. The majority of nations can receive their visas upon arrival to the Cairo airport.

There are more than 200 hotels in Cairo that suit everybody's budget, and more than 300 hospitals. For the venue, we have the Cairo stadium that can seat up to 20 000 spectators. We have four rooms: one main room and three other secondary rooms that can fit about 3 000 spectators. We also have rooms for media, VIPs, doping-control, referees, a restaurant, and extra facilities. We have two main hotels for this event. One of them is a five-star hotel and another one is a four-star hotel, so they will suit any nation's budget. Both hotels are located in less than a 10-minute drive from the venue. We have also a variety of restaurants and extra facilities in the governorate of Cairo.

The Egyptian Fencing Federation has experience demonstrating an excellent track record of hosting competitions such as what we have every year, the Faras Challenge and the Zone Competitions. As you can see in this picture we had this competition in front of the Pyramids and the Sphinx. The number of spectators at this event was more than 500 – 600 in this final and it took place last October.

As you know, Egypt is one of the major countries that depends on tourism. As for entertainment, we have many different packages to offer you as we have many agreements with multiple companies to make it a wonderful and unforgettable time for you in Egypt. Why are we asking for this competition? To encourage veterans not only in Egypt but in the area, in the African countries and Arab nations to participate in this competition. As you all know, for the last ten years this competition took place only in Europe, and we all believe that it's time to come to Africa and to bring this important event to Egypt.

The Egyptian Fencing Federation will work on holding an annual unofficial competition for those who are more than 30 and 40 after they are ineligible for the FIE, just to make this event as successful as we can.

Last but not least, I invite you all to come to Egypt to see our culture, to see our hospitality, and it will be an honour for us to have you in my country Egypt.

Long live Egypt, long live Egypt, long live Egypt, and thank you.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I think as we did for Salt Lake City, we can approve this candidature by acclamation as we have one candidature only.

*Applause.*

## Veterans Championships 2020: candidatures of CRO, SLO

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** For the Veterans Championship 2020 we had candidatures of Croatia and Slovenia. I have heard some time ago that Slovenia has withdrawn. Slovenia, can you please confirm?

**Natasa Mucibacic (SLO):** Hello, my name is Natasha and I come from Slovenia. My President is not present here, but yes, he did withdraw, because our friends, our neighbours are really willing to host this Veteran Championship. We have made an agreement and they are going to do it. We did make a presentation for this year's Veterans Championship but it will not be presented as we have withdrawn. However, if you like maybe later on you can see what it is all about. It is about the sport and love towards the fencing.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Natasa Mucibacic (SLO):** Thank you very much.

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to invite the representatives of Croatia to come here to the tribune to say a few words on the candidature of Croatia.

**Marko Kallay (CRO):** Thank you very much. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Let me share my experience from yesterday. I didn't sleep well because I had a strong competitor in the form of our friends from Slovenia, and I was told that I should be short in my presentation, and that it should be interesting and informative. I will try to stick to this request. I would like to thank you, my Slovenian friends, and to congratulate you for an excellent organization of this year's competition. We will strive to be better than you and if not better then equal to you. We will not show you our presentation because I wouldn't achieve one of our goals to be short, but I can tell you that if you support our candidacy we will do our best to make you feel very welcomed in Zagreb, Croatia.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon. Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** After this very short presentation, I propose to do the same as we have done for the other candidatures since we have only one candidate, and to award this Championship by acclamation for the Veterans 2020.

*Applause.*

# 13. NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF HONOUR

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item is the nomination of Members of Honour and the floor is to Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** Ladies and Gentlemen, the Executive Committee nominated and passed to the Honour Commission four people to be members of Honour our Federation. The Honour Commission met and unanimously agreed to present the candidates to the Congress for approval.

**These Four Candidates are:**

- **Mr. Omar A. Vergara (Argentina)**  
*Applause.*
- **Mr. Emmanuele F. M. Emanuele (Italy)**  
*Applause.*
- **Mr. Carl Borack (USA)**  
*Applause.*
- **George R. van Dugteren (Netherlands),** who unfortunately passed away.  
*Applause.*

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** I ask you to approve by acclamation, please.

*Applause.*

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** Please Members of Honour, come here to receive your award: Mr. Omar Vergara; Mr. Carl Borack. Is Mr. Emmanuele F. M. Emanuele here?

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** To receive the award to George van Dugteren we are inviting Mr. Bert van de Flier (MH, NED) and Mr. Novak Perovic (RSA).

**Omar A. Vergara (MH, ARG):** I would like to speak on behalf of those who are not here. I have many emotions, many emotions after 61 years in fencing. My colleague Carl Borack was an Olympian and we competed together a long time ago. I am very grateful for this title and I will honour it.

*Applause.*

## 14. AWARD OF THE CHALLENGE CHEVALIER FEYERICK

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item is the awarding of the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick and the floor is to Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** It is my pleasure to announce that the Executive Committee unanimously decided to propose the award of the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick to our President Alisher Usmanov.

*Applause.*

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** In recognition of his invaluable contribution to the development of the International Fencing Federation and the international spread of fencing.

His tireless devotion to promoting the sport and his complete selflessness have allowed him to give to fencing a tremendous impetus, with the sole aim of propelling it towards a prestigious, groundbreaking future.

Both as a result of his wholehearted personal contribution and as the President of the International Fencing Federation he has enabled fencing to find its true place in the international sporting movement and receive, after very long years, the two team events missing from the Olympic Games program.

I am asking you to approve by acclamation this honour to our President.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Thank you, my friends, thank you.. Thank you for such a high level of appreciation of my activities. I love fencing and the most important confirmation of it is my presence here. I wish the best to all of you and we are anticipating more and more success for our sport, because now we are entering a new phase of the Olympic movement history; we must fight for a place in the Olympic program, and it is a very big challenge. Thank you very much again.

*Applause.*

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**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next item, which is the Miscellaneous items.

You all have received with the information letter, also in your USB stick, and on your table two proposals on urgent decisions and we are going to vote on them.

## **Urgent Decision #1 Mask m.25.7.**

We are going to open the vote.

The vote is open. The vote is closed.

The Urgent Decision #1 passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are moving to the Urgent Decision #2.

## **Urgent Decision #2 Chest protector m.25.4.c**

The vote is open. The vote is closed.

The proposal Urgent Decision #2 passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The last item on the agenda is the presentation from the company Axiom Zen, which you have already seen last year. The representative of the company is going to show you some features of the new website, which is going to be released very soon and on other items. Kelly, please.

**Kelly Fitzsimmons (Axiom Zen):** Hello Congress, my name is Kelly Fitzsimmons and I work with Axiom Zen in Canada. At Axiom Zen we actually specialize in designing and building for emerging technology.

We have had the privilege for this past year to work with the FIE on new digital and marketing initiatives. And as a fencer myself, I was really excited to see the passion from the FIE and the federations around the world this year about the future of fencing. Looking at it from the brand perspective, fencing stands out as a dynamic, modern and innovative sport, both rich in history, and well positioned to grow in our increasingly fast-paced technology world. And our job is to bring that total sports experience online. From what we know already, Tokyo is shaping up to be the most digital Olympics yet. This represents an unprecedented opportunity for the FIE.

Fencing used to be seen only live in venues, now it can be seen in real time by millions of viewers broadcasted worldwide and consumed by the audiences on televisions, livestream, social media, and from our mobile phones. Every time when one of your fencers snaps a photo or shoots a video with their mobile phone in one of your events, they are automatically sharing out to their networks and amplifying our exposure across the world.

With new technologies and the immediacy of new media platforms, the time is now for the FIE to mobilize the digital, to grow the audiences, distribution, and participation in our sport. I am here today to give you a brief overview on two exciting collaborations in bringing fencing into this global digital future. The first is a preview of the new fie.org website and the second is an introduction to an innovative new media platform called Legends, the first ever fully social mobile platform for fencing.

We are going to start with the website. Why the website now? Well, looking forward to Tokyo, the first thing starts with the infrastructure, and as technology is changing very fast we need a hub that can host new types of technology for the FIE as we grow in our action with fencing. So, at the new fie.org website we are building a home for global fencing to strengthen connections between the FIE and the fencing community, grow audiences and engagement on the web, to showcase brand with modern design, and, on a technology side, build a platform to support feature technology and features for fencing.

In order to do this, we had to look at the entire digital ecosystem for fencing. This includes all of the channels where different types of audiences interact with fencing, whether it's social media platforms, email communications, notifications, live streams, and breaking news. All of these channels work together, and the fie.org website is a hub and heart of that ecosystem. But in order to grow audiences and optimize engagement, we know that it had to work differently for different types of audiences, especially as we bring in new fans. So, what have we do?

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Our approach was to go out into the fencing community and learn about how the different types of audiences and fans interact with fencing online. We watched and listened as they showed us how they navigated and cobbled together their own fencing experiences. And what did we learn? We have learned that the FIE website needs to be the home that can inspire, educate and connect all different types of fans with the sport of fencing.

So, the new website is designed, and these are the imaginary people. They are designed with 5 personas in mind: elite fencers that are using this site, recreational fencers, potential fencers that may come from other sports, but are sports fans and want to get involved with fencing, coaches, and federations. The reason why we did this is because when we have built the used cases for the website, we wanted to make sure that different types of audiences had a path into connecting with the FIE and fencing.

How does this look?

- It means more modern design, easy to find relevant content, stories, data, and features to connect fans with fencing. It means a home page that leads with featuring our athletes, initiatives, and gives easy access to up to the moment competitions and results.
- It means that we are optimizing from the mobile experience. What we know is that over 50% of traffic on the FIE website comes from mobile, and this number is growing especially with the younger audiences that we are trying to reach around the world.

We have made it easier for you to navigate this site and results when you are on a phone and even out of the competition. Navigation and search are easy on mobile or desktop.

We have learned that "Athletes first!" drives engagement. Yesterday, the Italian Federation hosted a workshop on social media and both Alessandro Noto and Donald Anthony talked about how important it is to lead with the human stories of our fencing when it comes to getting access to new audiences and sponsors, and this is because people connect with people. So, on the new website, we are leading with these stories, more profiles, and fan features.

On the result side, results are easy to access on web or mobile and you can opt-in to receive notifications for up-to-date results. On the data side, we know that fencers love analytics. So, we are creating more immersive experiences for people to learn about fencing, and in the second stage release, we have designed for more data visualizations for analytics and fencers on the piste.

We have new communication tools that allow for notifications, and this is something what we are really excited about. We now have country pages, which means that the new website allows fans to explore fencing around the world. Every federation now has a home on the new website and each country page will showcase your athletes, events, results, and media from your country. Fans can even connect to fencing in your country by searching for clubs that are available. Earlier in the year we have sent an order request for club database information and we can still take in that information for the new website, but if somebody comes on to the FIE website and is a new fencer, and they want to know how they can get involved they now have a place to learn where they can do it locally.

Last but not least in this presentation we are also building a comprehensive interactive video experience for matches, features and archive video. This will be in a second phase release of the website and will allow fans to dive deeper into the action.

For the launch, we are in the final stages of engineering, and the new website will be launching for the new year. We will continue to test and refine the website with the new features.

The admin portal will be remaining the same, so all of you will have the same access. How can you help with the launch? Well, you can send your country listings so we can support the club listings online and we will be sharing some materials for you for onboarding your team and sharing out communication to members about the website.



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The next item that I am going to discuss is Legends.

Many federations have been asking about how they can better engage fans in communities. As we have learned already with the fie.org website, mobile devices are the fastest growing platform for accessing the sports content, and this is for all different types of sports. Our audience spends most of its time on mobile devices on social media and in private chats with friends. So, there is an opportunity for fencing to have a place where conversations and news stories from across the web can live together, and be easily accessible. We have built Legends the first ever mobile social platform for fencing.

How does this Legends work? There is a lot of fencing content on the internet: media, news stories, but it is not all pulled in to one similar place. The Legends app uses a machine learning algorithm to find fencing content and pull it all in one place on the internet. It allows you to choose what athletes, events, countries, conversations or topics you want to follow and will personalize it for fans. Legends helps the fencing community connect on mobile through groups or personal chat so federations can set up their own group, choose which news events, topics, or content they want to follow, and the algorithm will automatically upload that data for you, so it will make the work easy. And to be clear this is the first app of its kind for any sport.

How can you use Legends? You can start your own groups and we are here to help you with that. Whether it's for your athletes, or for your federations, or events you can build groups around a topic, get your members to join, keep them up to date with timely information, and send push notifications so you have access to them all the time. Fencers can chat one on one with coaches and experts in the community or public groups, and you can do group notifications and push notifications.

We are excited to say that this app is in the process of launching this weekend on the Apple store. Please stay tuned, we will be updating you with the information on how to access it, and also how your federation can use it to connect with fans in your country and around the world.

This concludes my presentation. Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about the new digital initiatives for fencing. Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. Many things to you all.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Dear Colleagues, we have finished with all the questions and all the items on our agenda. Does anyone have any questions? Please, we have a question from Nigeria.

**Rachael Samuel (NGR):** Good afternoon everyone. My question goes to Kelly and everyone on the Board. I want to understand more about the app Legends. What is the end product? I understand that it's supposed to engage the fencing community but what is the essence, what is the marketable product that it is offering to the fencing community and how is it making fencing grow or become more popular, or increase the attention of fans towards the sport? I really want to understand it better. I think everyone else does as well. Thank you.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Kelly can answer your question as a Manager who works on this project. And I can answer you as a person who requested to create this project and defined the level of its performance. I don't think Managers can understand what is the process until the final step will come. If you have a sports website in any sports discipline and you don't have any information on this website about the legends of this sport how can you bring attention to this sport?

Of course, in the internet world today it is difficult to compete with other sites, starting from Wikipedia and Olympic channel, etc. But for fencers and those who want to become fencers, knowing the information about the legends of our sport is interesting and continuing to raise awareness about the previous champions, people who left a mark in our history. This, of course, is necessary to see on a website. Therefore, I think it is one of the special reasons to have a special topic that we want to have on our website.

You are absolutely right in asking that question. Because now any girl or boy can search for any question in Google and find what they need. We need to go to another level. We need to put in a deeper, more profound, and a more informative way everything that we know about the history of fencing. I think you understand. Thank you. Thank you, Kelly, I don't think we need any additional clarifications.

## 15. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

**Alisher Usmanov:** With this said, and with sadness, we announce the work of our Congress closed. We will meet at a Gala dinner later tonight. Please, everyone, be there, no less than 124 federations.

*(Laughter).*

**Alisher Usmanov:** Thank you very much to everybody. Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to remind you that the transportation for the Gala dinner tonight is at 7 o'clock at the entrance of the Conference Center. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the translators, who have done a very hard and a very good job today. Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like also to thank very much the FIE personnel who have done a great job to organize this Congress.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Please leave your voting devices on your tables. Thank you.

# ANNEXES



# **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**FIE CONGRESS**

**25 NOVEMBER 2017**

**DUBAI (UAE)**

## I. GENERAL DECISIONS

129 federations participated in the Congress, of which 122 were in attendance and 7 were represented.

### **1. RATIFICATION OF THE NEW FEDERATIONS**

The Congress approved the affiliation of Angola (ANG)

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE 2016 CONGRESS HELD IN MOSCOW (RUS)**

The report of the 2016 Congress was approved.

### **3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The 2016 Executive Committee Report was approved.

### **4. 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDITORS' REPORT, APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE AUDITORS**

The financial report, the 2016 accounts, and the auditors' report were approved.

Discharge was granted to the Executive Committee and to the auditors.

### **5. 2018 BUDGET**

The 2018 budget was approved.

### **6. DESIGNATION OF AUDITORS**

Ernst and Young were appointed for another year.

### **7. RESTRUCTURING OF THE RULES**

The restructuring of the organization and technical rules was approved.

### **8. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR THE TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**

The qualification criteria for the Tokyo 2020 OG were approved by the Congress. They will be submitted to the IOC for final approval.

### **9. AWARD OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a) The organisation of the 2020 J/C World Championships was awarded to Salt Lake City (USA)
- b) The organisation of the 2019 Veterans World Championships was awarded to Cairo (EGY)
- c) The organisation of the 2020 Veterans World Championships was awarded to Zagreb (CRO)

### **10. NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF HONOUR**

The Congress approved the nomination of the following members of honour:

- Carl Borack (USA)
- Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele (ITA)
- George R. Van Dugteren (NED), posthumously
- Omar Vergara (ARG)

**11. CHALLENGE CHEVALIER FEYERICK**

The 2017 Challenge Chevalier Feyerick was awarded to Alisher Usmanov (RUS).

# Summary of decisions 2017 Congress

## MODIFICATIONS OF THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, unless mentioned otherwise.

### Article 4.1.2

Candidates ~~for the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel~~ ~~any elected post~~ may be proposed by an F.I.E. Member Federation, subject to the following conditions:

- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for each post
- a candidate ~~for the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel~~ can only be presented by the Member Federation ~~with~~ (treated in 4.4.1, 4.6.2 and 4.7.1) ~~the limit of 1 candidate per nationality for any such position~~ with whom the candidate has nationality.

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### Article 4.4.2

4. A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must ~~have both~~:

- ~~must~~ be or have been an FIE category B or A referees in at least two weapons;

and

- be a current member of the Refereeing Commission, or have refereed in official FIE competitions in ~~each of~~ at least two weapons in at least two (2) of the 4 fencing seasons (1 September to 31 August) preceding his candidature

and

- have refereed, at least once, in one weapon, in the table of eight, ~~semi-final or final of the individual or team event~~ of a senior World Cup, or a Grand Prix, or a World Championships or the Olympic Games of the 4 fencing seasons preceding his candidature.

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### Article 4.7.6

Candidates permitting, ~~there must be at least two persons of each gender~~ ~~there must be at least 20% representation of each gender~~ on each of the councils.

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### Article 5.6.2

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The CEO, with the approval of the President may ~~employ with the approval of the Executive Committee~~ hire and dismiss the personnel ~~of the FIE necessary to run the F.I.E. efficiently~~. The CEO will inform the Executive Committee.

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### **Article 6.4.2**

A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken will be submitted by correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do this, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal.

Each member of the commission is entitled to participate in any meeting, by telephone or video conference, provided that both of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (i) the President of the commission is able to ascertain the identity of each person attending the meeting; and
- (ii) all the participants are able to take part in real time in the discussion and simultaneously vote on the items of the meeting agenda.

The Meeting is considered to be held in the location where the President is attending the meeting.

Each member who wants to participate by telephone or video conference, pursuant to the above, shall submit the request to the President, at least 10 days before the meeting. However, no such 10-day notice is required if a member of the commission cannot attend the meeting in person on account of a force majeure event including, but not limited to, illness or injury preventing a person from coming to the meeting or travel interruption due to delays preventing the person from arriving in time for the meeting.

For certain matters the President, following each meeting deliberation, may ask for a confirmation to be addressed by e-mail within 10 days from the date the meeting is held.

Participation by telephone or video is not permitted when a secret ballot is required.

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### **Article 6.5.5 ~~The Promotion and Publicity, Communication and Marketing~~ Commission**

The duties of ~~this~~ the Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission ~~is are: to motivate and co-ordinate the activities of the member Federations for the promotion and development of fencing; to advise the Congress on the way in which the patronage of the F.I.E. will be bestowed on international competitions; to propose the rules for the World Cup competitions (A category and Grand Prix) and Masters, and to supervise their application; and to maintain contact between the F.I.E. and the fencing masters.~~

- a) To provide expertise to elevate and enhance the image of fencing for all groups including sponsors, audiences, fencers and all the fencing family



- b) To propose innovations and improvements to the Executive Committee, particularly those associated with television, internet and live audiences
- c) To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters associated with Promotion, Communication and Marketing
- d) To contribute to the continuing promotion of fencing in all zones
- e) To propose changes and improvements to the sections in the administrative rules and handbooks relating to Promotion, Communication and Marketing

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### **Article 7.1.1 Jurisdiction**

The Disciplinary Panel, selected by the Executive Committee, has sole jurisdiction to rule on all offences against the Rules, Ethics Code, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the International Fencing Federation (F.I.E.), (including any of its confederations that have subjected themselves to this FIE Disciplinary Code and/or the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel), except the specific dispositions with respect to discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114 et seq. of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E. The eExecutive eCommittee will assure the respect for and the execution of the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel.

For the purpose of the Disciplinary Code, any confederation that has subjected itself to this FIE Disciplinary Code and/or the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel will hereinafter be referred to as a 'Joined Confederation'.

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### **Article 7.1.2 Disciplinary jurisdiction - persons subject**

All individual or entities are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel of the F.I.E. for example who:

- are members of the F.I.E.;
- are licensees of the F.I.E. or of any of the Joined Confederations;
- are licensees of or affiliated to members of the F.I.E.; or
- are members of national delegations.

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### **Article 7.1.7 Offences**

The offences submitted to the assessment of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the F.I.E. are the following:

- Violation of the Statutes or the Rules of the F.I.E. or of any of the Joined Confederations
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Brutal behaviour -----etc.

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## **Article 7.2.2 Composition of the Disciplinary Tribunal**

The head office of the F.I.E. will inform the President of the Legal Commission of any complaint filed with the F.I.E and the parties involved within three days after the complaint was filed with the F.I.E.

~~When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal,~~ In case of admissibility of the complaint according to Article 7.2.1, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will within 7 days after being informed about the complaint by the head office of the F.I.E. eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal, by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

The proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, the Head Office of the FIE, the Disciplinary Tribunal, ~~and~~ the Legal Commission and the Bureau with respect to matters relating to 7.2.12.

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## **Article 7.2.3 The disciplinary Tribunal - composition, powers, obligations**

The head office of the F.I.E. ~~shall~~ will send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within ~~15-7~~ days after its creation, the complaint, which was filed with the F.I.E.

The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint to the person(s) designated therein.

A copy of the complaint is also sent to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong.

~~If the case arises, t~~The Disciplinary Tribunal can, on its own motion, decide that there is no grounds to prosecute the complaint, which has been submitted to them.

That decision can be appealed according to the rules of Article 7.2.7.

The Disciplinary Tribunal has all of the powers for investigating the complaint, and pronouncing, if the case arises, a penalty. It must, in all circumstances, respect and ensure respect of the rights of the defence.

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### **Article 7.2.11**

#### **~~Article 7.2.11~~ — Procedure in the case of a black card**

~~When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E., it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal~~

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### **Article 7.2.12 Power of judgement by the ~~Central Office~~ Bureau of the F.I.E.**

In case of emergency, the ~~Central Office~~ Bureau of the F.I.E. can take, within the framework of its power to judge, preliminary administrative measures suspending the license of the defendant ~~when it has referred the case to~~ until a final ruling by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

It can only do this in cases where the severity of the offence or its consequences require it.

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### **Article 9.1.5 Application and Issue**

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality ~~or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities~~ of and entitled to membership with the federation.

e) The F.I.E. ~~administrative head~~ office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

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### **Article 9.2.3**

For the FIE competitions fencers who are legally stateless ~~or hold a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities in the country in which they live~~, may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live ~~with approval of the F.I.E. Bureau. Fencers holding refugee status shall be treated as nationals of the country of such member federation for purposes of these Statutes and F.I.E. rules unless the Member Federation refuses to allow them to~~

compete on behalf of such Federation in which case they shall be treated as stateless, but shall not be permitted to represent any particular country in competitions, either individually or as part of a team, unless authorized to do so by the F.I.E. Bureau.

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# Summary of decisions 2017 Congress

The texts below are applicable on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, unless mentioned otherwise.

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

### Composition of pools

#### o.13.1 and 2 new o.68

1. **The pools are composed** taking account of the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking. **The pools are composed using the following method:**

Pool	A	B	C
Fencer ranked	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
	18	17	16
	19	20	21

2. **The allocation of fencers in the pools** must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality in different pools, as far as possible. **If a fencer is placed in a pool where there is already a fencer of the same nationality, he is moved one or more places down the ranking until he is placed in a pool without a fencer of the same nationality. If this is not possible, he must remain in the original pool.**

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### Notation of results in the pool sheet

#### o.17.1 and 2 new t.38

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- a) One of the fencers **has scored 5 hits**. In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is the final score of the bout (~~V5 – Dn, where n = the number of hits scored by the losing fencer~~) (V – n, where n = the number of hits scored by the losing fencer)
- b) **At épée**, if the two fencers reach a score of 4–all, they must fence for a deciding hit, up to the time limit. Any double hit will not be counted (and the fencers will therefore remain where they are on the piste).

**2. Three minutes of effective fencing time** have passed. (There is no warning for the last minute.)

- a) If **when the time limit expires** 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. The score registered on the score-sheet is the actual score achieved in the bout ( $VN - Dn$ , where  $N$  = the number of hits scored by the winning fencer and  $n$  = the number of hits scored by the losing fencer).
- b) 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 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.
- c) In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is always the **actual score achieved in the bout**:
- $VN - Dn$  if a deciding hit is scored within the time limit for the bout.
  - $V4 - D4$  or  $V3 - D3$  or  $V2 - D2$  or  $V1 - D1$  or  $V0 - D0$  if the winner is designated by drawing lots.

Application: from season 2018-2019

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### Special cases in the result list

#### **o.20.1 and 2 new o.74**

~~A fencer who **withdraws, or who is excluded**, is scratched from the pool, and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part.~~

**1.** A fencer who **is not present at the start of the pool** is scratched from the pool and is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Did Not Start".

**2.** A fencer who **is excluded during the pool phase** is scratched from the pool, and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Excluded".

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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### Special cases in the result list

#### **o.25.1 and 2 new o.79**

1. ~~When~~, At any stage of the competition, if for whatever reason, a fencer **does not fence, or cannot is unable to fence, or cannot does not complete his bout**, his opponent is declared winner of that bout. A fencer who withdraws does not lose his place in the overall classification of the competition and is recorded in the result list with the information "Did Not Finish".

2. A fencer who **is excluded** is scratched from the direct elimination table and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Excluded".

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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#### **o.28.4 new o.82**

1. The **general classification** is obtained as follows:

First: the winner of the bout for the first place

Second: the loser of the bout for the first place

2. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equal third, **when it is not necessary to separate them.**

3. When it is **necessary to separate them**, a bout for third and fourth places will be fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.

~~4. The remainder are placed, within each round of the direct elimination, in accordance with their classification for the composition of the direct elimination table.~~

4. The remainder are placed, in each round of the tableau:

a) Competitions with a round of pools: according to the ranking for the drawing of the direct elimination tableau following the pools.

b) Competitions with no round of pools: according to the ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.

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#### **Official invitation**

#### **o.50 new o.46, o.47 and o.51**

1. For all the official competitions of the FIE except the Olympic Games, the **official invitation** is the letter in which the organising federation invites every FIE member federation to take part in the Championships.
2. For the **World Championships**, this invitation must be sent to all the member federations, without exception, at least ~~six~~ **four** months before the competitions.
3. For **World Cup and Grand Prix competitions**, it must be sent out at least two months before the competition in question.

If an organising federation fails to comply with the above mentioned deadlines, it will be sanctioned with a fine amounting to 1000 €, paid to the FIE.

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**o.55.1 new o.29**

No fencer ~~is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition~~ may obtain an FIE licence, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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### **Nomination of the Directoire Technique**

**o.57.1 new o.16**

The Directoire Technique is composed of people **who have the experience and competence to organise competitions.**

#### **World Championships and Olympic Games.**

a) **For the Olympic Games** the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

b) **For the World Championships**, the Directoire Technique is composed of **8** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

c) The ~~President of the~~ **Directoire Technique** (the President and the remaining members, one of whom will be in charge of the protocol) ~~and the other members~~ is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

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**o.63 new o.12**

1. With the aim of ensuring that the rules are observed at the World Championships and Olympic Games, the President and the members of the Bureau of the FIE have the right to **attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique** and of the official delegates of the FIE. The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

2. It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any ~~other~~ disputes, **other than concerning discipline**,



which arise at World Championships. [With respect to disciplinary actions, see t.143.4 and t.175.2.](#)

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**o.67** new **o.48**

1. Any proposed **candidature for organising the World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must invite, **at their own expenses**, the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):
  - a) The **President of the FIE** or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
  - ~~b) A head of protocol designated by the President of the FIE.~~
  - ~~c) b) Eight Six~~ **members of the Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country [and one is Head of Protocol.](#)
  - ~~d) c) Three members of the SEMI~~ **Committee Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~e) d) Six Four~~ **members of the Refereeing Committee Commission**, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~f) e) Three members of the Medical~~ **Committee Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~g) f) The referees designated by the Executive Committee~~ [on at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission in accordance with the Handbook of Regulations. \(maximum 34\).](#)

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**o.81.1** new **o.25**

- a) **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** that must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions [and satellite competitions](#) ~~and Veteran World Championships~~ is:

1–4 fencers:	no obligation to provide a referee
5–9 fencers:	One referee
10 or more fencers:	Two referees

## 1 Junior Team

## One referee

For junior A Grade competitions [and satellite competitions](#), the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

- b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf. o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.

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### Official FIE individual ranking

#### **o.83.1** new **o.108**

- c) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is **kept permanently up to date**.

The first Grand Prix event of the current year cancels out the first Grand Prix event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the Grand Prix events.

The first World Cup event (individual and team) of the current year cancels out the first World Cup event (individual and team) of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup events in the season.

[The first satellite competition of the current year cancels out the first satellite competition of the previous year and so forth for the other satellite competitions.](#)

The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.

If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

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#### **o.83.2** new **o.108.2**

### Scale of points

- a) The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place ex aequo	20 points
5th–8th places	14 points
9th–16th places	8 points
17th–32nd places	4 points
33rd–64th places	2 points
65th-96th places	1 points

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97th-128th  
129th-256th

0.5 point  
0.25 point

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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**o.93 new o.26.1**

### Referees

~~Participating countries must notify at least one month in advance whether they will either bring the required number of referees or pay the penalty, in order to allow enough time to the organisers to recruit other referees.~~

Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council. Referees must attend the refereeing meeting that takes place the day before the World Championships.

Application: starting from 2018 Veterans World Championships

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**o.94 new o.50**

### Invitations for international officials

1. Any proposed candidature for organising the Veterans World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by a delegate designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, at their own expense, invite the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):
  - a) The President of the FIE or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
  - b) Four members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.
  - c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

f) The referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

These ~~se~~ officials a) to e) should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.

NB: The handbook for the organisation of Veteran World Championships must be modified accordingly and the entry fees voted by the Congress introduced into the Administrative rules (90 euro for the individuals and 185 euro for the teams).

Application: starting from 2018 Veterans World Championships

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## MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

### OBLIGATORY USE OF THE RULES

#### t.1 new t.1

These Rules are obligatory **without modification** for the 'Official Competitions of the FIE', viz.:

- The World Championships, in all categories
- The fencing events at the Olympic Games
- All World Cup competitions.
- The Zonal Championships.
- [The Satellite competitions](#)

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#### t.13.3 new t.18.3

The **conductive safety borders**, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for finals and semi-finals, do not form part of the piste.

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#### t.18.5 new t.23.5 and t.80

The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules, if one of the competitors is disarmed or steps off the piste ~~or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the referee~~ (cf. t.33, t.58).

~~In foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles~~

~~t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

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**t.21.1 new t.27.1**

Displacing the target and ducking are allowed, even if during the action the unarmed hand and/or the knee of the rear leg comes into contact with the piste.

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**t.33 new t.45**

1. For an injury or cramp or other acute medical incident which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical ~~Committee~~ Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than ~~10~~ 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment ~~of the injury or cramp which brought it about.~~

If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the ~~10~~ 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

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All breaks for injury or cramp must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

Application: from season 2018-2019, so that the softwares can be modified.

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2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical ~~Committee~~ Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-t.162, t.166, t.170.

4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission/doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

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### t.35.1 new t.47.1

All bouts at fencing in official FIE competitions are directed by a referee who must be an FIE referee licensed for the current season. ~~For reasons of expedience, National category referees who are candidates for the FIE refereeing exams and have paid to take them are authorised to referee satellite competitions~~

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### t.42.3 new t.61.4

At the finals of the Olympic Games and at the finals of the Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, the replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators.

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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### t.43.1 new t.64.2 and t.64.4

at foil, the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of Article m.28 when each competitor ~~is standing upright, is in the~~ 'on guard' ~~and is in the lunge~~ position;

at sabre, the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of Article m.34 when each competitor is ~~standing upright in the~~ 'on guard' ~~and is in the lunge~~ position;

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### t.45.1 and 2 new t.71

If a fencer appears on the piste:

- with only **one** regulation **weapon** (cf. t.114, t.115); or
- with only **one** regulation **body wire**; or
- with only **one** regulation **mask wire**; or
- with a weapon or a body wire which does not work or which does not conform with the Rules; or
- without his **protective under-plastron** (cf. t.64.5); or
- with a **conductive jacket** which does not fully cover the valid target; or
- with a mask whose 2<sup>nd</sup> security device is not securely fixed to the body of the mask; or

— with **clothing** which does not conform with the Rules;

the Referee will apply the penalties stipulated in t.158-t.162, t.165, t.170 (First Group).

### t.72

When during a bout an irregularity is found in the equipment which could be caused by conditions **during the bout**:

Examples:

- conductive jacket with holes in which hits are registered as non-valid,
- weapon or body wire no longer functioning,
- pressure of the spring in the point too weak,

— the travel in the point no longer regulation, the Referee will apply **neither warning nor penalty** and any hit scored with the equipment, which has become defective will be awarded.

However, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose weapon, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, has a **curve of the blade** which exceeds that permitted (cf. m.8.6, m.16.2, m.23.4) commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with Articles t.158-t.162, t.165, t.170.

Similarly, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose mask, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, is not securely held on his head by the 2<sup>nd</sup> security device, commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with articles t.158-t.162, t.165, t.170.

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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#### t.45.5 new t.75.1 and 2

1. If the conductive jacket does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket that does conform to the rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc.) to get his name and nationality printed on it.

If this is not done and except in cases of 'force majeure', the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.

2. If an item of a fencer's clothing bearing the name and nationality or the national logo becomes dangerous (e.g. tear, burst seam), the fencer must put on spare clothing, which conforms to the rules. If this clothing does not bear the name and nationality or the national logo, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition, as detailed in the preceding article, to get them printed on it. If this is not done and except in cases of force majeure, the referee will eliminate the fencer.

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#### t.53.3 new t.80

~~Fencers are forbidden to place a non-insulated part of their weapon in contact with their conductive jacket with the intention of jamming the electrical apparatus and thus avoiding being hit.~~

~~The penalty for committing such an offence is specified in Articles t.114, t.116, and t.120. Any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.~~

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#### t.99.4 new t.143

In urgent cases, the **FIE Central-Office Bureau** may take the preliminary administrative measures necessary for the suspension of the licence of the accused in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

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**t.114.2 and 3 new t.159**

Penalties are cumulative and they are valid for the bout with the exception of those indicated by a BLACK CARD, which means exclusion from the competition, suspension for the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two-months~~ 60 days of the active season (~~1-October~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Juniors, and (~~1-January~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming or both (cf.t.169.2).

**t.162.3**

Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two-months~~ 60 days of the active season, whether current or forthcoming, indicated by a BLACK CARD with which the Referee identifies the person at fault.

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

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### The Fourth Group of offences

**t.119.1 and 2 new t.169**

1. The first infringement in the Fourth Group, is penalised by a BLACK CARD (exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two-months~~ 60 days of the active season (~~1-October~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Juniors, and (~~1-January~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming or both). However, a **team** excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

Application: starting from season 2018-2019

2. Furthermore any black card awarded at a competition of the FIE or at a competition organized by any Confederation which has subscribed to the FIE disciplinary code shall be reported within 10 days to the President of the FIE, for him to assess whether the severity of the offence committed warrants the sending of the report made by the FIE supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting him to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal to determine if penalties in addition to those imposed at the competition should be imposed.



**t.120 new t.170**

<b>BLACK CARD</b>	<b>Exclusion from the competition,</b> suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following <del>2-months</del> <b>60 days</b> of the active season (1st <del>October</del> <b>September</b> – World Championships for the juniors and 1st <del>January-September</del> – World Championships for the seniors), whether current or forthcoming.
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Application: starting from season 2018-2019

**t.120.1.17 new t.170.1.17**

Unjustified appeal : <del>casting doubt on the decision of the referee on a point of fact.</del>	t.172, t.173, t,174	YELLOW	RED	RED
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**t.120.1.19 new t.170.1.19**

<del>Reversing the line of the shoulders at foil*</del> Application: starting season 2016-2017	t.18.5	YELLOW	RED	RED
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**t.120. 4.3 new t.170.4.3**

Equipment altered to allow the recording of hits or the non-functioning of the apparatus at will	t.73.1.f); m.5.5.d	BLACK
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**t.120.4.5 new t.170.4.5**

Offence against sportsmanship	t.121.1, t.122/t.123; t.149.1	BLACK
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t.120 new t.170

<b>Explanations</b>	
BLACK	<del>A fencer only receives a BLACK CARD in the Third Group if he previously committed an offence in this Third Group (demonstrated by a RED CARD).</del>

## PROTESTS AND APPEALS

### Against a decision of the Referee

t.122.1 et 2 new t.172

1. **No appeal can be made** against the decision of the Referee regarding a point of fact **except as permitted in o.105 and t.60-t.63 for video refereeing** (cf. t.136.1/2, t.137.2).
2. If a fencer infringes this principle, **casting doubt** on the decision of the Referee on a point of fact during the bout, he will be penalised according to the rules (cf. t.158-t.162, t.165, t.170). However, if the Referee **is ignorant of or misunderstands a definite rule**, or applies it in a manner contrary to the Rules, an appeal on this matter may be entertained. **A point of fact includes, but is not limited to, any ruling by the referee analysing what happened on the piste, such as the validity or priority of a hit, whether a fencer left the side or end of the piste or if a person's behaviour is a Group 3 or Group 4 offence.**

### Other protests and appeals

t.123.2 new t.176

If a complaint or protest contests a decision **initially** taken by the Directoire Technique or ~~the~~ an official FIE delegate it should be addressed to the FIE **Central Office Bureau** in accordance with Articles 7.2 and t.140.

### **Investigation — Right of defence**

**t.124** new **t.176**

~~No penalty can be imposed until after an **enquiry** has been held in the course of which the parties concerned have been called on to give their explanation of the occurrence either verbally or in writing, within a reasonable interval of time, suited to the time and place. After this time limit has expired, the penalty may be imposed~~

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### Method of decision

**t.125** new **t.177**

The decisions of the ~~juridical authorities of competitions~~ **Directoire Technique** are **by majority vote**, the chairman (president) having the casting vote in case of a tie.

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~~Reversing the line of the shoulders (foil) t.80.2~~

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERIAL RULES

### m.12.2

Normally, only **fixing** by metal-to-metal is allowed. However, fixing by any **insulating** material of great mechanical strength may be authorised after approval by the SEMI Commission of the FIE.

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### m.16.3

The maximum length of the blade is 90 cm (cf. m.3).

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### m.20.1

Normally, only **fixing by metal-to-metal** is allowed. However, fixing by any **insulating** material of great mechanical strength may be authorised after approval by the SEMI Commission of the FIE

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### m.25.3

c. **Clothing**—Jackets, under-plastrons, breeches and trousers must be made entirely in cloth able to **resist a pressure of 800 Newtons**. Very particular attention must be paid to the way the seams under the armpits, if there are any, are made. An **under-garment** consisting of a protective under-plastron covering the vital upper areas of the body (following the design given in Annexe A to these Rules, 'Safety norms for manufacturers') resistant to 800 Newtons is also obligatory.

f. **Logos** (national strips) worn on the national clothing must be approved by the **FIE Executive Committee** ~~at least 30 days before they are used for the first time in an official FIE competition~~; they are then published on the FIE website and may thereafter be used in official FIE competitions.

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### m.25.6

#### Glove

At all weapons, the **gauntlet of the glove** must, in all circumstances, fully cover approximately half the forearm of the competitor's sword arm to prevent the opponent's blade entering the sleeve of the jacket.

**Under no circumstances should there be any hole in the hand of the glove, even to allow the passage of the body wire.**

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#### m.44.5

The source of electrical current (~~accumulators~~) should be 12 V DC via AC/DC converter or through VRLA (valve-regulated lead-acid) batteries (cf. m.58).

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#### m.51.7

- a) For official competitions of the FIE (cf. t.1) the source of power must always be ~~accumulators~~ secured through external batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) in order not to interrupt the load during the match if any interruption occurs in the normal electricity supply. The wiring of the ~~box~~ apparatus to be powered in this way must be designed so that it is impossible for the ~~box~~ apparatus to become connected by mistake ~~directly~~ to the mains supply.
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#### m.52.4

For official FIE competitions (cf. t.1) ~~it is compulsory that~~ the apparatus ~~must~~ obligatorily be powered ~~by accumulators~~ through external batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) with minimum 5 minutes backup time. ~~without any connection to the main electrical supply.~~

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#### m.58.3

If the apparatus is constructed to operate with dry batteries, it must be equipped with a voltmeter or some other device enabling the power in the batteries to be checked at any moment. However, the apparatus must always be equipped with a socket, ~~as described above~~ to allow it to be powered ~~either~~ by ~~accumulator~~ 12 V DC via AC/DC converter or through VRLA batteries.

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#### m.58.4

Generally, if the apparatus is powered by batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply), the minimum backup time for the external batteries or UPS is 5 minutes. ~~there should be two batteries available per apparatus: 12 volt car batteries are used, of 60 or 90 amps/hour~~

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### 2.1.2. TRANSPARENT MASKS

#### 1. ~~General~~

~~The FIE in its standard practices has established the possibility for fencers to use either traditional masks made with metal mesh or transparent masks.~~

~~The transparent visor, when used, must be a minimum of 3.0 mm in thickness and must also have a separate replaceable outer covering (a "sacrificial" layer) at least 1 mm in thickness. The visor must be made of polycarbonate resin~~

~~thermoplastic, and each mask and each replacement visor must be accompanied, at the time of purchase, with a statement that guarantees the authenticity and origin of the polycarbonate resin thermoplastic. The visor must correspond to the required norms of materials and manufacture as indicated in 2.1.2. of the annex to chapter 3 (Materials) of the rulebook.~~

~~These transparent masks can be of two types:~~

- ~~— composite masks, made using traditional masks, of which a part of the front mesh has been replaced by a visor of transparent plastic;~~
- ~~— masks made entirely of plastic, of which the front part must be transparent.~~

~~Currently only composite masks have been accepted by the FIE.~~

~~The wearing of the transparent mask is forbidden at all weapons and in all FIE competitions.~~

## ~~2. Manufacturing norms for transparent masks~~

~~The norms are, at present, valid only for composite masks.~~

~~The starting point is a metal mesh mask; into the front part of the mesh, at eye level, a window is made by cutting the mesh to a width that may reach as far as the lateral part of the mesh and to a height that may not exceed 12 cm.~~

~~The window must be rimmed by a frame of stainless steel, made of two superimposed sections, of which the first is to be soldered to the mesh and the second fixed to the first by bolts.~~

~~The transparent visor made of polycarbonate (Lexan) will be placed between the two parts of the frame.~~

~~Care must be taken that:~~

- ~~— The thickness of the steel gauge of each part of the frame must be between 0.8 mm and 1.0 mm.~~
- ~~— The edges of the frame which holds down the transparent visor must not be sharp (cutting) and must adhere to the mesh, without any perceptible projections.~~
- ~~— The part of the frame that is soldered must be fixed to the mesh before the window is cut, to ensure that the shape of the mask is not altered when the wires of the mesh are cut.~~
- ~~— The bolts fixing the two parts of the frame must not project beyond the nuts into which they screw.~~

- ~~— The polycarbonate transparent visor (Lexan) must have a minimum thickness of 3.0 mm, and a protective layer against damage to the outside surface is recommended.~~
- ~~— The visor must not have any holes in it, must be shaped when hot, and placed in its location in the frame, under no pressure, when cold and, therefore, without being in any way 'stressed'.~~
- ~~— There must be provision for an anti-condensation system on the inside of the visor, or Lexan treated to this end must be used.~~
- ~~— Because of the damage caused to transparent visors during fencing competitions, it is essential that fencers are able to change the visor of their masks simply and easily.~~
- ~~— The padding of the mask must be reduced as much as possible, using any system which will provide a circulation of air virtually equivalent to that of the traditional mask.~~
- ~~— The total weight of the mask must not exceed 2 kg.~~

### ~~3. Safety standards~~

~~All transparent visor masks must provide a high level of safety for fencers. They must therefore comply with very strict standards and in particular:~~

- ~~— The whole structure of the mask must be rigid and not be distorted as a result of violent shocks.~~
- ~~— The metal mesh and the bib must have the same strength characteristics as those of traditional masks.~~
- ~~— Because of ageing of the plastic material, the polycarbonate visor must only be used for two years after its manufacture and, therefore, the date of manufacture, using the format of month (two digits) and year (four digits), e.g. 10-2010, must be indicated on it very clearly.~~
- ~~— To avoid degrading the polycarbonate, all contact with chemical agents that can damage the material must be prevented; in particular, any presence of PVC is unacceptable.~~
- ~~— The mask should be kept in a protective bag and it is desirable to avoid putting the mask in the fencing bag (and hence in the aircraft hold) during airplane journeys, but rather to keep it in hand luggage.~~

### ~~4. Homologation of transparent masks and test methods~~

~~Before being put on sale and used, all transparent visor masks must be approved and homologated by the SEMI.~~

#### ~~4.1. Homologation~~

~~To obtain FIE homologation, the manufacturer must send his masks to one of the following three institutes: In Germany "Denkendorf" ; in France CRITT or IFTH. The institute will conduct penetration resistance tests on the metal mesh and the visor in accordance with the CEN norms (e.g. Norm EN 13567).~~

~~If the test results are positive, the constructor must send two examples of the mask to be homologated, together with the Institute's certificate, to the headquarters of the SEMI in Lisbon, for the violent shock tests.~~

~~If this result is also positive, the SEMI will issue the homologation certificate to the manufacturer, and the mask may be put on sale and used at official FIE competitions.~~

#### ~~4.2. Violent shock testing~~

~~Transparent visor masks must satisfy either the norms established by the CEN Special Commission (cf. the paragraph on masks) or the additional norms established by SEMI relating to resistance to violent shocks.~~

~~Therefore, in addition to the tests for resistance to penetration on several parts of the mask as provided for by CEN norms, there is a need for a further test of the resistance of the entire mask to violent shocks, which might occur as a result of impact with the head or the guard of the opposing fencer.~~

~~This test will be carried out in the following manner.~~

##### ~~4.2.1. Equipment for the test~~

~~The machine to be used must provide for a striker, of variable but known weight, to fall from a height which is also variable, up to a maximum of 2 m.~~

~~Fixed to the striker there must be a rod, made of tempered steel, ending in a head in the form of a sphere, with a diameter of 20 mm  $\pm$  0.3 mm.~~

~~The rod must be 40–50 mm long and provided with a means of attaching it (normally a thread) to the drop test machine (see Figure A.1)~~

##### ~~Figure A.1. Test rod~~

~~An appropriate support for the mask must be provided on the base of the test apparatus, to hold the mask firmly during the tests.~~

~~On the base of the apparatus, in effect, sliding structures must be in place that can be fixed in an established position, so as to form a sort of rigid box within which the mask is held (see Figure A.2).~~

##### ~~Figure A.2. Method of affixing the mask~~



#### ~~4.2.2. Drop equipment~~

~~The equipment to be used must allow a guided mass weighing between 3 kg and 5 kg to drop from variable heights to achieve a maximum speed of between 5 and 6 m per second at the moment of impact of the striker on the sample to be tested.~~

~~A means must be arranged for stopping the drop weight, with the aim that only the rod with the spherical end touches the mask, and not the weight.~~

~~The releasing mechanism of the striker must be controlled in such a way as to ensure the same starting conditions, whatever the height of the drop.~~

~~The rod, as already specified in 4.2.1, must be fixed to the drop weight.~~

#### ~~4.2.3. Sample to be tested~~

~~The sample to be tested must be the complete mask, but without the bib and the trimmings.~~

~~The mask must be placed on the base of the test apparatus, with the front part turned uppermost.~~

#### ~~4.2.4. Successive test cycles~~

~~The tests must be conducted in the following order:~~

- ~~1. first test on the visor with the impact point of the sphere on the centre of the mask and on the line crossing the centre of the visor;~~
- ~~2. second test on the same point.~~

#### ~~4.2.5. Procedure~~

- ~~1. Fix the mask onto the base of the machine and the rod with the impact sphere onto the drop weight of the drop test apparatus.~~
- ~~2. Place the mask in a such a way as to align the impact point on the mask's visor with the centre of the sphere.~~
- ~~3. Prepare the drop weight for a total weight of 5 kg  $\pm$  0.03 kg, including the rod and the impact sphere.~~
- ~~4. For the first test, raise the drop weight to a height that gives a distance between the sphere and the point of impact on the mask visor of 1600 mm  $\pm$  10 mm, corresponding to a drop energy of 80 joules.~~
- ~~5. Allow the drop weight to fall onto the mask.~~

~~6. For the second test, raise the same drop weight to a height of 1800 mm +/- 10 mm, corresponding to a drop energy of 90 joules.~~

~~7. Allow the drop weight to fall onto the mask.~~

#### ~~4.2.6. Test result~~

~~The result of the test is considered positive if the mask resists the two tests without either deformation or damage to the visor itself, or to the frame fixing the visor to the metal mesh.~~

~~Only a small impression on the polycarbonate visor, at the point of impact of the test sphere, is acceptable.~~

Application: immediate

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## URGENT DECISIONS

### **m.25.7.**

#### **Mask**

**a)** The **mask** must be made with meshes (space between the wires) of maximum 2.1 mm and from wires with a minimum gauge of 1 mm diameter. The mask must include two different safety systems at the rear.

**b)** Masks, at all weapons, must be made in accordance with the **safety standards** described in Annexe A to these Rules and must carry the quality label specified in those standards.

**c)** When the **checks** are carried out the person responsible for them may, if in doubt, ensure that the mesh of the mask, both at the front and at the sides, is able to withstand, without permanent deformation, the introduction of a conical instrument, the angle of the surface of the cone being at 4° to the axis and at a pressure of 12 kg.

**d)** A mask which does not comply with the safety requirements laid down in this article will be rendered **visibly unusable** by the weapon checking personnel or the Referee in the presence of the person who presented the mask to the weapon check or the team captain of the fencer concerned.

**e)** The **bib** of the mask must be made with cloth resistant to 1600 Newtons.

**f)** The mask must contain **two different safety systems** at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask. These straps ~~must meet the following requirements may be elastic or of any other material that may be~~ approved by the S.E.M.I. Commission :

#### **Mask with metallic tongue**

- The central band (strap) should not be less than 45 mm wide.
- The strap must be positioned low enough across the rear of the cervical region that the position of the strap on the head ensures that the mask cannot slide off.
- The band must be in solid material : when stretched the material should not sustain permanent plastic deformation and should quickly return to its original shape and size
- The fastening system must be doubled: it must be closed with a double security system (this means that the Velcro™ has to be attached at least twice).
- The Velcro™ must have a minimum breaking strain of 750 N/cm
- The tags to which the strap is attached by Velcro must be secured to each side of the mask with the same breaking strain.

#### **Mask without metallic tongue**

- The position of the main strap must be low enough to ensure that the mask cannot slide off; the correct distance should be decided by the manufacturer (typically 25/30 mm).
- The strap must incorporate 3 fixing points.

- The use of a magnetic strap, already existing, remains mandatory.

ANNEX A (pp. 72/73english ed.)

EQUIPMENT

## 2. STANDARDS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF FENCING MASKS

2.2. SHAPE, DIMENSIONS AND METHODS OF PRODUCTION OF THE ELEMENTS OF FENCING MASKS

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF FENCING MASKS

### 4. Essential constituent elements

The essential elements of the mask, as shown in Figure A.3, are:

- (a) frontal grille protecting the face;
- (b) lateral grille protecting the neck and the nape of the neck;
- (c) strip for reinforcement and to connect the grilles;
- (d) bibs.

The other parts, such as the interior protecting facings, padding, elastic bands and the safety retaining devices, whose production is entrusted to the manufacturer, must entirely conform to the conditions required for their use.

In particular, the rear fixing devices must ensure that the mask is located in the correct position on the fencer's head and that it remains in a perfect position, even after blows or [shocks \(see details in M.25.7\)](#).

[Mechanical systems for this rear device are not allowed at the moment.](#)

### Schedule of the replacement process:

1. The replacement of the fastening system of the old model of masks will take place during the season 2017-2018.
2. During the season 2017-2018, the use of masks with the old model of protection fastening system will be permitted at World Cups (juniors and seniors), Zonal Championships 2018 (juniors and seniors) and GP's.
3. The athletes taking part in the 2018 World Championships (J&C in Verona and senior in Wuxi) must use masks with the new fastening system
4. From the beginning of the season 2018-2019, the use of masks with the old model fastening system will not be allowed.

## Chest protector

### m.25.4.c

c) [At all weapons](#), the use of a breast/chest protector (made of metal or some rigid material) is compulsory for women and optional for men. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron.

[At foil, the protector will have the following characteristics](#): The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material such as E.V.A. (Ethylene-vinyl acetate) of four mm thickness and density of 22kg/m<sup>3</sup>. (The material can be attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors). [The material must have the SEMI technical](#)

mark at the center of the upper edge. ~~The hardness of the outside of the material must be 20-30% hardness. This is the typical hardness of wet suit material for scuba diving (neoprene). This measure will be obligatory for the 2015/2016 season: the SEMI commission is to supply the specifications and testing procedures.~~

**Implementation:** from the 2018 J & C World Championships in April in Verona.

## TESTS TO BE DONE

### Proposal of the Coaches Council

**Motivation:** To investigate possibility of reducing the gap (tolerance) in blocking time in sabre from 20 milliseconds to 3-6 milliseconds. All coaches present supported the proposal.

### ANNEX B TO THE MATERIAL RULES C SABRE

#### a.8

After a hit has been registered, a subsequent hit made by the other fencer will only be registered if it occurs within a maximum of 170 ms ( $\pm$  ~~10~~ 3 ms).

SEMI Commission suggests +/-5ms

Decision: the SEMI Commission should organise tests and report.



## **2017 CONGRESS**

**25 November 2017  
Dubai (UAE), 10:00 am**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Validation of attendance and proxies**
- 2. Address by the President of the FIE and address by the President of the United Arab Emirates Fencing Federation**
- 3. Ratification of the new federations**
- 4. Approval of the report of the 2016 Congress held in Moscow (RUS)**
- 5. 2016 report of the Executive Committee**
- 6. 2016 Financial report, auditors' report, approval of the accounts, discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors**
- 7. Budget for 2018**
- 8. Designation of the auditors**
- 9. Restructuring of the FIE Rules**
- 10. 2020 Olympic Games**
- 11. Proposals submitted to the Congress, reports of Commissions and Councils**
- 12. Voting to award the World Championships**
  - J/C 2020: candidatures of BUL, USA
  - Veterans 2019: candidature of EGY
  - Veterans 2020: candidatures of CRO, SLO
- 13. Nominations of Members of Honour**
- 14. Award of the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick**
- 15. Miscellaneous items**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

This moral report covers the events which occurred over the period from 1st January to 31 December 2016.

## OBITUARY

The International Fencing Federation has been affected by the death of several friends:

### GERRIE BAUMGART (USA) - 1942-2016

The USA Fencing family lost one of the trailblazers for the referee community when Gerrie Baumgart (Northglenn, Colo.) passed away at 73 years old. Baumgart, who took up fencing as an adult, would go on to break the glass ceiling for female referees. Not only was she the first U.S. woman to earn an FIE A rating, but she also became the first to not only officiate at the Olympic Games, but she refereed the gold medal epee team final at the Games in Atlanta in 1996.

Baumgart was an outstanding international referee, but she was also a woman determined to help groom future generations of fencing officials and is known among the referee cadre for being a mentor and role model to her fellow officials for the past four decades, both at tournaments as well as through her role on the Fencing Officials Commission.

### ZSOLT KAPOSVÁRI (HUN) - 1969-2016

Zsolt Kaposvári passed away in Wuxi, China, on April 14, 2016, where he was nominated as a referee for the Asian qualifying event and Asian Senior Championships. He was a Hungarian national champion sabre fencer, and after an active sports career he became one of the world's leading referees.

Zsolt Kaposvári started fencing in 1977 and participated in the Junior World Championships representing his club, Honvéd. During his career he won team gold in the seniors. His results were:

- 1988 – Junior World Cup: 8th place
- 1990 – Senior Hungarian Team Championship: 1st place
- 1990 – Senior Hungarian Individual Championship: 7th place
- 1991 – Champions League: 2nd place
- 1991 – Senior Hungarian Team Championship: 1st place
- 1992 – Champions League: 4th place ('B' National Team)
- 1993 – Champions League: 3rd place

He retired as a fencer in 1994 and started refereeing, finding success in this field quickly. As a referee with a license for all three weapons, he refereed in the finals of the 2012 London Olympic Games, and the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, and Paralympic Games. He was assigned to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games by the FIE. He also refereed in the:

- Senior World Championships in Moscow (2015), Kazan (2014), Budapest (2013), Catania (2011), Paris (2010), Antalya (2009), St. Petersburg (2007), Turin (2006).
- Junior and cadet World Championships in Acireale (2008), Belfast (2009), Baku (2010) and Plovdiv (2014).

And in many Zonal Championships, World Cup and Grand Prix competitions.

He was nominated by the FIE as an elite referee in 2014 and 2015, third best Referee in the world in 2012. He was best Referee in Hungary in: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

In 1997, he graduated from the marketing college of the Economic University of Pennsylvania. In 2006, he got an MBA English College degree in marketing. In 2009-2010, he was a member of the Hungarian Paralympic Committee – Marketing Division Leader.

The FIE and the sport of fencing have lost a talented fencer and a remarkable referee of great merit.

## DR. PREMYSL HERYCH (CZE) - 1928-2016

Dr. Herych was a renowned and highly respected figure in the fencing community who devoted the majority of his life to the sport.

As a fencer, Dr. Herych quickly mastered all three weapons and found success at youth level before representing Czechoslovakia at senior level. He was a national champion in individual and a five-time national team champion. In 1953, he was a founding member of the Czech Fencing Club SLAVIA VS Praha, still one of the biggest and best clubs in the Czech Republic (now called USK Praha), and was its first president.

He then became president of the Czechoslovak/Czech Fencing Federation from 1968 to 2001, and served as vice president of the Czech Olympic Committee from 1990 to 1998.

In 1991, he represented his federation in Vienna as one of the founders of the Union Européenne d'Escrime, which later became the European Fencing Confederation.

At the International Fencing Federation, he served for 20 years as member of the Calendar and Promotion Commission.

## FULVIO GALIMI (ARG) - 1927-2016

Fulvio Galimi won his first tournament at the age of 13, At 15, he became national champion in épée. Then practising the three weapons, he participated in many renowned competitions in America and Europe and obtained innumerable awards. Some of his achievements were:

- 1946 – National Sabre Tournament: 1st place; South American Championship: 1st place by team, 3rd place for individual. National champion (foil)
- 1947 – National champion (foil). International tournaments in Punta del Este and Villa del Mar: 1st place (foil)
- 1948 – London Olympic Games (foil, team): 5th place. 1st place in the University Championships in Buenos Aires (foil and sabre)
- 1949 – National Tournament of the Republic (foil): 1st place
- 1951 – 1st Panamerican Games (foil): 2nd place
- 1952 – Helsinki Olympic Games (member of the national team)
- 1953 – World University Games (foil): 4th place
- 1955 – 2nd Panamerican Games : 1st place (foil, team); 3rd place (foil, individual), and 3rd place (sabre, team)
- 1962 – National Championship: 1st place (sabre); 2nd place (foil)

Fulvio Galimi retired from fencing in 1967 at the Championship of the Republic of Argentina, where he was crowned foil and sabre champion.

In 2012, the Argentine National Senate awarded him the "Diploma of Honor for his services to the Argentinian Sport".

He was the President of the Fencing Federation of the City of Buenos Aires.

## LUTZ SCHIRRMACHER (GER) - 1943-2016

Lutz Schirrmacher was born in 1943 in Leipzig. He started fencing in 1960 and won several national titles (individual and team) in all weapons. As such, he had been a Member of the German National Sabre Team (DFB).

He was also Team Captain of the German Sabre Team from 1998 to 2004.

As an FIE international referee, he officiated in numerous international tournaments, World Championships and Olympic Games. He started his career as international referee in 1968 and became an FIE A-grade referee at all three weapons in 1976.

He had been a Member of the EFC Refereeing Commission from 2001 until 2009.

Since 2004, he was a member of the FIE Rules commission. For the 2016 elections, he was a candidate to the FIE Executive Committee.

The FIE and the sport of fencing have lost a talented fencer, a referee of great merit and a remarkable member of the Rules Commission.

Lutz Schirrmacher was highly regarded for his loyalty, his experience and knowledge, as well as for his commitment for junior fencers.

## GENERAL HOUSHMAND ALMASSI (IRI) - 1928-2016

He was a member of the Iranian fencing national team participating in Tokyo Olympic Games.

He got his fencing diploma from Italy and was Iran national coach for many years.

He was the third president after the foundation of the Iranian Fencing Federation.

He was the founder of the Iranian modern fencing era in which Iran became first in fencing in Tehran Asian Games in 1974.

In 1972, he became the president of AFC, 2 years before Tehran Asian Games.

He not only improved fencing in Iran but also had great effects on the improvement of the sport through the continent.

**We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and the federations of the deceased**







# 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

## 1.1 MANAGEMENT

The FIE's management activities continued apace.  
The Executive Committee met on the following dates:

12 February 2016 in Lausanne (SUI)  
10 June 2016 in Sofia (BUL)  
16 September 2016 in Munich (GER)  
26 November 2016 in Moscow (RUS).

The Bureau met prior to each meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Congress 2016 was held on 27 November 2016 in Moscow (RUS).

**The Executive Committee was consulted 14 times** by e-mail, when an urgent decision was required.  
The measures taken by these management bodies were notified on a regular basis to members of the FIE in **12 Information Letters and 8 Urgent Letters**. These letters as well as their annexes were sent by email to the national federations, Members of Honour and Members of the Executive Committee.

**19 changes of nationality** were accepted.

## 1.2 REFEREEING

### 1.2.1 REFEREEING EXAMINATIONS

Place	Date	Panel	Weapon	Candidates	Passed :
London	15-16.12.2016	Claus Janka Irina Knysch Katsumi Yamaguchi Krisztian Kulcsar	Foil	20	18

### 1.2.2 REFEREEING OBSERVATION

Place	Date	Panel	Candidates	Passed :
Novi Sad	29.02/03.03.2016	Iana Dakova, Vadym Guttsait	9 foil 2 epee 3 sabre	5 foil 1 epee 1 sabre
Dammam / Manama	20-23.02.2016 25-26.02.2016	Changong Kim, Claus Janka	5 foil 4 epee 2 sabre	4 foil 4 epee 1 sabre
Cancun	29.02/03.03.2016	Iana Dakova, Luis Alvarez	8 foil 7 epee 4 sabre	5 foil 6 epee 2 sabre

Date	Venue	Request	For	Number	Refereeing delegate
6-8.02.2015	Maribor	SLO FN	Referee training SLO, AUT, CRO	19	Irina Knysch
7-8.03.2015	Londres	GBR FN	Referee training GBR	15	Claus Janka

## 1.2.3 AWARD FOR BEST REFEREES

On proposal of the Refereeing Commission, the Executive Committee listed the following best referees for 2016:

<b>Foil</b>	1) Gheorghe/ROU,	2) Suh/KOR,	3) Pistacchi/ITA
<b>Epee</b>	1) Paghiev/MDA,	2) Liendo/VEN,	3) Trois de Avila/BRA
<b>Sabre</b>	1) Milentchev/BUL,	2) Florea/ROU,	3) El Bakry/EGY

The following prizes were awarded for each weapon:  
1st : 25.000 USD - 2nd : 15.000 USD - 3rd : 10.000 USD

## 1.3 ANTI-DOPING

### 1.3.1 CONTROLS

The fight against doping was maintained throughout the period and no case of doping occurred in competitions run by the FIE.

389 tests were performed in competitions and 79 tests were conducted out of competitions.

386 tests during competitions and 620 tests out of competition were performed by national anti-doping agencies using the ADAMS system (Anti-Doping Administration & Management System).

### 1.3.2 ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

The 2016 anti-doping outreach program took place during the Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships in Bourges from 2 to 6 April 2016, providing an ideal opportunity to share information and educational material with young fencers and their entourage from many different countries.

The outreach stand was kindly made available near the main entrance to the fencing venue by the French Fencing Federation's local Organising Committee.

Many Cadet and Junior fencers (as well as some coaches) participated in the computer-based WADA "Play True" Quiz game which traditionally forms the backbone of this outreach event.

We are grateful to the FIE for making available substantial cash prizes for the winners of the daily "Lucky Draw" competition, which plays an important role in encouraging the young fencers to participate.

Fencers from 59 different countries played the Quiz and took the opportunity of discussing doping issues with us. Each fencer and coach who played the educational Quiz game was also given the very popular "USB" wrist-band which contains a wealth of up to date informative documentation, including a copy of the Quiz game itself, some anti-doping videos, and educational pamphlets designed by WADA for this purpose.

Altogether 350 participants (306 fencers, 36 coaches, 8 officials) took part in this successful Outreach programme. The fencers were expressly encouraged to copy and share the information with their fellow fencers, coaches and officials on their return home, thereby helping to spread the anti-doping message throughout the fencing world.

We were particularly fortunate to share the floor with staff from the International Fair Play Committee, enabling our two organisations to collaborate closely and work towards a common goal by promoting the ideals of sportsmanship and doping-free competition.



#### Summary of Participants

Countries	59
Participants	350
fencers	306
coaches	36
others	8

#### FIE Anti-Doping Quiz 2016

10 "Lucky Draw" €100 Winners

<b>2 April :</b>	Dayana Tussupzhanova	KAZ
	Alex Human	RSA

<b>3 April :</b>	Milena Chies	BRA
	Zhaohao Chen	CHN
<b>4 April :</b>	Myeong Cheol Seo	KOR
	Krzysztof Kaczkowski	POL
<b>5 April :</b>	Patrik Esztergalyos	HUN
	Akvile Katkovaite	LTU
<b>6 April :</b>	Oleksiy Makhonin	UKR
	Martin Recló	SVK

## 1.4 FAIR-PLAY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The fair play education programme which was carried out by the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) during the Cadet – Junior World Fencing Championships in Bourges, France.

It was the first time in the history of fencing that fair play had been promoted within the framework of an education programme.

The fair play education programme was financed by the FIE. The organisation covered almost all expenditures (i.e. production of promotional materials, transportation, accommodation and meals) of the project except for the travel and meals of a second staff member which was necessary to carry out the activities. The CIFP provided the remaining amount.

The Fair Play Stand was located next to that of anti-doping. The two teams closely cooperated during the event and encouraged the visitors to get involved in both the fair play and anti-doping activities. This partnership proved to be successful and largely contributed to the reinforcement of the common messages of sportsmanship and anti-doping throughout the event.

The educational objectives of the CIFP's fair play programme were as follows:

1. To promote sportsmanship among athletes and the values composing fair play.
2. To develop a better understanding of the notion of fair play and how fair play and its values can be applicable in the daily lives of the athletes.
3. To put fair play theory into practice via exciting interactive activities and eye-catching promotional materials.

The CIFP included the following elements in the fair play games to convey the messages of sportsmanship:

- Clear definition of values composing the notion of fair play;
- Key messages and slogans related to sportsmanship;
- Examples of how the values of fair play can be adopted in the daily lives of the athletes on and off the sporting field;
- Images and stories of popular athletes showing fair play attitude throughout their career;
- Exciting case studies introducing fair play acts carried out in the history of the Olympic Games.

The CIFP conducted its activities in the following formats:

- Board games and computer games;
- Free and easy 10 to 15-minute activities supported by experts;
- Activities were available in English and French.

The Fair Play Stand offered the following activities to its visitors: Fair Play Board Game, Fair Play Computer Games. In addition to the interactive games, printed materials and giveaways conveying slogans and messages of sportsmanship complemented the fair play education programme.

Brochures introducing the world of fair play and also containing a Fair Play Charter specifically written for the youth were produced in English.

Postcards featuring the most exciting short stories of the Fair Play Awards in fencing such as colourful pins and bracelets were distributed among the visitors.

Last but not least two roll-up banners displaying fair play scenes in fencing decorated the stand.

According to the statistics, a total of 135 visitors representing 33 countries (out of the 150 participating nations) played the six computer games. In average, 2,14 different games were played by each player. An estimated number of 250-300 people might have visited the Fair Play Stand during the 5 days of its operation.



## 1.5 INTERNET SITES, SOCIAL MEDIA, MAGAZINES

### FIE MEDIA REPORT 2016

Over the course of 2016, the FIE developed its digital communication platforms and increased its online audience significantly, in particular as a result of the Rio Olympic Games.

The FIE had a strong presence in social media and additional digital platforms, as part of the promotional campaign, 'Rio Loves Fencing'. During 2016, the FIE developed an additional Web portal dedicated to Olympic qualification, as well as an associated mobile app. Digital engagement was achieved by producing digital content about the top athletes on their 'Road to Rio'.

Additionally, a successful partnership was secured with the Olympic Channel in order to promote FIE digital content before and after the Games. ESCRIME XXI, the FIE digital magazine that keeps fans up to date on our news, was translated into Portuguese in order to reach out to a broader audience during the Olympics. The Fencing Grand Prix Series was broadcasted to NBC and Eurosport, and local agreements with Brazilian Globo TV were arranged.

### SOCIAL MEDIA:

The FIE media team developed a dynamic social media strategy through 2016, following IOC recommendations for the Olympic Games in Rio. With the evolution of Instagram as a highlight of the year, the FIE continues to run five social media platforms on a daily basis including Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and YouTube. Online views on the YouTube fencing channel have reached 12 million, from 10 million in 2015. During 2016, with the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Fencing Grand Prix, and the fencing qualification events around the world, the FIE achieved an average 40 percent increase of followers on Facebook and Twitter and a 300 percent increase on Instagram. Great interaction and involvement with the athletes have been established on social media, where athletes take over the FIE accounts during the events to showcase and share their personal perspectives to our audience.

### FENCING DIGITAL MAGAZINE - ESCRIME XXI:

In 2012, ESCRIME XXI became the first interactive digital magazine in five languages of any international federation. In 2016, the digital magazine reached 900,000 page views. The reason for such a significant increase is attributed to the content variation from fencing stories around the world, as well as the efficient cross-communication on social media and national federations' platforms. Moreover, the additional language attracted a Brazilian audience interested in knowing more about fencing prior to and during the Olympics. Based on our metrics, the most popular regions interested in the magazine are Russia, France, Mexico, USA and Egypt. The magazine reaches out to a large population globally and increases fencing awareness, spreading a positive image for our sport.

### FIE WEBSITE FIE.ORG AND RIO 2016 PORTAL:

At the beginning of 2016, the FIE launched its new portal dedicated to Rio 2016 as part of the digital campaign, 'Rio Loves Fencing'. The portal combined media/press services for all national federations and agencies as well as information for live results for the Olympic Games and all qualification events. The FIE Rio 2016 portal enabled viewers to watch athlete qualifications, competitions, athlete profile features, biographies, highlights, and photo galleries dedicated to specific events on the Road to Rio. Over the last year, the fie.org Web site received 10,489,529 page views, while the Rio 2016 portal (online from March 2016) received 1,844,734 page views (with 105,362 users who visited portal during OG) with the most popular viewers located in the USA, France, Russia, Italy, and Germany.

### TV FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE RIO OLYMPIC GAMES 2016:

Fencing coverage was aired in 61 of the 73 territories. From these regions, there was a total of 609 hours of dedicated fencing coverage. The territory to show the most fencing coverage overall was Malaysia, with 82 hours of coverage, while Italy showed the most coverage on Free-to-Air (FTA) channels (52 hours). The total number of viewer hours consumed of fencing coverage was 252.744 million hours. The highest audience for any single fencing broadcast was 33.068 million viewers in the USA. The average minute of fencing coverage was seen by 38.350 million viewers globally.

The **FIE SWORDPLAY** was launched in July 2016. It is the world's first mobile game with real rules and techniques from athletic fencing with gorgeous 3D graphics, phenomenal animation, and real fencing physics officially supported by the International Fencing Federation. The total number of installations (until 31 December) was 1,370,000 for iOS and 3,100,000 for Android.

## 1.6 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FIE

### The FIE took part in the following international meetings

1.	ONU/DFAE	Geneva (SUI)	Workshop: "Building bridges between International Organizations and International Sports Federations", 21st of January 2016
2.	IOC	Lausanne (SUI)	Rio 2016/IF Workshop, 2nd of February 2016
3.	MSI Seminar	Lausanne (SUI)	Seminar: 'How to prioritise your members when it comes to improvement initiatives, 1st of March 2016
4.	SportAccord Convention	Lausanne (SUI)	17th-22nd of March 2016
5.	ASOIF	Lausanne (SUI)	Working meeting, 18th of April 2016
6.	ASOIF	Lausanne (SUI)	General Assembly, 19th of April 2016
7.	ASOIF/ IOC	Lausanne (SUI)	Joint Meeting, 19th of April 2016
8.	Combat Games Meeting	Lausanne (SUI)	20th of April 2016
9.	FISU	Lausanne (SUI)	First Stone Ceremony, 20th of April 2016
10.	Sport Accord	Lausanne (SUI)	General Assembly, 21st of April 2016
11.	IOC	Lausanne (SUI)	Pre-Games operational meeting, 17th of April 2016
12.	ASDEG	Lausanne (SUI)	ASDEG Forum, 18th-19th of May 2016
13.	Sport Academy Lausanne – S.A.L	Lausanne (SUI)	Cérimonie de printemps 2016, 26th of May 2016
14.	IOC ACP	Lausanne (SUI)	Train the trainer Event, 31st of May – 1st of June 2016
15.	Interpol/IOC	Lausanne (SUI)	Integrity in Sport Fact-Finders training, 13-14 of June 2016
16.	ONU	Geneva (SUI)	32nd session of the Human Rights Council "panel discussion on the possibility of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all, including persons with disabilities", 23rd of June 2016
17.	IOC/ASOIF	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Joint meeting, 1st of August 2016
18.	IOC	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	129th IOC Session, 2nd-4th of August 2016
19.	World Olympians Association	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Opening of the Olympians Reunion Centre. 4th of August 2016
20.	Canton de Vaud, Ville de Lausanne	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Let's chill in Rio reception, 12th of August 2016
21.	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)		participation to different receptions organised on site by IF and NOCs in the framework of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, August 2016
22.	IOC	Lausanne (SUI)	Post-Games IF debrief, 21st of October 2016
23.	Sport Accord: Lausanne (SUI)	Lausanne (SUI)	IF Forum, 9th-11th of November 2016
24.	Ville de Lausanne	Lausanne (SUI)	Réunion annuelle des Fédérations Sportives internationales, 9th of November 2016
25.	Combat Games Meeting	Lausanne (SUI)	10th of November 2016
26.	IOC	Lausanne (SUI)	IOC International Federation (IF) Sustainability Project – Project findings and future support, 11th of November 2016

## 1.7 HALL OF FAME

Were elected by the Executive Committee as members of the Hall of Fame:

### Athletes category:

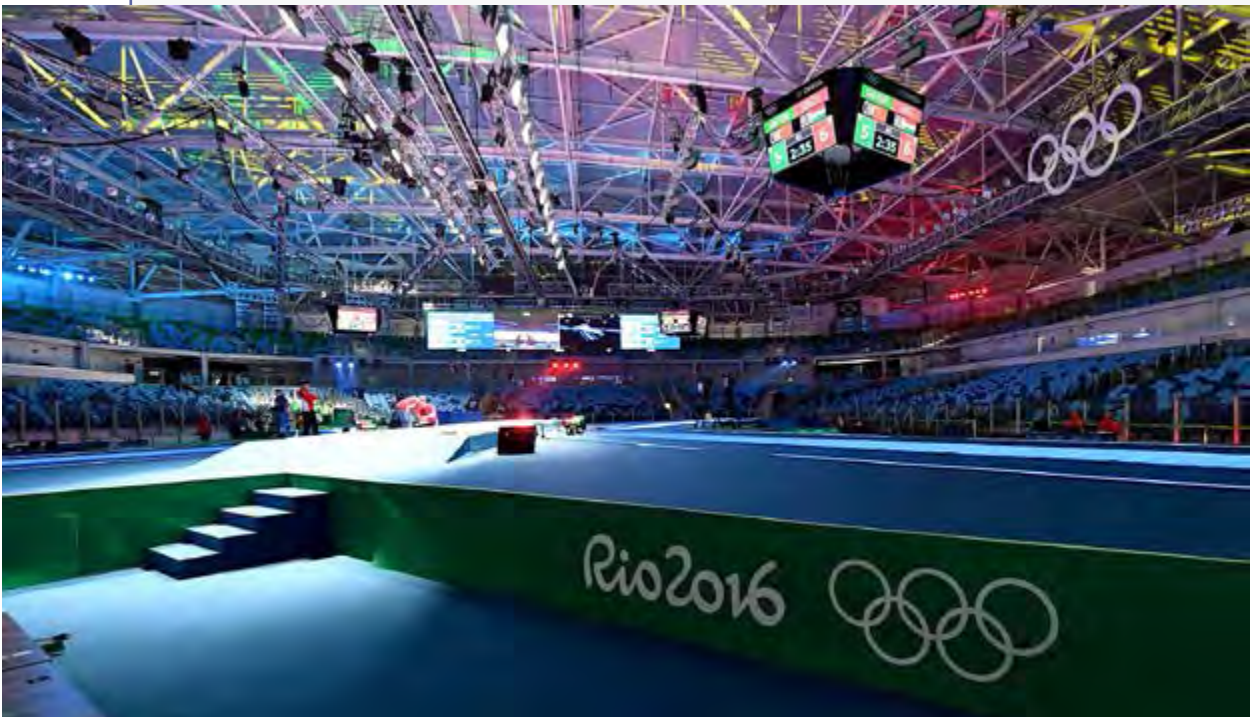
1. Bence Szabó (HUN)
2. Britta Heidemann (GER)
3. Elues ex aequo : Na Li (CHN) and Francesca Bortolozzi (ITA)
4. Olga Orban-Szabo (ROU)

### Fencing family category:

Velichka Hristeva (BUL)

## 1.8 NOMINATIONS BY THE IOC

**Maria Leonor Estampador (PHI)** received the 2016 IOC Women and Sport Award for Asia. The Awards ceremony took place on November 7 in Lausanne, during a gala dinner hosted by the IOC President.







## 2. FIE ASSISTANCE WITH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

### 2.1. ATHLETE TRAINING COURSES

One course was on the occasion of the Junior and Cadet World Championships held in Bourges (FRA), with the FIE paying all expenses for these (air ticket, local transport, hotel, food, experts).

The FIE continued to pay for the athletes from the end of this course up until the individual competitions for the World Championships were completed.

These courses were organised in order to target the following points:

- Encouraging and facilitating the participation of all the national federations in the World Championships.
- Offering a week of intensive preparation to fencers who do not always have enough training partners to allow them to aim for a high international level.
- Introducing these young fencers with definite talent to the entire content and structure of a modern training session.
- Allowing them to benefit from advice from highly experienced fencing teachers, with the determination to implement this advice in practice.
- Providing them with their initial contact with the world fencing elite under the best possible conditions in order to stimulate them to redouble their efforts, giving them the encouragement to provide an example when they return to their training halls.

#### SELECTED ATHLETES :

ZONE	COUNTRY	FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME	Weapon
AFRICA	Algeria	BEN YAHIA	MOHAMED	Epee
PANAM	Argentina	MÉNDEZ BELLO	JOSEFINA MARÍA	Epee
EUROPE	Belarus	AHEICHYK	DANIIL	Foil
PANAM	Bolivia	CHACON URDININEA	CARLOS FERNANDO	Sabre
EUROPE	Bulgaria	NIKOLOV	VICHKO	Foil
ASIA	Cambodia	THEARA	CHHIM	Foil
PANAM	Canada	LUBCZYNSKI	MONICA	Epee
PANAM	Chile	ALVAREZ	RICARDO	Sabre
PANAM	Colombia	MORALES LINARES	JESSICA YOLIMA	Sabre
PANAM	Costa Rica	JURADO SALAZAR	DANIELA	Epee
PANAM	Cuba	PATTERSON ARBOINE	LUIS ENRIQUE	Epee
PANAM	Ecuador	VILLACRESES BRAVO	MATHIAS XAVIER	Foil
PANAM	El Salvador	MEJIA GARCIA	CRISTIAN EDENILSON	Epee
EUROPE	Estonia	TARGAMAA	CARMEN-LII	Epee
EUROPE	Finland	TAPONEN	OSKARI	Foil
PANAM	Guatemala	RUIZ	GIRLEN	Epee
ASIA	India	SINGH	KARAN	Sabre
AFRICA	Ivory Coast	TIA	HANS CALIXTE DE BRE	Epee
EUROPE	Macedonia	BOZHINOV	MARKO	Epee
AFRICA	Mali	BALLO	BOUBACAR	Sabre
AFRICA	Mauritius	RAGAVOODOO	RONAN DASS	Epee
ASIA	Mongolia	BATSUREN	AMARBOLD	Epee
OCN	New Zealand	CHAN	WAI LING	Epee
PANAM	Nicaragua	LÓPEZ GONZÁLEZ	KEVIN STEVEN	Foil
AFRICA	Niger	GARBA MANOU	MAHAMANE SELIM	Sabre
PANAM	Panama	QUIROS TORRES	JOSE EDUARDO	Epee
ASIA	Philippines	PEREZ	NATHANIEL	Foil
EUROPE	Portugal	CHARRÉU	JOSÉ	Foil
PANAM	Puerto Rico	RODRIGUEZ	HECTOR E.	Sabre
ASIA	Saudi Arabia	ALHUSSAIN	AHMED	Epee
AFRICA	Senegal	SAGNAN	BOURAMA KEBA	Epee
AFRICA	South Africa	BESTER	NATANIA	Epee
ASIA	Tajikistan	NURALIEV	SHAKHRIYOR	Epee
ASIA	Thailand	POKEAW	MISS TONPAN	Sabre

AFRICA	Togo	KOUTOGLO	ABLA FRANÇOISE	Sabre
ASIA	UAE	KHALIFA	AL ZARAOONI	Epee
EUROPE	Ukraine	CHORNII	KATERYNA	epee
PANAM	Uruguay	IRAZOQUI MARTÍNEZ	DARIO	Sabre
ASIA	Uzbekistan	KHAKIMOVA	MALIKA	Epee
PANAM	Venezuela	ACURERO GONZALES	ANABELLA ILEANA	Foil
ASIA	Vietnam	DO	THI ANH	Foil

## FIGURES :

### 41 Athletes and countries

8 from Africa  
 11 from Asia-Oceania  
 7 from Europe  
 15 from Panamerica

### 27 men and 14 women

21 epee fencers  
 10 foil fencers  
 10 sabre fencers

## COACHES

RSA	Gennady	Tyshler	Sabre
UKR	Natalia	Conrad	Epee
UKR	Dmitry	Reizlin	Epee
FRA	Patrice	Lhotelier	Foil
FRA	Jean-Noël	Hautefaye	Foil

## 2.2. EIMA SCHOOL

The FIE continued to provide its support to the African federations by training African fencers at the Dakar Fencing School as part of its fencing development programme in Africa.

The school was set up in 1999. By the end of 2016, seventeen years since it was established, 26 African federations have 128 specialists (including 30 persons for Senegal), among whom 13 women, capable of running a programme for promoting fencing.

## COMPOSITION OF THE 10TH EIMA CAMPAIGN

Name	Fed.
Aobakwe MODISE	BOT
Sam Condor CHAPE	BOT
Olivier COMPAORE	BUR
Parenté DA	BUR
Lokpo Cyrille Armel CAPRE	CIV
Kevin Marie ATANGANA	CMR
Steve ESSOUGHE	GAB
Jean Lalhy Livatiana RAZAFIMAHATRATRA	MAD
Abdoul Kafar KANE	MLI
Haastrup EREKOKAYE	NGR
Mamoudou IBRAHIM ALWALI	NIG
Hawkins MKHANTSHWA	RSA
Sello MADUMA	RSA
Mouhamadou Moustapha SALL	SEN
Youssouf Khadim NDAO	SEN
Koffi KASSEFON	TOG
Sofiène KHALIL	TUN

## THE ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

The accommodation Centre consists of a building on 3 floors with over 10 bedrooms and capable of housing up to twenty (20) students. Students are allocated single or double accommodation depending on the size of the room. Catering is provided in situ.



Trainees receive an allowance at the start of each month for breakfast and dinner and are responsible for organising themselves and ensuring that they eat properly and arrive at their lessons on time.

## RECRUITMENT CONDITIONS

Students are recruited by means of sending out a call for applications. These forms were sent to all the affiliated African federations. Federations which have never sent any candidates or who have fewer candidates than the others take priority.

## THE PROGRAMME:

Fencing topics are taught from 7h30 am to 12h30 and from 14h30 to 17h.

## EQUIPMENT

As in previous years, teachers and trainees received their equipment packages (weapons and clothing) from the FIE. In addition to this free equipment, pupils receive an allowance from the FIE on starting and completing training and this constitutes their pocket money.

## THE TEACHING STAFF

Staff members are as follows:

- Julien OUEDRAOGO- Burkina Faso- Sabre and technical coordinator
- Baytir Sidy DIOP- Senegal- Epee
- Aguénam AKLESSO- Togo- Foil
- John KAMATE- DR Congo- Collective teaching
- Contracted staff who basically consist of staff teaching complementary subjects.

## FINAL EXAMINATION

The trainees finished their training with an examination on completion.

The trainees were assessed as students and as fencing teachers and all 17 passed the examinations.

## 2.3 OFMA - OCEANIA FENCING MASTER'S ACADEMY

### ATTENDANCE AT FIE COACH TRAINING COURSES

Two Coaches from Oceania (Joe Raciborski – Australia; Kyle Macdonald – New Zealand) attended the FIE Coaching Academy which was conducted in Budapest from April - June 2016. Both coaches benefited significantly from the intensive three-month course and were able to bring what they had learnt back to their own countries. OFMA will continue to encourage participation from Oceania in such courses, with another candidate selected for the first Academy to be held in 2017.

### OFMA COACHING COURSES

In 2016 the following coaching development courses and seminars were organised & held in Oceania under the auspices of OFMA.

Venue	Course/Seminar	No. of Participants
Australia – Queensland	3 x Level 0 Course	21
	1 x Level 1 Course	10
Australia –Victoria	1 x Level 0 Course	10
	1 x Level 1 Course	5
New Zealand	1 x Level 0 Course	10
	1 x Level 1 Course	9

**Total participants = 65**

In addition, the Samoa Fencing Association Development Officer, Walterlee Imo, is being trained by the Regional Development Officer (RDO) to become accredited as a Level 1 Foil and Epee Coach as part of the activities conducted by the RDO as part of his visits to Samoa. This involved the following activities during 2016:

During the first visit of the RDO in March 2016

- 8 hours Club fencing training (supervised)

During the second visit of the RDO in September 2016

- 8 hours Club fencing training (supervised)
- 20+ hours conditioning training of Team (unsupervised)

- Attended 2 day Oceania International Training Camp prior to Oceania Junior Championships for observation and participation.
- Coach/Manager at Oceania Junior Championships, 2016

## COACHING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Fencing NZ and the Australian Fencing Federation both have appointed Coaching Directors to supervise accreditation processes in their respective countries. These Coaching Directors are currently working with OFMA to improve the standardization of coach training across Oceania and to further incorporate the OFMA syllabus into their programs. In the past, OFMA activities have been largely managed by the Australian Fencing Federation, but it is expected the increase in the administrative capacity of the Oceania Fencing Confederation will allow the OFC to become responsible for the overall management of OFMA from 2017.

## OFMA COACH ASSESSMENTS AND COACH ACCREDITATIONS

During 2016 several assessments for coaches at Level 2 and Level 3 were conducted based on recognition of prior learning. OFMA is currently investigating possibilities for conducting Level 2 Training Courses in the future.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF COACHES CURRENTLY HOLDING ACCREDITATION WITH OFMA.

The total number of accredited coaches in Oceania is 245, as indicated in the table below.

	<b>Epee</b>	<b>Foil</b>	<b>Sabre</b>	<b>Total</b>
Level 0/Trainee	10	30	5	45
Level 1	30	76	31	137
Level 2	8	15	10	33
Level 3	12	10	8	30

## 2.4 BUDAPEST COACHING SCHOOL

The lack of appropriate level coaching education is a worldwide bottleneck in the development of fencing, therefore the strategic aim of the FIE is to open coaching educational centres.

In line with this goal it was decided that in 2016 a FIE coaching school would be launched in Budapest, Hungary.

We have agreed with a local government of the 13th District of Budapest and rented the appropriate venue suitable to host the FIE School. The rooms to accommodate the students, catering and the fencing hall are in the same venue. The financial conditions are beneficial.

The FIE has also agreed with the Hungarian University of Physical Education that they join our program by teaching theoretical subjects: Psychology, Physiology, Pedagogy, Training-theory and Strategy & Management. The total number of theoretical classes was 60. Part of the agreement that the University acknowledges our course and provides with an internationally recognised Level 3 diploma to our students who pass the final examination.

In 2016 two 3-months courses were organised.

The first session was held in January-March and 26 students were selected from Europe.

The second session was held in April-June and 26 students were hosted: 16 from Asia/Oceania and 10 from other continents within the frame of the FIE Athletes Career Program.

The students' engagement was as follows: From Monday till Friday 6 hours per day, during 12 weeks. In total: 360 classes.

At the end of the program the University conducted the final examination.

The selected experts holding the course are well renowned fencing coaches who were selected jointly with the University and agreed by the Hungarian Fencing Federation.

Epee: Bela KOPETKA

Sabre: Ioan POP

Foil: Zoltan BERNAT

- All the students who attended the FIE school are former fencers.
- 76% of the participants had some coaching experiences before joining the school.

Current professional experience:

- 100% are active coaches: 58% full time, 42% part-time.
- Currently they are working in the following environmental breakdown: 86% are working in a club, 30% are (also) working in a university, school or other educational environment, 20% are employed by their National Federation.
- Levels of fencers trained: 38% are working with international level fencers, 61% are working with national level fencers, 76% are working with beginners and children.



Country	Participant	weapon
Australia	Raciborski Joseph	Epee
Austria	Schaller Martin	Epee
Azerbaijan	Melikova Mahin	Foil
Belarus	Duboiski Siarhei	Foil
Bulgaria	Popova Gergana	Sabre
Bulgaria	Naidenova Monika	Foil
Cambodia	Sien Sopheak	Foil
China	Huang LiangCai	Foil
Cyprus	Singh Madan	Epee
Finland	Mellanen Rasmus Mikko Eemeli	Epee
Finland	Degerman Ruusa	Foil
Great Britain	Pearce Joseph	Epee
Great Britain	Whalley Francesca	Sabre
Great Britain	Beardmore Alexander	Foil
Greece	Stantsiou Elisavet	Foil
Hungary	Fodor Kitti	Epee
Hungary	Nemcsik Zsolt	Sabre
Hungary	Gergely Halla	Epee
Hungary	Berhencz Akos	Epee
India	Kumar Krishan	Sabre
Italy	Pastore Domenico	Sabre
Jordan	Alkayeed Anas	Epee
Kazakhstan	Abiyeva Mergul	Epee
Kuwait	Khalaf Mohammed	Sabre
Kyrgyzstan	Kudaiberdieva Aisuluu	Epee
Lithuania	Treinyte Aurelija	Epee
Lithuania	Dikavicius Povilas	Sabre
Macedonia	Ristoski Sasho	Epee
Malaysia	Yu Peng Kean	Sabre
Mongolia	Lkhagvasuren Shinetulga	Epee
New Zealand	Kyle Macdonald	Epee
Romania	Predutoiu Ioana	Sabre
Saudi Arabia	Hazazi Yahya	Foil
Serbia	Rodic Smiljka	Epee
Serbia	Kovacevic Miljan	Foil
Spain	Katiouchka Álvarez López	Sabre
Spain	Gabriel Menéndez Fernández	Foil
Sweden	Ronmark Marcus	Epee
Sweden	Rudin Cindy	Sabre
Tajikistan	Nasimov Aziz	Epee
Thailand	Saengsuwan Sanun	Sabre
Ukraine	Mazur Yuriy	Epee

**Total participants : 42 - Total countries : 28**

#### FIE ACP PROGRAM IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BUDAPEST SCHOOL

It has also been decided that we allocate globally 8 places within the frame of the FIE Athlete Career Program (to former high performance athletes who are interested in becoming professional coaches), + 2 places were allocated to the host country.

Country	Participant	Weapon
Austria	Moritz Hinterseer	Foil
Botswana	Thato Mpoloka	Sabre
Colombia	Carlos Andres Valencia Mora	Sabre
Costa Rica	Daniel Sanabria	Foil
Egypt	Shaimaa El Gammal	Foil
Italy	Gioia Marzocca	Sabre
Philippines	Eric II Brando	Sabre
Romania	Bertalan Ferenc Arkosi	Epee
Ukraine	Yulianna Gerej	Foil
Uzbekistan	Bakhhtiyorjon Ganiev	Epee

**Total participants : 10 - Total Countries : 10**

## 2.5 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY COURSES

### OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COACHES

AFRICA	Burkina Faso	Boukoulubie Bado	Sabre	Lausanne
PANAM	Ecuador	Evelina Burneo dal Pozo	Sabre	Colorado Springs
ASIA	Jordan	Elfauh Odeh	Foil	Budapest
ASIA	Lebanon	Al-Jabouth Ziad	Epee	Budapest
PANAM	Venezuela	Petiño Pernalete Alejandro José	Sabre	Budapest
AFRICA	Madagascar	Ratokondramanana Mickael	F ; E; S	Colorado Springs

### TECHNICAL COURSES FOR COACHES (TCC)

Hungary	epee	Gabor Uvdarhely (HUN)	28.06-06.07	TCC
Lituania	3 weapons	Hugues Leseur (FRA)	03-12.06	TCC

### DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL SPORT STRUCTURE (DNSS)

Guatemala	3 weapons	Marek Stepień (USA)	20.01-27.08	DNSS
Slovakia	foil, epee	Anatoliy Herey (UKR)	15.03.16/30.01.17	DNSS
Panama	3 weapons	Javier Villalpos (SPA) Angel Fernandez (SPA) Sandor Tabor (SPA)	06.06/10.10	DNSS



## 2.6 EQUIPMENT AID

Aims of the Sport Department: to meet the expectations of the federations in the best possible way, with total transparency, objectivity and efficacy.

The criteria used for carrying out an analysis and allocating the equipment were as follows:

- Federations who received equipment in 2015: national federations which did not receive any equipment in 2015 were given priority in the first part of the 2016 programme.
- Specific requirement: participation in FIE or other competitions,
- Federations in need of equipment: organisation of important competitions (Olympic Games, World Championships, Grand Prix, World Cup, Continental Championships, Regional Games, Universiades),
- Federations making a real effort to develop fencing: proven development of fencing in the beneficiary country,
- Special attention paid to the organisers of the Grand Prix, Continental Championships and, in this Olympic year, the RIO Games.
- Special cases

The budget for 2016 was 600,000 CHF. The FIE received requests from 105 national federations.

After analysis, the FIE management awarded equipment to these 110 federations: 29 for Europe, 30 for Asia, 30 for the Americas, 18 for Africa and 3 for Oceania.

The first equipment distribution round was carried out on 30 June 2016.

A second distribution round took place on 15 November 2016.

All the equipment was sent to the national federations before 15 November 2016.

The list of countries together with the amount allocated to each federation was displayed on the FIE site.

The feedback and thanks received after the equipment was delivered are extremely positive. These activities allow the FIE to be fully involved in working for the national federations.

## 2.7 PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following a private initiative started by the President of the FIE in 2009, prizes are awarded to winning athletes in the World Championships. In the course of 2016, the International Charity Fund "For the Future of Fencing" (the "Fund") allocated prizes for winners and medallists of the following competitions organised under the aegis of the FIE.

Due to the fact that in 2016, there were Olympic Games– the Fund did not allocate prizes for the World Championships winners and medallists.

### 2016 J&C World Championships in Bourges (FRA) – USD 132'000.00;

The Fund has distributed Junior Athletes' prizes by means of transferring the corresponding amounts of money to their personal banking accounts.

Cadet Athletes including those who won medals in Cadet Mixed Team event received their prizes from ALLSTAR Fecht-Center GmbH & Co. KG in the form of fencing equipment and material for the corresponding amounts:

Type	Rank	Cost of a prize	Quantity of the prize	Amount	Cost of each individual prize per athlete
<b>Individual (J&amp;C) 1 athlete</b>	<b>1</b>	1,500.00	12	18,000.00	1,500.00
	<b>2</b>	1,000.00	12	12,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>3</b>	500.00	24	12,000.00	500.00
<b>Team (J) of 4 athletes</b>	<b>1</b>	6,000.00	6	36,000.00	1,500.00
	<b>2</b>	4,000.00	6	24,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>3</b>	2,000.00	6	12,000.00	500.00
<b>Cadet Mixed Team(C) of 6 athletes</b>	<b>1</b>	9,000.00	1	9,000.00	1,500.00
	<b>2</b>	6,000.00	1	6,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>3</b>	3,000.00	1	3,000.00	500.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,000.00</b>	

2016 European Championships in Torun (POL) – USD 115'500.00;

2016 "Foil of Saint-Petersburg" World Cup tournament – USD 26'000.00;

2016 "Moscow Sabre" Grand Prix tournament – USD 26'000.00;

**Totalling at USD 299'500.00.**

## 2.8 ASSISTANCE FOR ATHLETE PARTICIPATION

Since 2009, the FIE has been implementing a special programme providing assistance to NF athletes taking part in the senior regional championships and the World Championships (Juniors and Seniors).

For each national federation taking part, all the confederations received a grant to cover the costs (air ticket and hotel expenses) of an athlete taking part in the:

- World championships - juniors and cadets 2016
- Continental championships - seniors 2016

## 2.9 ASSISTANCE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENTS

As a result of the grant programme (air ticket, hotel and meal expenses) applicable to all the presidents of Federations, they were able to be involved in the work carried out by the FIE Congress 2016, which is very important for the development of fencing throughout the world. 127 national federations took part in the FIE Congress in Moscow.

## 2.10 ASSISTANCE FOR CONFEDERATIONS

All the confederations received an annual grant for their administrative expenses. In addition, those Confederations employing a sport director have received a subsidy for the salary of this sport director.

## 2.11 ASSISTANCE FOR COMPETITION ORGANISERS

Each national federation organising an FIE competition (senior World Cup, Grand Prix) and making the relevant request received a grant of 3000 euros to cover the costs of video-refereeing. GP organisers received a subsidy of 25.000 CHF from the FIE for organisation and promotion purposes. The FIE subsidised the cost of wireless in GP competitions.

## 2.12 VETERAN FUND

The Fund specialising in assistance for fencing veterans, the "VSE", was set up by the Foundation entitled "For the future of fencing" at the end of 2012.

### The operational priorities of the VSE were defined as follows:

- to give fencing veterans access to medical services (co-financing of costly treatments, surgical procedures, medicines, etc.);
- to give fencing veterans access to sickness insurance;
- to support fencing veterans in difficult situations (e.g. to resolve practical problems: house repairs, car repairs, etc.);
- to finance programmes and events to provide social support for fencing veterans.

### The criteria used to define the recipients of the fund are as follows:

- **Fencing veterans** - people with close relations with the fencing community /the world of fencing (1), acknowledged at national and international level (2), and falling into one of the applicable age groups;
  - On request of the VSE, each applicant must provide all the supporting documentation required to check the request and safeguard transfer of the gift in accordance with Russian legislation
- Career as a competitor and (or) coach, or other significant contribution to developing fencing or making it popular.
- Personal results and accomplishments; results of pupils; projects carried out and accomplishments within the para-sporting field; acknowledgement of merits or services rendered to fencing.

In the course of 2016, Specialized Fencing Veterans Support Endowment (Fund) (the "VSE") secured the distribution of information of its activities and capabilities by means of:

- sending the information about the VSE directly to the National Federations;
- providing the information for publication on the FIE web-site ([www.fie.org](http://www.fie.org));
- launching a dedicated VSE web-site ([www.fencingvse.org](http://www.fencingvse.org));
- developing direct contacts with fencing veterans community.

All the applications (a total of 11) to directly support the veterans of World fencing, received by the VSE in 2016, have been granted the requested assistance.

Veterans from Salvador, Nicaragua, Cuba, Georgia, Venezuela, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Germany, RSA who applied for assistance either directly or via their National Federations, have in total been allocated:

**USD 42'333.00;**  
**EUR 34'000.00.**



## 2.13 “CLUB MOVEMENT INITIATIVE”

The Club Movement Initiative (CMI) was launched in 2014 with the aim of “creating an international network of major fencing sites and establishing a system to develop their assets in terms of talent”.

After approving the business plan:

- 1) We identified several clubs
- 2) We established formal relations with them by signing agreements which also committed their respective national federations
- 3) We launched the project in the third quarter of 2014.

The CMI network currently has 9 sites in 8 countries. Our partners are:

1. Tauberbischofsheim Fencing Club, Germany;
2. Fencers Club New York, United States;
3. Cercle d’Escrime Melun, France;
4. Novosibirsk Regional Fencing, Russia;
5. Smolensk Academy of Sport and Physical Culture, Russia;
6. Scherma Modica, Italy;
7. Vasas Sport Club, Hungary;
8. Laoshan Youth Fencing Training Center, China;
9. National Training Center, Japan.

In 2016, the FIE has organised in total 6 training camps for athletes in 3 continents: Pan-America, Europe, Asia.

1 Pan-American Training Camp for high-performance athletes was organised within the framework of CMI at the Fencers’ Club of New York.

5 training camps for young athletes (under 23) have been organised within the framework of the CMI: 3 in Europe (Italy, Germany and Hungary) and 2 in Asia (Japan and China).

In total, 82 athletes from 59 federations took part in the FIE training camp within the framework of FIE Club Movement Initiative.

Continent	Club & National training center	Dates & period	N° of participants	N° of countries	Age categories
America	New York, USA	20.03-03.04 (15 days)	21	11 (ARG, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, CRC, DOM, JAM, MEX, PER, VEN)	Junior & Senior
Europe	Modica, ITA	10.09-10.10 (1 month)	6	6 (ARM, FIN, GEO, IRL, SER, NED)	Under 23
Europe	Vasas, HUN	19.09-14.10 (1 month)	6	6 (CZE, BUL, ISR, ESP, POL, SER)	Under 23
Europe	Tauberbischofsheim, GER	10.10-7.11 (1 month)	6	6 (TUR, CRO, GRE, AZE, SVK, MKD)	Under 23
Asia	National training center Tokyo, JPM	11-23.11 (15 days)	21	16 (BRU, CAM, INA, MAS, PHI, SIN, THA, VIE, TPE, HKG, MGL, NEP, IND, SRI, KOR, JPN)	Under 23
Asia	National training center Beijing, CHN	1-15.11 (15 days)	22	14 (MGL, UZB, THA, KAZ, IRI, TJK, VIE, HKG, MAC, LEB, JOR, KGZ, AUS, CHN)	Under 23





## 3. SPORTING ACTIVITIES

### 3.1 WINNERS OF THE OFFICIAL RANKINGS

#### OFFICIAL RANKINGS - SENIORS 2015-2016

Women's Epee		
1	SZASZ Emese	HUN
2	BESBES Sarra	TUN
3	XU Anqi	CHN
4	LOGUNOVA Tatiana	RUS
5	SUN Yiwen	CHN
6	POPESCU Ana Maria	ROU
7	FIAMINGO Rossella	ITA
8	NAVARRIA Mara	ITA

Men's Epee		
1	GRUMIER Gauthier	FRA
2	BOREL Yannick	FRA
3	PARK Sangyoung	KOR
4	IMRE Geza	HUN
5	GAROZZO Enrico	ITA
6	NIKISHIN Bogdan	UKR
7	MINOBE Kazuyasu	JPN
8	STEFFEN Benjamin	SUI

Women's Foil		
1	ERRIGO Arianna	ITA
2	DERIGLAZOVA Inna	RUS
3	DI FRANCISCA Elisa	ITA
4	KIEFER Lee	USA
5	THIBUS Ysaora	FRA
6	SHANAEVA Aida	RUS
7	BOUBAKRI Ines	TUN
8	GUYART Astrid	FRA

Men's Foil		
1	MASSIALAS Alexander	USA
2	GAROZZO Daniele	ITA
3	KRUSE Richard	GBR
4	SAFIN Timur	RUS
5	AVOLA Giorgio	ITA
6	DAVIS James-Andrew	GBR
7	MA Jianfei	CHN
8	MEINHARDT Gerek	USA

Women's Sabre		
1	VELIKAYA Sofya	RUS
2	EGORIAN Yana	RUS
3	KHARLAN Olga	UKR
4	ZAGUNIS Mariel	USA
5	KIM Jiyeon	KOR
6	MARTON Anna	HUN
7	MUHAMMAD Ibtihaj	USA
8	SHEN Chen	CHN

Men's Sabre		
1	KIM Junghwan	KOR
2	SZILAGYI Aron	HUN
3	ANSTETT Vincent	FRA
4	YAKIMENKO Alexey	RUS
5	KOVALEV Nikolay	RUS
6	ABEDINI Mojtaba	IRI
7	GU Bongil	KOR
8	HOMER Daryl	USA

#### OFFICIAL SENIOR TEAM RANKINGS 2015-2016

Women's Epee	Men's Epee	Women's Foil	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
1 ROU	1 FRA	1 RUS	1 USA	1 RUS	1 RUS
2 RUS	2 ITA	2 ITA	2 RUS	2 UKR	2 USA
3 CHN	3 UKR	3 USA	3 FRA	3 FRA	3 HUN
4 EST	4 HUN	4 FRA	4 ITA	4 USA	4 GER
5 KOR	5 RUS	5 KOR	5 CHN	5 ITA	5 ROU
6 USA	6 SUI	6 CHN	6 GBR	6 KOR	6 KOR
7 FRA	7 KOR	7 GER	7 EGY	7 POL	7 ITA
8 UKR	8 VEN	8 CAN	8 BRA	8 MEX	8 FRA



## OFFICIAL RANKINGS - JUNIORS 2015-2016

Women's Epee		
1	STAHLBERG Nadine	GER
2	CLERICI Alice	ITA
3	MARZANI Roberta	ITA
4	OKHOTNIKOVA Irina	RUS
5	KOMAROVA Alena	RUS
6	FILINA Daria	RUS
7	NGOM Mariem	FRA
8	DE MARCHI Eleonora	ITA

Men's Epee		
1	SIKLOSI Gergely	HUN
2	BANYAI Zsombor	HUN
3	BRUEV Georgiy	RUS
4	VISMARA Federico	ITA
5	CUOMO Valerio	ITA
6	MAHRINGER Josef	AUT
7	ABDELMALAK Daveed	EGY
8	BAYARD Alexis	SUI

Women's Foil		
1	CIPRESSA Erica	ITA
2	MARTYANOVA Marta	RUS
3	ROSSINI Serena	ITA
4	PASZTOR Flora	HUN
5	BIANCHIN Elisabetta	ITA
6	ABDRAKHMANOVA Adelya	RUS
7	DLUGOSZ Martyna	POL
8	EBERT Leonie	GER

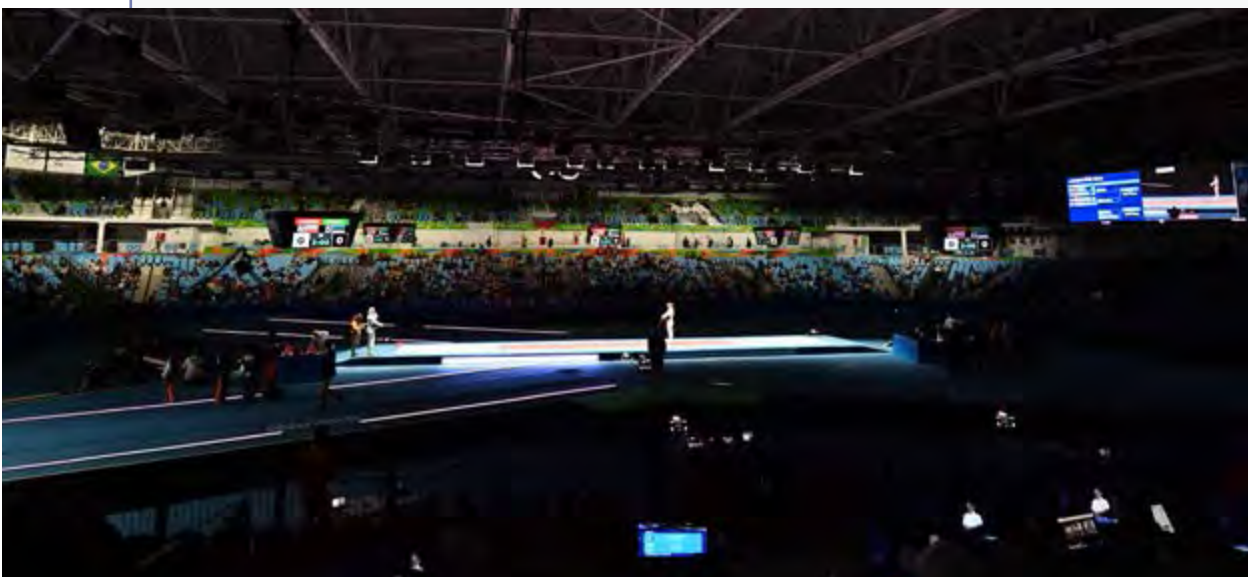
Men's Foil		
1	CHASTANET Maximilien	FRA
2	SIDO Alexandre	FRA
3	HAGLUND George	USA
4	SHIKINE Takahiro	JPN
5	RZADKOWSKI Andrzej	POL
6	BIANCHI Guillaume	ITA
7	GRIDELLI Alessandro	ITA
8	MATVEEV Andrey	RUS

Women's Sabre		
1	ARRAYALES Tania	MEX
2	LUCARINI Lucia	ITA
3	BATTISTON Michela	ITA
4	SHEVELEVA Svetlana	RUS
5	LINDER Kara	USA
6	GARGANO Rebecca	ITA
7	BRUNET Manon	FRA
8	QUEROLI Caroline	FRA

Men's Sabre		
1	COLLEAU Charles	FRA
2	KOSTENKO Anatoliy	RUS
3	NATANZON Benjamin	USA
4	CAVALIERE Dario	ITA
5	DREOSSI Leonardo	ITA
6	FERJANI Fares	TUN
7	PATRICE Jean-Philippe	FRA
8	LUCCHETTI Stefano Ivan	ARG

## OFFICIAL JUNIOR TEAM RANKINGS 2015-2016

Women's Epee	Men's Epee	Women's Foil	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
1 RUS	1 HUN	1 POL	1 USA	1 RUS	1 RUS
2 ITA	2 ITA	2 USA	2 JPN	2 USA	2 ITA
3 FRA	3 FRA	3 ROU	3 RUS	3 FRA	3 EGY
4 EGY	4 RUS	4 RUS	4 FRA	4 MEX	4 FRA
5 GER	5 EGY	5 HUN	5 ITA	5 ITA	5 USA
6 USA	6 POL	6 FRA	6 DEN	6 JPN	6 JPN
7 POL	7 ESP	7 ITA	7 GBR	7 HUN	7 UKR
8 UKR	8 CZE	8 BRA	8 LAT	8 GER	8 HUN





## 3.2 JUNIOR/CADETS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2016

The World Championships took place in **Bourges (FRA) from 1 to 10 April 2016.**

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

Feriani	Ziad	TUN	President of the Directoire Technique
Lammer	Dieter	GER	Member of the Directoire technique
Tass	Atilio	USA	Member of the Directoire technique
Loo	Zhao Rong	SIN	Member of the Directoire technique
Mc Gregor	Sonia	RSA	Member of the Directoire technique
Szetey	Andras	HUN	Member of the Directoire technique
Barriol	Luc Olivier	FRA	Member of the Directoire technique
Philbin	Hilary	GBR	Member of the Directoire technique and Head of Protocol
Janka	Claus	GER	Chief Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Kim	Chang Gon	KOR	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Alvarez	Jose Luis	ESP	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Knysch	Irina	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Ferjani	Salah	TUN	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
El Motawakel	Mohamed	EGY	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Elzeftawi	Gamil	EGY	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Ben Rejeb	Tarek	TUN	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Eberl Lopez	Maria Wilda	CHI	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Daly	Mohamed Neji	TUN	Delegate of the medical Commission
Harmer	Peter	AUS	Delegate of the medical Commission
Fiore	Antonio	ITA	Delegate of the medical Commission

### REFEREES:

Doana	Andreea	ROU	Ko	Jong Hwan	KOR
Kosa	Miklos	HUN	Sakhvadze	David	GEO
Schiffers	Alexander	GER	Petkova	Lazarina	BUL
Douvis	Andreas	GRE	Bastyns	Oliver	BEL
Martilotti	Luigi	ITA	Civiero	Ambre	SUI
Rouzavina	Ianna	RUS	Rodrigues	Ana Clara Franke	BRA
Vallejo	Guillermo	ESP	Liendo	Juan	VEN
Gucluer	Ilgin	TUR	Gross	Gregory	ISR
Qiao	Min	CHN	Leong	Dennis Kok Seng	SIN
Koehler	Kelly	USA	Baker	David	AUS
Mola Fuentes	Walfrido	CUB	Bocquet	Fabrice	FRA
Dyaokokin	Yevgeniy	KAZ	Guenet	Jean Marc	FRA
Valiyev	Fikrat	AZE	Mage	Pascal	FRA
Le Ba Quang	Nguyen	VIE	Piatko	André	FRA
Samir	Ahmed	EGY	Sicot	Bertrand	FRA
Madr	Vilem	CZE	Versali	Alireza	IRN
Hejrskov	Mads-Vetli	DEN	Kovrijnykh	Andrei	RSA
Cojocari	Olga	MDA	Ben Chaabene	Iheb	TUN
Machado	Miguel	POR	Yamaguchi	Katsumi	JPN
Witkowski	Andrzej	POL	Berthier	Anne Laure	FRA
Wong	Kam Kau	HKG	Nobre Jeanny	Aurelie	FRA
Huang	Hao Chih	TPE	Stoltz	Damin	FRA
Kuznetsov	Alexey	CAN	Sicot	Anne-Marie	FRA
Alshamali	Rashed	KUW			

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – CADETS

Women's Epee		
1	BOZZA Alessandra	ITA
2	STEWART Tatijana	USA
3	CAGNIN Beatrice	ITA
3	PETRI Renata	HUN
5	LOIT Karoliine	EST
6	GAO Cindy	CAN
7	LUCANI Lola	FRA
8	FALINSKA Julia	POL

Men's Epee		
1	DE MOLA Daniel	ITA
2	BUZZACCHINO Gianpaolo	ITA
3	JURKA Jakub	CZE
3	THEIN-SANDLER Adrien	USA
5	GALPER Stanislav	ISR
6	HONG Sehwa	KOR
7	MICHALAK Damian	POL
8	MANCEWICZ Bartlomiej	SWE

Women's Foil		
1	BINDER Sylvie	USA
2	AZUMA Sera	JPN
3	BERTOLA Lara	ITA
3	DESCHNER Stefani	USA
5	ROSSINI Serena	ITA
6	BERTHIER Amita	SIN
7	PAPPONE Arianna	ITA
8	EBERT Leonie	GER

Men's Foil		
1	TOURETTE Geoffrey	USA
2	BORODACHEV Kirill	RUS
3	KLEIN Luis	GER
3	MARINI Tommaso	ITA
5	NG Lok Wang Lawrence	HKG
6	FUJIKURA Rui	JPN
7	ONG Ryan Ren An	SIN
8	LI Michael	USA

Women's Sabre		
1	LAU Ywen	SIN
2	EIFLER Larissa	GER
3	NOUTCHA Sarah	FRA
3	PUSZTAI Liza	HUN
5	HA Dayeong	KOR
6	BOTELLO Natalia	MEX
7	TAKASHIMA Risa	JPN
8	LINDER Kara	USA

Men's Sabre		
1	NERI Matteo	ITA
2	CAI Erwin	USA
3	POZDNYAKOV Vladislav	RUS
3	TSELYSHEV Artem	RUS
5	MIGNUZZI Giacomo	ITA
6	SZLAMA Vilmos	HUN
7	SUN Andrew	USA
8	BIBI Eliott	FRA

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
ITA	3	1	3	7
USA	2	2	2	6
SIN	1			1
RUS		1	2	3
GER		1	1	2
JPN		1		1
HUN			2	2
CZE			1	1
FRA			1	1

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – JUNIORS

Women's Epee		
1	CLERICI Alice	ITA
2	XIANG Yixuan	CHN
3	JEON Heeju	KOR
3	OKHOTNIKOVA Irina	RUS
5	KANEVSKI Vera Maia Devi	ISR
6	NAGY Kinga	HUN
7	LINDE Asa	SWE
8	ZHONG Peiyang	CHN

Men's Epee		
1	BRUEV Georgiy	RUS
2	CUOMO Valerio	ITA
3	BANYAI Zsombor	HUN
3	SIKLOSI Gergely	HUN
5	PAULOUSKI Dzianis	BLR
6	KANO Koki	JPN
7	BAKOS Balint	HUN
8	ISLAS FLYGARE Linus	SWE

Women's Foil		
1	MASSIALAS Sabrina	USA
2	CIPRESSA Erica	ITA
3	DLUGOSZ Martyna	POL

Men's Foil		
1	SHIKINE Takahiro	JPN
2	MATVEEV Andrey	RUS
3	BIANCHI Guillaume	ITA

3	FU Yiting	CHN
5	EBERT Leonie	GER
6	ROSSINI Serena	ITA
7	MARTYANOVA Marta	RUS
8	RANCUREL Maeva	FRA

3	MATSUYAMA Kyosuke	JPN
5	CHASTANET Maximilien	FRA
6	RZADKOWSKI Andrzej	POL
7	FILES Petar	CRO
8	ZHURAVLEV Vladislav	RUS

#### Women's Sabre

1	QUEROLI Caroline	FRA
2	BRUNET Manon	FRA
3	LUCARINI Lucia	ITA
3	SHEVELEVA Svetlana	RUS
5	ARRAYALES Tania	MEX
6	RIFKISS Margaux	FRA
6	ZAHONYI Petra	HUN
8	JEON Eunhye	KOR

#### Men's Sabre

1	COLLEAU Charles	FRA
2	KOSTENKO Anatoliy	RUS
3	FITZ-GERALD Kuniyuki	JPN
3	GLADKOV Andrey	RUS
5	LUCCHETTI Stefano Ivan	ARG
6	PATRICE Jean-Philippe	FRA
7	GERT Eduard	GER
8	RICCARDI Federico	ITA

### RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS - JUNIORS

Women's Epee	Men's Epee	Women's Foil	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
1 FRA	1 ITA	1 POL	1 JPN	1 RUS	1 RUS
2 RUS	2 HUN	2 USA	2 ITA	2 CHN	2 ITA
3 USA	3 CHN	3 ITA	3 GBR	3 USA	3 CHN
4 GER	4 USA	4 ROU	4 LAT	4 ITA	4 KOR
5 ITA	5 ESP	5 HUN	5 FRA	5 FRA	5 HUN
6 KOR	6 GER	6 RUS	6 DEN	6 GER	6 UKR
7 POL	7 CZE	7 FRA	7 USA	7 JPN	7 JPN
8 CHN	8 RUS	8 JPN	8 AUS	8 MEX	8 FRA

### MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUS	3	3	3	9
FRA	3	1		4
ITA	2	4	3	9
JPN	2		2	4
USA	1	1	2	4
POL	1		1	2
CHN		2	3	5
HUN		1	2	3
GBR			1	1
KOR			1	1

### NATIONS' GRAND PRIX

The junior Nations' Grand Prix was awarded to **Russia**.

### PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers	1484
Number of countries	106

Weapons	Cadets	Juniors	Teams
Women's Epee	115	151	28
Men's Epee	130	176	33
Women's Foil	88	130	24
Men's Foil	110	157	29
Women's Sabre	82	105	19
Men's Sabre	90	149	27

## RESULTS OF CADET TEAM EVENT

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1	USA	5	KOR
2	RUS	6	FRA
3	ITA	7	JPN
4	HUN	8	POL

## 3.3 TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2016

These world championships - test event took place from **25 to 27 April 2015 in Rio de Janeiro (BRA)**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

Tsoukhlo	Evgeny	RUS	President of the Directoire technique
Thullberg	Pierre	SWE	Member of the Directoire technique
Cecchinato	Alessandro	ITA	Member of the Directoire technique
Estampador	Maria Leonor	PHI	Member of the Directoire technique
Philbin	Hilary	GBR	Member of the Directoire technique and Chief of Protocol
Dakova	Ianka	USA	Member of the Directoire technique
Rikhtman	Semen	RUS	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Huggins	Janet	GBR	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Defoligny-Renault	Catherine	FRA	Delegate of the medical Commission
Janka	Claus	GER	Chief Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Alvarez	Jose Luis	ESP	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Knysch	Irina	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Ferjani	Salah	TUN	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission

### REFEREES:

Paghiev	Mihail	MDA	Koehler	Kelly	USA
Bucca	Emanuele	ITA	Denzer	Benjamin	GER
Rios Rivera	Juan Carlos	MEX	Lu	Jianming	CHN
El Bakry	Medhat	EGY	Cantin	Pascal	CAN
Acevedo	Pablo	ESP	Milenchev	Vassil	BUL
Mage	Pascal	FRA	Su	Sang Won	KOR
Cheorge	Florin	ROU	Kosa	Miklos	HUN
Nowinowski	Dariusz	POL	Zuravleva	Natalia	RUS
Shamis	Vladislav	RUS	Fikrat	Valiyev	AZE

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Foil		Men's Sabre	
1	RUS	1	RUS
2	ITA	2	HUN
3	FRA	3	ROU
4	KOR	4	IRI
5	USA	5	GER
6	HUN	6	ITA
7	CHN	7	KOR
8	GER	8	USA



## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUS	2			2
HUN		1		1
ITA		1		1
FRA			1	1
ROU			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers:	127
Number of countries:	33

Weapons	Teams
Women's Foil	13
Men's Sabre	20

## NATIONS' GRAND PRIX

The Nations' Grand Prix - seniors was awarded to **Russia**.



## 3.4 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES

The fencing competitions at the Rio Olympics were held from 06 to 14 August 2016.

The officials and referees designated by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

Tsoukhlo	Evgeny	RUS	President of the Directoire Technique
Philbin	Hilary	GBR	Member of the Directoire Technique and Chief of protocol
Thullberg	Pierre	SWE	Member of the Directoire Technique
Estampador	Maria-Leonor	PHI	Member of the Directoire Technique
Cecchinato	Alessandro	ITA	Member of the Directoire Technique
Dakova	Ianka	USA	Member of the Directoire Technique
Rikhtman	Semen	RUS	Chief delegate of the SEMI Commission
Assadourian	Sarkis	IRI	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Huggins	Janet	GBR	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Fiore	Antonio	ITA	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Mustafa Mourad	Maha	EGY	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Janka	Claus	GER	Chief delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Guttsait	Vadym	UKR	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Kim	Chang Gon	KOR	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Knysch	Irina	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission

### REFEREES:

El Bakry	Medhat	EGY	Rios Rivera	Juan Carlos	MEX
Valiyev	Fikrat	AZE	Findlay	Douglas	USA
Florea	Marius	ROU	Gheorghe	Florin Sebastian	ROU
Gucluer	Ilgin	TUR	Kuznetsov	Alexey	CAN
Jiang	Yefei	CHN	Lorenzo	Javier	ESP
Kosa	Miklos	HUN	Madr	Vilem	CZE
Milenchev	Vasil	BUL	Pistacchi	Marco	ITA
Shamis	Vladislav	RUS	Suh	Sangwon	KOR
Toure	Papa Khassoum	SEN	Vogel	Bodo	GER
Zheng	Kang Zhao	HKG	Witkowski	Andrzej	POL

Civiero	Ambre	SUI	Zhuravleva	Natalia	RUS
Liendo	Juan	VEN	Ranza	Giuliano	ITA
Paghiev	Mihail	MDA	Piatko	André	FRA
Trois d'Avila	Regis	BRA	Goldani	Lucio Bertaso	BRA
Rodriguez Franke	Ana Clara	BRA	Melian	Abel Francesco	BRA
Gomes	Eduardo Romero	BRA	Cramer Ribero	Jaques	BRA
Finardi	Luciano	BRA	Ferrazi	Ricardo	BRA

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	SZASZ Emese	HUN
2	FIAMINGO Rossella	ITA
3	SUN Yiwen	CHN
4	REMBI Lauren	FRA
5	BESBES Sarra	TUN
6	MOELLHAUSEN Nathalie	BRA
7	CHOI Injeong	KOR
8	SATO Nozomi	JPN

Men's Epee		
1	PARK Sangyoung	KOR
2	IMRE Geza	HUN
3	GRUMIER Gauthier	FRA
4	STEFFEN Benjamin	SUI
5	BOREL Yannick	FRA
6	MINOBE Kazuyasu	JPN
7	HEINZER Max	SUI
8	NOVOSJOLOV Nikolai	EST

Women's Foil		
1	DERIGLAZOVA Inna	RUS
2	DI FRANCISCA Elisa	ITA
3	BOUBAKRI Ines	TUN
4	SHANAIEVA Aida	RUS
5	THIBUS Ysaora	FRA
6	GUYART Astrid	FRA
7	HARVEY Eleanor	CAN
8	LIU Yongshi	CHN

Men's Foil		
1	GAROZZO Daniele	ITA
2	MASSIALAS Alexander	USA
3	SAFIN Timur	RUS
4	KRUSE Richard	GBR
5	MEINHARDT Gerek	USA
6	AVOLA Giorgio	ITA
7	CHEN Haiwei	CHN
8	TOLDO Guilherme	BRA

Women's Sabre		
1	EGORIAN Yana	RUS
2	VELIKAYA Sofya	RUS
3	KHARLAN Olga	UKR
4	BRUNET Manon	FRA
5	BERDER Cecilia	FRA
6	BESBES Azza	TUN
7	DYACHENKO Ekaterina	RUS
8	GULOTTA Loreta	ITA

Men's Sabre		
1	SZILAGYI Aron	HUN
2	HOMER Daryl	USA
3	KIM Junghwan	KOR
4	ABEDINI Mojtaba	IRI
5	DOLNICEANU Tiberiu	ROU
6	ANSTETT Vincent	FRA
7	KOVALEV Nikolay	RUS
8	SZABO Matyas	GER

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre
1 ROU	1 FRA	1 RUS	1 RUS
2 CHN	2 ITA	2 FRA	2 UKR
3 RUS	3 HUN	3 USA	3 USA
4 EST	4 UKR	4 ITA	4 ITA
5 USA	5 KOR	5 CHN	5 KOR
6 KOR	6 SUI	6 GBR	6 POL
7 FRA	7 RUS	7 EGY	7 MEX
8 UKR	8 VEN	8 BRA	8 FRA
9 BRA	9 BRA		



## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUS	4	1	2	7
HUN	2	2		4
ITA	1	2	1	4
FRA	1	1	1	3
KOR	1		1	2
ROU	1			1
USA		2	2	4
CHN		1	1	2
UKR		1	1	2
TUN			1	1



## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers 213  
Number of countries 47

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's épée	37	9
Men's épée	38	9
Women's foil	35	
Men's foil	35	8
Women's sabre	36	8
Men's sabre	32	



## NATIONS' GRAND PRIX

The Senior Grand Prix des Nations was awarded to **Russia**.

## MEDALS TABLE/FINAL

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1 RUS	6	1	2	9
2 HUN	2	3	0	5
3 ITA	1	3	1	5
4 FRA	1	1	2	4
5 KOR	1		1	2
6 ROU	1		1	2
7 USA		2	2	4
8 CHN		1	1	2
8 UKR		1	1	2
10 TUN			1	1



The medal's table of 2016 Olympic Games together with Team World Championships

## 3.5 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - VETERANS 2016

The World Championships - Veterans were held in **Stralsund (GER) from 10 to 16 October 2016**.

The officials appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

Jansen	Herry	BEL	President of the Directoire technique
Geuter	Max	GER	FIE Delegate
Pincemaille	Benoit	FRA	Member of the Directoire technique
Rieg	Jo	GER	Member of the Directoire technique
Kovacic	Sanjin	CRO	Member of the Directoire technique
Knysch	Irina	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Halsted	Claire	GBR	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Wolfgarten	Wilfried	GER	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Gestsson	Gudjon	ISL	Delegate of the SEMI Commission

### REFEREES:

Gritsaev	Konstantin	USA	Mojski	Jaroslav	POL
Bertram	Tobias	GER	Mustonen	Verna	FIN
Blank	Karen	GER	Nagimov	Rail	RUS
Bossard	Michel	SUI	Paghiev	Michal	MDA
Brandt Rasmussen	Martin	DEN	Pallesen	Kirsten Siig	DEN
Chiej	Luca	ITA	Plantinga	Teun	NED
DeRioja	Angela	ESP	Poggio	Alessandro	ITA
Dul	Michal	POL	Said	Eyad	NED
Enache-Mija	Bianca	GER	Sato	Kimiyoshi	JPN
Fischer	Mike	GER	Schiffers	Alexander	GER
Franken	Leo	GER	Schulz	Marcus	GER
Gross	Gregory	ISR	Serra	Gyorgy	HUN
Heirich	Marc	GER	Sicot	Anne-Marie	FRA
Hirt	Harold	FRA	Speakman	Adrian	GBR
Horvath	Attila	HUN	Symons	Stephen	CAN
Ismailov	Khuseyn	RUS	Thornton	Michael	GBR
Kai	Masahiko	JPN	Vazquez	Daniel	ESP
Kosack	Maik	GER	Vinck	Mathieu	BEL
Linde	Birgitta	SWE	Weidenhammer	Noel	GER

### RESULTS OF EVENTS

#### Women's Epee 50 +

1	STROHMEYER Hildegard	AUT
2	GYURKAN Judit	HUN
3	MILANOLI Luisa	ITA
3	TRAN Christine	FRA
5	BJORK Pia	SWE
6	APPAVOUPOULLE Pascale	FRA
7	BLOOMER Suzanne	USA
8	PONCELET Carole	FRA

#### Men's Epee 50 +

1	SIMOVSKIKH Sergey	RUS
2	MAGNI Luca	ITA
3	STEPIEN Marek	USA
3	LONGO Marco	GER
5	CODON MIRAVALLE Roberto	ESP
6	DI BELLA Alessandro	ITA
7	CHRISTENSEN Stig	DEN
8	PEVZNER Ilia	RUS

#### Women's Foil 50 +

1	CHERNOVA Ludmila	RUS
2	REESE Stefanie	GER
3	ZOPPKE-DONALDSON Christine	GER
3	BOTELHO Lynn	USA
5	BONNEY-MILLET Jenny	AUS
6	MELANDRI Magda	ITA
7	SAFRONOVA Galina	RUS
8	BISSON Benedicte	FRA

#### Men's Foil 50 +

1	CHRISTEN Roman	GER
2	BEL Laurent	FRA
3	CSAK Attila	HUN
3	RIESZ Gabor	HUN
5	MISHAGIN Vasilii	RUS
6	KOLCHANOV Andrey	RUS
7	BLASCHKA Robert	AUT
8	BOZHENKO Evgeny	CAN



Women's Sabre 50 +		
1	JANSHEN Friederike	GER
2	PADURA M.jose	ESP
3	CERBONI BOUSQUET Anne	FRA
3	HUTCHISON Jane S	GBR
5	VAGT Mary Lauren	USA
6	PERNICE Robin	USA
7	PEPE Donna	USA
8	ZOPPKE-DONALDSON Christine	GER

Women's Epee 60 +		
1	KOCAB Elizabeth	USA
2	RIMGAILIENE Rasa	LTU
3	AUBAILLY Corinne	FRA
3	KIRCHEIS Astrid	GER
5	JANSEN Karin	GER
6	MARX Suzanne	USA
7	GORDET Christina	USA
8	KOLCZONAY Ernone	HUN

Women's Foil 60 +		
1	STARKS-FAULKNER Jenette	USA
2	BALLARD Annabelle	AUS
3	AMARI Kaoru	JPN
3	WALTERS Anne-Marie	USA
5	KIRCHEIS Astrid	GER
6	AUBAILLY Corinne	FRA
7	CLAYTON Jane	GBR
8	GARDINI Iris	ITA

Women's Sabre 60 +		
1	EYRE Jane	USA
2	TURNER Delia	USA
3	MORRIS Jennifer	GBR
3	STARKS-FAULKNER Jenette	USA
5	BROWN Silvia	GBR
6	ALBINI Adriana	ITA
7	AMARI Kaoru	JPN
8	CHIKUBU Yoshiko	JPN

Women's Epee 70+		
1	SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa Tuulikki	FIN
2	DEMAILLE Marie Chantal	FRA
3	MARTIN Brigitte	FRA
3	SCHIFFMANN Ute	GER
5	GORIUS Barbel	GER
6	GREUNKE Brigitte	GER
7	STELZER Roswitha	AUT
8	SEHEULT Carole	GBR

Women's Foil 70 +		
1	ARSKAYA Nadejda	RUS
2	DEMAILLE Marie Chantal	FRA
3	GREUNKE Brigitte	GER
3	PALM Kerstin	SWE
5	SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa Tuulikki	FIN
6	LUBETSKAYA Tatiana	RUS
7	HENDRICKS Judith	AUT
8	GORIUS Barbel	GER

Women's Sabre 70 +		
1	GREUNKE Brigitte	GER
2	HURST Susan	USA

Men's Sabre 50 +		
1	CARRARA Vittorio	ITA
2	BECKER William	USA
3	KASSIMOV Farhad	AZE
3	STETSIV Oleg	USA
5	CARLUCCI Filippo	ITA
6	GASZTONYI DR. Karoly	HUN
7	WRASE Hartmut	GER
8	BUSI Paolo	ITA

Men's Epee 60 +		
1	PIANCA Giuliano	ITA
2	GAUDRY Francois	FRA
3	TAYLOR Daryl	USA
3	STOCK Jean	BEL
5	JOHNSON Ralph	GBR
6	BALLARD Mark	CAN
7	IMREH Laszlo	HUN
8	KUEHN Norbert	GER

Men's Foil 60 +		
1	OBA Takumi	JPN
2	BARTLETT Anthony	GBR
3	GALVAN Maurizio	ITA
3	STREB Joseph	USA
5	TIBERI Francesco	ITA
6	HIRUKAWA Koichi	JPN
7	DARRICAU Henri	USA
8	YAMAZAKI Yutaka	JPN

Men's Sabre 60 +		
1	ANTINORO Enrico	ITA
2	SEUSS David	USA
3	PREIS Paul	GER
3	PAROLI Giulio	ITA
5	BADGER Carlton	USA
6	PREVETT Chris	GBR
7	HELFRICHT Helmut	GER
8	SAYGIN Alexander	RUS

Men's Epee 70 +		
1	MESSING Arnold	USA
2	VEHRS Wolfgang	GER
3	MUENSTER Reinhard	DEN
3	HEWITT Frank	USA
5	GOOSSENS Bruno	USA
6	BOISCO Renzo	SUI
7	DAVENPORT Robin	GBR
8	OSBALDESTON William D	GBR

Men's Foil 70 +		
1	AFTANDILOV Gari	RUS
2	FILIPPI Fabrizio	ITA
3	KAWAGUCHI Daizo	JPN
3	NARITA Masashi	JPN
5	CAMPANA Rinaldo	USA
6	NELLES Axel	GER
7	PRECHTL Hanns	GER
8	CAUSTON Brian	GBR

Men's Sabre 70 +		
1	CAWTON Malcolm P	GBR
2	NETTINGSMEYER Wolf	GER

3	MARTIN Brigitte	FRA	3	NEGRO Francesco Eugenio	ITA
3	HIATT Diane	USA	3	ANASTASOV Aleksandar	MKD
5	DEMAILLE Marie Chantal	FRA	5	FILIPPI Fabrizio	ITA
6	O'LEARY Ellen	USA	6	SPERTINI Jean Paul	FRA
7	SHEPHERD-FOSTER Patricia	GBR	7	CHABOISSEAU Andre	FRA
8	KITAMI Motoko	JPN	8	ENDT Georg	GER

## RESULTS OF VETERANS' EVENTS - TEAMS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	FRA	1	GER	1	FRA	1	GBR	1	GER	1	ITA
2	GER	2	ITA	2	USA	2	JPN	2	USA	2	GBR
3	FIN	3	RUS	3	RUS	3	GER	3	GBR	3	USA
4	HUN	4	SWE	4	ITA	4	ITA	4	JPN	4	RUS
5	USA	5	GBR	5	GER	5	USA	5	FRA	5	GER
6	GBR	6	USA	6	GBR	6	HUN			6	NED
		7	HUN	7	FIN	7	AUS			7	ESP
		8	NED	8	HUN	8	RUS			8	FRA

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
GER	5	4	7	16
USA	4	6	10	20
ITA	4	3	4	11
RUS	4		2	6
FRA	2	4	5	11
GBR	2	2	3	7
JPN	1	1	3	5
FIN	1		1	2
AUT	1			1
HUN		1	2	3
LTU		1		1
AUS		1		1
ESP		1		1
MKD			1	1
AZE			1	1
SWE			1	1
BEL			1	1
DEN			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 743  
Number of countries: 47

WE 50+	49	ME 50+	87
WF 50+	33	MF 50+	58
WS 50+	35	MS 50+	59
WE 60+	36	ME 60+	67
WF 60+	31	MF 60+	37
WS 60+	24	MS 60+	38
WE 70+	22	ME 70+	51
WF 70+	24	MF 70+	41
WS 70+	17	MS 70+	34

## 3.6 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 3.6.1 EUROPE

#### 3.6.1.1 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – JUNIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Novi Sad (SRB) from 5 to 9 March 2016.**

The officials and referees who were appointed were:

#### OFFICIALS:

Mateev	Nikolay	ISL	President of the Directoire Technique
Lammer	Dieter	GER	Member of the Directoire technique
Kovacic	Sanjin	CRO	Member of the Directoire technique
Milnovic	Vasilije	SRB	Member of the Directoire technique
Ferjani	Salah	TUN	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Skuncke	Rolf	SWE	Delegate of the medical Commission
Zmaic	Martina	CRO	Delegate of the SEMI Commission

#### REFEREES:

Valiyev, Fikrat	AZE	Douvis, Andreas	GRE
Zelikovics, Semjons	LAT	Rubini, Jacopo	ITA
Pallesen, Kirsten	DEN	Payne, Nick	GBR
Hancianu, Cosmin	ROU	Nagimov, Rail	RUS
Cojocari, Olga	MKD	Chichon, Vanesa	ESP
Madr, Vilem	CZE	Piatko, Andre	FRA
Buchs, Daniel	SUI	Angad-Gaur, Indra	NED
Nowinowski, Dariusz	POL	Bakum, Andrii	UKR
Alves, Alfredo	POR	Kosa, Miklos	HUN
Arslan, Abdussamet	TUR	Grönholm, Peter	FIN
Lahotska, Maksim	BLR	Oosterbosch, Thibault	BEL
Lange, Robert	GER	Stoychev, Yulian	BUL

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

##### Women's Epee

1	STAHLBERG Nadine	GER
2	MARZANI Roberta	ITA
3	KHARKOVA Vlada	UKR
3	NGOM Mariem	FRA
5	BROVKO Inna	UKR
6	GNAM Tamara	HUN
7	CLERICI Alice	ITA
8	SCHMIDL Paula	AUT

##### Men's Epee

1	SIKLOSI Gergely	HUN
2	RUBES Martin	CZE
3	CUOMO Valerio	ITA
3	UNTERHAUSER Samuel	GER
5	BIELEC Maciej	POL
6	GAVALDA Eugeni	ESP
7	BAYARD Alexis	SUI
8	VISMARA Federico	ITA

##### Women's Foil

1	CIPRESSA Erica	ITA
2	ABDRAKHMANOVA Adelya	RUS
3	MARTYANOVA Marta	RUS
3	ROSSINI Serena	ITA
5	SCHREIBER Ester	SWE
6	CALUGAREANU Malina	ROU
7	MESTERI Viktoria	HUN
8	YUSOVA Victoria	RUS

##### Men's Foil

1	CHASTANET Maximilien	FRA
2	RZADKOWSKI Andrzej	POL
3	EDIRI Alexandre	FRA
3	GRIDELLI Alessandro	ITA
5	INGARGIOLA Francesco	ITA
6	VEITENHEIMER Ciaran	GER
7	FILES Petar	CRO
8	ZHURAVLEV Vladislav	RUS

Women's Sabre			Men's Sabre		
1	BRUNET Manon	FRA	1	COLLEAU Charles	FRA
2	GARGANO Rebecca	ITA	2	VORONOV Kostiantyn	ISR
3	CIESLAR Karolina	POL	3	PECH Miklos	HUN
3	POZDNIAKOVA Sofia	RUS	3	GODLEWSKI Mateusz	POL
5	LUCARINI Lucia	ITA	5	DREOSSI Leonardo	ITA
6	BATTISTON Michela	ITA	6	LOKHANOV Konstantin	RUS
7	HIRN Luzia	GER	7	KINDLER Frederic	GER
8	PREARO Flaminia	ITA	8	PLATONOV Bogdan	UKR

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	RUS	1	HUN	1	POL	1	RUS	1	RUS	1	ITA
2	FRA	2	FRA	2	RUS	2	ITA	2	ITA	2	GER
3	GER	3	CZE	3	ITA	3	POL	3	FRA	3	RUS
4	POL	4	RUS	4	FRA	4	FRA	4	HUN	4	HUN
5	ITA	5	ITA	5	ROU	5	DEN	5	UKR	5	FRA
6	AUT	6	SUI	6	ESP	6	HUN	6	BLR	6	UKR
7	UKR	7	POL	7	HUN	7	GBR	7	POL	7	GBR
8	ESP	8	GER	8	ISR	8	GER	8	GER	8	POL

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
FRA	3	2	3	8
RUS	3	2	3	8
ITA	2	4	4	10
HUN	2		1	3
POL	1	1	3	5
GER	1	1	2	4
CZE		1	1	2
ISR		1		1
UKR			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 485  
Number of countries: 25

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	90	19
Men's Epee	111	23
Women's Foil	73	15
Men's Foil	92	18
Women's Sabre	58	11
Men's Sabre	61	13



### 3.6.1.2 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2016

These championships were held in **TORUN (POL), from 20 to 25 June 2016.**

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

Tsoukhlo	Evgeny	RUS	President of the Directoire technique
Dumitrov	Veselko	SRB	Member of the Directoire technique
Dryla	Woyciech	POL	Member of the Directoire technique
Dakova	Ianka	USA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Borsodi	Andras	NOR	Delegate of the European Fencing Confederation Refereeing Commission
Bashir	Gareth	GBR	Delegate of the European Fencing Confederation Medical Commission
Clausen	Stefan	SWE	Delegate of the European Fencing Confederation SEMI Commission

#### REFEREES:

Valiyev, Fikrat	AZE	Douvis, Andreas	GRE
Scomparin, Isacco	ITA	Reumüller Genser, Mart.	AUT
Krey, Rune	NOR	Rose, Julian	GBR
Delattre, Jeffrey	BEL	Machado, Miguel	POR
Gross, Gregory	ISR	Cojocari, Olga	MDA
Kralik, David	SVK	Gucluer, Ilgin	TUR
Hejrskov, Mads	DEN	Kosa, Miklos	HUN
Civiero, Ambre	SUI	Viseur, Eric	FRA
Madr, Vilem	CZE	Henkelmann, Matthias	GER
Florea, Marius	ROU	Egorov, Viacheslav	RUS
Ostrovski, Denis	EST	Milenchev, Vasil	BUL
Mchedlidze, Zaza	GEO	Grönholm, Peter	FIN
Ochotorena, Jose Luis	ESP	Fogt, Zdzislaw	POL
Mojski, Jaroslav	POL	Kielpikowski, Piotr	POL
Gniewkowski, Marek	POL	Kisiel, Jaroslav	POL
Dul, Michal	POL	Nowinowski, Dariusz	POL
Fogt, Przemyslaw	POL		

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	GHERMAN Simona	ROU
2	POPESCU Ana Maria	ROU
3	SZASZ Emese	HUN
3	KNAPIK-MIAZGA Renata	POL
5	SOZANSKA Monika	GER
6	KRYVYTSKA Olena	UKR
7	POP Simona	ROU
8	LOGUNOVA Tatiana	RUS

Men's Epee		
1	BOREL Yannick	FRA
2	HEINZER Max	SUI
3	LUCENAY Jean-Michel	FRA
3	NIKISHIN Bogdan	UKR
5	VON DER OSTEN Frederik	DEN
6	IMRE Geza	HUN
7	BOEHM Constantin	GER
8	ANOKHIN Vadim	RUS

Women's Foil		
1	ERRIGO Arianna	ITA
2	SHANAEVA Aida	RUS
3	KOROBAYNIKOVA Larisa	RUS
3	GOLUBYTSKYI Carolin	GER
5	DI FRANCISCA Elisa	ITA
6	THIBUS Ysaora	FRA
7	ZAGIDULLINA Adelina	RUS
8	MOHAMED Aida	HUN

Men's Foil		
1	SAFIN Timur	RUS
2	LE PECHOUX Erwann	FRA
3	AVOLA Giorgio	ITA
3	SANITA Andre	GER
5	CASSARA Andrea	ITA
6	LEFORT Enzo	FRA
7	HALSTED Laurence	GBR
8	YUNES Klod	UKR

Women's Sabre		
1	VELIKAYA Sofya	RUS
2	MARTON Anna	HUN
3	LEMBACH Charlotte	FRA
3	KHARLAN Olga	UKR
5	EGORIAN Yana	RUS
6	SOCHA Aleksandra	POL
7	PASCU Bianca	ROU
8	GARAM Nora	HUN

Men's Sabre		
1	WAGNER Benedikt	GER
2	ANSTETT Vincent	FRA
3	IBRAGIMOV Kamil	RUS
3	YAKIMENKO Alexey	RUS
5	BAZADZE Sandro	GEO
6	SZILAGYI Aron	HUN
7	BUIKEVICH Aliaksandr	BLR
8	ROUSSET Nicolas	FRA

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	EST	1	FRA	1	RUS	1	RUS	1	RUS	1	RUS
2	FRA	2	ITA	2	ITA	2	ITA	2	FRA	2	ITA
3	ROU	3	UKR	3	FRA	3	GBR	3	UKR	3	ROU
4	HUN	4	SUI	4	HUN	4	FRA	4	POL	4	HUN
5	RUS	5	RUS	5	POL	5	GER	5	ITA	5	BLR
6	POL	6	DEN	6	GER	6	POL	6	HUN	6	FRA
7	ITA	7	GER	7	UKR	7	UKR	7	ESP	7	GER
8	UKR	8	EST	8	SWE	8	HUN	8	AZE	8	GBR

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUS	6	1	3	10
FRA	2	4	3	9
ITA	1	4	1	6
ROU	1	1	2	4
GER	1		2	3
EST	1			1
HUN		1	1	2
SUI		1		1
UKR			4	4
GBR			1	1
POL			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers:	396
Number of countries:	40

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	78	15
Men's Epee	93	19
Women's Foil	43	8
Men's Foil	66	13
Women's Sabre	47	10
Men's Sabre	69	14





## 3.6.2 ASIA – OCEANIA

### 3.6.2.1. ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Manama (BRN) on 22 February**  
**and Dammam (KSA) from 27 to 29 February 2016.**

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

Feriani Ziad	TUN	President of the Directoire technique
Shim Jae-Sung	KOR	Member of the Directoire technique
Al Jamea Waleed	KSA	Member of the Directoire technique
Janka Claus	GER	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Maghayreh Eyyad	JOR	Delegate of the AFC Refereeing Commission
Jakravudh Somapee	THA	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Saleem Zeyad	IRQ	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Abed Hasem Mahmoud	KSA	Delegate of the medical Commission

#### REFEREES:

WANG Xingqi	CHN	AL DUHAIM Farid	KSA
ALGATTAN Mohammad Ali	BAH	AL SALLY Adnan Abdullah	KSA
EL NAGGAR Bassel	EGY	AL QUARISHI, Hasen Matok	KSA
ALY, Sherif	EGY	RIZK Claudine	LIB
VALLEJO Guillermo	ESP	YAHYA Qasim Abdulla	QAT
PATIAL Deepak Singh	IND	BASHAREL, Mohamed	QAT
NGUYEN Le Ba Quang	VIE	FEOKTISTOV, Valerian	RUS
LABIB ISSA Alaa	IRQ	CHUA Eugene Wee Hong	SIN
TALAFHA Ahmad	JOR	BANDARA Gayan	SRI
YAMAGUCHI Katsumi	JPN	PHIMKAE0 Nuanchan	THA
DYAKOKIN, Jewgeny	KAZ	CHIN Chia Chun	TPE
CHOI Jong Sik	KOR	AL MANSOORI Majed	UAE
AL SALMI Adnan Abdulhai	KSA	AL HAMADI, Ali	UAE
AL SAIF Tawfeeq	KSA	AL HAMADI, Abdullah	UAE
KUWAIMIL Abdullah	KSA	SERAY, Alali	UAE
AL SALLY Abdurahman	KSA		

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

##### Women's Epee

1	YOSHIMURA Miho	JPN
2	LIN Weihong	CHN
3	ABDUL RAHMAN Kiria Tikanah	SIN
3	SAITO Ayumu	JPN
5	MURAKAMI Kumi	JPN
6	CHENG Ya Fang	TPE
7	TANNOUS Dominique	LIB
8	GETTUEVA Ekaterina	KGZ

##### Men's Epee

1	WANG Zijie	CHN
2	DU Jiaming	CHN
3	SERTAY Yerlik	KAZ
3	SHARLAIMOV Vadim	KAZ
5	KANO Koki	JPN
6	KIM Wooihl	KOR
7	PARK Jungwan	KOR
8	AL ZAROONI Khalifa	UAE

##### Women's Foil

1	KIKUCHI Komaki	JPN
2	KANO Minami	JPN
3	LEE Areta	HKG
3	FU Yiting	CHN
5	ITO Maki	JPN
6	WONG Nicole Mae Hui Shan	SIN
7	XIONG Xueying	CHN
8	LIN Qiwen	CHN

##### Men's Foil

1	CHEUNG Ka Long	HKG
2	CHAN Kevin Jerrold	SIN
3	NAGANO Yudai	JPN
3	HUANG Yongxi	CHN
5	FUNAMOTO Soichiro	JPN
6	YEO Jing Zhe	SIN
7	YANG Zhifeng	CHN
8	KIM Tae Hwan	KOR



Women's Sabre			Men's Sabre		
1	TAKASHIMA Risa	JPN	1	LIANG Jianhao	CHN
2	JO Yewon	KOR	2	SRINUALNAD Voragun	THA
3	CHANG Karen Ngai Hing	HKG	3	SINGH Karan Singh	IND
3	PENG Xiaoyu	CHN	3	CHEN Kuan-Ming	TPE
5	LAU Ywen	SIN	5	SHUM Lai Tai Nelson	HKG
6	WAKITA Jumi	JPN	6	FONG Zheng Jie	SIN
7	POKEAW Tonpan	THA	7	HOSHINO Kento	JPN
8	SASAKI Haruna	JPN	8	AL ABERI Khalifa	UAE

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	CHN	1	CHN	1	JPN	1	HKG	1	CHN	1	CHN
2	KAZ	2	HKG	2	CHN	2	JPN	2	THA	2	HKG
3	JPN	3	JPN	3	SIN	3	KOR	3	KOR	3	JPN
4	SIN	4	TPE	4	KOR	4	CHN	4	SIN	4	IND
5	HKG	5	KAZ	5	HKG	5	TPE	5	JPN	5	KSA
6	UZB	6	KSA	6	KAZ	6	SIN	6	KAZ	6	SIN
7	IND	7	KGZ	7	TPE	7	BRN	7	HKG	7	KAZ
8	TPE	8	KOR	8	IND	8	UAE	8	IND	8	TPE

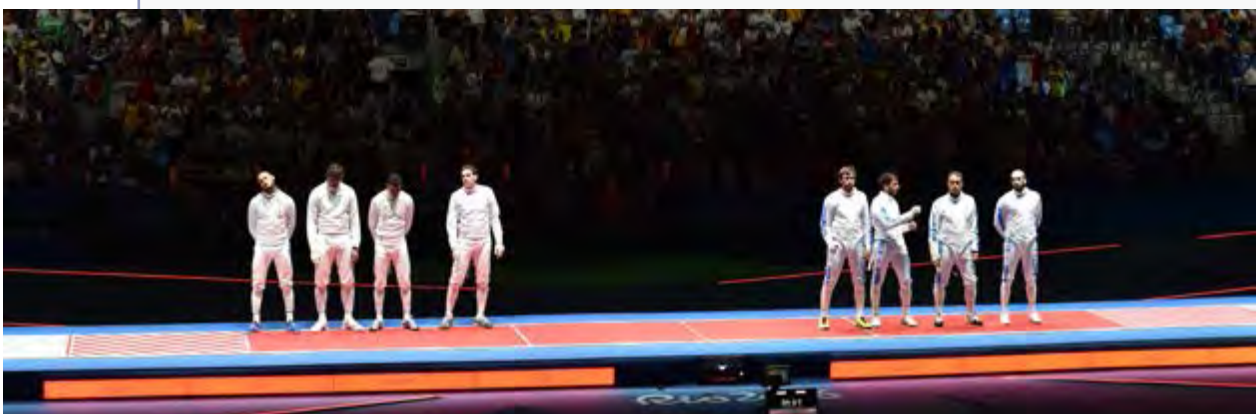
## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
CHN	6	3	3	12
JPN	4	2	5	11
HKG	2	2	2	6
THA		2		2
KAZ		1	2	3
KOR		1	2	3
SIN		1	2	3
IND			1	1
TPE			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of Junior fencers 321 (together with Cadet 587)  
 Number of countries 28

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	54	14
Men's Epee	72	15
Women's Foil	51	12
Men's Foil	59	14
Women's Sabre	34	9
Men's Sabre	51	13



### 3.6.2.2. ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Wuxi (CHN), from 13 to 18 June 2016.**

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

Srisodsai Sompon	THA	President of the Directoire technique
Christie Gordon	AUS	Member of the Directoire technique
Zhao Chuanjie	CHN	Member of the Directoire technique
Irina Knysch	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Maghayreh Eyad	JOR	FCA Referees Delegate
Wang Eric	TPE	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Saafaat Davood Reza	IRI	Delegate of the Medical Commission

#### REFEREES:

Shamis Vladislav	RUS	Yahya Qasim Abdulla	QAT
Gheorge Florin	ROU	Shackleton Nichola	NZL
Darragh Srephen	AUS	Lin Yi Han	TPE
Cheng Chi Hung Gerald	HKG	Khasanova Aida	UZB
Suwarto Edi	INA	Pham Anh Tuan	VIE
Peykarara Reza	IRI	Liu Liying	CHN
Falah Alaa	IRQ	Xu Lina	CHN
Shehadeh Ali	JOR	Wu Hanxiong	CHN
Tabata Yasuaki	JPN	Qiao Min	CHN
Dyaokokin Yevgeniy	KAZ	Zhang Ying	CHN
Suh Sang Won	KOR	Yan Weidong	CHN
Chek Soi Lin	MAC	Zhao Chunsheng	CHN

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	SUN Yujie	CHN
2	XU Anqi	CHN
3	KANG Young Mi	KOR
3	SHIN A Lam	KOR
5	SHIMOOKAWA Ayaka	JPN
6	KONG Man Wai Vivian	HKG
7	BALAGANSKAYA Ulyana	KAZ
8	SUN Yiwen	CHN

Men's Epee		
1	PARK Kyoungdoo	KOR
2	PARK Sangyoung	KOR
3	MINOBE Kazuyasu	JPN
3	SHI Gaofeng	CHN
5	ALIMZHANOV Elmir	KAZ
6	NAUMKIN Evgeny	KGZ
7	KURBANOV Ruslan	KAZ
8	ITO Inochi	JPN

Women's Foil		
1	NAM Hyunhee	KOR
2	LE Huilin	CHN
3	KANO Minami	JPN
3	KIM Mina	KOR
5	LIU Yongshi	CHN
6	LIM Seungmin	KOR
7	WU Peilin	CHN
8	YANAOKA Haruka	JPN

Men's Foil		
1	CHEUNG Ka Long	HKG
2	SHIKINE Takahiro	JPN
3	KWON Youngho	KOR
3	LEI Sheng	CHN
5	OTA Yuki	JPN
6	MA Jianfei	CHN
7	CHEN Haiwei	CHN
8	MATSUYAMA Kyosuke	JPN

Women's Sabre		
1	HWANG Seona	KOR
2	SHAO Yaqi	CHN
3	KIM Jiyeon	KOR
3	YOON Jisu	KOR
5	NGUYEN Thi Le Dung	VIE
6	SEO Jiyeon	KOR
7	ZHANG Xueqian	CHN
8	SHEN Chen	CHN

Men's Sabre		
1	KIM Junghwan	KOR
2	PAKDAMAN Ali	IRI
3	VU Thanh An	VIE
3	XU Yingming	CHN
5	GU Bongil	KOR
6	KIM Junho	KOR
7	MOKRETCOV Ilya	KAZ
8	OH Sanguk	KOR

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	KOR	1	JPN	1	CHN	1	KOR	1	CHN	1	KOR
2	CHN	2	KOR	2	KOR	2	CHN	2	KOR	2	CHN
3	HKG	3	KAZ	3	JPN	3	JPN	3	JPN	3	VIE
4	JPN	4	CHN	4	HKG	4	HKG	4	KAZ	4	HKG
5	AUS	5	IRI	5	SIN	5	AUS	5	HKG	5	IRI
6	VIE	6	KGZ	6	VIE	6	IRI	6	SIN	6	KAZ
7	KAZ	7	UZB	7	PHI	7	SIN	7	VIE	7	JPN
8	TPE	8	VIE	8	IRI	8	INA	8	TPE	8	SIN

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
KOR	7	4	6	17
CHN	3	6	3	12
JPN	1	1	5	7
HKG	1		1	2
IRI		1		1
VIE			2	2
KAZ			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 354  
 Number of countries: 30

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	52	12
Men's Epee	77	18
Women's Foil	56	14
Men's Foil	63	15
Women's Sabre	46	11
Men's Sabre	60	14

## 3.6.3. AMERICA

### 3.6.3.1. PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Cancun (MEX) from 27 February to 4 March 2016.**

The **officials** and **referees** who were appointed were as follows:

Victor Sergio Groupierre	ARG	Technical Director
Irina Knysch	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Maria Eberl	CHI	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Jeno Kamuti	HUN	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Mihail Paghiev	MDA	Referee
Alexey Kuznetsov	CAN	Referee
Kovrlija Ana	SRB	Referee
Bogdan Gurinenko	UKR	Referee
Juan Carlos Ríos	MEX	Referee
Manuel Belmonte	CAN	Referee

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	GAO Cindy	CAN
2	VON DADELSZEN Emma	CAN
3	KOMAR Sofia	USA
3	CRUZ Jocelyn	MEX
5	LUBCZYNSKI Monica	CAN
6	PEREZ Gloria	MEX
7	AICARDI GONZALEZ Alessandra Valeri	PAN
8	TEJEDA Sheila Liliana	MEX

Men's Epee		
1	CAMARGO Alexandre	BRA
2	DIAZ Jorge	MEX
3	PATTERSON Luis Enrique	CUB
3	BOGERT Alexander	USA
5	GONZALEZ Rodrigo	CHI
6	HERNANDEZ Eduardo Nazareth	VEN
7	LIMARDO Jesus	VEN
8	AVILA Carlos	MEX

Women's Foil		
1	CECCHINI Gabriela	BRA
2	PARTRIDGE Morgan	USA
3	FILBY Sarah	CAN
3	LI Angela	CAN
5	CAO Ying	CAN
6	CASILLAS Lydia	MEX
7	BILODEAU Ariane	CAN
8	MEZA OCEGUERA Victoria Maria Isabel	MEX

Men's Foil		
1	KUMBLA Sidarth	USA
2	HAGLUND George	USA
3	UNDA Juan Sebastian	MEX
3	MORA Johan	VEN
5	ITKIN Nick	USA
6	VARAS Erik Gabriel	ARG
7	ALARCON Juvenal	CHI
8	BANEUX Julien	BRA

Women's Sabre		
1	LINDER Kara	USA
2	ARRAYALES Tania	MEX
3	TARTAKOVSKY Elizabeth	USA
3	TOLEDO Julieta	MEX
5	MEDINA VELASCO Brenda Paola	MEX
6	COLON Aydill Marie	PUR
7	THURGOOD Madison	CAN
8	VERANES MUSTELIER Leidis Maris	CUB

Men's Sabre		
1	QUINTERO Jose	VEN
2	NATANZON Benjamin	USA
3	FLORENCIA Hector	MEX
3	METRYKA Karol	USA
5	MACKAY Cameron	CAN
6	GONZALEZ DALMASY Jose M	PUR
7	HERNANDEZ FLORES Javier Alejandro	MEX
8	WILLIAMS Grant	USA

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee	Men's Epee	Women's Foil	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
1 CAN	1 VEN	1 BRA	1 USA	1 USA	1 USA
2 USA	2 USA	2 USA	2 CAN	2 MEX	2 CAN
3 MEX	3 CAN	3 CAN	3 ARG	3 CAN	3 MEX
4 COL	4 MEX	4 MEX	4 BRA	4 VEN	4 COL
5 VEN	5 BRA	5 CHI	5 MEX	5 COL	5 ARG
6 BRA	6 PUR	6 PUR	6 PUR	6 GUA	6 PUR
7 PUR	7 COL	7 COL	7 CHI	7 BRA	7 CHI
8 PAR		8 ECU	8 VEN	8 PUR	8 BRA

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	5	6	4	15
BRA	3			3
CAN	2	3	5	10
VEN	2		1	3
MEX		3	6	9
ARG			1	1
CUB			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers:	246
Number of countries:	21

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	45	9
Men's Epee	37	7
Women's Foil	41	8
Men's Foil	43	11
Women's Sabre	36	8
Men's Sabre	44	9

### 3.6.3.2. PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Panama (PAN) from 21 to 26 June 2016**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

Victor Sergio Groupierre	ARG	Technical Director
Salah Ferjani	TUN	Member of the Directoire technique
Knysch, Irina	RSA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission

#### REFEREES:

Marci	Alejandro	ARG	Diaz	Angel	MEX
Finardi	Luciano	BRA	Rios	Juan Carlos	MEX
Kuznetsov	Alexej	CAN	Hernandez	Carlos	NCA
Belmonte	Manuel	CAN	Hernandes	Jose	PUR
Goler	Felipe	CHI	Parrilla	Luisa	PUR
Ramirez	Giovanni	COL	Gheorghe	Florin	ROU
Cardenas	Mario	FIE	Kovriljia	Ana	SRB
Rodriguez	Tulasi	GUA	Moran	Marcos	ESA
Paghiev	Michal	MDA	Badawi	Amgard	USA
Cordero	Darwin	VEN	Bravo	Carlos	VEN
Mola	Walfriedo	CUB	Abdelaziz	Abdelwahab	USA

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	HURLEY Kelley	USA
2	MARTINEZ Maria	VEN
3	HURLEY Courtney	USA
3	HOLMES Katharine	USA
5	TERAN Alejandra	MEX
6	SIMEAO Amanda	BRA
6	MARTINEZ Dayana	VEN
8	COSTA Rayssa	BRA

Men's Epee		
1	REYTOR VENET Yuniur	CUB
2	PRYOR Jason	USA
3	HENRIQUEZ ORTIZ Reynier	CUB
3	BRINCK-CROTEAU Maxime	CAN
5	LIMARDO Francisco	VEN
6	INOSTROZA BUDINICH Paris A.	CHI
7	SCHWANTES Athos	BRA
8	CANAS Kelvin	VEN

Women's Foil		
1	KIEFER Lee	USA
2	ROSS Nicole	USA
3	GOLDIE Alanna	CAN
3	RYAN Kelleigh	CAN
5	MASSIALAS Sabrina	USA
6	HERNANDEZ Alely	MEX
7	GIMENEZ Isis	VEN
8	HARVEY Eleanor	CAN

Men's Foil		
1	MASSIALAS Alexander	USA
2	GOMEZ Daniel	MEX
3	IMBODEN Race	USA
3	CHAMLEY-WATSON Miles	USA
5	VAN HAASTER Maximilien	CAN
6	PERRIER Ghislain	BRA
7	SAUCEDO Felipe Guillermo	ARG
8	TIRADO Sebastian A.	PUR

Women's Sabre		
1	MUHAMMAD Ibtihaj	USA
2	ZAGUNIS Mariel	USA
3	PLIEGO Paola	MEX

Men's Sabre		
1	AGRESTA Renzo	BRA
2	MACKIEWICZ Andrew	USA
3	DERSHWITZ Eli	USA

3	PEREZ MAURICE Maria Belen	ARG
5	PAGE Gabriella	CAN
6	AKSAMIT Monica	USA
7	BENITEZ ROMERO Alejandra Jhonay	VEN
8	ARRAYALES Tania	MEX

3	QUINTERO Jose	VEN
5	HOMER Daryl	USA
6	CARVAJAL Jesus	VEN
7	POLOSSIFAKIS Joseph	CAN
8	ROMERO Eliecer	VEN

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	CAN	1	VEN	1	USA	1	USA	1	USA	1	USA
2	USA	2	CUB	2	CAN	2	BRA	2	MEX	2	ARG
3	BRA	3	COL	3	MEX	3	CAN	3	CAN	3	MEX
4	PUR	4	BRA	4	COL	4	MEX	4	VEN	4	CAN
5	ARG	5	ARG	5	BRA	5	ARG	5	ARG	5	COL
6	COL	6	USA	6	VEN	6	PUR	6	ESA	6	VEN
7	MEX	7	CAN	7	CHI	7	VEN	7	PUR	7	CHI
8	CHI	8	MEX	8	PUR	8	COL	8	COL	8	PUR

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	8	5	5	18
CAN	1	1	5	7
BRA	1	1	1	3
CUB	1	1	1	3
VEN	1	1	1	3
MEX		2	3	5
ARG		1	1	2
COL			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 291  
 Number of countries: 32

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	50	11
Men's Epee	63	14
Women's Foil	43	9
Men's Foil	49	11
Women's Sabre	43	9
Men's Sabre	43	9

## 3.6.4. AFRICA

### 3.6.4.1. AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Bamako (MLI) from 4 to 6 March 2016**.

The **officials** and **referees** appointed by the FIE were as follows:

Zouari	Hassene	TUN	President of the Directoire Technique
Mesdouda	Belkacem	ALG	Member of the Directoire Technique
Pitiou Diallo	Bouback	MLI	Member of the Directoire Technique
Hedi	Bilel Islam	ALG	Referee
Bernaoui	Raouf	ALG	Referee
El Laboudy	Hossam	EGY	Referee
Baytir	Sidy Diop	SEN	Referee
Bchir	Mohamed Ali	TUN	Referee

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	GABER Shirwit	EGY
2	GABER Salwa	EGY
3	MAHDY Ayah	EGY
3	EHAB Nardin	EGY
5	CISS Ndeye Salamita	SEN
6	GHRIB Nesrine	TUN
7	CHAMMAKHI Nadia	TUN
8	FOSU Yasmine	GHA

Men's Epee		
1	ELSOKKARY Ahmad	EGY
2	ASHOUR Mohamed	EGY
3	ABDELMALAK Daveed	EGY
3	ZAYER Wajdi	TUN
5	ADEL Abdelrahman	EGY
6	AZZEITOUNI Adham	LBA
7	BENREGUIA Menouar	ALG
8	DIABATE Keletigui Julien	MLI

Women's Foil		
1	YASSER Aida	EGY
2	ELSHARKAWY Yara	EGY
3	NAWAR Gana	EGY
3	ROUIBET Amira	ALG
5	GHAZI Lila	ALG
6	MOHAMED Noura	EGY
7	GHDIRA Zaineb	TUN
8	FERJANI Ghada	TUN

Men's Foil		
1	HEROUI Salim	ALG
2	ZIDI Fares	TUN
3	METOUI Mohamed Aziz	TUN
3	EID Youssef	EGY
5	ELSHABOURY Mohab	EGY
6	JOUINI Mohamed Khalil	TUN
7	SANAA Youssef	EGY
8	JALLOULI Mohamed Aziz	TUN

Women's Sabre		
1	ATROUZ Sarah	ALG
2	BOUNGAB Abik	ALG
3	ABDICHE Sonia	ALG
3	HAFEZ Nada	EGY
5	FARAMAWE Logayn	EGY
6	MOHAMED Lina	EGY
7	DAGHFOUS Yasmine	TUN
8	MONTASER Nour	EGY

Men's Sabre		
1	FERJANI Fares	TUN
2	AMER Mohamed	EGY
3	WAFAYEY Mokhtar	EGY
3	BOUNABI Akram	ALG
5	KASDI Hamza Adel	ALG
6	HEROUI Zin Eddine	ALG
7	MAIRI Anis	ALG
8	AGAMY Yassin	EGY

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee	Men's Epee	Women's Foil	Men's Foil	Women's Sabre	Men's Sabre
1 EGY	1 EGY	1 EGY	1 EGY	1 ALG	1 EGY
2 ALG	2 ALG	2 ALG	2 ALG	2 EGY	2 ALG
3 SEN	3 MLI	3 MLI	3 TUN	3 MLI	3 TUN
4 MLI	4 LBA				4 MLI
	5 SEN				5 SEN

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
EGY	8	5	7	20
ALG	3	6	3	12
TUN	1	1	4	6
MLI			3	3
SEN			1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 97  
Number of countries: 11

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	18	4
Men's Epee	18	5
Women's Foil	9	3
Men's Foil	14	3
Women's Sabre	16	3
Men's Sabre	22	5



### 3.6.4.2. AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2016

These championships were held in **Alger (ALG)** from **15 to 19 April 2016**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

Zouari Hassene	TUN	President of the Directoire technique
Gana Ahmed	ALG	Member of the Directoire technique
Mesdoua Belkacem	ALG	Member of the Directoire technique
Alvarez Jose Luis	ESP	Refereeing Commission Delegate

#### REFEREES:

Denzer Benjamin	GER	Hedi Bilei Islam	ALG
Bucca Emmanuele	ITA	Bernaoui Nassim	ALG
Casares Ignacio	ESP	Tamim Ghazy	EGY
Douvis Andreas	GRE	Nasrallah Rachid	MAR
Lerouge Frederic	FRA	Ndiaye Pape Mamadou	SEN
Yemmi Ouassila	ALG	Ben Chaabene Iheb	TUN
Darragui Nassim	ALG		

#### RESULTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Women's Epee		
1	BESBES Sarra	TUN
2	SAKOA Gbahi Gwladys	CIV
3	MANSOURI Maya	TUN
3	DJOUAD Nedjma	ALG
5	EHAB Nardin	EGY
6	GABER Salwa	EGY
7	MAHDY Ayah	EGY
8	BARRETT Juliana	RSA

Men's Epee		
1	BOUZAIID Alexandre	SEN
2	FAYEZ Ayman	EGY
3	MOHSEN Mahmoud	EGY
3	ELSAGHIR Ahmed	EGY
5	SAIF Mohannad	EGY
6	CADE Maxime Ichem	ALG
7	KOZMA Kalman	RSA
8	ROGER Zacharie Herve	MAR

Women's Foil		
1	BOUBAKRI Ines	TUN
2	KHELFAOUI Anissa	ALG
3	JABRI Haifa	TUN
3	ZAKARANI Yousra	MAR
5	ZERABIB Khadidja	ALG
6	REDOUANE Wassila	ALG
7	MOHAMED Noura	EGY
8	ELHAOUARI Narimene	ALG

Men's Foil		
1	ABOUELKASSEM Alaaeldin	EGY
2	SINTES Victor	ALG
3	SAMANDI Mohamed	TUN
3	AYAD Tarek	EGY
5	FERJANI Mohamed Ayoub	TUN
6	HAMZA Mohamed	EGY
7	HEROUI Salim	ALG
8	MABED Yanis Baptiste	ALG

Women's Sabre		
1	BESBES Azza	TUN
2	AHMED Mennatalla	EGY
3	ATROUZ Sarah	ALG
3	BOUNGAB Abik	ALG
5	NDAO Mame Awa	SEN
6	FAYE Fatou Kine	SEN
7	MONTASER Nour	EGY
8	EL HAFAlIA Amira Hayet Sabah	ALG

Men's Sabre		
1	SAMER Mohab	EGY
2	FERJANI Fares	TUN
3	SAMANDI Hichem	TUN
3	AYMAN Mostafa	EGY
5	ELSISSY Ziad	EGY
6	APITHY Yemi Geoffrey	BEN
7	AMR Ahmed	EGY
8	FERJANI Ahmed	TUN

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

Women's Epee		Men's Epee		Women's Foil		Men's Foil		Women's Sabre		Men's Sabre	
1	EGY	1	EGY	1	TUN	1	EGY	1	TUN	1	TUN
2	TUN	2	SEN	2	ALG	2	TUN	2	ALG	2	EGY
3	ALG	3	ALG			3	ALG	3	EGY	3	ALG
		4	MAR			4	SEN	4	SEN	4	SEN
		5	CIV			5	RSA			5	RSA
		6	RSA			6	GHA			6	NIG
		7	GHA								

## MEDALS TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
TUN	6	3	4	13
EGY	5	3	5	13
SEN	1	1	0	2
ALG	0	4	7	11
CIV	0	1	0	1
MAR	0	0	1	1

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 124  
Number of countries: 19

Weapons	Individuals	Teams
Women's Epee	17	3
Men's Epee	29	7
Women's Foil	9	2
Men's Foil	23	6
Women's Sabre	16	4
Men's Sabre	30	6



**Liste des athlètes qualifiés**  
**List of qualified athletes**  
**Lista de los atletas calificados**

<b>FLEURET FEMININ/WOMEN'S FOIL/ FLORETE FEMENINO</b>			
	ERRIGO	Arianna	ITA
	DERIGLAZOVA	Inna	RUS
	KIEFER	Lee	USA
	SHANAEVA	Aida	RUS
	THIBUS	Ysaora	FRA
	DI FRANCISCA	Elisa	ITA
	BOUBAKRI	Ines	TUN
	PRESCOD	Nzingha	USA
	NAM	Hyunhee	KOR
	GUYART	Astrid	FRA
	GOLUBYTSKYI	Carolin	GER
	LE	Huilin	CHN
	JEON	Hee Sook	KOR
	KNAPEK	Edina	HUN
	HARVEY	Eleanor	CAN
	MOHAMED	Aida	HUN
	VAN ERVEN GARCIA	Saskia Loretta	COL
	KHELFAOUI	Anissa	ALG
	LIU	Yongshi	CHN
	GIMENEZ	Isis	VEN
	LYCZBINSKA	Hanna	POL
	ZAKARANI	Youssra	MAR
	LELEIKO	Olga	UKR
	NISHIOKA	Shiho	JPN
	MICHEL	Nataly	MEX
	MOHAMED	Noura	EGY
	KARAMETE	Irem	TUR
	LIN	Po Heung	HKG
	SHAITO	Mona	LIB
	ROCHEL	Tais	BRA
	BULCAO	Ana Beatriz	BRA
	KONTOCHRISTOPOULOU	Aikaterini-Maria	GRE
	CALUGAREANU	Malina	ROU
	DO	Thi Anh	VIE
	ALOMAIR	Lubna	KSA

FLEURET MASCULIN/MEN'S FOIL/ FLORETE MASCULINO			
	MASSIALAS	Alexander	USA
	OTA	Yuki	JPN
	MA	Jianfei	CHN
	MEINHARDT	Gerek	USA
	DAVIS	James-Andrew	GBR
	KRUSE	Richard	GBR
	AVOLA	Giorgio	ITA
	ABOUELKASSEM	Alaaeldin	EGY
	JOPPICH	Peter	GER
	GAROZZO	Daniele	ITA
	SAFIN	Timur	RUS
	CADOT	Jeremy	FRA
	CHEN	Haiwei	CHN
	LE PECHOUX	Erwan	FRA
	HEO	Jun	KOR
	CHAMLEY-WATSON	Miles	USA
	AKHMATKHUZIN	Artur	RUS
	CHEUNG	Ka Long	HKG
	LEI	Sheng	CHN
	HALSTED	Laurence	GBR
	CASSARA	Andrea	ITA
	CHEREMISINOV	Alexey	RUS
	LEFORT	Enzo	FRA
	AYAD	Tarek	EGY
	GOMEZ	Daniel	MEX
	CHOUPENITCH	Alexander	CZE
	SINTES	Victor Hamid	ALG
	FERJANI	Mohamed Ayoub	TUN
	PERRIER	Ghislain	BRA
	VAN HAASTER	Maximilien	CAN
	PRANZ	Rene	AUT
	ESSAM	Mohamed	EGY
	TOLDO	Guilherme	BRA
	MARQUES	Henrique	BRA
	LEAL	Antonio J.	VEN

EPEE FEMININE/ WOMEN'S EPEE/ESPADA FEMENINA			
	XU	Anqi	CHN
	BESBES	Sarra	TUN
	LOGUNOVA	Tatiana	RUS
	FIAMINGO	Rossella	ITA
	POPESCU	Ana Maria	ROU
	SZASZ	Emese	HUN
	GHERMAN	Simona	ROU
	SUN	Yiwen	CHN
	EMBRICH	Irina	EST
	SHIN	A Lam	KOR
	KOLOBOVA	Violetta	RUS
	SUN	Yujie	CHN
	HURLEY	Courtney	USA
	KONG	Man Wai Vivian	HKG
	HURLEY	Kelley	USA
	KIRPU	Erika	EST
	MOELLHAUSEN	Nathalie	BRA
	HOLMES	Katharine	USA
	SHUTOVA	Lyubov	RUS
	SHEMYAKINA	Yana	UKR
	CHOI	Injeong	KOR
	KANG	Young Mi	KOR
	KRYVYTSKA	Olena	UKR
	PANTELYEYEVA	Kseniya	UKR
	SAKOA	Gbahi Gwladys	CIV
	REMBI	Lauren	FRA
	BELJAJEVA	Julia	EST
	MALLO	Auriane	FRA
	SATO	Nozomi	JPN
	POP	Simona	ROU
	CANDASSAMY	Marie-Florence	FRA
	GEROUDET	Tiffany	SUI
	COSTA	Rayssa	BRA
	SIMEAO	Amanda	BRA
	MACKINNON	Leonora	CAN
	TERAN	Alejandra	MEX
	NGUYEN	Thi Nhu Hoa	VIE



EPEE MASCULINE/MEN'S EPEE/ESPADA MASCULINA			
	GRUMIER	Gauthier	FRA
	GAROZZO	Enrico	ITA
	IMRE	Geza	HUN
	NIKISHIN	Bogdan	UKR
	BOREL	Yannick	FRA
	JERENT	Daniel	FRA
	ANOKHIN	Vadim	RUS
	VERWIJLEN	Bas	NED
	MINOBE	Kazuyasu	JPN
	HEINZER	Max	SUI
	PARK	Kyoungdoo	KOR
	KAUTER	Fabian	SUI
	STEFFEN	Benjamin	SUI
	BOCZKO	Gabor	HUN
	FAYEZ	Ayman	EGY
	SUKHOV	Pavel	RUS
	PARK	Sangyoung	KOR
	LIMARDO GASCON	Ruben	VEN
	BOUZAID	Alexandre	SEN
	PRYOR	Jason	USA
	HEREY	Anatolii	UKR
	NOVOSJOLOV	Nikolai	EST
	PIZZO	Paolo	ITA
	FICHERA	Marco	ITA
	AVDEEV	Anton	RUS
	BRINCK-CROTEAU	Maxime	CAN
	REDLI	Andras	HUN
	LIMARDO	Francisco	VEN
	RODRIGUEZ	John Edison	COL
	JIAO	Yunlong	CHN
	SCHWANTES	Athos	BRA
	JUNG	Jinsun	KOR
	FERNANDEZ	Silvio	VEN
	BERAN	Jiri	CZE
	KARYUCHENKO	Dmytro	UKR
	MELARAGNO	Guilherme	BRA
	FERREIRA	Nicolas	BRA
	ALSHATTI	Abdulaziz	IOA

SABRE FEMININ/WOMEN'S SABRE/SABLE FEMENINO			
	VELIKAYA	Sofya	RUS
	KHARLAN	Olga	UKR
	ZAGUNIS	Mariel	USA
	MARTON	Anna	HUN
	EGORIAN	Yana	RUS
	SHEN	Chen	CHN
	KIM	Jiyeon	KOR
	MUHAMMAD	Ibtihaj	USA
	BERDER	Cecilia	FRA
	SOCHA	Aleksandra	POL
	BESBES	Azza	TUN
	VOUGIOUKA	Vassiliki	GRE
	HWANG	Seona	KOR
	SEO	Jiyeon	KOR
	GREGORIO	Rossella	ITA
	VECCHI	Irene	ITA
	LEMBACH	Charlotte	FRA
	KOMASHCHUK	Alina	UKR
	BRUNET	Manon	FRA
	DYACHENKO	Ekaterina	RUS
	MIKINA	Sabina	AZE
	WOZNIAK	Dagmara	USA
	GULOTTA	Loreta	ITA
	PEREZ MAURICE	Maria Belen	ARG
	NGUYEN	Thi Le Dung	VIE
	KRAVATSKA	Olena	UKR
	ARRAYALES	Tania	MEX
	KOZACZUK	Malgorzata	POL
	BENITEZ ROMERO	Alejandra Jhonay	VEN
	GRENCH	Eileen	PAN
	JOZWIAK	Bogna	POL
	GONZALEZ GARATE	Ursula	MEX
	BAEZA CENTURION	Marta	BRA
	TOLEDO	Julieta	MEX
	HAFEZ	Nada	EGY
	AOKI	Chika	JPN



SABRE MASCULIN/MEN'S SABRE/SABLE MASCULINO			
	YAKIMENKO	Alexey	RUS
	KIM	Junghwan	KOR
	SZILAGYI	Aron	HUN
	GU	Bongil	KOR
	ANSTETT	Vincent	FRA
	DOLNICEANU	Tiberiu	ROU
	HARTUNG	Max	GER
	KOVALEV	Nikolay	RUS
	HOMER	Daryl	USA
	MONTANO	Aldo	ITA
	DERSHWITZ	Eli	USA
	OCCHIUZZI	Diego	ITA
	ABEDINI	Mojtaba	IRI
	BUIKEVICH	Aliaksandr	BLR
	BAZADZE	Sandro	GEO
	PAKDAMAN	Ali	IRI
	AGRESTA	Renzo	BRA
	SZABO	Matyas	GER
	YAGODKA	Andriy	UKR
	POLOSSIFAKIS	Joseph	CAN
	VAN HOLSBEKE	Seppe	BEL
	VU	Thanh An	VIE
	MOKRETCOV	Ilya	KAZ
	FERJANI	Fares	TUN
	DECSI	Tamas	HUN
	APITHY	Yemi Geoffrey	BEN
	SUN	Wei	CHN
	TOKUNAN	Kenta	JPN
	AMER	Mohamed	EGY
	AYALA	Julian	MEX
	IRIARTE GALVEZ	Yoandis	CUB
	PASKOV	Pancho	BUL

<b>Equipes qualifiées</b> <b>Qualified teams</b> <b>Equipos calificados</b>			
<b>FM / MF</b>	<b>EM / ME</b>	<b>EF / WE</b>	<b>SF / SF</b>
RUS	FRA	ROU	RUS
ITA	UKR	CHN	UKR
FRA	ITA	RUS	FRA
USA	SUI	EST	USA
CHN	RUS	KOR	KOR
GBR	KOR	USA	ITA
EGY	VEN	UKR	MEX
BRA	HUN	FRA	POL
	BRA	BRA	

To the Congress of the members of the  
**International Fencing Federation (FIE), Lausanne**

Lausanne, 9 June 2017  
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## **Auditors' report on the limited audit**

In our capacity as statutory auditors, we have audited the annual accounts (balance sheet, income statement and notes to the accounts) of the Fédération Internationale d'Escrime (International Fencing Federation) for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Responsibility for the preparation of the annual accounts falls to the management, while our task consists of auditing those accounts. We declare that we meet the legal requirements for approval and independence.

Our audit was performed in accordance with the Swiss rules on limited audits. These rules require the audit to be planned and carried out in such a way that any significant irregularities in the annual accounts can be identified. A limited audit chiefly covers interviews, analytical checks and appropriate detailed verifications of the available documents in the audited company. However, verifications of operating cash flows and the internal control system, as well as hearings and other audit operations intended to detect fraud or other violations of the law, do not form part of this audit.

During our audit, we did not discover any element that might lead us to conclude that the annual accounts are not in accordance with the law (Arts. 957 et seq. of the Code of Obligations) and the Statutes.

Ernest & Young SA



**Serge Clément**  
Approved auditor  
(Chief auditor)



**Pascal Tréhan**  
Approved auditor

### **Annexe**

► Annual accounts (balance sheet, income statement and notes to the accounts)

## 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

As at 17 September 2017

Mr. President,  
Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of Honour,  
Ladies and Gentlemen, Presidents of the Federations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen, participants in the Congress,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval, the balance sheet and income statements for the 2016 financial year (1 January to 31 December), together with the budget for 2018 (1 January to 31 December).

### 1. INCOME STATEMENT

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The statements of income and expenses corresponding to the financial period submitted for your approval show a surplus of income over expenses which amounts to CHF 4 363 797.

I would like to express my gratitude to the President of our Federation for his generous donation of CHF 4 850 000, which enabled us to realize sensational Olympic Games amongst other things.

#### EXPENSES

**Total of administrative and financial expenses**, within the budget **CHF 3 019 757**

2.19% above budget

Including:

- 1) Payroll expenses: **CHF 1 458 872**; 4.21% above budget.
- 2) Administrative expenses, **CHF 499 873**; 0.98% above budget.

The main categories are:

Rental of the office	CHF 124 831
Professional fees	CHF 52 266
Translation services	CHF 111 863
Purchases (including medals)	CHF 29 046
Sundry insurances	CHF 66 393
Mail and telecommunications	CHF 76 678

- 3) Organisation of the FIE Congress in Moscow – **CHF 283 936**; 5.35% above budget.
- 4) Secretariat and Executive Committee (meetings) - CHF 456 923; 23.49% above budget.
- 5) Travel for the Executive Committee and staff (WCh) - **CHF 17 922**; 70.13% below budget.
- 6) Commissions and Councils - **CHF 72 802**; 21.34% above budget.

Refereeing	Two meetings and one
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	meeting of the working group
Discipline	No meeting
Legal	No meeting
SEMI	No meeting
Medical	No meeting, but participation in international seminars
PP	No meeting
Rules	Two meetings of the working group (restructuring of the rules)
Veterans	No meeting
Women	No meeting
Trainers	No meeting
Special	One meeting (non-combativity)
Athletes	No meeting

- 7) SPORTACCORD anti-doping management services, non-competition testing and promotion of anti-doping - **CHF 131 732**; 31.73% above budget.
- 8) Foreign exchange losses - **CHF 0**.
- 9) Total financial expenses - **CHF 16 482** - bank fees, 64.82% above budget.
- 10) Depreciation - **CHF 81 214**; 45.86% below budget.
- 11) Provisions and losses - **CHF 0**.

## Sport

**CHF 3 316 137**

0.64% above budget.

- 1) Subsidies to the Confederations – **CHF 245 141**; 8.95% above budget
- 2) Equipment for the Federations – **CHF 616 894**; 2.82% above budget

Continent	Number of Federations	Amount in CHF	%
Africa	18	99 957	16.20%
Americas	30	147 089	23.84%
Asia	30	174 409	28.27%
Europe	29	175 389	28.43%
Oceania	3	20 050	3.25%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>616 894</b>	<b>100 %</b>
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- 3) Schools, training of the Masters of Arms - **CHF 573 626**; 15.64% below budget
- 4) Training course before the World Championships - **CHF 190 038**; 23.98% below budget
- 5) Referees: examinations, seminars, bonuses - **CHF 353 444**; 41.38% above budget
- 6) Aid to the Federations (1+1+1) + CMI- **CHF 574 246**; 2.54% above budget
- 7) World Championship for juniors/cadets in Bourges - **CHF 234 459**; 95.38% above budget due to the additional assistance granted to the organisers (meals for the officials, equipment and material, additional officials)
- 8) World Championship for veterans - **CHF 12 968**; 13.55% below budget
- 9) Grand Prix, World Cups, Regional Championships –  
**CHF 289 497**; 5.27% above budget
- 10) Service providers - **CHF 85 381**; 21.97% above budget
- 11) "Athletes' Careers" Program- **CHF 1258**; 97.48% below budget
- 12) Confederations' Sport Directors - **CHF 139 185**; 30.41% below budget

### **Communication/Marketing/TV**

**CHF 2 975 528**

*6.03% above budget (excluding TV)*

- 1) Video portal/ Digital content / Website **CHF 232 416**; 364.83% above budget
  - Digital content 172 982
  - Video portal 49 286
  - Website 10 148
- 2) Magazines (1 paper magazine + 4 digital magazines) -  
**CHF 285 222**; 61.14% above budget
- 3) Communication - **CHF 13 843**; 65.39% below budget
- 4) Marketing - **CHF 39 717**; 50.35% below budget
- 5) Events - **CHF 337 742**; 17.92% below budget
- 6) Service providers - **CHF 141 907**; 2.80% below budget
- 7) Specific projects - **CHF 0**;
- 8) TV broadcasts (Eurosport, Euronews, CNN) - **CHF 1 924 682**; 1.89% above budget

## Rio 2016: Test event (Grand Prix, World Championship Senior Teams and Olympic Games)

**CHF 1 655 956** 21.31% above budget

- 1) Purchase of tickets for fencing- **CHF 213 651**; 12.45% above budget. The amounts had to be paid in USD, with a fixed and very unfavourable exchange rate.
- 2) Accommodation for the Olympic Games- **CHF 270 753** ; 184.66% above budget  
The normal prices for hotel rooms doubled and we were billed more than USD 500/night
- 3) Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to Rio (test event and Olympic Games)-  
**CHF 136 912**; 14.43% below budget
- 4) Test event (ITOs, bonus, organisation)- **CHF 153 377** ; 2.25% above budget
- 5) Zonal qualifying trials, Olympic Games (ITOs, other costs)-  
**CHF 398 748**; 104.49% above budget

Due to the very poor financial situation of the LOC, the FIE was obliged to bear the following costs:

- Lightning- CHF 205 457
  - Stages- CHF 59 800
  - Office equipment, per diem for the ITOs for the travel days borne by Rio, evening meals for officials not borne by Rio
- 6) Test event (TV, highlights, news, live streaming, commentators, etc)- **CHF 136 438**; 17.31% below budget
  - 7) Marketing promotions for Rio (film, schools, website, promotion during Rio)- **CHF 334 202**; 16.45% below budget
  - 8) Press material- **CHF 11 875** ; 18.75% above budget



## INCOME

- 1) Donations: donation from the President, **CHF 4 850 000**
- 2) Income from the Federations, 55.51% below budget **CHF 383 893**
- Including:
- Subscriptions from the Federations, 41.83% below budget **CHF 56 406**
  - Organisation fees (Grands Prix, World Cup), 100.96% below budget -  
**CHF 68 171**
  - International licences, 34.36% below budget **CHF 230 730**
  - Referee examination fees, **CHF 6 503**
  - Other income, 161% below budget **CHF 26 820**
- 3) Finances, 77% above budget

<b>Finances</b>	<b>CHF 577 543</b>
Interest	-6 150
Foreign exchange rate adjustments	0
Realised foreign exchange gains	583 693
Prior year income	0
Reversal of provisions	0

- 4) IOC - CHF 69 300; 6.20% above budget
- 5) Income from the Olympic Games, CHF 15 027 488, of which CHF 5 764 000 is constituted as a long-term provision (which will appear in the 2017 financial statements)
- 6) Communication/Marketing/TV - CHF 186,951; 17.68% below budget
- a) Advertising in the magazine- CHF 56 132; 6.89% below budget
  - b) Sponsorship - CHF 90 000; in line with the budget
  - c) TV rights - CHF 40 819; 71.49% below budget

## BALANCE SHEET

### SUMMARY

Our balance sheet at the end of December was positive, due to a surplus of receipts for the year – CHF 4 363 797.

Capital at 31 December 2016: CHF 4 677 897.  
Long-term reserve: CHF 20 000 000.  
Long-term capital (IOC): CHF 5 764 000.  
Short-term capital: CHF 1 033 598

Total liabilities **CHF 31 475 495.**

## ASSETS

### Tangible fixed assets - net value

- 1) Office and IT equipment - Gross value of this equipment - **CHF 15 747**
- 2) Office equipment - **CHF 1**, identical to the previous year
- 3) Sports equipment - **CHF 13 124**
- 4) General equipment - **CHF 4 058**

**Deposits and guarantees** – no changes.

### Current assets

- 1) Stock (ties, scarves, flags) – **CHF 32 488** of value.
- 2) Federation receivables - **CHF 12 949**
- 3) Accrued income - **CHF 1 698 956.25**, which represents payments due to the FIE.
- 4) Other receivables - **CHF 15 218.41** - sums due relating to invoices issued by the FIE during the previous financial year: Deduction of the VAT. INVEST / PROPERTY CHF 902.50 and other CHF 14 315.91
  
- 5) Prepayments (prepaid expenses) **CHF 177 653.32** :
  - Prepayment EUR 53 868.73 CHF 57 833.47
  - Prepayment CHF CHF 75 002.84
  - Prepayment USD 43 990.00 CHF 44 817.01
  - Accrued income CHF 1 698 956.25

## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

- 1) Shareholders' equity  
The capital at 01.01.2016 represents the financial situation of the FIE at the start of the year.  
  
The balance of income and expenses (CHF 4 363 797) is the result of the income statement described above.

Capital at 31 December 2016 of CHF 4 677 897.  
The long-term reserve is CHF 20 000 000.  
Foreign long-term capital (IOC) is CHF 5 764 000  
Foreign short-term capital of CHF 1 033 598

**The "TOTAL CAPITAL" is CHF 31 475 495.**

- 2) Trade payables and accrued payables for a total amount of: **CHF 398 722**
  - Trade payables **CHF 4 251**
  - Accrued expenses **CHF 394 472**

### Accrued expenses

Accrued expenses CHF		CHF 339 531.98
Accrued expenses EURO	EUR 24 610.32	CHF 26 267.78
Accrued expenses USD	USD 28 143.16	CHF 28 672.25
Revision of provision		CHF 14 500

**CHF 408 972.01**

- 3) Income received in advance - **CHF 70 883.04**
- 4) Other payables - CHF 548 453.14 – VAT due

I would like to thank our CEO, Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H., and her team in the Administration and Finance Department, for their cooperation.

Ferial Salhi  
Secretary Treasurer

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BALANCE SHEET

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>31-12-2016</b>	<b>31-12-2015</b>
	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHF</b>
Cash funds	7 564	5 857
Bank balances	29 469 672	20 044 024
<b>Cash</b>	<b>29 477 237</b>	<b>20 049 881</b>
Federation receivables	12 949	2 552
Other short-term receivables	17 946	18 067
Stocks	32 488	35 666
Accrued income	1 698 956	8 888
Prepaid expenses	177 653	445 578
Accruals - assets	<b>1 876 610</b>	<b>454 466</b>
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<b>Current assets</b>	<b>31 417 230</b>	<b>20 560 632</b>
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<b>Long-term financial assets</b>	<b>5 401</b>	<b>5 400</b>
Office and IT equipment	15 747	28 848
Office furniture	1	1
Sports equipment	13 124	31 631
General facilities	4 058	7 010
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>32 929</b>	<b>67 489</b>
Media	19 935	59 787
<b>Intangible fixed assets</b>	<b>19 935</b>	<b>59 787</b>
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<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>58 265</b>	<b>132 677</b>
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<b>Total assets</b>	<b>31 475 495</b>	<b>20 693 309</b>
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BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	31-12-2016 CHF	31-12-2015 CHF
Liabilities resulting from the purchase of goods and services	416 766	242 751
Other short-term liabilities (VAT payable)	545 949	5 948
Income received in advance	70 883	130 511
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<b>Foreign short-term capital</b>	<b>1 033 598</b>	<b>379 210</b>
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Provision for deferred contributions from the IOC	5 764 000	0
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<b>Foreign long-term capital</b>	<b>5 764 000</b>	<b>0</b>
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Initial capital	314 100	1 336 789
Surplus of income over expenses	4 363 797	-1 022 689
<b>Final capital</b>	<b>4 677 897</b>	<b>314 100</b>
Reserve fund	20 000 000	20 000 000
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<b>Total equity</b>	<b>24 677 897</b>	<b>20 314 100</b>
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<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>31 475 495</b>	<b>20 693 309</b>
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INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes 2.	2016 CHF	2015 CHF
Donations	4	4 850 000	7 312 400
Income from the Federations	5	383 893	457 284
Contributions from the IOC	7	69 300	67 200
OG Receipts	8.1	15 027 488	35 620
Attribution of deferred contributions from the IOC	8.2	-5 764 000	0
Communication and marketing products	9	186 951	381 250
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>14 753 633</b>	<b>8 253 754</b>
Salaries		-1 273 614	-984 043
Payroll taxes		-180 410	-147 963
Other employment costs		-4 848	-12 284
<b>Payroll costs</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1 458 872</b>	<b>-1 144 290</b>
Operating costs	1.2	-499 873	-552 643
Organisation of the Congress	1.3	-283 937	-316 438
Secretariat and Executive Committee	1.4	-456 923	-448 741
Executive Committee's travel expenses	1.5	-17 922	-157 278
Commissions and Councils	1.6	-72 802	-238 709
Anti-doping	1.7	-131 732	-84 723
<b>Administration expenses</b>		<b>-1 463 189</b>	<b>-1 798 532</b>
Sports expenses	2	-3 316 137	-3 136 364
Communication and marketing expenses	3	-2 975 528	-2 902 974
RIO Olympic Games 2016 expenses	4	-1 655 956	0
<b>OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES AND DEPRECIATION (EBITDA)</b>		<b>3 883 950</b>	<b>-728 406</b>
Depreciation	1.10	-81 214	-106 672
Foreign exchange loss	1.8	0	-278 434
Financial expenses	1.9	-16 482	-10 567
<b>Financial expenses</b>		<b>-16 482</b>	<b>-289 001</b>
Interest	6.1	-6 150	1 254
Realised foreign exchange gain	6.2	583 693	0
<b>Financial income</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>577 543</b>	<b>1 254</b>
Adjustments of currency values		0	88 500
Non-operating income		0	11 636
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>		<b>4 363 797</b>	<b>-1 022 689</b>

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### NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. Accounting principles applied and not prescribed by the law:

- 1.1. The 'Fédération Internationale d'Escrime' (hereinafter the "FIE") is an international non-governmental non-profit organisation, having the legal form of an association under Swiss law and having its registered office in Lausanne, Switzerland.

It is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the world governing body for fencing. The FIE lays down the rules governing the organisation of international competitions and supervises their application.

- 1.2. The financial statements are presented in Swiss francs (CHF) in accordance with the accounting standards governed by the Swiss Code of Obligations, the regulations and bylaws of the FIE and the following accounting methods.

#### 1.3. *Items denominated in foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into Swiss francs (CHF) at the exchange rate in effect at the time when they are effected. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate in effect on the year-end date.

The rates applicable to the balance sheet below correspond to the year-end rates at 31 December 2015.

	31-12-2016	31-12-2015
	CHF	CHF
EUR/CHF	<u>1.0736</u>	<u>1.0826</u>
USD/CHF	<u>1.0188</u>	<u>0.990</u>

#### 1.4. *Federations and other short-term receivables*

The receivables from the Federations, as well as the other short-term receivables, are recognised at their nominal value. Individual value corrections are made and then the residual balance is the subject of a flat-rate value correction of 5%.

#### 1.5. *Inventories*

The stocks are valued at their acquisition cost or cost of production. The acquisition cost and the production cost of the stocks are determined in accordance with the weighted cost method.



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1.6. *Tangible fixed assets*

The tangible fixed assets are recognised on the balance sheet at their historical cost, after deduction of the accumulated depreciation. The amortisation charges are made in accordance with the straight-line method. Any immediate amortisation charges are made within the framework of the limits of tax deductibility, on the basis of a decision by the Treasurer.

The amortisation rates are fixed in accordance with the estimated useful life of the assets:

Office and IT equipment	and three years
Office furniture	4 years
Sports equipment	5 years
General facilities	and five years
Media	3 years

2. Information and comments on the principal balance sheet and income statement items:

2.1. <i>Cash balances by currency</i>	31-12-2016	31-12-2015
	CHF	CHF
CHF	4 686 568	20 003 769
EUR 4,511,208.97	4 849 676	43 203
USD 19,573,020.05	19 940 993	2 909
	<u>29 477 237</u>	<u>20 049 881</u>

2.2. *Profits and losses*

The details of the headings are given in the attached table, with the annual budget for comparison purposes.

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**3. Average annual full-time headcount:**

As an annual average, the number of full-time posts is between 10 and 50.

	<b>31-12-2016</b>	<b>31-12-2015</b>
	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHF</b>
<b>4. Lease-credit transaction:</b>		
Commercial lease expiring on 30 September 2021, not recognised on the balance sheet	<u>592 948</u>	<u>717 779</u>
	<b>31-12-2016</b>	<b>31-12-2015</b>
	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHF</b>
<b>5. Liabilities due to the social insurance bodies:</b>	<u>24 963.70</u>	<u>17 541.00</u>
	<b>31-12-2016</b>	<b>31-12-2015</b>
	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHF</b>
<b>6. Total amount of sureties constituted in favour of third parties:</b>		
Bank guarantee concerning any lease taken by an employee	<u>5 400.90</u>	<u>5 400.30</u>

**2. INCOME STATEMENT FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2016**  
**SWISS FRANCS (CHF)**

	EXPENSES			RECEIPTS	
	Jan/Dec 2016	Jan/Dec 2016		Jan/Dec 2016	Jan/Dec 2016
	Budget 2016	Expenses 2016		Budget 2016	Expenses 2016
<b>1. Administration and finances</b>	<b>2 955 000</b>	<b>3 019 757</b>	<b>4. Donations</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4 850 000</b>
1.1 Payroll expenses	1 400 000	1 458 872	4.1 Donations by the Chairman	-	4 850 000
1.2 Operating expenses	495 000	499 873			
1.3 Organisation of the Congress/Participation by the Chairman of each NF in the Congress	300 000	283 937			
1.4 Secretariat and Executive Committee (meetings)	370 000	456 923			
1.4.1 Secretariat and Executive Committee, meetings		425 646			
1.4.2 Per diem for the Executive Committee for the meetings		31 276			
1.5 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to the CHM	60 000	17 922	<b>5. Federations</b>	<b>597 000</b>	<b>383 893</b>
1.5.1 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to the CHM		2 389	5.1 Federations' subscriptions	80 000	56 406
1.5.2 Per diem for the Executive Committee for the CHM		3 008	5.2 Organisation fees	137 000	68 171
1.5.3 Employees' expenses for travel to the CHM		12 525	5.3 International licences	310 000	230 730
1.6 Commissions and Councils (meetings)	60 000	72 802	5.4 Referee examination fees	-	1 765
1.7 Anti-doping	100 000	131 732	5.5 Other receipts	70 000	26 820
1.8 Foreign exchange loss	-	-			
1.9 Financial expenses	10 000	16 482			
1.10 Depreciation charges	150 000	81 214			
1.11 Provisions/losses	10 000	-			
<b>2. Sport</b>	<b>3 295 000</b>	<b>3 316 137</b>	<b>6. Finances</b>	<b>130 000</b>	<b>577 543</b>
2.1 Subsidies to the confederations	225 000	245 141	6.1 Interest	30 000	6 150
2.2 Equipment for the federations	600 000	616 894	6.2 Realised foreign exchange gain	80 000	583 693
2.3 Schooling and training for Masters of Arms	680 000	573 626	6.3 Income from prior years	20 000	-
2.4 Training camps for the championships	250 000	190 038			
2.5 Refereeing (examinations, seminars, bonuses)	250 000	353 444			
2.6 Assistance to the federations + CMI	560 000	574 246			
2.7 J/C World Championships	120 000	234 459			
2.8 Seniors/veterans World Championships	15 000	12 968			
2.9 World Cups, GP, CHZ	275 000	289 497			
2.10 Service providers	70 000	85 381			
2.11 Athletes' career program	50 000	1 258	<b>7. IOC</b>	<b>180 000</b>	<b>69 300</b>
2.12 Confederations' sporting directors	200 000	139 185	7.1 IOC subsidy for assistance with development	65 000	69 300
<b>3. Com/Mkt/TV</b>	<b>2 806 300</b>	<b>2 975 528</b>	7.2 IOC subsidy for 2016 Olympic Games expenses	115 000	-
3.1 Video portal/ Digital content / Website	50 000	232 416			
3.1.1 Video portal		49 286			
3.1.2 Digital content		172 982			
3.1.3 Website		10 148			
3.2 Magazines	177 000	285 222			
3.3 Communication	40 000	13 843			
3.4 Marketing	80 000	39 717			
3.5 Events	411 500	337 742			
3.6 Service providers	146 000	141 907	<b>8. Proceeds from the Olympic Games</b>	<b>7 236 000</b>	<b>9 263 488</b>
3.7 Specific projects	12 000	-	8.1 RIO 2016 receipts		15 027 488
3.8 TV Broadcast (Eurosport, Euronews, CNN)	1 800 000	1 924 682	8.2 Attribution to the provision for deferred contributions from the IOC		- 5 764 000
<b>4. Rio 2016: Test event (Grand Prix, Team World Championships) and Olympic Games</b>	<b>1 365 115</b>	<b>1 655 956</b>	<b>9. Com/Mkt/TV</b>	<b>220 000</b>	<b>186 951</b>
4.1 Purchase of tickets for fencing	190 000	213 651	9.1 Escrime magazine	60 000	56 132
4.2 Accommodation for the Olympic Games	95 115	270 753	9.2 Sponsoring	90 000	90 000
4.3 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to Rio (test event and Olympic Games)	160 000	136 912	9.3 Television rights	70 000	40 819
4.3.1 Executive Committee expenses for travel to Rio		72 487			
4.3.2 Employees' expenses for travel to Rio		45 563			
4.3.3 Per diem for the Executive Committee in Rio		18 862	<b>10. Other revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
4.4 Test event (ITOs, bonus, organisation)	150 000	153 377			
4.5 Regional qualification trials, Olympic Games (ITOs, other costs)	195 000	398 748			
4.6 Test event (TV, highlights, news, live streaming, commentators, etc)	165 000	136 438			
4.7 Marketing promotions for Rio (film, schools, website, promotion during Rio)	400 000	334 202			
4.8 Press materials	10 000	11 875	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>8 363 000</b>	<b>15 331 176</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10 421 415</b>	<b>10 967 379</b>			
<b>12. Surplus of expenses (-) over revenues</b>	<b>- 2 058 415</b>	<b>4 363 797</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8 363 000</b>	<b>15 331 176</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8 363 000</b>	<b>15 331 176</b>

## 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

## SWISS FRANCS (CHF)

EXPENSES CHF		REVENUES CHF		
version 21/09/2017	Jan/Dec 2017	Jan/Dec 2018	Jan/Dec 2017	Jan/Dec 2018
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
<b>1. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES</b>	<b>3 285 000</b>	<b>3 055 000</b>	<b>4. Donations</b>	<b>5 000 000</b>
1.1. Personnel costs	1 400 000	1 400 000	4.1. Donations by the President	5 000 000
1.2. Administrative costs	475 000	475 000		
1.3. Organisation of the Congress/Presidents NFs	300 000	300 000		
1.4. Bureau and Executive Committee (meetings)	350 000	300 000	<b>5. Federations</b>	<b>612 000</b>
1.5. Displacements of the Executive Committee and staff in World Championships	120 000	100 000	5.1. Federations Annual Fees	80 000
1.6. Commissions and councils	400 000	250 000	5.2. Organising Rights	137 000
1.7. Anti doping	120 000	150 000	5.3. International Licences	310 000
1.8. Exchange losses	-	-	5.4. Referee Exam Fees	15 000
1.9. Financial Costs	10 000	10 000	5.5. Other Receipts	70 000
1.10. Amortization	100 000	60 000		
1.11. Provisions/losses	10 000	10 000	<b>6. Finances</b>	<b>130 000</b>
			6.1. Interest	30 000
<b>2. SPORT</b>	<b>3 155 500</b>	<b>3 508 500</b>	6.2. Exchange gain realized	80 000
2.1. Confederation Subsidies	228 000	228 000	6.3. Adjustements in currency values	-
2.2. Material for federations	600 000	600 000	6.4. Previous years' revenue	20 000
2.3. Schools, Maîtres d'armes training formation	600 000	760 000	6.5. Dissolution of provision	-
2.4. Courses at Championships/training camp	100 000	100 000		
2.5. Refereeing - exams, seminars, primes	350 000	470 000	<b>7. CIO</b>	<b>65 000</b>
2.6. Aid for federations	480 000	480 000	7.1. IOC aid for development subsidy	65 000
2.7. World Junior/Cadet Championships	97 500	98 000	7.2. Subvention CIO frais JOJ 2018	-
2.8. Senior and Veterans World Championships	137 500	157 500		
2.9. Grand Prix, World Cups, Zonal Champs.	192 500	75 000	<b>8. Olympic Games Revenue</b>	<b>5 764 000</b>
2.10. Service Providers	70 000	100 000		
2.11. Athletes Careers Program	50 000	50 000		
2.12. Confederation Sport Directors	150 000	120 000	<b>9 - Com/Mkt/TV</b>	<b>220 000</b>
2.13. Projects	100 000	150 000	9.1. Revue Escrime	60 000
2.14. JOJ 2018		120 000	9.2. Sponsoring	90 000
			9.3. Television Rights	70 000
<b>3. Com/Mkt/TV</b>	<b>2 790 500</b>	<b>2 792 400</b>		
3.1. Digital content/video portal/website	150 000	262 000		
3.2. Publications	177 000	155 000		
3.3. Communication	40 000	50 000		
3.4. Marketing	100 000	80 000		
3.5. Events - including TV which was in former 3.5	411 500	544 400		
3.6. Service Providers	100 000	180 000		
3.7. Specific Projects	12 000		<b>10 - Other financial resources (reserve)</b>	<b>3 406 300</b>
3.8. TV Broadcast (Eurosport, Euronews, CNN)	1 800 000	1 521 000	<b>11. Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 231 000</b>	<b>9 355 900</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11 791 000</b>
				<b>9 355 900</b>

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Zonal Championships	o.42	no reference		no text at the moment'; awaiting creation of new article
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		o.44 5-9	not organization	move to t. book (new) t.41
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		o.40 (last line)	deleted	duplication of (new) o.105.4
		o.73	deleted	duplication of (new) o.24
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## FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE D'ESCRIME

### Fencing

#### A. EVENTS (12)

Men's Events (6)	Women's Events (6)
Individual Foil	Individual Foil
Individual Epée	Individual Epée
Individual Sabre	Individual Sabre
Team Sabre	Team Sabre
Team Foil	Team Foil
Team Epée	Team Epée

#### B. ATHLETES QUOTA

##### 1. Total Quota for Fencing:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	102	8	0*	212
Women	102		0*	
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0*</b>	<b>212</b>

\*please refer to section "Qualification Pathway - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places"

##### 2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	9	1 team of 3 athletes per team event 1 athlete through the individual qualification if no team qualified
Women	9	1 team of 3 athletes per team event 1 athlete through the individual qualification if no team qualified
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	

##### 3. Quota per individual event and per team event

###### Individual Events

The individual events bring together about 34 fencers in each weapon. The number of participants in each individual event may vary depending on the distribution of the Host Country places across the events.

###### Team Events

The team events bring together eight (8) or nine (9) teams in each weapon: eight (8) teams qualified through the team qualification system, plus a potential Host Country team, depending on the distribution of the Host



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Country places across the events.

#### 4. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athletes by name in the following individual events:

- Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée for fencers who did not qualify through team qualification = 60 places

The quota place is allocated to the NOC in the following events:

- Teams (composed of 3 fencers) in Women's Sabre, Women's Foil, Women's Epée, Men's Sabre, Men's Foil and Men's Epée = 144 places.
- These fencers will also participate in the respective individual events.
- Host Country Places = 8 places.

### C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

### D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

#### QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

#### MEN / WOMEN

**Team Qualification:** Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil, Women's Epée

A total of 144 quota places (48 teams) will be allocated between the team events in Men's Sabre, Men's Foil, Men's Epée, Women's Sabre, Women's Foil and Women's Epée. The eight (8) teams in each of the six (6) events will be composed of three (3) fencers and will qualify as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event	Quota Place Allocated to:
144 (48 teams)	<p><b>FIE Official <a href="#">Team Ranking List</a> of (4 April 2020)</b></p> <p>The Team Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below from (3 April 2019) to (4 April 2020):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team World Cup Competitions</li> <li>2. Team World Championships</li> <li>3. Team Continental Championships</li> </ol>	NOC



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first four (4) teams on the FIE Official Team Ranking of (4 April 2020), irrespective of which zone they are from, qualify for the Olympic Games.</li>   <li>- The highest ranked team from each of the four (4) FIE zones (Africa, America, Asia-Oceania, Europe) among the teams ranked from the 5th to the 16th position on the FIE Official Team Ranking of (4 April 2020) qualify for the Olympic Games.</li>   <li>- If a zone is not represented in these ranking positions, the next team on the FIE Official Team Ranking of (4 April 2020) will qualify, irrespective of its zone.</li> </ul>	
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**Individual Qualification: Men’s Sabre, Men’s Foil, Men’s Epée and Women’s Sabre, Women’s Foil and Women’s Epée,**

A total of 60 quota places (10 per weapon) will be distributed between Individual Men’s Sabre, Individual Men’s Foil, Individual Men’s Epée, Individual Women’s Sabre, Individual Women’s Foil and Individual Women’s Epée for fencers who did not qualify through team qualification, in addition to fencers directly qualified through team qualification, as follows:

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events	Quota Place Allocated to:
60	<p><b>Team Qualification</b></p> <p>For each weapon, the 24 fencers (three (3) fencers in each of the eight (8) teams) who qualified through team qualification will also be qualified to participate in the individual competition in their respective weapon.</p>	NOC
	<p><b>FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) List by zone of (4 April 2020)</b></p> <p>The Individual Official Ranking List is established according to the number of points accumulated during the competitions below from (3 April 2019) to (4 April 2020).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individual Grand Prix competitions</li> <li>2. Individual World Cup competitions</li> <li>3. Satellite competitions</li> <li>4. Individual World Championship</li> <li>5. Individual Continental Championships</li> </ol> <p>The Individual Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR) is the FIE Official Ranking (as above) which is modified as follows:</p> <p>The names of all the fencers by NOC and by weapon, who have qualified through the team qualification, are removed. For the other NOCs, only the 1<sup>st</sup> highest ranked fencers by NOC, by zone and by weapon are kept.</p> <p>The six (6) highest ranked fencers on the FIE AOR by zone with only one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon, will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as</p>	Athlete



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	<p>follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Two (2) from Europe</li><li>- Two (2) from Asia-Oceania</li><li>- One (1) from America</li><li>- One (1) from Africa</li></ul> <p>Qualification through the individual AOR by zone is reserved for NOCs that do not have any fencers qualified through team qualification.</p> <p><b>FIE Zone Qualifying Events</b></p> <p>The four (4) highest ranked fencers in the zone qualifying events with only one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon will directly qualify for the Olympic Games, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- One (1) from Europe,</li><li>- One (1) from Asia-Oceania,</li><li>- One (1) from America and</li><li>- One (1) from Africa.</li></ul> <p>Only NOCs which do not have any fencer qualified through the team qualification or through the individual AOR by zone, in the weapon concerned, can participate in the respective zone qualifying events, with a maximum of one (1) fencer per NOC per weapon.</p> <p>In no case may an NOC qualify more than three (3) fencers per weapon.</p>	Athlete
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### HOST COUNTRY PLACES

In addition to its possible qualification through the above-described qualification process, the Host NOC is guaranteed eight (8) places, to be distributed between team and individual events as it sees fit, respecting the maximum quota of athletes per NOC.

The Host NOC must confirm the use of Host Country places to the FIE by (8 June 2020).

### TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

On (14 October 2019), the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is (15 January 2020).

In Fencing, no Tripartite Commission Invitation Places will be directly allocated as part of the athletes' quota. Tripartite Commission Places may be offered to NOCs within the reallocation process for unused Host Country Places, as described in paragraph **F. Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**

The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport.



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Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “*Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020 - Olympic Games Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Allocation Procedure and Regulations*”.

### E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The FIE will confirm the team quota places and the names of the fencers who qualified through the FIE Ranking Lists and the zone qualifying events to the NOCs/NFs on (8 May 2020). NOCs must confirm to the FIE by latest midnight (GMT+1) on (5 June 2020) the use of team quota places and the participation of each fencer qualified by name. From (8 June 2020), the FIE will reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs.

### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a team quota place or a qualified fencer is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline of (5 June 2020), or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the fencer qualified through the AOR by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked fencer in the same weapon on the AOR from the same zone;
- If the fencer qualified through the zone qualifying event, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked fencer in the same weapon, at the same zone qualifying event.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Team Ranking List across all zones, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team on the FIE Official Team Ranking List.
- If a team qualified through the FIE Official Team Ranking List by zone, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team on the FIE Official Team Ranking List from the same zone.

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated as follows:

- If one place only is not used, this place will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee.
- If two places are not used, one place will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee and one place will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.
- If three places are not used, two places will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee and one place will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.
- If four places are not used, two places will be allocated to the FIE universality quota and will be attributed by the FIE Executive Committee and two places will be allocated to the Tripartite Commission.



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If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the unused hosted county place(s), the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the FIE Universality quota.

### G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

#### P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athlete Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

#### Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athletes Eligibility**.

#### Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to one (1) P alternate athlete per team event.

### H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
3 April 2019 – 4 April 2020	Qualification period for the FIE Official Ranking
15 January 2020	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
4 April 2020	Closure of rolling FIE Official Ranking
15-26 April 2020	Zone qualifying events
8 May 2020	FIE to inform NOCs of the results of the zone qualifying events and quota places obtained
5 June 2020	Deadline for NOCs to confirm quota places obtained to FIE
In relation to end of qualification period for each sport	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs
8 June 2020	FIE to reallocate the quota places which have not been confirmed by the NOCs
6 July 2020 (tbc)	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline



# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE STATUTES

2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of the Executive Committee

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** Up-dating of the article

#### 5.6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

5.6.2 The President shall have the right to hire and terminate the employees, service providers, advisers, consultants and other individuals and companies.  
~~The President may employ, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the personnel necessary to run the F.I.E. efficiently.~~

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission feels that the proposed change is not in line with “Good Governance” principles because it eliminates the checks and balances by consolidating all decision making power in one individual’s hands. The principle of “4 Eyes” with regard to having at least 2 persons sharing responsibility should be implemented not only in the Statutes but also in practice. The Legal Commission will commence a project to review and modify the Statutes (and Administrative Rules, where applicable) to reflect appropriate governance. The text proposed is therefore:

#### 5.6.2

~~The President shall have the right to hire and terminate the employees, service providers, advisers, consultants and other individuals and companies.~~

The President may employ **and terminate**, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the personnel necessary to run the F.I.E. efficiently.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the following text:

The President may ~~employ with the approval of the Executive Committee~~ **hire and dismiss** the personnel ~~of the FIE necessary to run the F.I.E. efficiently.~~ **He informs the Executive Committee.**

## Proposals of Sam Cheris (MH) and Peter Jacobs (MH)

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** To harmonize the Statutes with the corresponding proposal relevant to the Technical Rules.

#### ~~7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card~~

~~When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E., it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal~~

**Rules Commission:** In favor of the proposal, 6 votes in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of eliminating Statute section 7.2.11 if the Congress adopts the changes to the Rules encompassed in t.119, which would move the concepts of the Statute section into the Rules where all other sections regarding the giving of a black card and the consequences thereof are found.

**Executive Committee:** In favour

## Proposals of the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** Resubmission of the Legal Commission proposal 5 of 2013, clarifying nationality rules for submission of candidates for councils, as it failed to be approved at that congress. Modify to include nominated as well as elected posts and clarify nationality issue, as follows:

- 4.1.2. Candidates for any **elected or selected** post may be proposed by an F.I.E. Member Federation, subject to the following conditions:
- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for each post
  - a candidate for the Executive Committee, a Commission, **a Council or the Disciplinary Panel** can only be presented by the Member Federation ~~with~~ (treated in 4.4.1, 4.6.2 and 4.7.1) ~~the limit of 1 candidate per nationality for any such position~~ **whom the candidate has nationality.**

**Legal commission:** The Legal Commission supports this proposal as modified to create greater clarity:

- 4.1.2. Candidates **for the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel** ~~any elected post~~ may be proposed by an F.I.E. Member Federation, subject to the following conditions:
- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for each post
  - a candidate ~~for the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel~~ can only be presented by the Member Federation ~~with~~ (treated in 4.4.1, 4.6.2 and 4.7.1) ~~the limit of 1 candidate per nationality for any such position~~ with **whom the candidate has nationality.**

**Executive Committee:** In favour as modified by the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** REVISION TO ARTICLE 4.4.2, PARA 4, to clarify point 3 and bring the English version in line with the French and Spanish texts. Modify as follows:

- 4.4.2 4. A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must ~~have both:~~
- ~~must~~ be or have been an FIE category B or A referee in at least two weapons;
- and
- be a current member of the Refereeing Commission, or have refereed in official FIE competitions in ~~each of~~ at least two weapons in at least two (2) of the 4 fencing seasons (1 September to 31 August) preceding his candidature
- and
- have refereed, at least once, in one weapon, in the table of eight, **individual or team**, of a senior World Cup, or a Grand Prix, or a World

Championships or the Olympic Games of the 4 fencing seasons preceding his candidature.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission supports this proposal with the one modifier to clarify that the team match would have a similar strength level as that of the individual matches:

- 4.4.2 4. A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must **have both:**
- **must** be or have been an FIE category B or A referees in at least two weapons;
- and
- be a current member of the Refereeing Commission, or have refereed in official FIE competitions in **each of** at least two weapons in at least two (2) of the 4 fencing seasons (1 September to 31 August) preceding his candidature
- and
- have refereed, at least once, in one weapon, in the table of eight, **semi-final or final of the individual or team event** of a senior World Cup, or a Grand Prix, or a World Championships or the Olympic Games of the 4 fencing seasons preceding his candidature.

**Executive Committee:** in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** to state council minority gender quota in percentage terms as councils are of varying numbers of members. Modify to state the minima in terms of percentages, as follows:

- 4.7.6. Candidates permitting, ~~there must be at least two persons of each gender~~ **there must be at least 20% representation of each gender** on each of the councils.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal.

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 4

**Motivation:** Add new section to the Statutes to govern attendance at meeting of the commission by means other than physical attendance:

- 6.4.2 A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken will be submitted by

correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do this, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal.

**1** Each member of the commission is entitled to participate in any meeting, by telephone or video conference, provided that both of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a) (i) the President of the commission is able to ascertain the identity of each person attending the meeting; and
- ii) all the participants are able to take part in real time in the discussion and simultaneously vote on the items of the meeting agenda; or
- b) a member of the commission cannot attend the meeting in person on account of a force majeure event including, but not limited to, illness or injury preventing a person from coming to the meeting or travel interruption due to delays preventing the person from arriving in time for the meeting.

The Meeting is considered to be held in the location where the President is attending the meeting.

Each member who wants to participate by telephone or video conference, pursuant to subparagraph a), above, shall submit the request to the President, at least 10 days before the meeting.

For certain matters the President, following each meeting deliberation, may ask for a confirmation to be addressed by e-mail within 10 days from the date the meeting is held.

Participation by telephone or video is not permitted when a secret ballot is required.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as revised to clarify the force majeure exception.

#### **6.4.2**

A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken will be submitted by correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do this, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal.

**1** Each member of the commission is entitled to participate in any meeting, by telephone or video conference, provided that both of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (i) the President of the commission is able to ascertain the identity of each person attending the meeting; and
- ii) all the participants are able to take part in real time in the discussion and simultaneously vote on the items of the meeting agenda.

The Meeting is considered to be held in the location where the President is attending the meeting.

Each member who wants to participate by telephone or video conference, pursuant to the above, shall submit the request to the President, at least 10 days before the meeting. However, no such 10-day notice is required if a member of the commission cannot attend the meeting in person on account of a force majeure event including, but not limited to, illness or injury preventing a person from coming to the meeting or travel interruption due to delays preventing the person from arriving in time for the meeting.

For certain matters the President, following each meeting deliberation, may ask for a confirmation to be addressed by e-mail within 10 days from the date the meeting is held.

Participation by telephone or video is not permitted when a secret ballot is required.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission

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## **Proposal 5**

**Motivation:** Modifications to facilitate the use of to the FIE Disciplinary Code by those confederations who have decided to subject themselves to it:

### **7.1.1 Jurisdiction**

The Disciplinary Panel, selected by the Executive Committee, has sole jurisdiction to rule on all offences against the Rules, Ethics Code, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the International Fencing Federation (F.I.E.), (including any of its confederations that have subjected themselves to this FIE Disciplinary Code and/or the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel), except the specific dispositions with respect to discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114 et seq. of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E. The eExecutive eCommittee will assure the respect for and the execution of the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel.

For the purpose of the Disciplinary Code, any confederation that has subjected itself to this FIE Disciplinary Code and/or the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel will hereinafter be referred to as a 'Joined Confederation'.

### **7.1.2 Disciplinary jurisdiction - persons subject**

All individual or entities are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel of the F.I.E. for example who:

- are members of the F.I.E.;
- are licensees of the F.I.E. or of any of the Joined Confederations;
- are licensees of or affiliated to members of the F.I.E.; or

- are members of national delegations.

### 7.1.7 Offences

The offences submitted to the assessment of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the F.I.E. are the following:

- Violation of the Statutes or the Rules of the F.I.E. [or of any of the Joined Confederations](#)
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Brutal behaviour -----etc.

### 7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card

When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E. [or of any of the Joined Confederations](#), it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal. If the Congress passes the amendment to t.119, section 7.2.11 will be eliminated as noted in Proposal 1 proffered by Peter Jacobs MH and Sam Chervis MH.

**Rules Commission:** In favour with the following wording:

### 7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card

When a black card is awarded at an **international** competition **organised under the aegis** of the FIE [or of any Confederation which has subscribed to the FIE Disciplinary Code](#), it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal from the Legal Commission. If proposal 1 is accepted, the art. 7.2.11 of the Statutes is deleted and a modified text will be added to t.119.

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### Proposal 6

**Motivation:** to clarify the interplay between the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Bureau and that of the Disciplinary Panel



Modify Articles 7.2.2 and 7.2.3.

**Argument:** The procedure in establishing the Disciplinary Tribunal according to Arts. 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 is not precise. It is up to the Legal Commission to form the Disciplinary Tribunal by selecting its members out of the Disciplinary Panel. Only after creating the Disciplinary Tribunal, the complaint “shall” be forwarded to its president. Thus, the Legal Commission has to take action without formal knowledge of the complaint. Furthermore, in establishing the Disciplinary Tribunal conflicts of interests have to be avoided. This is not possible without knowledge of the complaint and – at least – the parties involved. The changes of Art. 7.2.2 and Art. 7.2.3 streamline the process of establishing the Disciplinary Tribunal.

The wording of Art. 7.2.2 (“when it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal” and “the head office of the F.I.E. shall send”) could be interpreted as granting the head office any discretion in forwarding the complaint. This is not compatible with the sole jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Tribunal. The changes to Art. 7.2.3 accordingly refrain from such open wording and give the Legal Commission the authority to decide on the admissibility of the complaint.

## **7.2.2 Composition of the Disciplinary Tribunal**

The head office of the F.I.E. will inform the president of the Legal Commission of any complaint filed with the F.I.E and the parties involved within three days after the complaint was filed with the F.I.E.

~~When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal~~, In case of admissibility of the complaint according to Article 7.2.1, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will within 7 days after being informed about the complaint by the head office of the F.I.E. eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal, by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

The proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission.

## **7.2.3 The disciplinary Tribunal - composition, powers, obligations**

The head office of the F.I.E. ~~shall~~ will send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within ~~15-7~~ days after its creation, the complaint, which was filed with the F.I.E.

The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint to the person(s) designated therein.

A copy of the complaint is also sent to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong.

~~If the case arises, t~~The Disciplinary Tribunal can, on its own motion, decide that there is no grounds to prosecute the complaint, which has been submitted to them.

That decision can be appealed according to the rules of Article 7.2.7.

The Disciplinary Tribunal has all of the powers for investigating the complaint, and pronouncing, if the case arises, a penalty. It must, in all circumstances, respect and ensure respect of the rights of the defence.

#### **7.2.12 Power of judgement by the Central Office of the F.I.E.**

**Argument:** Art. 7.1.1 establishes the sole jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Art. 7.2.12 gives the Bureau only power to take preliminary measures until a final decision by the Disciplinary Tribunal is made. The changes to Art. 7.2.12 para. 1 clarify this understanding.

**7.2.12** In case of emergency, the Central Office of the F.I.E. can take, within the framework of its power to judge, preliminary administrative measures suspending the license of the defendant ~~when it has referred the case to until a final ruling by~~ the Disciplinary Tribunal. It can only do this in cases where the severity of the offence or its consequences require it.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to clarify those entitled to receive copies of the complaint and clarifying that “Central Office” is the Bureau.

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The head office of the F.I.E. will inform the President of the Legal Commission of any complaint filed with the F.I.E and the parties involved within three days after the complaint was filed with the F.I.E.

~~When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal,~~ In case of admissibility of the complaint according to Article 7.2.1, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will within 7 days after being informed about the complaint by the head office of the F.I.E. eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy

or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal, by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

The proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, [the Head Office of the FIE](#), the Disciplinary Tribunal ~~and~~ the Legal Commission ~~and the Bureau with respect to matters relating to 7.2.12.~~

### **7.2.3 The disciplinary Tribunal - composition, powers, obligations**

The head office of the F.I.E. ~~shall~~ will send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within ~~15-7~~ days ~~after its creation~~, the complaint, which was filed with the F.I.E.

The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint to the person(s) designated therein.

A copy of the complaint is also sent to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong.

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That decision can be appealed according to the rules of Article 7.2.7.

The Disciplinary Tribunal has all of the powers for investigating the complaint, and pronouncing, if the case arises, a penalty. It must, in all circumstances, respect and ensure respect of the rights of the defence.

### **7.2.12 Power of judgement by the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau of the F.I.E.**

**Argument:** Art. 7.1.1 establishes the sole jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Art. 7.2.12 gives the Bureau only power to take preliminary measures until a final decision by the Disciplinary Tribunal is made. The changes to Art. 7.2.12 para. 1 clarify this understanding.

**7.2.12** In case of emergency, the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau of the F.I.E. can take, within the framework of its power to judge, [preliminary](#) administrative

measures suspending the license of the defendant ~~when it has referred the case to~~ until a final ruling by the Disciplinary Tribunal. It can only do this in cases where the severity of the offence or its consequences require it.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission

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## **Proposal 7**

**Motivation:** Special provisions should be adopted to address refugee participation

### **9.1.5 Application and Issue**

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality ~~or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities~~ of and entitled to membership with the federation.

b) For those countries, which do not yet have a national federation, which is a member of the F.I.E., applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

e) The F.I.E. administrative office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

### **9.2.3**

For the FIE competitions fencers who are legally stateless ~~or hold a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities in the country in which they live~~, may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live ~~with approval of the F.I.E. administrative office/FIE Bureau~~. Fencers holding refugee status shall be treated as nationals of the country of such member federation for purposes of these Statutes and F.I.E. rules, but shall not be permitted to represent any particular country in competitions, either individually or as part of a team, unless authorized to do so by the F.I.E. administrative office/FIE Bureau.”

The practical process for a request of modification of nationality is stated in the FIE Administrative Rules, “Licences and nationality” chapter.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to clarify that it is the FIE head office that will administer this process and that a refugee who is not permitted to compete for the country granting them refugee status will be treated as stateless.

### 9.1.5 Application and Issue

a) **The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.**

b) For those countries, which do not yet have a national federation, which is a member of the F.I.E., applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

e) The F.I.E. ~~administrative~~ head office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

### 9.2.3

For the FIE competitions fencers who are legally stateless or hold a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities in the country in which they live, may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live with approval of the F.I.E. head office. Fencers holding refugee status shall be treated as nationals of the country of such member federation for purposes of these Statutes and F.I.E. rules unless the Member Federation refuses to allow them to compete on behalf of such Federation in which case they shall be treated as stateless, but shall not be permitted to represent any particular country in competitions, either individually or as part of a team, unless authorized to do so by the F.I.E. head office.”

The practical process for a request of modification of nationality is stated in the FIE Administrative Rules, “Licences and nationality” chapter.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the modified proposal, except that in 9.2.3 “FIE Head office” should be replaced by “FIE Bureau”

## Proposals of the Promotion and Publicity Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** To update the name and duties of the Commission to more accurately describe the actual work being done by the Commission. For example, the existing duties in the statutes have descriptions for roles currently undertaken by the FIE head office (first duty), the Rules Commission (third duty) and the Coaching Council (fourth duty). The proposed new name and new duties would reflect the current work undertaken by the Commission.

#### 6.5.5 *The Promotion ~~and Publicity~~, Communication and Marketing Commission*

The duties of ~~this~~ the Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission ~~is are: to motivate and co-ordinate the activities of the member Federations for the promotion and development of fencing; to advise the Congress on the way in which the patronage of the F.I.E. will be bestowed on international competitions; to propose the rules for the World Cup competitions (A-category and Grand Prix) and Masters, and to supervise their application; and to maintain contact between the F.I.E. and the fencing masters.~~

- a) To provide professional expertise to elevate and enhance the image of fencing for all groups including sponsors, audiences, fencers and all the fencing family
- b) To propose innovations and improvements to the Executive Committee, particularly those associated with television, internet and live audiences
- c) To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters associated with Promotion, Communication and Marketing
- d) To contribute to the continuing promotion of fencing in all zones
- e) To propose changes and improvements to the sections in the administrative rules and handbooks relating to Promotion, Communication and Marketing

It is responsible for promoting public relations activities for our sport.

It proposes any changes relating to the media and advertising aspects of fencing.

It presents to the Executive Committee a report, which will be submitted to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The definitive formulation of texts for the decisions taken by the Congress must be entrusted to the Rules Commission or the Legal Commission as applicable for approval by the Executive Committee.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission agrees with this proposal as presented.

**PP Commission:** In favour, with only one modification to the original proposal (the word “professional” has been deleted)

### 6.5.5

- a) To provide expertise to elevate and enhance the image of fencing for all groups including sponsors, audiences, fencers and all the fencing family

**Executive Committee:** in favour of the proposal of the P.C.M. Commission, including the modification to 6.5.5 a)



**Report and Recommendation**  
**Refugee Status and Eligibility for Competing at FIE Official Competitions**

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FIE Legal Commission

*Please note that this report and recommendation does not apply to the Olympic Games, as any question regarding refugees' status and eligibility for the Olympic Games is subject to the determinations of the International Olympic Committee.*

**1 SUMMARY**

Current FIE rules do not expressly address the situation of refugees, and prevent many refugees from competing in FIE official competitions. In order to accept refugees within the framework of current FIE rules, (1) special provisions should be adopted; (2) license applications should be accepted and processed by receiving country NFs; (3) competition entries should be submitted by receiving country NFs; (4) FIE should consider whether receiving country NFs should deal with refugees in the same manner as they deal with their own national fencers; and (5) FIE also should consider how to allocate responsibility/liability for refugee competitors.

**2 CURRENT RULES**

2.1 Definition of "refugee" under international law

The generally accepted definitions of "refugee" are stipulated in the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (collectively, the "**Convention**"). Many NF countries have acceded to the Convention, and the definitions therein are not only clear but also common throughout the world. All member countries of the Convention have similar procedures to deal with refugees and FIE can easily request the documents necessary to review refugee status.

Under the Convention, "refugee" means any person who;

- (a) "owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country" (referred to herein as "**expatriated refugees**"), or
- (b) "not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it" (referred to herein as "**stateless refugees**").

In addition to the Convention definitions, some countries may have their own legal definitions of refugees. If such countries deal with such original refugees according to their own definition in the same manner as the refugees defined in the Convention, we have no reason to eliminate such original refugees from our definitions.

As far as we are aware, the only international athletic federation to address the status of refugees in official rules is the World Taekwondo Federation, which recently amended Article 4.1.1.1 of its Para Taekwondo Competition Rules to provide that "*athletes with a refugee status issued by either governmental authorities in the country*

*of residence or the UNHCR may be entered into tournaments and championships under WTF flag based on prior approval from the WTF.”*

We would suggest using a similar definition by reference, such as “fencer with a refugee status issued by UNHCR or the governmental authorities in his/her country of residence.”

## 2.2 FIE rules relevant to participation in official competitions

In order to enter any FIE official competition, such as a World Cup or World Championship, all fencers must have valid licenses and must be members of NFs under Articles o.2 and o.8 of *Book 2. Organisation Rules, Rules for Competitions (“Rules”)*, which provide as follows:

*o.2. 1. The official competitions of the FIE are open to fencers (individual or team) of all FIE member countries.*

*2. Every competitor or designated official in a competition, irrespective of his status, is required to be licensed for the current season (Cf. Statutes, Chapter IX).*

*o.8. Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors’ national federation (for the Olympic Games by their national Olympic Committee).*

### (a) License

The license application procedure is provided in Article 9.1.5 of the Statutes as follows:

*9.1.5 Application and Issue*

*a) The licenses are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality of and entitled to membership with the federation.*

*b) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.*

*c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international license.*

*d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his license to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.*

*e) The F.I.E. administrative office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international license to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.*

Stateless refugees, and expatriated refugees who are nationals of countries that lack NFs, may be able to obtain licenses under paragraph (e). Other expatriated refugees would generally be subject to paragraphs (a) through (d), which require them to apply to the NF in the country of their nationality. This makes it impossible for such expatriated refugees to obtain a license via the NF in their receiving country. This Article would therefore need to be revised in order to permit such expatriated refugees to participate.

(b) Entry

Any entry for an official competition must be sent by the competitor's NF to the organisers (Article o.8 of the Rules). It is not realistic under current entry system that NFs would send refugees' entries for the competitions to the organisers for the following reasons:

- (i) Some NFs may only accept registrations for membership from nationals of their own country and will not send any entries by non-member fencers to the organisers. In such case, it would be impossible for refugees in the NF's country to register for NF membership, and therefore impossible to send their entry to the organisers.
- (ii) Even in those refugee receiving countries whose NFs are willing to accept refugees' registrations, the NF might decide to withhold refugees from entries for official competitions due to limits on the number of entries available (e.g. at the Senior World Championships, each NF is limited to 4 fencers per weapon per nation for individual events under Article o.65 of the Rules).

Therefore, FIE has to create another entry system.

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **3.1 Special provisions should be adopted to address refugee participation**

As mentioned above, participation by refugees in FIE competitions is either very difficult or entirely impossible under the current Statutes and Rules depending upon the situation of the refugee in question. Therefore, special provisions should be adopted to address this issue.

#### **3.2 License applications should be accepted and processed by receiving country NFs**

Licenses are currently usually ordered by NFs under Article 9.1.5(a) of the Statutes. Since NFs already have the staff and infrastructure in place, we recommend referring refugees to the receiving country's NF as the first point of contact for the refugee's license application. The NF can request that the refugee submit necessary documents to prove his status, such as identity papers and travel documents, and then transmit the order to FIE.

#### **3.3 Entries should be submitted by receiving country NFs**

Under Article o.8 of the Rules, each entry for an official competition should be sent by the competitor's NF to the organisers. In order to avoid changes to the Rules, we recommend that the NF in the receiving country submit refugees' entries.

3.4 FIE should consider whether receiving country NFs should deal with refugees in the same manner as they deal with their own national fencers

- (a) As mentioned above, FIE have to consider whether refugee entries should be counted against the limits on the number of entries per nation (e.g. Article o.65 of the Rules indicates 4 fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events) so as not to displace national entries by NF country nationals. This is not an issue to the extent that NFs are willing to treat refugees as their own national entries, but if receiving country NFs do not want refugees to displace national entries, FIE would need to consider granting additional entries to NFs or otherwise making special accommodations for refugees.
- (b) FIE should consider which countries' banner refugees should compete under. When participating in the competitions, we recommend that refugees should fence under the banner of the FIE as independent fencers (as per precedents recently set by the IOC and World Taekwondo Federation), mainly because requiring refugees to fence under their home country banner or receiving country banner may have adverse political implications. On the other hand, if refugees are treated as part of the NF team under paragraph (a) above, it is arguably more logically consistent to have them fence under the receiving country's banner.
- (c) Limitations on the total number of refugees should also be considered, particularly if the total number of refugee entries for an event may exceed the number permitted for an NF as stipulated in the Rules. While all refugee entries could theoretically be accepted, this would raise the possibility of many refugees crowding into a competition in a certain area beyond the control of the organiser. Possible solutions include either (1) closing entries upon a designated number being reached, or (2) holding a pre-competition for refugees (which may raise costs for venue, referees and other related items).
- (d) In team competitions, if there are not enough refugee entries to assemble a full team, FIE may have to turn down all individual entries. Accordingly, FIE should accept only (i) individual entries for individual competitions, or (ii) entries by refugee competitors participating in team competitions as team members of receiving countries, together with other nationals of such country and within the limited number of entries allocated to that country.
- (e) FIE should also think about whether it should have the ultimate ability to accept or reject participation by refugee fencers. Due to political considerations (as refugees' original countries may have their own fencers participating in the same event), it may be necessary for FIE to reject participation by certain refugees on a case-by-case basis, and accordingly FIE should reserve these rights under the new provisions.

3.5 FIE should allocate responsibility/liability for refugee competitors to the relevant NF

FIE must consider who will be responsible for various risks related to refugee competitors during the competition. Fencers who participate in official competitions in foreign countries generally need to obtain travel insurance and other insurance in order to cover risks that may be incurred during the competition. There are also sometimes cases where a participant disappears from the venue or the country of the competition

or does something illegal during the competition; if that participant is a refugee, questions would be raised as to who should be responsible for handling such situation.

To avoid dealing with these issues at the FIE level, FIE should consider only those fencers having the official status of refugees, legally living in a specific country and whose cases are submitted by the NF of the country where they live. NFs should procure necessary insurance for refugee competitors, and should take overall responsibility for the conduct of refugee competitors while in the country of the competition.

# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES 2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of the Executive Committee

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** In the current rules, it is not described in detail how the pools should be constituted. This sometimes creates unclarity as to whether ranking or nationality should prevail.

#### Composition of pools

#### o.13

**1. The pools are composed** taking account of the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking. [The composition is made using the following method:](#)

Pool	A	B	C
Fencer ranked	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
	18	17	16
	19	20	21

**2. The allocation of fencers in the pools** must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality in different pools, as far as possible. [If a fencer is placed in a pool where there is already a fencer of the same nationality, he is moved one or more places down the ranking until he is placed in a pool without a fencer of the same nationality. If this is not possible, he must remain in the original pool.](#)

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive committee:** In favour

### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** It is often difficult to understand the score sheets for the pool round. There are differences in the way results are annotated between different referees and the space to fill in the results on the actual pool sheet is often very limited. Problems with

understanding what is actually written are a cause of delays in competitions. Therefore, the following changes are proposed:

## Notation of results in the pool sheet

**o.17**

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a) One of the fencers **has scored 5 hits**. In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is the final score of the bout ( ~~$V5 - Dn$ , where  $n =$  the number of hits scored by the losing fencer~~) ( $V - n$ , where  $n =$  the number of hits scored by the losing fencer)

b) **At épée**, if the two fencers reach a score of 4–all, they must fence for a deciding hit, up to the time limit. Any double hit will not be counted (and the fencers will therefore remain where they are on the piste).

2. **Three minutes of effective fencing time** have passed. (There is no warning for the last minute.)

a) If **when the time limit expires** 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. The score registered on the score-sheet is the actual score achieved in the bout ( $VN - Dn$ , where  $N =$  the number of hits scored by the winning fencer and  $n =$  the number of hits scored by the losing fencer).

b) 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 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.

c) In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is always the **actual score achieved in the bout**:

—  $VN - Dn$  if a deciding hit is scored within the time limit for the bout.

—  $V4 - D4$  or  $V3 - D3$  or  $V2 - D2$  or  $V1 - D1$  or  $V0 - D0$  if the winner is designated by drawing lots.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive committee:** In favour



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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** In order to have a record of all incidents during a competition, the special cases when a fencer does not start or does not finish the competition need to be documented in the result list.

#### Special cases in the result list

o.20

~~A fencer who **withdraws, or who is excluded**, is scratched from the pool, and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part.~~

1. A fencer who **is not present at the start of the pool** is scratched from the pool and is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Did Not Start".

2. A fencer who **is excluded during the pool phase** is scratched from the pool, and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Excluded"

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 4

**Motivation:** In order to have a record of all incidents during a competition, the special cases when a fencer does not start or does not finish the competition need to be documented in the result list.

#### Special cases in the result list

o.25

1. ~~When~~, At any stage of the competition, if for whatever reason, a fencer **does not fence, or cannot** ~~is unable to fence, or cannot~~ **does not complete his bout**, his opponent is declared winner of that bout. A fencer who withdraws does not lose his place in the overall classification of the competition **and is recorded in the result list with the information "Did Not Finish"**

2. A fencer who **is excluded** is scratched from the direct elimination table and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Excluded".

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 5

**Motivation:** clarification of the classification used to rule out any ambiguity.

### Classification

**o.28**

1. The **general classification** is obtained as follows:  
First: the winner of the bout for the first place  
Second: the loser of the bout for the first place
2. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equal third, **when it is not necessary to separate them.**
3. When it is **necessary to separate them**, a bout for third and fourth places will be fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.
4. The remainder are placed, **within each round of the direct elimination**, in accordance with their **original classification**

**Rules commission:** In favour with the following wording:

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- ~~4. The remainder are placed, **within each round of the direct elimination**, in accordance with their original **classification for the composition of the direct elimination table.**~~
4. The remainder are placed, in each round of the tableau:
  - a) Competitions with a round of pools: according to the ranking for the drawing of the direct elimination tableau following the pools.
  - b) Competitions with no round of pools: according to the ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.

**Executive committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

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## Proposal 6

**Motivation:** during the season not all the organisers respect this rule and in more than one case the Sport Department had to remind the below rule. This attitude results in a delay of the dissemination of the information that prevents the participating National Federations from organising the logistic well in advance. This may result in a damage for the Federations that are bound to face higher costs, which would not occur if the invitation is released within the deadline established by the FIE Rules. In order to make the organisers more respectful and attentive of the below obligation and protect the National Federations, it is proposed to apply a financial sanction to those federations that do not deliver the information on time.

### Official invitation

**o.50**

1. For all the official competitions of the FIE except the Olympic Games, the **official invitation** is the letter in which the organising federation invites every FIE member federation to take part in the Championships.
2. For the **World Championships**, this invitation must be sent to all the member federations, without exception, at least ~~six~~ **four** months before the competitions.
3. For **World Cup and Grand Prix competitions**, it must be sent out at least two months before the competition in question.

If an organising federation fails to comply with the above mentioned deadlines, it will be sanctioned with the payment of a fine amounting to 1000 €, paid to the FIE.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 7

**Motivation:** if the important aspect is for the athlete to be at least 13, 14 or 15 at the time of registering for a competition, then our proposal is to delete the text underneath this. In fact, the junior competition year lasts until April so if an athlete is 13 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January of the year in which the match takes place, he cannot take part in the competition.

### Age of athletes

**o.55**

1. No fencer is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is **at least 13 years old** when his FIE licence is applied for ~~on 1 January in the year of the competition.~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Legal commission:** The Legal Commission agrees with the establishment of the birthday as the date for determining eligibility for an FIE license. Unless the medical commission presented documentation for a change of age, age 13 should be retained.

**Medical commission:** After a discussion whether more medical research should be investigated on the minimum age limitation, the Medical Commission approved by majority to accept Proposition n° 2 to consider the date of an athlete's 13th birthday and thereafter as determinant to participate in FIE sanctioned competitions.

**Executive Committee:** In agreement with the Legal and Medical Commission. The final text proposed is:

**o.55**

1. No fencer ~~is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition~~ may obtain an FIE licence, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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## **Proposal 8**

**Motivation:** to update the text relating to the practice followed in recent seasons, given the growing number of participants in the World Championships compared with the restricted numbers in the Olympic Games.

### **Nomination of the Directoire Technique**

**o.57**

The Directoire Technique is composed of people **who have the experience and competence to organise competitions.**

1. **World Championships and Olympic Games.**

- a) **For the Olympic Games** the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

- b) **For the World Championships**, the Directoire Technique is composed of **8** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country

c) The **President of the Directoire Technique** and **the other members** are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

**Rules commission:** In favour with the following wording:

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c) The ~~President of the~~ **Directoire Technique** (the President and the remaining members, one of whom will be in charge of the protocole) ~~and the other members~~ are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

**Executive Committee:** In favour as modified by the Rules Commission.

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### Proposal 9

**Motivation:** to update the text relating to the practice followed in recent seasons in terms of both the number of members of the DT and the refereeing delegates and referees.

#### Invitations for international officials

**o.67**

1. Any proposed **candidature for organising the World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must invite, **at their own expenses**, the following international officials (tourist-class return airfare, accommodation and daily allowances):

a) The **President of the FIE** or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.

~~b) A head of protocol designated by the President of the FIE.~~

- ~~e~~ b) **Eight Six** members of the **Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country and one is a **Head of Protocol**.
- ~~d~~ c) **Three members of the SEMI Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- ~~e~~ d) **Six Four** members of the **Refereeing Commission**, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- ~~f~~ e) **Two members of the Medical Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- ~~g~~ f) The **referees** designated by the Executive Committee **on proposal of the Refereeing Commission (maximum 34)**.

**Rules commission:** In favour. The proposal is consistent with current practice and the provisions in the Handbook of regulations. The Commission proposes the following wording:

#### **o.67**

1. Any proposed **candidature for organising the World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must invite, **at their own expenses**, the following international officials (tourist-class return airfare, accommodation and daily allowances):
  - a) The **President of the FIE** or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
  - ~~b) A head of protocol designated by the President of the FIE.~~
  - ~~e~~ b) **Eight Six** members of the **Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country and one is **Head of Protocol**.
  - ~~d~~ c) **Three members of the SEMI ~~Committee~~ Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~e~~ d) **Six Four** members of the **Refereeing ~~Committee~~ Commission**, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~f~~ e) **Two members of the Medical ~~Committee~~ Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

- g f) The **referees** designated by the Executive Committee ~~on~~ at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission in accordance with the Handbook of Regulations ~~(maximum 34)~~.

**Executive Committee:** In favour as modified by the Rules Commission, but with 3 members of Medical Commission for the new item “e”

## Proposal 10

**Motivation:** there are no rules for the satellite competitions and the organisers frequently find themselves in a difficult situation as a result. Most organisers actually apply this article already, as there are no precise rules. In addition, many federations come with four fencers or less and therefore do not bring referees. As a consequence, the organisers must find referees seven or six days before the competition.

### o.81

#### 1.

- a) **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** that must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions, [satellite competitions](#) and Veteran World Championships is:

1–4 fencers: no obligation to provide a referee

5–9 fencers: 1 referee

10 or more fencers: 2 referees

**1 Junior Team            1 referee**

For junior A Grade competitions [and satellite competitions](#), the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

- b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.

**Rules commission:** The Commission is in favour of the proposal to clarify the referee obligation for the satellite competitions. The Commission is also in favour of the proposal of the Italian Federation where referees will be brought by federations only to satellite competitions. The following wording is therefore proposed:

### o.81

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5–9 fencers: 1 referee  
10 or more fencers: 2 referees  
**1 Junior Team : 1 referee**

For ~~junior A Grade competitions and~~ satellite competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

- b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees for satellite competitions, a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour of the designation of referees for the junior World Cups but in favour of the designation of referees for Veteran World Championships which should be dealt as the J/C and senior World Championships for which the referees are nominated and their expenses are paid by the organising committee which receives the entry fees.

Because of the Italian proposal on the same issue, 3 votes are necessary regarding the different types of competitions concerned:

- Satellite competitions: referees brought by the federations as it is already currently practiced.
- Veteran world Championships: referees nominated by the Executive Committee and entry fee as follows: 90 euros for individuals and 185 euros for team events.
- Junior world cup competitions

If the proposal on satellite and Veteran World Championships are accepted the rules should be modified as follows:

## o.81

### 1.

- a) **The number** of FIE A or B Grade referees that must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions and satellite competitions ~~and Veteran World Championships~~ is:

1–4 fencers: no obligation to provide a referee  
5–9 fencers: 1 referee  
10 or more fencers: 2 referees  
**1 Junior Team 1 referee**

For junior A Grade competitions and satellite competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).



- b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.

#### **o.93**

### **Referees**

~~Participating countries must notify at least one month in advance whether they will either bring the required number of referees or pay the penalty, in order to allow enough time to the organisers to recruit other referees.~~

Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council.

Referees must attend the refereeing meeting that takes place the day before the World Championships.

#### **o.94**

### **Invitations for international officials**

1. Any proposed candidature for organising the World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by a delegate designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, at their own expense, invite the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):
  - a) The President of the FIE or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
  - b) Four members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.
  - c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - f) The referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

~~These~~ officials a) to e) should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.

NB: The handbook for the organisation of Veteran World Championships must be modified accordingly.

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## Proposal 11

**Motivation:** to update the text following an omission made when the rule was amended for the World Cup and Grand Prix events.

### Official FIE individual ranking

**o.83**

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c) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is **kept permanently up to date**.

The first Grand Prix event of the current year cancels out the first Grand Prix event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the Grand Prix events.

The first World Cup event (individual and team) of the current year cancels out the first World Cup event (individual and team) of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup events in the season.

The first satellite competition of the current year cancels out the first satellite competition of the previous year and so forth for the other satellite competitions.

The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.

If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 12

The proposal has been withdrawn

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## Proposal 13

**Motivation:** to update the text as the rule is obsolete and also contradicts the previous phrase. As the satellite competitions are FIE competitions, which count in FIE classifications, FIE referees must be used.

**t.35**

1. All bouts at fencing in official FIE competitions are directed by a referee who must be an FIE referee licensed for the current season. ~~For reasons of expedience, National category referees who are candidates for the FIE refereeing exams and have paid to take them are authorised to referee satellite competitions~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 14

The proposal has been deferred

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## Proposal 15

**Motivation:** to update the text as the rule is both obsolete and useless as it causes unnecessary delays.

**m.25**

**The national uniform** includes the socks, the breeches and the jacket.

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- e) There shall be **only one** national uniform per country with the exception that the manufacturers' marks and sponsors' logos may be different.
- f) **Logos** (national strips) worn on the national clothing must be approved by the **FIE Executive Committee** ~~at least 30 days before they are used for the first time in an official FIE competition~~; they are then published on the FIE website and may then be used in official FIE competitions.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

## Proposals of the Members of Honour

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**Motivation:** To consolidate, remove inconsistencies, clarify and, where needed, correct and expand the Rules concerning both black cards and the rights of fencers to appeal the decisions of the referee, the supervisor or FIE delegate and the DT.

**Argument:** Currently the immediate penalties for the awarding of a black card are defined in the Rules (articles t.114 and t.119) whereas the potential for additional disciplinary action is spelled out in the Statutes (article 7.2.11); this proposal consolidates the texts in the Rules, deleting Statutes Article 7.2.11.

It is also proposed that Rules Article t.124 relating to the need to hold an enquiry previous to the imposition of a penalty should be deleted, as it contradicts t.97 (t.97 notes that DT and delegate decisions are immediately enforceable, being appealable solely to the Disciplinary Commission; and that no such appeal can suspend the decision during the competition).

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### Proposal 1 (Sam Cheris; Peter Jacobs)

#### t.114

2. Penalties are cumulative and they are valid for the bout with the exception of those indicated by a BLACK CARD, which means exclusion from the competition, suspension for the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (~~1 October~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Juniors, and (~~1 January~~ 1 October – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming or both (cf.t.119.2).

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

#### The Fourth Group of offences

#### t.119

1. The first infringement in the Fourth Group, is penalised by a BLACK CARD (exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (~~1 October~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Juniors, and (~~1 January~~ 1 October – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming or both). However, a **team** excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one

of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

2. Furthermore any black card awarded at an international competition organized under the aegis of the FIE shall be reported within 10 days to the President of the F.I.E., for him to assess whether the severity of the offence committed warrants the sending of the report made by the FIE supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting him to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal to determine if penalties in addition to those imposed at the competition should be imposed.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 3

#### PROTESTS AND APPEALS

##### Against a decision of the Referee

#### t.122

1. **No appeal can be made** against the decision of the Referee regarding a point of fact **except as permitted in t.42.3 for video refereeing** (cf. t.95.1/2/4, t.96.2).

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 4

#### t.122

2. If a fencer infringes this principle, **casting doubt** on the decision of the Referee on a point of fact during the bout, he will be penalised according to the rules (cf. t.114. t.116, t.120). However, if the Referee **is ignorant of or misunderstands a definite rule**, or applies it in a manner contrary to the Rules, an appeal on this matter may be entertained. **A point of fact includes, but is not limited to, any ruling by the referee analysing what happened on the piste, such as the validity or priority of a**

hit, whether a fencer left the side or end of the piste or if a person's behaviour is a Group 3 or Group 4 offence.

3. This **appeal** must be made:

a) in **individual** events, by the fencer,

b) in **team events**, by the fencer or the team captain,

it should be made courteously but without formality, and should be made **verbally** to the Referee **immediately** and before any decision is made regarding a subsequent hit.

4. If the Referee **maintains** his opinion, the Refereeing Commission delegate or the Supervisor (if there is no delegate) has the authority to settle an appeal (cf. t.97). If such an appeal is deemed to be **unjustified**, the fencer will be penalized in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 5

### Other protests and appeals

#### t.123

1. Complaints and protests, which are not concerned with a referee's decision, must be made **in writing without delay**; they must be addressed to the Directoire Technique.

2. If a complaint or protest contests a decision **initially** taken by the Directoire Technique or ~~the~~ **an** official FIE delegate it should be addressed to the FIE Central Office.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 6

### Investigation — Right of defence

~~t.124~~

~~No penalty can be imposed until after an enquiry has been held in the course of which the parties concerned have been called on to give their explanation of the occurrence either verbally or in writing, within a reasonable interval of time, suited to the time and place. After this time limit has expired, the penalty may be imposed~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 7

### Method of decision

t.125

The decisions of the ~~juridical authorities of competitions~~ Directoire Technique are **by majority vote**, the chairman (president) having the casting vote in case of a tie.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 8 (Sam Cheris)

**Motivation:** To create clarity and consistency in refereeing when dealing with the issues of covering with the head or the back arm.

**Argument:** The attempt to eliminate covering with the back arm by passing t. 18.5 has not been successful. Referees are finding it extremely difficult to interpret and enforce the rule in a consistent manner. There has been an aversion by some referees to call covering by the mask and back arm, especially at or near the end of a close bout. Additionally the counter-attacker has figured out how to use his/her head to eliminate access to the valid target area, while keeping his/her head facing the opponent. By

including the mask and rear arm as target the attacker will have target available to touch and the defender/counter-attacker will not be able to use the mask and rear arm to eliminate the availability of valid target area. This should positively affect the game, since the attack and riposte will have valid target available to touch. The extended target should speed up the game, making foil more exciting, without losing any of the major traditions of the weapon.

## Target - Limitation of the target

### t.47

1. At foil, only hits which arrive **on the target** are counted as valid.

2. **The target** at foil excludes the ~~limbs and the head~~ sword-arm. It is confined to the trunk, the upper limit being the collar up to 6 cm above the prominences of the collar bones; at the **sword arm** sides to the seams of the sleeves, which should cross the head of the humerus; and the lower limit following a horizontal line across the back joining the tops of the hip bones, thence by straight lines to the junction of the lines of the groin, **the non-sword arm and the head**. ~~It also includes the part of the bib beneath a horizontal line 1.5–2 cm below the chin, which, in any case, may not be lower than the line of the shoulders~~ (see Figure 4).

#### Attention:

*In case the proposal is approved, figure 4 needs to be re-drawn showing valid target to include the entire mask and the rear arm.*

**Rules commission:** Unanimously not in favour

**Coaches Council:** Not in favour

**Refereeing commission:** Not in favour

**Athletes Commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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## Proposal 9

### t.18

~~5. At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour



**Coaches council:** In favour

**Athletes Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

## Proposals of the Refereeing commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** a) This article prevents close combat and allows the fencer who causes the corps à corps to benefit from this article.

b) After his parry, fencer A attempts to hit fencer B, who closes the distance and looks for the corps à corps in order to avoid the riposte; the only solution for fencer A is to reverse the line of the shoulders by pulling back the shoulder of the sword arm in order to score a hit.

c) We have seen some excellent and very spectacular hits annulled by the referee because of this article.

### t.18

5. The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules, if one of the competitors is disarmed or steps off the piste, or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the Referee (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

~~At foil, it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so, he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Coaches council:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Athletes Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** It must be specified that the unarmed hand may touch the piste, and in the last years even the knee of the rear leg was added, so or/and must be stated.

### t.21

1. Displacing the target and ducking are allowed, even if during the action the unarmed hand **and/or** the knee of the rear leg comes into contact with the piste.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** With conventional weapons [f and s], to apply the spirit of the convention, hits occurring after faults of combat are not counted but halt the bout and annul any subsequent hits.

Example: If a fencer who is under attack and avoids this by means of covering or using his unarmed hand or leaves the piste with both feet, then scores a valid hit, his hit must be annulled. This stops the bout and an opponent's remise must not be counted. This rule is generally applied but the following specific information does not appear in the rule.

#### t.26

4 If one of the two fencers leaves the piste with both feet, under these conditions **and only in epee**, only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the piste with at least one foot only can be counted valid, even in the case of a double hit. **The convention must be applied for foil and sabre.**

**Rules commission:** Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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### Proposal 4

#### t.48

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry), **or which is made after a combat offence, or after crossing one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet** is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and so annuls any subsequent hits (Cf. t.49).

**Rules commission:** Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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### Proposal 5

#### t.72

1. A hit, which arrives on a non-valid part of the target, is not counted as a hit, **it is not registered by the apparatus**, it does not stop the fencing phrase and does not annul any subsequent hits. **On the other hand, a hit, which arrives after a combat offence or after the fencer has crossed one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase with any subsequent hit therefore being annulled.**

**Rules commission:** Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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**Proposal 6**

The proposal has been deferred

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**Proposal 7**

The proposal has been deferred

## Proposals of the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** to harmonize the technical and organizational rules with the proposed changes to the Statutes.

#### o.63

With the aim of ensuring that the rules are observed at the World Championships and Olympic Games, the President and the members of the Bureau of the FIE have the right to **attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique** and of the official delegates of the FIE. The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any ~~other~~ disputes, **other than concerning discipline**, which arise at World Championships. **With respect to disciplinary actions, please see t.99.4 and t.123.2).**

**Rules commission:** In favour.

**Legal commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal and suggests it be treated with Proposal 6 of the Legal Commission related to the Statutes since it deals with the same topic.

**Executive Committee:** in favour

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### Proposal 2

#### t.99

4. In urgent cases, the **FIE Central Office** may take the **preliminary** administrative measures necessary for the suspension of the licence of the accused in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

**Rules commission:** In favour.

**Legal commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to show that the “Central Office” is the Bureau and suggests it be treated with Proposal 6 of the Legal Commission concerning the statutes since it deals with the same topic:

#### t.99

4. In urgent cases, the **FIE ~~Central Office~~ Bureau** may take the **preliminary** administrative measures necessary for the suspension of the licence of the accused in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

**Executive Committee:** in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 3

t.123

2. If a complaint or protest contests a decision taken by the Directoire Technique or the official FIE delegate, it should be addressed to the FIE Central Office in accordance with Articles 7.2 and t.97.6.

**Rules commission:** In favour.

**Legal commission:** The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to show that the "Central Office" is the Bureau and suggests it be treated with Proposal 6 of the Legal Commission related to the Statutes since it deals with the same topic:

t.123

2. If a complaint or protest contests a decision taken by the Directoire Technique or the official FIE delegate, it should be addressed to the FIE ~~Central Office~~ Bureau in accordance with Articles 7.2 and t.97.6.

**Executive Committee:** in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission

## Proposals of the Legal and Medical Commissions

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### Proposal 1

Withdrawn

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** Standardise the age at which a fencer may participate in an official FIE competition based on actual date of birth alone.

**Argument:** Currently, to compete in their first cadet world championships (the only official FIE competition for cadets) after achieving the minimum age (currently 13) a fencer has to wait anything from some 3 months after their actual birthday (birthday on December 31st) up to 15 months (birthday one day later, on January 1st).

Similarly, to compete in their first FIE competition of any sort the wait from after their birthday is from a few days to a full 12 months.

In effect, currently we have a fluid 'minimum age' varying from thirteen to fourteen, which is complicated and unfair.

#### o.55

1. No fencer ~~is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition~~ may obtain an FIE licence, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Rules commission:** in favor of the proposal of the Executive Committee

**Legal commission:** See Legal Commission response to Proposal 7 – Proposals of the Executive Committee:

The Legal Commission agrees with the establishment of the birthday as the date for determining eligibility for an FIE license. Unless the medical commission presented documentation for a change of age, age 13 should be retained.

**Medical Commission:** After a discussion whether more medical research should be investigated on the minimum age limitation, the Medical Commission approved by majority to accept Proposition n° 2 to consider the date of an athlete's 13th birthday and thereafter as determinant to participate in FIE sanctioned competitions.

**Executive Committee:** In favour. See its modified proposal which proposes the same text.

## Proposal of the Medical Commission

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** -These changes are aimed at finding the right balance between appropriate medical care for the fencers, fair play and minimal disruption to the competition.

- In 1 below 'event medical official' means the FIE medical delegate or the local duty doctor (for World Cups etc.).

*Application:*

*Proposal to reduce length of break from 10 minutes to 5 minutes will be trialled during the 2016 and 2017 Junior and Cadet World Championships and 2017 Open World Championships.*

Proposition n° 1 of the changed t.33 was approved unanimously by the Medical Commission.

### INJURIES OR CRAMP, WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPETITOR

#### t.33

1. For an injury or cramp ~~or other acute medical incident~~ which occurs in the course of a bout and ~~which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty,~~ has been assessed by the event medical official ~~the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 10 minutes.~~ the fencer may be allowed a break in the fight for treatment in order to continue to compete. This break will be timed from the start of treatment and will be for a maximum of 5 minutes. The actual period of time allowed will be decided by the event medical official. ~~This break should be timed from the point when the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the treatment of the injury or cramp, which brought it about.~~

If the doctor considers, before or at the end of the ~~10~~ 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will ~~recommend~~ **decide** that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.44.11.a/b).

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or **acute medical incident**.

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the ~~delegate of the Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty~~ **event medical official** to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.114, t.117, t.120.

4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the doctor may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**PP Commission:** In favour



**Refereeing Commission:** Testing of 5 min for injuries was positive. It helped to keep the time schedule and proved that 5 min for treatment of injury is enough. 5 min for injuries should be changed in the rules for the future

**Rules Commission:** In favour of a modified proposal as follows:

### **INJURIES OR CRAMP, WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPETITOR**

#### **t.33**

1. For an injury or cramp **or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than ~~10~~ 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the treatment ~~of the injury or cramp which brought it about.~~

If the doctor considers, before or at the end of the ~~10~~ 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.44.11.a/b).

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp **or acute medical incident.**

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.114, t.117, t.120.

4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the doctor may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**Medical Commission:** Modified proposal agreed by the Commission:

#### **t.33**

1. For an injury or cramp **or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical ~~Committee~~ **Commission** or, **in his absence**, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than ~~10~~ 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when **the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence**, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the medical treatment ~~of the injury or cramp which brought it about.~~

If **the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence**, the doctor **on duty** considers, before or at the end of the ~~10~~ 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.44.11.a/b).

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical ~~Committee~~ Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.114, t.117, t.120.

4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission/doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the modified proposal of the Medical commission.

## Proposals of the Rules Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** In order to bring the rules up to date, add to the list of competitions in t.1 satellite competitions

#### OBLIGATORY USE OF THE RULES

##### t.1

These Rules are obligatory **without modification** for the 'Official Competitions of the FIE', viz.:

- The World Championships, in all categories
- The fencing events at the Olympic Games
- All World Cup competitions.
- The Zonal Championships.
- [The Satellite competitions](#)

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** Since, with current FIE rules, this offence can no longer happen, in **t.18.5** – delete:

##### t.18

5. The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules, if one of the competitors is disarmed or steps off the piste ~~or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the referee~~ (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** Delete this article - it is no longer possible to commit this offence.

~~t.53~~

~~3. Fencers are forbidden to place a non-insulated part of their weapon in contact with their conductive jacket with the intention of jamming the electrical apparatus and thus avoiding being hit.~~

~~The penalty for committing such an offence is specified in Articles t.114, t.116, and t.120. Any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 4

**Motivation:** t.43.1.b) and d) The rules regarding the correct fitting of the conductive jacket at foil and sabre have been changed in book **m** ; to bring these two articles up to date and in agreement with **m.28.1** and **m.34.1**, rewrite as follows:

### t.43

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b) at foil, the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of Article m.28 when each competitor ~~is standing upright, is in the~~ 'on guard' ~~and is in the lunge~~ position;

d) at sabre, the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of Article m.34 when each competitor is ~~standing upright in the~~ 'on guard' ~~and is in the lunge~~ position;

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 5

**Motivation:** t.114.2 and 3, t.119, t.120: In all these articles, which quote, the sanctions associated with a **black card**, there is reference to '2 months': this should be changed to '60 days'. Months are of different lengths – the sanction should be consistent.

### t.114

2 Penalties are cumulative and they are valid for the bout with the exception of those indicated by a BLACK CARD, which means exclusion from the competition, suspension for the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two months~~ **60 days** of the active season (1 October – World Championships for the Juniors, and 1 January – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming.

However, a team excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

Certain offences can result in the annulment of the hit scored by the fencer at fault. During the bout, only hits scored in circumstances connected with the offence may be annulled (cf. t.120).

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c. Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two months~~ 60 days of the active season, whether current or forthcoming, indicated by a BLACK CARD with which the Referee identifies the person at fault.

#### t. 119

The first infringement in the Fourth Group, is penalised by a BLACK CARD (exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two months~~ 60 days of the active season (1 October – World Championships for the Juniors, and 1 January – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming). However, a **team** excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

#### t.120

<b>BLACK CARD</b>	<b>Exclusion from the competition,</b> suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following <del>2 months</del> 60 days of the active season (1st October – World Championships for the juniors and 1st January – World Championships for the seniors), whether current or forthcoming.
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**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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#### Proposal 6

**Motivation:** m.12.2 and m.20.1: In both articles, delete the word '~~insulating~~': in both weapons, but particularly in foil, the tip absolutely must not be insulated from the blade.

#### m.12

2. Normally, only **fixing** by metal-to-metal is allowed. However, fixing by any

~~insulating~~ material of great mechanical strength may be authorised after approval by the SEMI Commission of the FIE.

## m.20

1. Normally, only **fixing by metal-to-metal** is allowed. However, fixing by any ~~insulating~~ material of great mechanical strength may be authorised after approval by the SEMI Commission of the FIE

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 7

**Motivation: m book, Annex A, section 2.1.2:** Since the use of transparent masks is now forbidden, the section of Annexe A dealing with these masks should now be deleted.

### ~~2.1.2. TRANSPARENT MASKS~~

#### ~~1. General~~

~~The FIE in its standard practices has established the possibility for fencers to use either traditional masks made with metal mesh or transparent masks.~~

~~The transparent visor, when used, must be a minimum of 3.0 mm in thickness and must also have a separate replaceable outer covering (a “sacrificial” layer) at least 1 mm in thickness. The visor must be made of polycarbonate resin thermoplastic, and each mask and each replacement visor must be accompanied, at the time of purchase, with a statement that guarantees the authenticity and origin of the polycarbonate resin thermoplastic. The visor must correspond to the required norms of materials and manufacture as indicated in 2.1.2. of the annex to chapter 3 (Materials) of the rulebook.~~

~~These transparent masks can be of two types:~~

~~— composite masks, made using traditional masks, of which a part of the front mesh has been replaced by a visor of transparent plastic;~~

~~— masks made entirely of plastic, of which the front part must be transparent.~~

~~Currently only composite masks have been accepted by the FIE.~~

~~The wearing of the transparent mask is forbidden at all weapons and in all FIE competitions.~~

## ~~2. Manufacturing norms for transparent masks~~

~~The norms are, at present, valid only for composite masks.~~

~~The starting point is a metal mesh mask; into the front part of the mesh, at eye level, a window is made by cutting the mesh to a width that may reach as far as the lateral part of the mesh and to a height that may not exceed 12 cm.~~

~~The window must be rimmed by a frame of stainless steel, made of two superimposed sections, of which the first is to be soldered to the mesh and the second fixed to the first by bolts.~~

~~The transparent visor made of polycarbonate (Lexan) will be placed between the two parts of the frame.~~

~~Care must be taken that:~~

~~— The thickness of the steel gauge of each part of the frame must be between 0.8 mm and 1.0 mm.~~

~~— The edges of the frame which holds down the transparent visor must not be sharp (cutting) and must adhere to the mesh, without any perceptible projections.~~

~~— The part of the frame that is soldered must be fixed to the mesh before the window is cut, to ensure that the shape of the mask is not altered when the wires of the mesh are cut.~~

~~— The bolts fixing the two parts of the frame must not project beyond the nuts into which they screw.~~

~~— The polycarbonate transparent visor (Lexan) must have a minimum thickness of 3.0 mm, and a protective layer against damage to the outside surface is recommended.~~

~~— The visor must not have any holes in it, must be shaped when hot, and placed in its location in the frame, under no pressure, when cold and, therefore, without being in any way 'stressed'.~~

~~— There must be provision for an anti-condensation system on the inside of the visor, or Lexan treated to this end must be used.~~

~~— Because of the damage caused to transparent visors during fencing competitions, it is essential that fencers are able to change the visor of their masks simply and easily.~~

~~— The padding of the mask must be reduced as much as possible, using any system which will provide a circulation of air virtually equivalent to that of the traditional mask.~~

~~— The total weight of the mask must not exceed 2 kg.~~

### ~~3. Safety standards~~

~~All transparent visor masks must provide a high level of safety for fencers. They must therefore comply with very strict standards and in particular:~~

~~— The whole structure of the mask must be rigid and not be distorted as a result of violent shocks.~~

~~— The metal mesh and the bib must have the same strength characteristics as those of traditional masks.~~

~~— Because of ageing of the plastic material, the polycarbonate visor must only be used for two years after its manufacture and, therefore, the date of manufacture, using the format of month (two digits) and year (four digits), e.g. 10-2010, must be indicated on it very clearly.~~

~~— To avoid degrading the polycarbonate, all contact with chemical agents that can damage the material must be prevented; in particular, any presence of PVC is unacceptable.~~

~~— The mask should be kept in a protective bag and it is desirable to avoid putting the mask in the fencing bag (and hence in the aircraft hold) during airplane journeys, but rather to keep it in hand luggage.~~

### ~~4. Homologation of transparent masks and test methods~~

~~Before being put on sale and used, all transparent visor masks must be approved and homologated by the SEMI.~~

#### ~~4.1. Homologation~~

~~To obtain FIE homologation, the manufacturer must send his masks to one of the following three institutes: In Germany "Denkendorf" ; in France CRITT or IFTH. The institute will conduct penetration resistance tests on the metal mesh and the visor in accordance with the CEN norms (e.g. Norm EN 13567).~~

~~If the test results are positive, the constructor must send two examples of the mask to be homologated, together with the Institute's certificate, to the headquarters of the SEMI in Lisbon, for the violent shock tests.~~

~~If this result is also positive, the SEMI will issue the homologation certificate to the manufacturer, and the mask may be put on sale and used at official FIE competitions.~~



## ~~4.2. Violent shock testing~~

~~Transparent visor masks must satisfy either the norms established by the CEN Special Commission (cf. the paragraph on masks) or the additional norms established by SEMI relating to resistance to violent shocks.~~

~~Therefore, in addition to the tests for resistance to penetration on several parts of the mask as provided for by CEN norms, there is a need for a further test of the resistance of the entire mask to violent shocks, which might occur as a result of impact with the head or the guard of the opposing fencer.~~

~~This test will be carried out in the following manner.~~

### ~~4.2.1. Equipment for the test~~

~~The machine to be used must provide for a striker, of variable but known weight, to fall from a height which is also variable, up to a maximum of 2 m.~~

~~Fixed to the striker there must be a rod, made of tempered steel, ending in a head in the form of a sphere, with a diameter of 20 mm  $\pm$  0.3 mm.~~

~~The rod must be 40–50 mm long and provided with a means of attaching it (normally a thread) to the drop test machine (see Figure A.1)~~

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#### ~~Figure A.1. Test rod~~

~~An appropriate support for the mask must be provided on the base of the test apparatus, to hold the mask firmly during the tests.~~

~~On the base of the apparatus, in effect, sliding structures must be in place that can be fixed in an established position, so as to form a sort of rigid box within which the mask is held (see Figure A.2).~~

#### ~~Figure A.2. Method of affixing the mask~~

### ~~4.2.2. Drop equipment~~

~~The equipment to be used must allow a guided mass weighing between 3 kg and 5 kg to drop from variable heights to achieve a maximum speed of between 5 and 6 m per second at the moment of impact of the striker on the sample to be tested.~~

~~A means must be arranged for stopping the drop weight, with the aim that only the rod with the spherical end touches the mask, and not the weight.~~

~~The releasing mechanism of the striker must be controlled in such a way as to ensure the same starting conditions, whatever the height of the drop.~~

~~The rod, as already specified in 4.2.1, must be fixed to the drop weight.~~

#### 4.2.3. ~~Sample to be tested~~

~~The sample to be tested must be the complete mask, but without the bib and the trimmings.~~

~~The mask must be placed on the base of the test apparatus, with the front part turned uppermost.~~

#### 4.2.4. ~~Successive test cycles~~

~~The tests must be conducted in the following order:~~

- ~~1. first test on the visor with the impact point of the sphere on the centre of the mask and on the line crossing the centre of the visor;~~
- ~~2. second test on the same point.~~

#### 4.2.5. ~~Procedure~~

- ~~1. Fix the mask onto the base of the machine and the rod with the impact sphere onto the drop weight of the drop test apparatus.~~
- ~~2. Place the mask in a such a way as to align the impact point on the mask's visor with the centre of the sphere.~~
- ~~3. Prepare the drop weight for a total weight of 5 kg  $\pm$  0.03 kg, including the rod and the impact sphere.~~
- ~~4. For the first test, raise the drop weight to a height that gives a distance between the sphere and the point of impact on the mask visor of 1600 mm  $\pm$  10 mm, corresponding to a drop energy of 80 joules.~~
- ~~5. Allow the drop weight to fall onto the mask.~~
- ~~6. For the second test, raise the same drop weight to a height of 1800 mm  $\pm$  10 mm, corresponding to a drop energy of 90 joules.~~
- ~~7. Allow the drop weight to fall onto the mask.~~

#### 4.2.6. ~~Test result~~

~~The result of the test is considered positive if the mask resists the two tests without either deformation or damage to the visor itself, or to the frame fixing the visor to the metal mesh.~~

~~Only a small impression on the polycarbonate visor, at the point of impact of the test sphere, is acceptable.~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 8

**Motivation: m.44.5, m.51.7.a, m.52.4 and m.58:** All these articles require that the only source of electricity for all the apparatus at FIE competitions should come from accumulators, i.e. car batteries. These rules have – understandably – been ignored for many years: we therefore suggest that the rules be revised in order to bring them up to date, bearing in mind any safety issues.

#### m.44

5. The **source of electrical current** (12 volts D.C. via a step-down transformer or by accumulators) (cf. m.58)

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the following wording:

#### m.44

5. The **source of electrical current** (~~accumulators~~) should be 12 V DC via AC/DC converter or through VRLA (valve-regulated lead-acid) batteries (cf. m.58).

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI commission.

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### Proposal 9

#### m.51

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- a) For official competitions of the FIE the **source of power** ~~must~~ ~~always~~ may be supplied either via a step-down transformer or by accumulators. In any event, the wiring of the ~~box~~ apparatus to be powered in this way must be designed so that it is impossible for the ~~box~~ apparatus to become connected by mistake directly to the mains supply.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the following wording:

**m.51**

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- a) For official competitions of the FIE (cf. t.1) the source of power must always be ~~accumulators~~ secured through external batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) in order not to interrupt the load during the match if any interruption happens in the normal electricity supply. The wiring of the ~~box~~ apparatus to be powered in this way must be designed so that it is impossible for the ~~box~~ apparatus to become connected by mistake directly to the mains supply.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI commission

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## **Proposal 10**

**m.52**

4. For official FIE competitions, ~~it is compulsory that~~ the apparatus should be powered by a ~~step-down transformer or by accumulators.~~ without any connection to the main electrical supply

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the following wording:

**m.52**

4. For official FIE competitions (cf. t.1) it is compulsory that the apparatus must be powered ~~by accumulators~~ through external batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) with minimum 5 minutes backup time ~~without any connection to the main electrical supply.~~

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI commission

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## Proposal 11

m.58

3. If the apparatus is constructed to operate with **dry batteries**, it must be equipped with a voltmeter or some other device enabling the power in the batteries to be checked at any moment. However, the apparatus must always be **equipped with either a socket, ~~as described above~~**, to allow it to be powered by accumulators **or a socket to allow it to be powered by a step-down transformer.**

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the following wording:

m.58

3. If the apparatus is constructed to operate with dry batteries, it must be equipped with a voltmeter or some other device enabling the power in the batteries to be checked at any moment. However, the apparatus must always be equipped with **either a socket, ~~as described above~~** to allow it to be powered by ~~accumulator~~ **12 V DC via AC/DC converter or through VRLA batteries**

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI commission

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## Proposal 12

m.58

4. Generally, **if the apparatus is to be powered by batteries**, there should be **two batteries** available per apparatus: 12-volt car batteries are used, of 60 or 90 amps/hour.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the following wording:

m.58

4. Generally, **if the apparatus should be powered by batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply)**, the minimum backup time for the external batteries or UPS is 5 Minutes.

~~there should be two batteries available per apparatus: 12 volt car batteries are used, of 60 or 90 amps/hour.~~

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI commission

## Proposals of the Coaches council

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The Turning of the Shoulder is something that has been very much opposed by the international foil community ever since its introduction after Rio Olympics. It is very difficult to understand how much “the shoulder of the non-sword arm” should be advanced “in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm” and for all referees and fencers to maintain the same understanding of this rule.

There are enough penalties in the rules for covering the target, turning, irregular movements on the piste, use of non-sword arm, etc. Proposal was discussed. All members of the Council are in favour of this proposal. This rule should be cancelled.

Special comments: Refereeing commission should be advised to use the rules of fencing in “close quarters” more consistently.

**t.18.** ~~5. In foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Coaches council:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Athletes Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** To investigate possibility of reducing the gap (tolerance) in blocking time in sabre from 20 milliseconds to 3-6 milliseconds. All coaches present supported the proposal.

#### ANNEX B TO THE MATERIAL RULES C SABRE

**a.8**

After a hit has been registered, a subsequent hit made by the other fencer will only be registered if it occurs within a maximum of 170 ms (~~± 10~~ 3 ms).

**Rules commission:** Not in favour of changing the rule without evaluation.

**Coaches council:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour, but suggests +/-5ms

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour. Without supporting investigation and corresponding reports, it is impossible to choose between 10, 5 or 3 milliseconds. If tests have to be done in all FIE competitions, before making a final decision, it will be necessary to change again all the apparatuses.



## Proposals of the Belgian Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** this article leads to decisions being made by referees who do not reflect the spirit of the rule, if the article is strictly applied. This article is not needed, since the referee has other methods of justifying a penalty (turning one's back, covering, substitution, etc.)

#### t.18

5.The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is **dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules**, if one of the competitors is **disarmed** or **steps off the piste**, or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the Referee (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

~~At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

#### t.120

<del>t.19</del>				
<del>Reversing the line of the shoulders at foil *</del>	<del>t.18.5</del>	<del>YELLOW</del>	<del>RED</del>	<del>RED</del>
<del>Application: starting season 2016-2017</del>				

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Athletes Commission:** In favour

**Coaches Council:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** Even if the proposal is rejected, it would still be a good idea to correct the index.

#### Index To Articles

[Reversing the line of the shoulders \(foil\) t.18.5](#)

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Athletes Commission:** In favour

**Coaches Council:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

## Proposals of the British Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** Although the rules and diagrams seem to be clear, some referees and even some Directoires Techniques have assumed that the safety strips either side of the pistes for semi-finals and finals are part of the piste, thereby making it 50cm. wider. In order to make the rules quite clear, we propose to add a new paragraph 3 to article t.13

#### t.13

3. The **conductive safety borders**, indicated in Fig 1, the diagram of the pistes for finals and semi-finals, do not form part of the piste.

**Rules commission:** In favour by 3 votes, 1 against and 4 abstentions

**SEMI Commission:** The Commission did not form an opinion

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

The proposal has been withdrawn

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** Just as warnings and sanctions must be recorded, so should time taken for injuries and cramps – particularly as no further time may be taken for the same injury in the same day. We therefore propose the addition of the following sentence to t.33.1:

#### t.33

1. For an injury or cramp which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 10 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the treatment of the injury or cramp, which brought it about. If the doctor considers, before or at the end of the 10 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.44.11.a/b).

All breaks for injury or cramp must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour with the condition that the software is able to keep record of injury throughout the competition

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal and agrees with the remark of the Refereeing Commission.

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## Proposal 4

**Motivation:** When a fencer makes an appeal for video refereeing, there is an interruption, sometimes quite long, which can irritate the spectators. In other sports which use a video-refereeing system, spectators are able to see the replays and hear the discussion between referees – which considerably lessens the harmful effects of the interruption, since the spectators feel much more involved in what is happening. We therefore propose the addition of the following sentence.

### t.42

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b. iv The replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators: any discussion between the referee and the video-referee must also be made audible to the public.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour from L64 for practical reasons. In favour for finals for displaying of replay and propose testing of broadcast of communication.

**Refereeing commission:** In favour of making video available to public. Not in favour of making audio available to public.

**Rules commission:** In favour of the following wording:

### t.42

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b. iv At the Olympic Games and at the Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, the replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators

**Executive Committee:** In agreement with the remark of the PP Commission and of the Rules Commission. The final text proposed, therefore, is:

### t.42

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b. iv At the finals of the Olympic Games and at the finals of the Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, the replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators

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## Proposal 5

The proposal is withdrawn

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## Proposal 6

**Motivation:** Following recent anxieties caused by masks falling from heads during fencing, add the following two texts:

### t.45

1. If a fencer appears on the piste:
  - with only **one** regulation **weapon** (cf. t.86.1/2); or
  - with only **one** regulation **body wire**; or
  - with only **one** regulation **mask wire**; or
  - with a weapon or a body wire which does not work or which does not conform with the Rules; or
  - without his **protective under-plastron** (cf. t.43.1.e); or
  - with a **conductive jacket** which does not fully cover the valid target; or
  - with a mask whose 2<sup>nd</sup> security device is not securely fixed to the body of the mask; or
  - with **clothing** which does not conform with the Rules;

the Referee will apply the penalties stipulated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120 (First Group).
  
2. When during a bout an irregularity is found in the equipment which could be caused by conditions **during the bout**:

Examples:

- conductive jacket with holes in which hits are registered as non-valid,
- weapon or body wire no longer functioning,
- pressure of the spring in the point too weak,
- the travel in the point no longer regulation,

the Referee will apply **neither warning nor penalty** and any hit scored with the equipment, which has become defective will be awarded.

However, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose weapon, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, has a **curve of the blade** which exceeds that permitted (cf. m.8.6, m.16.2, m.23.4) commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116 and t.120.

Similarly, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose mask, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, is not securely held on his head by the 2<sup>nd</sup> security device, commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with articles t.114, t.116 and t.120

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 7

**Motivation :** If, in the course of a bout, an item of a fencer's clothing becomes damaged and therefore dangerous, he must have the chance to replace it with new clothing – if he has to buy it on the spot, it will not have his name, nationality or, if necessary, national logo on it. He should therefore be in the same position as a fencer replacing a non-regulation conductive jacket as outlined in article t.45.5. We therefore propose that the current article becomes t.45.5.a and the following text becomes t.45.5.b. We also suggest that if the organisers of the competition have not provided the necessary printing service for new clothing, this should be recognised as being 'force majeure'.

### t.45

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**a.** If the conductive jacket does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket that does conform to the rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc.) to get his name and nationality printed on it.

If this is not done and except in cases of 'force majeure', the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.

**b.** If an item of a fencer's clothing bearing the name and nationality or the national logo becomes dangerous (e.g. tear, burst seam), the fencer must put on spare clothing, which conforms to the rules. If this clothing does not bear the name and nationality or the national logo, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition, as detailed in the preceding article, to get them printed on it. If this is not done and except in cases of force majeure, the referee will eliminate the fencer.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 8

The proposal has been deferred

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### Proposal 9

**Motivation:** Article **t.122** states that casting doubt on the referee's decision on a point of fact is an offence, but it does not figure in **t.120**: we therefore propose that it be added to **t.120, 1.17** so that the text reads:

#### t.120

##### 1.17

Unjustified appeal : <a href="#">casting doubt on the decision of the referee on a point of fact</a>	<b>t.122.2/4</b> <b>t.122.1/2</b>	YELLOW	RED	RED
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**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 10

**Motivation:** We suggest changing the article reference for **t.120, 4.5**, currently t.87.2, to **t.87.2/3** – the offences in t.87.3 also need to be covered.

#### t.120

##### 4.5

Offence against sportsmanship	<b>t.87.2/3</b> <b>t.105.1</b>	;	BLACK
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**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 11

**Motivation:** Add the reference to article 'm.5.5.d', which also defines the fault in question.

**t.120**

4.3

Equipment altered to allow the recording of hits or the non-functioning of the apparatus at will	<b>t.45.3.a)</b> <b>v) ; m.5.5.d</b>	BLACK
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**Rules commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 12

**Motivation:** The second explanatory note concerning black cards is in fact not accurate – they are preceded in three cases by a yellow card and in two cases can be given without even a yellow card. We, therefore, suggest deleting this note.

**t.120**

Explanations	
BLACK	<del>A fencer only receives a BLACK CARD in the Third Group if he previously committed an offence in this Third Group (demonstrated by a RED CARD).</del>

**Rules commission:** In favour

**Refereeing commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour



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## Proposal 13

**Motivation:** For greater precision, we suggest changing the wording of the article from 'Fencers' clothing/ to

### m.25

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c. ~~Clothing~~-Jackets, under-plastrons, breeches and trousers must be made entirely in cloth able to **resist a pressure of 800 Newtons**. Very particular attention must be paid to the way the seams under the armpits, if there are any, are made. An **under-garment** consisting of a protective under-plastron covering the vital upper areas of the body (following the design given in Annexe A to these Rules, 'Safety norms for manufacturers') resistant to 800 Newtons is also obligatory.

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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## Proposal 14

**Motivation:** In the interests of safety, we suggest adding to m.25.6 a second sentence:

Glove

### m.25

6. At all weapons, the **gauntlet of the glove** must, in all circumstances, fully cover approximately half the forearm of the competitor's sword arm to prevent the opponent's blade entering the sleeve of the jacket.  
~~Under no circumstances, should there be any hole in the hand of the glove, even to allow the passage of the body wire.~~

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In agreement with the SEMI commission, in favour of the proposal.

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**Proposal 15**

The proposal has been withdrawn

## Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** For more clarification, we propose to add the mentioned references:

**o.17**  
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b) 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 minute (see o.17.1.b). 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.

**o.24**

3. 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 minute (see o.17.1.b). 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.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour. Unnecessary addition. In any case the rule reference is o.17.2.b

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** In order to distinguish and pinpoint the real winner according to a real, fair and more exhaustive factor we propose the following sub-article to o.24 as:

**o.24**

5. Whenever the two fencers reach the score of 14/14, the match will continue until one of them reaches a result with a difference of 2 points.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour. Touches at 14-14 are some of the most exciting moments in fencing.

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** In order to have pools of 7 in competitions organized with exemption, we propose to modify o.31.3;

**o.31**

**3.** At the Senior World Championships or senior world cups, if all pools are of 7, the 16 fencers entered, who are ranked highest in the most recent official FIE classification are exempt from the preliminary phase. If not, in order to have balanced pools, the extra **needed number** of fencers will be **added to or subtracted from the 16 exempted** fencers according to their initial FIE ranking.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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#### **Proposal 4**

**o.32**

**2.** After the round of pools, the 16 fencers ranked highest on the general index (cf o.19) are exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table. Should there be a tie between two or more fencers for the 16th place, there will be a barrage for 5 hits to decide who is ranked 16th. Following the barrage, the ranking of the fencers is determined according to V, TD-TR, TD. (2016/17)

After the round of pools, if the number of the first 16 exempted fencers was increased or decreased in order to have all pools of 7, the number needed to make up 32 from those who are ranked highest in the general index are exempted from the preliminary direct elimination table.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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#### **Proposal 5**

**Motivation:** As one of the most important aims of the FIE is to promote fencing and to encourage more countries to participate in its events, it seems that one of the easiest ways is to offer more privileges in its own official events. In this regards, awarding 2 third places in team events will help the winner teams to receive more franchising from their governments and their national Olympic Committees. On the other hand, receiving a bronze medal in a WCH or a WC will have great effects on the media, which in return will encourage more people to watch fencing on TV and finally participate in our beautiful sport. Therefore, we propose to add the following sub-article to o.43;

**o.43**

4. Two bronze medals are awarded to the losing teams of the semi-final matches.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour. The bronze medal match is a spectacle for our sport.

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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## Proposal 6

**Motivation:** In order to distinguish and pinpoint the real winner according to a real, fair and more exhaustive factor we propose to modify o.44.8 as follows:

**o.44**

**8. The winning team** is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time.

Whenever the 2 teams scores are equal at 44/44, the match will continue until one of the teams reaches a result with a difference of 2 points.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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## Proposal 7

**Motivation:** According to “Training Theory” scientifically, a fencer or a team cannot reach his or its performance peak more than 2 times a year. Besides, in order to reduce the financial pack of member federations, we propose to reduce the number of events in the FIE calendar as follows:

4 individual World Cups

4 team World Cups

2 Grands Prix

Accordingly, we propose to modify the following articles:

**o.83**

**1. Official FIE individual ranking**

**a) Principles**

The official Senior ranking of the FIE takes into account the best ~~five~~ four results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

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**Proposal 8**

**o.84**

**1. Official team ranking of the FIE**

**a) Principles**

The official Senior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best four three results** in the Senior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Senior World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

**PP Commission:** Not in favour

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour

## Proposals of Iraqi Fencing Federation

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** 1. If we have a quick look on the FIE ranking, for example, Senior Epee Men Individual (17/03/2017), we see that from the 1092 ranked world fencers, only 385 fencers have points and the rest 707 fencers have 0 points (about double).  
2. To value the efforts of all participants in all FIE competitions.  
3. To show the difference between eliminated and qualified fencers in the round of pools.  
We propose to modify the scale of points in o.83.2 as follows:

### o.83

#### Scale of points

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a) The ranking is based on the **following points system:**

1st place	<del>3248</del> points
2nd place	<del>2640</del> points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	<del>2032</del> points
5th–8th places	<del>1424</del> points
9th–16th places	<del>816</del> points
17th–32nd places	<del>412</del> points
33rd–64th places	<del>28</del> points
65 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup> places	<del>14</del> points
97 <sup>th</sup> -128 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
129 <sup>th</sup> -256	1 point

**PP Commission:** Not in favour

**Rules commission:** In favour of the following addenda to the current system without changing the current awarding of points:

97 <sup>th</sup> -128 <sup>th</sup>	0.5 point
129 <sup>th</sup> -256 <sup>th</sup>	0.25 point

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour of modifying the current point system. However, in order to value the participation of the athletes in competitions, it agrees to provide points to the fencers ranked 97<sup>th</sup> to 256<sup>th</sup> according to the proposal of the Rules Commission.

## Proposals of Israeli Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The junior season starts at the 1 September. A fencer can be titled at the cadet junior and senior continental and world championships but cannot take part on the competitions ahead at the first 4 months of that season (1 September-31 December). The following article contradicts o.55. 1. as it is because if the fencer is allowed to take part at the world championships (cadet junior and senior) then he or she can compete also on the 4 months (1 September-31 December) preceding the year of the world championships .

o.80. only fencers who are **of an age to qualify** for the next Junior World Championships may fence in the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, of the current fencing season.

### o.55

1. No fencer is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she **is will be at least 13 years old** on 1 January in the **year season** of the competition.

**Rules commission:** Not in favour

**Legal commission:** See Legal Commission response to Proposal 7 – Proposals of the Executive Committee:

The Legal Commission agrees with the establishment of the birthday as the date for determining eligibility for an FIE license. Unless the medical commission presented documentation for a change of age, age 13 should be retained.

**Medical Commission:** After a discussion whether more medical research should be investigated on the minimum age limitation, the Medical Commission approved by majority to accept Proposition n° 2 to consider the date of an athlete's 13th birthday and thereafter as determinant to participate in FIE sanctioned competitions.

**Executive Committee:** not in favour. In favour of its own proposal.



## Proposals of Italian Fencing Federation

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The proposal aims to make uniform the rules for referees for the different categories and world cup and avoid the diversification regarding the issue.

In order to avoid that the countries participating with less than 5 athletes will not bring their referee and do not pay any fee, this rule will be more equal and all the countries will be responsible to their quota of the corresponding referee fee.

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~~1-a) The number of FIE A or B Grade referees (cf. t.35) that must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions and Veteran World Championship is:  
1-4 fencers No obligation to provide a referee  
5-9 fencers One referee  
10 or more fencers Two referees  
1 junior team One referee~~

~~For junior A Grade competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).~~

~~b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.~~

For **Open A-grade, Grand Prix, Veterans World championships and Senior and Junior World Cup team competitions**, between 8 and 12 referees, depending on the number of expected fencers, proposed by the Refereeing Commission, will be designated by the Executive Committee and delegations will not have to provide any referees. The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organizing committee.

All the referees will be at the expense of the organizers who in return will keep the entry fees.

For **Veterans World Championships and Junior World Cups** an additional entry fee for referees is added to the registration fee; the amount of this fee will be proposed by the organizers and approved by the FIE.

**Legal commission:** The Legal Commission expresses no opinion since this is a Rules provision that does not affect any statutory provision or principle.

**Refereeing Commission:** in favour for the Veterans World Championships. Not in favour for the Junior Word Cups.

**Veterans' Council:** in favour

**Rules commission:** The Commission agrees on the principle of this proposal. However, the entry fees and number of referees designated for each category must be defined and decided by the Congress. Unanimously in favour with the following wording:

#### o.81

2. For **Senior A-grade Grand Prix and Senior and Junior World Cup individual and team competitions and Veterans World championships**, the number of referees designated by the Executive Committee as proposed by the Refereeing Commission figures on the table below. Delegations do not have to supply referees. ~~8 referees proposed by the Refereeing Commission will be designated by the Executive Committee and delegations will not have to provide any referees. The additional referees required (no less than 5) will be provided by the Organising committee.~~

The organisers of all the above competitions are required to supply additional A and B Category referees depending on the numbers of fencers entered in order to guarantee both the quality of the refereeing and that only neutral referees are used.

All the referees will be at the expense of the organizers who in return will keep the entry fees.

Category of competition	Number of A or B referees designated by the FIE (one per country)	Entry fee
Senior World Cup	8	EUR 60 individual EUR 400 team
Grand Prix	14	EUR 100
Junior World Cup	5	EUR 60 individual EUR 300 team
Veterans World Championships	30	EUR 90 individual EUR 185 team

**Executive Committee:** Proposal already dealt with proposal no. 10 of the Executive Committee

## Proposals of Swedish Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** In order to ensure a clear understanding of how the length of the blade of an épée is measured a reference to m.3 should be added, same as in m.8.4 for foil. Paragraph m.16.3 should be amended as follows

#### m.16

3. The maximum length of the blade is 90 cm (cf. m.3).

**Rules commission:** In favour

**SEMI Commission:** In favour

**Executive Committee:** In favour

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### Proposal 2

The proposal has been deferred

MINUTES  
REFEREEING COMMISSION MEETING  
NICE, 15 FEBRUARY 2017

Present:

Ana Pascu / Executive Committee FIE  
Emmanuel Katsiadakis / Secretary General FIE  
Mohammad El Motawakkel / President of the Commission  
Claus Janka / Member of the Commission  
Irina Knisch / Member of the Commission  
Marco Pistacchi / Member of the Commission  
Salah Ferjani / Member of the Commission  
Changgon Kim / Member of the Commission  
Jose Luis Alvarez / Member of the Commission  
Olga Cojocari / Member of the Commission  
Iana Dakova / Member of the Commission  
Katsumi Yamaguchi / Member of the Commission  
Nathalie Rodriguez / FIE  
Evgeny Tsoukhlo / FIE  
Krisztian Kulcsar / FIE  
Natalia Bodrova / FIE

1. Discussing RC Plan 2017-2020

a) Assigned sub - groups to work closely with other commissions and councils:

- Rules Commission - Ferjani, Knysch, Janka
- Coaches council - Alvarez, Cojocari, Pistacchi
- Women's council - Yamaguchi, Dakova
- Semi Commission - Kim, Knysch

Medical Commission - Dakova, Pistacchi

President of the commission El Motawakel will be Cc to all communication of the sub - groups with the respective commissions and councils

b) Assigned members to assist FIE office with securing replacement referees during the season:

Knysch, Dakova, Cojocari, Pistacchi - Cc Motawakel

c) Assigned member to collect and process referees' evaluations during the season:

Janka - Cc El Motawakel

d) Assigned members responsible for Recording, organizing and distributing meetings agendas and minutes:

Dakova, Pistacchi - Cc El Motawakel

- e) Members charged with the task of establishing video library to be used during seminars of all levels and exams:  
Ferjani, Janka, Pistacchi, Knysch, Cojocari, Alvarez
  - f) Members charged with the task of actualization of the referees list on the FIE website with the assistance of the FIE office:  
Knysch, Dakova, Kim, Pistacchi - Cc Motawakel
2. Claus Janka presents a list of principles suggested to guide the work of the RC. See attached document 1. The majority of the commission agrees with some additions and corrections only with part of the suggestions. See attached document #2.
  3. Referees Commission delegates assigned to Veteran's WCH 2017 - Knysch, Alvarez / Reserve - Janka
  4. Plan for exams and seminars 2017-2020 The RC agrees on three stages of the plan - Educational Seminar, Pre-exam seminar and exam, Continues Education and development of referees. The following presentations and decisions took place:
    - a) Mr Janka expresses concern about the length of the current practice - three days of seminars +three days of exams, followed by three more days of Junior events of the Zonal CH. The recommendation of the commission is to add one more exam per weapon per season conducted during JWCs. The FIE Office should invite the Confederations to take the initiative to apply for an exam during a JWC that they are hosting.
    - b) Mr Katsiadakis presents a project - organizing educational seminars in all zones every season. Those courses will be led by designated experienced referees as follows  
Europe - Mage, Ranza, Milenchev  
Africa - El Bakry, Aouyb Ferjani, Kovrijnik  
America - Rios, Trois, Florea  
Asia - Leong, Toure, George
    - c) Members of the RC assigned to assist with each weapon - work closely with the designated leaders of the educational courses, working on discovering new talents with the assistance of our elite referees, etc:  
Saber - Alvarez, Kim, Knish  
Foil - Pistacchi, Janka, Dakova  
Epee - Ferjani, Cojocari, Yamaguchi

d) Members of our elite referee group will be assigned to JWC to assist with discovering and mentoring young talented referees.

e) Find a way to communicate to NF the importance of securing assignments for the new referees.

5. Reviewing the letter by the National Saber coach of Romania requesting the RC to watch a specific match that took place during the MS WC in Madrid 2017. Video material was not presented. The RC will address the request when such material is present. Assigned members to review the video - Kim, Alvarez, Knysch, Dakova, Janka, Motawakel

6. President of Rules Commission addresses the meeting with the concern of improving the wording of number of rules. The issue is left to the designated working group.

7. Review of the Proposals to Congress - see attached

8. Review of letters sent by NF Re referees' designations

9. Review of Mr Zelikovics's letter regarding his license.

10. Ms Knysch informs the meeting about a conversation she has started with Mr Ota regarding developing Japanese referees in view of Tokyo 2020

11. Presentation of a system to fairly and adequately distribute referees' designations during the season, by Marco Pistacchi. See attached.

12. New web based system for distributing referees and delegates - project by Mohamed El Motowakel. A test program to be presented before further discussion.

13. Seminars and exams specifically designated for women - The RC is in agreement to make all efforts to support and develop larger number of female referees.

The decision is, since the last two specialized seminars were organized in Europe and America, the next two seminars should be scheduled for Africa and Asia. Dates and places TBD.

14. Masterlist and designations until end of 2017. See attached

15. Next meeting scheduled for September 9,10 in Athens, Greece.

### **Self-conception**

- the commission should work according to the Statutes FIE 6.5.3.
- have to work as a team
- the intentions and actions of the members must be independent of their continent or NF
- decisions and important documents have to be discussed internally during the meetings or on an electronic way.
- statements on principal matters should be made in cooperation with RC
- the RC expect to be involved in all relevant matters for which RC has responsibility before final decisions will be made by other authorities
- evaluation and analysis should be principally not secret, but the internal discussions during the procedure to find a solution have to be kept inside the RC.

### **Working principles**

- base is a plan of important matters for the current Olympic cycle
  - the annually working plan have to contain dates/contents/ responsibilities.
  - all commission members must be involved in the working process.
  - RC must be active in together working with other commissions and use as well the experience of competent referees.
  - all documents related to the work of RC (meeting, working groups, proposals, minutes, etc) before the final version will be sent to FIE bodies must be sent as a draft to the all RC members and then to the FIE with a copy to all RC members.
  - the President of RC is responsible to coordinate the work of RC and the budget. He is informing the members in a transparent way.
  - reports have to be made carefully in the determined form and to send within 7 days after event to all members RC and FIE. The reports have to be made for all activities where RC members were in charge of FIE.
  - a feedback to the referees during events regarding their performance have to be given from the RC delegate at the place.
  - designations of referees for competitions must be prepared under consideration of reports and other additional informations.
- In case if designated referees is not available for the event the appointed RC delegate must be involved in the process of replacement.
- the agenda for meetings have to send at least 2 weeks prior the date to all members.
  - complaints during competitions will deal under responsibility of the current responsible member of RC, possible with aid other competent persons. About fact, procedure and result all members have to be informed asap.

The Refereeing Commission agrees with the following principles of operation in order to make the performance of our commission more effective and efficient and help with the development of our international referees.

1- the RC expect to be involved in all relevant matters for which RC has responsibility before final decisions will be made by other authorities.

2- all documents related to the work of RC (meeting, working groups, proposals, minutes, etc) before the final version will be sent to FIE bodies must be sent as a draft to the all RC members and then to the FIE ~~with a copy to all RC members~~.

3- the President of RC is responsible to coordinate the work of RC and the budget, ~~He is informing the members in a transparent way~~.

4- ~~reports~~ Starting from the next season, Referee's Evaluation sheet has to be made careful in the determined form and to send within ~~7 days~~ 14 days after event to all members RC and to FIE at the end of the season unless there is a serious problem happened during competition. ~~The reports have to be made for all activities where RC members were in charge of FIE~~.

5- a feedback to the referees during events regarding their performance have to be given from the RC delegate at the place.



6- the agenda for meetings have to send at least 2 weeks prior the date to all members.



Masterlist 2017-18

RC 25.6.17

level	RC	ID	CJ	OC	IK	ID	ME	KY	LA	SF	IK	ID	ME	KY	LA	CJ	total	WCH-Vet Manbor 16/21.10.17	WCH-JC Verona 1 / 10.4.18	WCH Wuxi 15.7.-15.8.18																	
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23	1		Hejrskov	Mads		21.01.71	DAN	B	B									1																			
	1		Guenet	Jean-Marc		20.03.70	FRA	A	B									0																			
	1	2	Mage	Pascal		27.05.73	FRA	B	B		R			1				1																			
	1	3	Bardenhagen	Tim		27.10.88	GER	B	B			1						1																			
	1		Lange	Robert		26.02.73	GER	B	B									0																			
	1		Denzer	Benjamin		20.11.81	GER	B	B	B				1				1																			
	1		Acevedo	Pablo			ESP	B	B	B				1				1																			
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	1		Varga	Katalin	1	01.07.80	HUN	B						R				0																			
	1	2	Armata	Gaspare		06.09.88	ITA	B	B			1						1																			
	1	1	Scomparin	Isacco		28.01.81	ITA	B	B	R				1				1																			
	1		Pascucci	Martina	1	25.06.90	ITA	B	B			1						1																			
	1	3	Paghiev	Mihail		22.07.65	MDA	B	B	B			R					1																			
	1		Mojski	Jaroslav		09.03.79	POL	B	B					1				1																			
	1	2	Wittkovski	Andrzej		29.08.79	POL	B	B		R	1						1																			
	1	3	Machado	Miguel		29.07.72	POR	B	B		R	1						1																			
	1	1	Gheorge	Florin		31.01.72	ROU	A	B	B		1	R		1			2																			
	1		Gurinenko	Bogdan		13.10.87	UKR	B	B									0																			
	1	1	Zurawlowa	Natalia	1	22.01.69	RUS	B	B			1						1																			
	1	2	Rouzavina	Ianna	1	23.09.82	RUS	B	B					1				1																			
	1		Nagimov	Rail		19.09.70	RUS	B	B									0																			
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	1	3	Wong	Kam Kau		13.09.78	HKG	B	B			1						1																			
	1		Cheng	Chi Huang Gerald		13.03.73	HKG	B	B	B				1				1																			
	1	3	Chua	Eugene		13.02.88	SIN	B	B	B	R			1				1																			
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	1	3	Ko	Jong Hwan		01.11.72	KOR	B	B			R			1			1																			
	1	1	Suh	Sangwon		19.07.67	KOR	A	B			1	1					2																			
	1		Doo	Hwa Jung	1	06.04.85	KOR	B	B					R				0																			
	1		Tabata	Yashuaki		01.09.69	JPN	B	B	B								0																			
	1	3	Huang	Hao Chi		23.06.84	TPE	B	B	B		1		R				1																			
	1		Al Monsoori	Majed		15.01.93	UAE	B	B			R						0																			
AM	1	3	Kuznetzow	Alexej		02.09.67	CAN	B	B				1	R				1																			
9	1		Nguyen	Thomas		09.10.72	CAN	B	B	B	1							1																			
	1		Rios	Juan		22.03.62	MEX	B	A	B		R	1		1			2																			
	1		Parilla	Luisa	1	10.02.82	PUR	B	B		1			R				1																			
	1	3	Koehler	Kelly		03.02.77	USA	B	B	B		1						1																			
	1		Donelly	Devin		12.10.79	USA	B	B				R		1			1																			
	1		Forster	Andrew		21.09.90	USA	B	B			1						1																			
	1		Moreno	Luis		08.05.80	CHI	B	B	B	1							1																			
	1		Rodriguez	Tulasi	1	15.06.90	GUA	B			1							1																			
AF	1	3	El Naggar	Bassel		22.11.81	EGY	B	B	B			R	1				1																			
6	1	1	Ferjani	Ayub		27.02.86	TUN	B	B	B				1				1																			
	1		Zerabib	Khadidja	1	11.04.90	ALG	B	B			1						1																			
	1	3	Kovrijnykh	Andre		09.01.77	RSA	B	B	B	R	1			1			2																			
	1		Hammami	Anis		10.01.90	TUN	B				1		R				1																			
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level		Saber		F	Res	SF	KY	ME	ID	LA	MP	WC WS Orleans 27 / 29.10.17	WC MS ARG ? 3 / 5.11.17	WC WS St.Niklaas 17 / 19.11.17	WC MS Budapest 1 / 3.12.17	GP MS / WS Cancun15 / 17.12.17	WC WS New York 26 / 28.1.18	WC MS Padua 2 / 4.2.18	WC MS Warschau 22 / 25.2.18	WC WS Athen 16 / 18.3.18	GP WS/MS Seou 29 / 1.4.18	WC WS Tunis 11 / 13.5.18	WC MS Madrid 18 / 20.5.18	GP WS / MS Moscou 1 / 3.6.18	total	WCH-Vet Maribor 16/21.10.17	WCH JC Verona 1 / 10.4.18	WCH Wuxi 15.7.-15.8.18		
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1	2	Valiev	Fikrat	23.5.72	AZE	B	B	B	R	1																				
23	1	1	Milentschew	Vassil	02.11.70	BUL	B	B	A	1																				
	1	2	Vallejo	Guillermo	21.05.83	ESP	B	B	B	1																				
	1		Vasques	Daniel	17.11.76	ESP	B	B	B		1																			
	1	3	Cassares	Ignazio	30.06.77	ESP	B	B	B			R	1																	
	1	3	Jeanny	Aurelie	12.08.84	FRA	B	B	B		1																			
	1		Berthier	Anne-Laure	04.10.85	FRA	B	B	B								1													
	1		Limbardet	Christophe	30.06.68	FRA	B	B	B									1												
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	1		Becker	William	01.12.65	USA	B	B	B			1		R	1															
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	1		Attar Cohen	Adriana	13.04.81	ARG	B	B	B																					
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Tabella 1

	GP 1	GP 2	GP 3								number of competition per referee
<b>1. LEVEL</b>	1 - 2 - 3	1 - 2 - 4 - 5	3 - 4 - 5								2
5 referees											
<b>2. LEVEL</b>	1 - 2 - 3	3 - 4 - 5	1 - 2 - 4 - 5								2
5 referees											
<b>3. LEVEL</b>	1 - 2 - 3 - 4	5 - 6 - 7	8 - 9 - 10								1
10 referees											
<b>4. LEVEL</b>	4 X	4 X	4 X								
30 referees											
	WC 1	WC 2	WC 3	WC 4	WC 5	WC 6	WC 7	WC 8	WC 9	WC 10	
<b>1. LEVEL</b>	1 - 4	2 - 5	3	2 - 4	5	1 - 3	2	3	4	1 - 5	3
5 ref											
<b>2. LEVEL</b>	4	5	1	2	3	5	1	2	3	4	2
5 ref											
<b>3. LEVEL</b>	1 - 6	2 - 7	3 - 8	4 - 9	5 - 10	1 - 7	2 - 8	3 - 9	4 - 10	5 - 6	2
10 ref											
<b>4. LEVEL</b>	3 x	3 x	4 x	3 x	4 x	3 x	4 x	4 x	4 x	3 x	
30 ref											

In my project we should divide referees in 4 levels.

Referees of first level (about 5), at the end of the season will be used in 2 GP and 3 WC.

Referees of second level (about 5), at the end of the season will be used in 2 GP and 2 WC.

Referees of third level (about 10), at the end of the season will be used in 1 GP and 2 WC.

Referees of fourth level (about 30), at the end of the season 12 of them will be used one time in GP and all of them at least in

This project would like to give chance to everybody and balance the level of each designation mixing good level of referees and lower level; in this way competitions will run well and "top referees" will transfer their experience and qualities to the others.

## Proposals from Israel Fencing Federation

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### Chang of article

Administrative Rules of the FIE, June 2016 **3.1.4** International referees must be at least 20 years of age. They remain on the FIE list until 30 June of the sports season in which they celebrate their 60th birthday.

### To

Administrative Rules of the FIE, June 2016 **3.1.4** International referees must be at least 20 years of age. They remain on the FIE list until 30 June of the sports season in which they celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Motivation

The difference of referring between fencing to rugby-football-handball... Is mostly physical were the physical condition dominants.

Three decades ago the FIE organization made a decision that referees aged 60 and above will not be allowed to judge at international tournaments. The considerations for this decision, made in the 1990'S may not be actual appropriate for the 21st century.

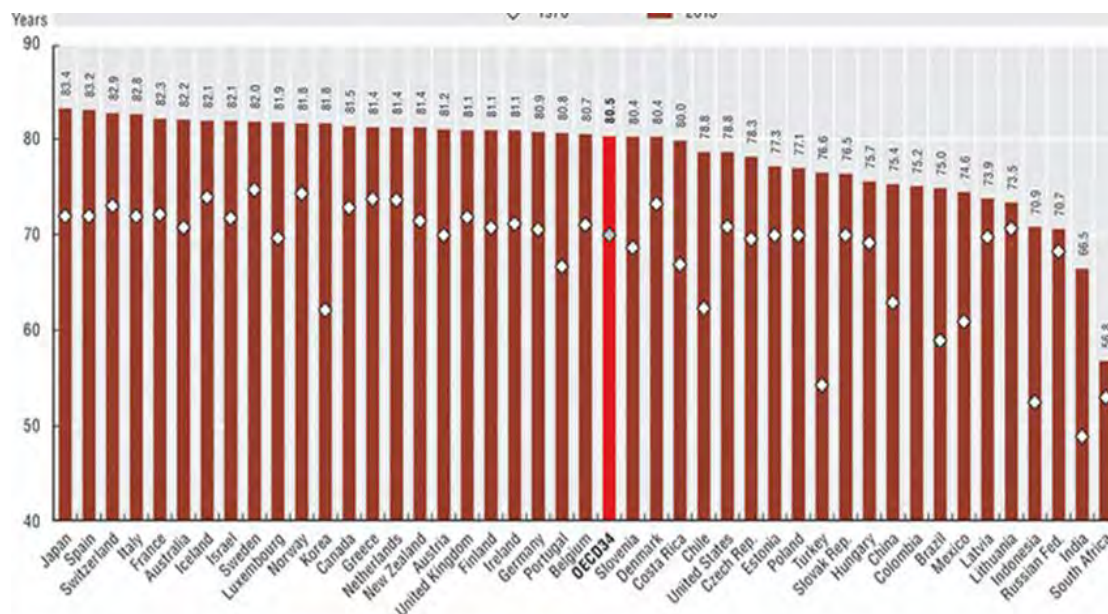
We are witnessing today a revolution in all life aspects and life expectancy has accordingly risen by tens of percent. Many workplaces today employ engineers, scientists, pilots and doctors who are above the age of 60. The age for retirement in the modern world has consequently risen; usually women retire at age 62 and men at age 67.

Introducing a new generation of referees into international tournaments is a praiseworthy decision however the age of 60 should not yet be the end of a many-year professional career for seasoned referees. The senior referees are greatly experienced and professional, their presence is reassuring to young fencers and contributes valuable knowledge to young referees.

A significant number of states and professionals have agreed to raise the retirement age for fencing referees to the age of 67.

Att.

The Refereeing Commission not in support



Source: OECD Health Statistics 2015, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/health-data-en>.

### Average effective age of retirement: men

Notes: The average effective age of retirement is calculated as a weighted average of (net) withdrawals from the labour market at different ages over a 5-year period for workers initially aged 40 and over. In order to abstract from compositional effects in the age structure of the population, labour force withdrawals are estimated based on changes in labour force participation rates rather than labour force levels. These changes are calculated for each (synthetic) cohort divided into 5-year age groups. The estimates shown in red are less reliable as they have been derived from interpolations of census data rather than from annual labour force surveys. The estimates for women in Turkey are based on 3-yearly moving averages of participation rates for each 5-year age group.

year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Australia	62.0	62.2	62.9	63.0	63.0	63.7	64.0	64.3	64.3	64.8	65.0	65.2	65.0	65.5	65.3
Austria	60.3	59.5	59.9	60.2	58.8	58.6	59.1	58.4	57.9	58.7	59.7	60.1	61.7	61.9	62.2
Belgium	58.5	58.5	58.5	57.6	58.6	58.7	59.0	59.6	59.9	59.5	60.9	59.8	59.7	59.8	60.0
Canada	62.7	62.9	63.1	63.6	63.2	63.3	63.2	63.3	63.7	63.5	63.5	63.9	63.8	63.9	64.5
Chile	68.5	68.8	68.8	68.3	68.5	69.2	69.6	69.7	70.3	70.4	70.1	70.6	71.4	70.4	70.9
Czech Republic	61.6	61.9	61.9	61.8	61.4	61.5	61.6	62.1	62.6	62.1	62.3	62.6	63.1	63.4	63.3
Denmark	63.4	62.9	62.4	63.9	63.4	63.2	63.9	63.4	64.0	64.6	64.0	63.5	63.4	62.5	63.0
Estonia	60.0	61.5	61.7	60.4	59.6	62.4	63.8	64.4	66.3	68.0	65.6	64.5	63.5	64.3	63.7

Finland	60 .1	60 .3	60 .9	59 .7	60 .0	60 .5	60 .4	60 .1	61 .3	61 .7	61 .6	62 .0	62 .9	62 .6	61 .9
France	58 .8	58 .7	58 .5	58 .8	58 .8	58 .7	58 .5	58 .8	59 .1	59 .0	59 .3	59 .1	59 .8	59 .6	59 .4
Germany	61 .0	61 .2	61 .0	61 .1	61 .3	61 .8	61 .8	62 .0	61 .1	61 .8	62 .0	62 .0	62 .1	62 .4	62 .7
Greece	63 .2	63 .1	62 .5	63 .1	62 .6	62 .4	62 .1	62 .5	62 .1	61 .9	61 .9	61 .8	61 .9	62 .0	61 .6
Hungary	58 .3	57 .8	57 .8	58 .8	57 .8	58 .9	59 .6	59 .7	59 .5	59 .9	60 .1	60 .3	60 .7	61 .3	62 .6
Iceland	70 .3	69 .3	69 .0	68 .6	67 .9	68 .9	69 .2	69 .5	69 .1	69 .7	68 .4	68 .2	68 .2	68 .9	69 .4
Ireland	65 .2	65 .0	65 .1	64 .8	65 .3	64 .9	64 .9	65 .4	65 .2	63 .7	63 .4	63 .3	64 .2	65 .1	65 .4
Israel	66 .3	66 .5	66 .0	65 .4	65 .1	65 .4	66 .4	66 .3	66 .1	66 .7	67 .6	66 .9	66 .9	68 .4	67 .8
Italy	60 .2	60 .2	61 .3	61 .1	60 .4	60 .7	60 .9	61 .0	60 .7	61 .0	60 .6	60 .9	61 .2	61 .4	61 .4
Japan	70 .1	69 .7	69 .8	69 .7	69 .5	69 .4	69 .4	69 .5	69 .6	69 .7	70 .1	69 .4	69 .1	69 .3	69 .3
Korea	67 .1	67 .5	68 .2	68 .6	69 .9	70 .2	71 .0	71 .3	70 .5	70 .3	71 .2	71 .4	71 .1	71 .5	72 .9
Luxembourg	59 .7	59 .1	59 .8	58 .3	58 .7	59 .2	58 .9	59 .1	59 .5	57 .3	57 .8	58 .0	57 .6	58 .6	61 .9
Mexico	75 .3	74 .8	73 .5	73 .7	73 .5	73 .7	74 .6	73 .5	73 .5	72 .7	72 .4	71 .3	72 .2	72 .5	72 .0
Netherlands	60 .6	61 .0	60 .5	60 .8	60 .5	61 .2	60 .9	61 .8	62 .9	63 .1	62 .9	63 .6	63 .6	63 .2	62 .9
New Zealand	64 .3	64 .3	64 .2	63 .6	64 .5	65 .8	67 .0	66 .6	66 .7	67 .1	65 .9	66 .0	66 .8	67 .1	67 .2
Norway	63 .9	63 .8	63 .0	62 .7	62 .7	63 .3	63 .9	64 .2	65 .3	64 .7	64 .2	64 .2	64 .8	64 .1	65 .2
Poland	61 .6	61 .3	61 .1	61 .4	61 .0	61 .4	61 .3	61 .4	61 .3	61 .7	61 .6	61 .5	62 .0	61 .9	62 .1
Portugal	63 .7	64 .2	64 .7	64 .7	65 .5	66 .4	66 .4	66 .9	66 .6	67 .0	66 .5	66 .3	66 .4	66 .9	67 .0
Slovak Republic	59 .4	59 .7	59 .4	59 .8	59 .7	59 .2	59 .4	59 .3	59 .3	59 .9	59 .8	60 .4	60 .9	61 .2	61 .1
Slovenia	61 .1	60 .5	62 .5	61 .8	61 .1	61 .1	61 .0	60 .4	61 .2	62 .0	61 .4	61 .7	62 .9	61 .4	62 .3
Spain	61 .6	61 .7	61 .3	61 .3	61 .1	60 .9	61 .2	61 .4	61 .6	61 .7	62 .3	62 .3	62 .3	62 .2	62 .2
Sweden	63 .7	63 .5	63 .6	64 .0	63 .6	65 .1	64 .7	65 .5	65 .7	66 .1	65 .4	66 .1	66 .1	65 .9	65 .2
Switzerland	65 .8	65 .9	66 .6	64 .6	65 .9	65 .2	64 .7	65 .0	66 .7	65 .7	65 .4	65 .8	66 .3	66 .1	66 .1
Turkey	61 .5	61 .8	61 .8	63 .2	63 .4	63 .9	64 .2	62 .9	62 .6	63 .0	63 .3	63 .2	63 .1	64 .0	65 .2
United Kingdom	62 .4	62 .7	63 .1	63 .4	63 .0	63 .3	63 .4	63 .4	63 .9	64 .4	64 .1	63 .6	63 .7	64 .3	64 .1
United States	64 .8	64 .7	65 .1	64 .2	64 .3	64 .6	64 .8	64 .6	65 .4	65 .6	65 .6	65 .3	65 .0	65 .3	65 .9
<b>Source:</b> <b>OECD.</b>															

For example:

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# Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993

a. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993** is an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom that strengthened the mandatory retirement provisions previously instituted by the **Judicial Pensions Act 1959** for members of the British judiciary.

While the 1959 Act forbade service past age 75 by any judges appointed thereafter (Lord Denning being the last exempt jurist), the 1993 Act made the ordinary retirement age 70, and while enabling a minister (presumably the Lord Chancellor) to allow individual judges to remain in office until 75, it expressly forbids persons aged over 75 to hold any judicial post whatsoever. An exception is the post of Lord Chancellor, a political appointee.

b.

[https://ballotpedia.org/Mandatory\\_retirement#Mandatory\\_retirement\\_ages\\_by\\_state](https://ballotpedia.org/Mandatory_retirement#Mandatory_retirement_ages_by_state)

## Mandatory retirement ages by state

State	Mandatory retirement age	Additional information
Alabama	70 <sup>[4]</sup>	
Alaska	70 <sup>[5]</sup>	
Arizona	70 <sup>[6][7]</sup>	
Arkansas	-	No retirement age; however, judges lose their earned retirement benefits if they choose to seek re-election past age 70. <sup>[8]</sup>
California	-	No retirement age
Colorado	72 <sup>[9]</sup>	
Connecticut	70 <sup>[10]</sup>	
Delaware	-	No retirement age
District of Columbia	74 <sup>[11]</sup>	

Florida	70 <sup>[12]</sup>	Judges may finish the final term if more than one-half has been served 70. <sup>[12]</sup>
Georgia	-	No retirement age
Hawaii	70 <sup>[13]</sup>	
Idaho	-	No retirement age
Illinois	-	Used to be 75, but law was struck down by <a href="#">Illinois Supreme Court</a> in
Indiana	-	No retirement age
Iowa	72 <sup>[16]</sup>	
Kansas	75 <sup>[17]</sup>	Judges may finish the final term during which they turn 75 <sup>[17]</sup>
Kentucky	-	No retirement age
Louisiana	70 <sup>[18]</sup>	Judges may finish the final term during which they turn 70 <sup>[18]</sup>
Maine	-	No retirement age
Maryland	70 <sup>[19]</sup>	
Massachusetts	70 <sup>[20]</sup>	
Michigan	70 <sup>[21]</sup>	
Minnesota	70 <sup>[22]</sup>	Judges must retire the last day of the month in which they have turned
Mississippi	-	No retirement age

Missouri	70/75 <sup>[23][24]</sup>	Judges other than municipal judges must retire at 70. <sup>[23]</sup> Municipal judges must retire at 75. <sup>[24]</sup>
Montana	-	No retirement age
Nebraska	-	No retirement age
Nevada	-	No retirement age
New Hampshire	70 <sup>[25]</sup>	
New Jersey	70 <sup>[26]</sup>	
New Mexico	-	No retirement age
New York	70 <sup>[27]</sup>	Judges may finish out year they turn 70. There is no retirement limit for Village Courts.
North Carolina	72 <sup>[28]</sup>	Judges must retire the last day of the month in which they have turned 72.
North Dakota	-	No retirement age
Ohio	70 <sup>[29]</sup>	Judges may finish the final term during which they turn 70.
Oklahoma	-	No retirement age
Oregon	75 <sup>[30]</sup>	Limit may be reduced to as low as 70 by statute or initiative.
Pennsylvania	70 <sup>[31]</sup>	Judges may finish out year they turn 70. <sup>[31]</sup>
Rhode Island	-	No retirement age <sup>[32]</sup>

South Carolina	72 <sup>[33]</sup>	No limit for Probate or Municipal Court judges. <sup>[33]</sup>
South Dakota	70 <sup>[34]</sup>	
Tennessee	-	No retirement age
Texas	75 <sup>[35]</sup>	Conditions may vary. See <a href="#">Article 5</a> for more information <sup>[35]</sup>
Utah	75 <sup>[36]</sup>	
Vermont	Judges may finish out year they turn 90. <sup>[37]</sup>	
Virginia	70 <sup>[38]</sup>	Judge will be retired 20 days after the regular session of the General Assembly following birthday. <sup>[38]</sup>
Washington	75 <sup>[39]</sup>	Judges may finish out year they turn 75 <sup>[39]</sup>
West Virginia	-	No retirement age
Wisconsin	Formerly 70 <sup>[40][41][42]</sup>	The Wisconsin Blue Book 2005-2006 states: "Wisconsin used to have a mandatory retirement age for judges and justices. From 1955 to 1978, judges and justices had to retire at age 70. Since 1977, the Wisconsin Constitution has authorized the legislature to impose a maximum age of no less than 70, but the legislature has not done so." <sup>[43]</sup>
Wyoming	70 <sup>[44]</sup>	

## The Refreeing Commission not in support

### 1. Chang of article

Administrative Rules of the FIE, June 2016 **3.1.5** An F.I.E. referee will be automatically removed from the list of international referees at the end of the second season in which he has not refereed in an F.I.E. official competition.

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Administrative Rules of the FIE, June 2016 **3.1.5** An F.I.E. referee will be automatically removed from the list of international referees at

the end of the second season in which he has not refereed in an F.I.E. **recognized** competition.

**Adding to official competitions, recognized competitions by the FIE for this matter. Every year federation will apply to the referring committee with a list and dates of competitions they wish an observer will attend and will observe the referees for this matter.**

**With a referring seminar preceding.**

### **Motivation**

The number of competitions referees may take part as been sent by their federatin reduced as the years are passing. Continental and world championships and senior world cups the referees are invited by the international governing body.

The competitions left are satellite and junior world cup.

The federations willing to expertise keep sending the same referees and therefore the diversity of referees reduces.

Countries that do not organize "official" competitions do not have the opportunity to let all their referees to be marked as they have done the necessary to keep their international referee license.

I don't know what happened on the non-European continents but I would like to direct to the project "11.08.2014 Information Letter no. 36-2014" att.

And to add the competitions running under the conditions above to be recognized.

**The Refreering Commission Not in support**

## **Proposal**

### **Seminars for new referees**

Further to the request of our President regarding the proposal of Mr. Vitaly Logvin, hereunder follows the relevant layout:

#### **General Description**

In its effort to help the Federations to further develop in the field of refereeing, FIE will organize refereeing seminars in each continent and in countries that are in absolute need, upon recommendation of the Confederations.

The programme will have a duration of four years (2017 - 2020) and will include thirty to thirty-six (30-36) seminars in total, maximum ten (10) seminars per year.

It is estimated that a successful implementation of the program will result in having more than 430 trained young referees from 36 countries.

For the year 2017, the first year of the implementation of the program, the following allocation of seminars per continent is recommended:

America 2

Asia 2

Africa 1

Europe 1

#### **In particular**

Seminars will be conducted in countries that are proposed by the Confederations and will include a total of 12 to 18 young referees in all three weapons (min 4 referees per weapon). Each seminar may be held even for only one or two weapons.

Top (elite) FIE referees will teach in the seminars.

In collaboration with the FIE Refereeing Commission, top (elite) referees per continent will be appointed in order to minimize travel costs.

The country that will host the seminar shall undertake all expenses except of the travel costs and per diem of the teaching referees that will be undertaken by FIE.

The country responsible for holding the seminar is required to provide all the necessary technical equipment (according to FIE's recommendations) for the smooth and successful conduct of the seminar.

### **Top (elite) referees**

Following the discussion with the Refereeing Commission, the referees below are proposed:

Africa : EL BAKRY Medhat (EGY) E=B, F=A, **S=B**

FERJANI Mohamed Ayoub (TUN) E=B, **F=A**, S=B

KOVRIJNYKH Andrei (RSA) **E=B**, F=A, S=B

America : FLOREA Marius (ROU) F=B, **S=A**

RIOS RIVERA Juan Carlos (MEX) E=A, **F=B**, S=B

TROIS DE AVILA Regis (BRA) **E=A**, F=B, S=B

Asia : DENZER Benjamin (GER) E=A, **F=B**, S=B

LEONG Dennis Kok Seng (SIN) **E=B**, F=A

TOURE Papa Khassoum (SEN) F=B, **S=A**

Europe : MAGE Pascal (FRA) E=B, **F=B**

MILENCHEV Basil (BUL) F=B, **S=A**

RANZA Giuliano (ITA) **E=B**, F=A, S=B

### **Estimated Cost of the Project**

Provided that all 36 seminars will take place, the total cost of the project for FIE will amount to 73.400 €.

**Cost analysis**

36 X 1.500\* = 54.000 euros

12 X 1.200\*\* = 14.400 euros

Production of necessary videos = 5.000 euros

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Total 73.400 euros

\* 1.500 – estimation of the average cost in total, including air fares and per diem for 5 days per referee / teacher

\*\*1.200 – estimation of the average cost in total, including air fares and per diem for 4 days per referee / teacher and the necessary members of the Refereeing Commission for a seminar, that is being considered necessary for the uniformity of the program and teachers.



# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE STATUTES

2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of Sam Cheris (MH) and Peter Jacobs (MH)

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** To harmonize the Statutes with the corresponding proposal relevant to the Technical Rules.

#### ~~7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card~~

~~When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E., it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal~~

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## Proposals of the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** REVISION TO ARTICLE 4.4.2, PARA 4, to clarify point 3 and bring the English version in line with the French and Spanish texts. Modify as follows:

- 4.4.2** 4. A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must ~~have both~~:
- ~~must~~ be or have been an FIE category B or A referees in at least two weapons;
- and
- be a current member of the Refereeing Commission, or have refereed in official FIE competitions in ~~each-of~~ at least two weapons in at least two (2) of the 4 fencing seasons (1 September to 31 August) preceding his candidature
- and
- have refereed, at least once, in one weapon, in the table of eight, **individual or team**, of a senior World Cup, or a Grand Prix, or a World Championships or the Olympic Games of the 4 fencing seasons preceding his candidature.

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### Proposal 5

**Motivation:** Modifications to facilitate the use of to the FIE Disciplinary Code by those confederations who have decided to subject themselves to it:

#### 7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card

When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E. **or of any of the Joined Confederations**, it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal.

**Refereeing Commission in Support**

# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES 2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of the Executive Committee

### Proposal 13

**Motivation:** to update the text as the rule is obsolete and also contradicts the previous phrase. As the satellite competitions are FIE competitions, which count in FIE classifications, FIE referees must be used.

#### t.35

1. All bouts at fencing in official FIE competitions are directed by a referee who must be an FIE referee licensed for the current season. ~~For reasons of expedience, National category referees who are candidates for the FIE refereeing exams and have paid to take them are authorised to referee satellite competitions~~

### Refereeing Commission in Support

### Proposal 14

**Motivation:** In 2016, the special working group discussed how to amend the rules in order to avoid non combativity in épée. The working group proposes a new non-combativity rule, which a) will motivate the fencers to engage into action without any negative consequences and b) would eliminate the risks of non-combativity. The concept is about to introduce the 45 second sequences with a priority given to a fencer. The priority rotates between the fencers according to the sequences, and in case there is no hit during a 45-second sequence then a hit is awarded to the fencer who has the priority.

### Non-combativity

#### t.87

#### Foil and Sabre (pools, direct elimination)

#### Epee (pools)

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

#### Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

## 5. Individual events

- a) If during the **first two periods** of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee proceeds to the next period, without the minute rest.
- b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

## 6. Team events

- a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee proceeds to the next bout.
- b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during **the last bout**, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute

## Epee

### Only for epee, in direct elimination:

7. There is evidence of **“non combativity”** when there are no hits for a period of at least 45 seconds.

### 8. Individual matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 10 minutes.
- b) There are two breaks of one minute when any of the fencers reaches the score of 5 and of 10 hits.
- c) If there are no hits for at least 45 seconds, for the first time in the match the referee shall call “halt” and assign one hit to the fencer that has the highest ranking in the Direct Elimination table.
- d) The priority is then passed to the opponent and the chronometer for priority is reset.
- e) If there is a hit, either single or double, the priority changes.
- f) The priority changes also when the score is 14-14 and there is a double hit.
- g) If at the end of the total regulation time of the match the score is even, the rule o.24.3 is applied.

### 9. Team matches

- a) The maximum time for each relay is 3 minutes.
- b) The priority for the first relay is given to the team that has the highest ranking in the Direct Elimination table. The initial priority is alternated at each subsequent relay.
- c) If there are no hits for at least 45 seconds, the referee shall call “halt” and assign one hit to the fencer that has the initial priority in the relay.
- d) If there is a hit, either single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer for priority is reset.

- e) There is no change of priority if the remaining time for each relay after a hit is less than 45 seconds.
- f) If, at the end of the total regulation time of the match, the score is even, the rule o.44.9 is applied.

***The present rules shall be applied for testing during the season 2017/2018.***

Refereeing Commission in Support of Testing

## Proposals of the Members of Honour

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### Proposal 1 (Sam Cheris; Peter Jacobs)

**Motivation:** To consolidate, remove inconsistencies, clarify and, where needed, correct and expand the Rules concerning both black cards and the rights of fencers to appeal the decisions of the referee, the supervisor or FIE delegate and the DT.

**Argument:** Currently the immediate penalties for the awarding of a black card are defined in the Rules (articles t.114 and t.119) whereas the potential for additional disciplinary action is spelled out in the Statutes (article 7.2.11); this proposal consolidates the texts in the Rules, deleting Statutes Article 7.2.11.

It is also proposed that Rules Article t.124 relating to the need to hold an enquiry previous to the imposition of a penalty should be deleted, as it contradicts t.97 (t.97 notes that DT and delegate decisions are immediately enforceable, being appealable solely to the Disciplinary Commission; and that no such appeal can suspend the decision during the competition).

#### t.114

2. Penalties are cumulative and they are valid for the bout with the exception of those indicated by a BLACK CARD, which means exclusion from the competition, suspension for the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (~~1 October~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Juniors, and (~~1 January~~ 1 October – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming or both (cf.t.119.2).

Refereeing Commission in Support

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### Proposal 2

#### The Fourth Group of offences

#### t.119

1. The first infringement in the Fourth Group, is penalised by a BLACK CARD (exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (~~1 October~~ 1 September – World Championships for the Juniors, and (~~1 January~~ 1 October – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming or both). However, **a team** excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

2. Furthermore any black card awarded at an international competition organized under the aegis of the FIE shall be reported within 10 days to the President of the F.I.E., for him to assess whether the severity of the offence committed warrants the sending of the report made by the FIE supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting him to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal to determine if penalties in addition to those imposed at the competition should be imposed.

Refereeing Commission in Support

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## Proposal 3

### PROTESTS AND APPEALS

#### Against a decision of the Referee

##### t.122

1. **No appeal can be made** against the decision of the Referee regarding a point of fact [except as permitted in t.42.3 for video refereeing](#) (cf. t.95.1/2/4, t.96.2).

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 4

##### t.122

2. If a fencer infringes this principle, **casting doubt** on the decision of the Referee on a point of fact during the bout, he will be penalised according to the rules (cf. t.114, t.116, t.120). However, if the Referee **is ignorant of or misunderstands a definite rule**, or applies it in a manner contrary to the Rules, an appeal on this matter may be entertained. [A point of fact includes, but is not limited to, any ruling by the referee analysing what happened on the piste, such as the validity or priority of a hit, whether a fencer left the side or end of the piste or if a person's behaviour is a Group 3 or Group 4 offence.](#)

3. This **appeal** must be made:

- a) in **individual** events, by the fencer,
- b) in **team events**, by the fencer or the team captain,

it should be made courteously but without formality, and should be made **verbally** to the Referee **immediately** and before any decision is made regarding a subsequent hit.

4. If the Referee **maintains** his opinion, the Refereeing Commission delegate or the Supervisor (if there is no delegate) has the authority to settle an appeal (cf. t.97). If such an appeal is deemed to be **unjustified**, the fencer will be penalized in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 5

### Other protests and appeals

##### t.123

1. Complaints and protests, which are not concerned with a referee's decision, must be made **in writing without delay**; they must be addressed to the Directoire Technique.

2. If a complaint or protest contests a decision [initially](#) taken by the Directoire Technique or ~~the~~ [an](#) official FIE delegate it should be addressed to the FIE Central Office.

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 6

### Investigation — Right of defence

#### t.124

~~No penalty can be imposed until after an enquiry has been held in the course of which the parties concerned have been called on to give their explanation of the occurrence either verbally or in writing, within a reasonable interval of time, suited to the time and place. After this time limit has expired, the penalty may be imposed~~

Refereeing Commission in Support

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## Proposal 7

### Method of decision

#### t.125

The decisions of the ~~juridical authorities of competitions~~ Directoire Technique are **by majority vote**, the chairman (president) having the casting vote in case of a tie.

Refereeing Commission in Support

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## Proposal 8 (Sam Cheris)

**Motivation:** To create clarity and consistency in refereeing when dealing with the issues of covering with the head or the back arm.

**Argument:** The attempt to eliminate covering with the back arm by passing t. 18.5 has not been successful. Referees are finding it extremely difficult to interpret and enforce the rule in a consistent manner. There has been an aversion by some referees to call covering by the mask and back arm, especially at or near the end of a close bout. Additionally the counter-attacker has figured out how to use his/her head to eliminate access to the valid target area, while keeping his/her head facing the opponent. By including the mask and rear arm as target the attacker will have target available to touch and the defender/counter-attacker will not be able to use the mask and rear arm to eliminate the availability of valid target area. This should positively affect the game, since the attack and riposte will have valid target available to touch. The extended target should speed up the game, making foil more exciting, without losing any of the major traditions of the weapon.

### Target - Limitation of the target

#### t.47

1. At foil, only hits which arrive **on the target** are counted as valid.
2. **The target** at foil excludes the ~~limbs and the head~~ **weapon arm**. It is confined to the trunk, the upper limit being the collar up to 6 cm above the prominences of the collar bones; at the **weapon arm** sides to the seams of the sleeves, which should cross the head of the humerus; and the lower limit following a horizontal line across the back joining the tops of the hip bones, thence by straight lines to



the junction of the lines of the groin, the non-weapon arm and the head. ~~It also includes the part of the bib beneath a horizontal line 1.5–2 cm below the chin, which, in any case, may not be lower than the line of the shoulders~~ (see Figure 4).

Attention:

*In case the proposal is approved, figure 4 needs to be re-drawn showing valid target to include the entire mask and the rear arm.*

Refereeing Commission Not in Support

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**Proposal 9**

**t.18**

~~5. At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.~~

Refereeing Commission in Support

## Proposals of the Refereeing commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** a) This article prevents close combat and allows the fencer who causes the corps à corps to benefit from this article.

b) After his parry, fencer A attempts to hit fencer B, who closes the distance and looks for the corps à corps in order to avoid the riposte; the only solution for fencer A is to reverse the line of the shoulders by pulling back the shoulder of the sword arm in order to score a hit.

c) We have seen some excellent and very spectacular hits annulled by the referee because of this article.

### t.18

5. The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules, if one of the competitors is disarmed or steps off the piste, or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the Referee (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

~~At foil, it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so, he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** It must be specified that the unarmed hand may touch the piste, and in the last years even the knee of the rear leg was added , so or/and must be stated.

### t.21

1. Displacing the target and ducking are allowed, even if during the action the unarmed hand or/and the knee of the rear leg comes into contact with the piste.

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** With conventional weapons [f and s], to apply the spirit of the convention, hits occurring after faults of combat are not counted but halt the bout and annul any subsequent hits.

Example: If a fencer who is under attack and avoids this by means of covering or using his unarmed hand or leaves the piste with both feet, then scores a valid hit, his hit must be annulled. This stops the bout and an opponent's remise must not be counted. This rule is generally applied but the following specific information does not appear in the rule.

### t.26

4 If one of the two fencers leaves the piste with both feet, under these conditions **and only in epee** , only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the piste with at least one foot only can be counted valid, even in the case of a double hit. **The convention must be applied for foil and sabre.**

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 4

### t.48

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry), [after a fault of combat, or after crossing one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet](#) is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and so annuls any subsequent hits (Cf. t.49).

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 5

### t.72

1. A hit, which arrives on a non-valid part of the target, is not counted as a hit, [it is not registered by the apparatus](#), it does not stop the fencing phrase and does not annul any subsequent hits. [On the other hand, a hit, which arrives after a fault of combat or after the fencer has crossed one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet](#) is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase with any subsequent hit therefore being annulled.

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 6

**Motivation:** In the event of any non-combativity during the last period of an DE match or the last match in a team event and after drawing lots, we propose adding only 15 seconds instead of one minute, as this would avoid any attempted non-combativity aimed at gaining time.

### t.87.5

b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the third period of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will proceed to ~~last minute of fencing. This last minute\*~~, [fifteen seconds of fencing](#), which will be fenced in ~~its~~ [their](#) entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of ~~the minute~~ [these fifteen seconds](#).

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

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## Proposal 7

### t.87.6

b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during the last bout, the Referee will proceed to ~~a last minute of fencing. This last minute\*~~, [fifteen seconds of fencing](#) which will be fenced in ~~its~~ [their](#) entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of ~~the minute~~ [these fifteen seconds](#).

[Refereeing Commission in Support](#)

## Proposals of the Rules Commission

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### Proposal 4

**Motivation:** t.43.1.b) and d) The rules regarding the correct fitting of the conductive jacket at foil and sabre have been changed in book **m** ; to bring these two articles up to date and in agreement with **m.28.1** and **m.34.1**, rewrite as follows:

#### t.43

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b) at foil, the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of Article m.28 when each competitor is ~~standing upright, is in the~~ 'on guard' ~~and is in the lunge~~ position;

d) at sabre, the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of Article m.34 when each competitor is ~~standing upright in the~~ 'on guard' ~~and is in the lunge~~ position;

### Refereeing Commission in Support

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### Proposal 5

**Motivation:** t.114.2 and 3, t.119, t.120: In all these articles, which quote, the sanctions associated with a **black card**, there is reference to '2 months': this should be changed to '60 days'. Months are of different lengths – the sanction should be consistent.

#### t.114

2 Penalties are cumulative and they are valid for the bout with the exception of those indicated by a BLACK CARD, which means exclusion from the competition, suspension for the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two months~~ 60 days of the active season (1 October – World Championships for the Juniors, and 1 January – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming.

However, a team excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

Certain offences can result in the annulment of the hit scored by the fencer at fault. During the bout, only hits scored in circumstances connected with the offence may be annulled (cf. t.120).

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c. Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two months~~ 60 days of the active season, whether current or forthcoming, indicated by a BLACK CARD with which the Referee identifies the person at fault.

#### t. 119

The first infringement in the Fourth Group, is penalised by a BLACK CARD (exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following ~~two months~~ 60 days of the active season (1 October – World Championships for the Juniors, and 1 January – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming). However, a

**team** excluded from a tournament because of a BLACK CARD imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

**t.120**

<b>BLACK CARD</b>	<b>Exclusion from the competition,</b> suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following <del>2-months</del> <b>60 days</b> of the active season (1st October – World Championships for the juniors and 1st January – World Championships for the seniors), whether current or forthcoming.
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Refereeing Commission in Support

## Proposals of the Coaches council

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The Turning of the Shoulder is something that has been very much opposed by the international foil community ever since its introduction after Rio Olympics. It is very difficult to understand how much “the shoulder of the non-sword arm” should be advanced “in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm” and for all referees and fencers to maintain the same understanding of this rule.

There are enough penalties in the rules for covering the target, turning, irregular movements on the piste, use of non-sword arm, etc. Proposal was discussed. All members of the Council are in favour of this proposal. This rule should be cancelled.

Special comments: Refereeing commission should be advised to use the rules of fencing in “close quarters” more consistently.

**t.18.** ~~5. In foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

Refereeing Commission in Support

## Proposals of the Belgian Fencing Federation

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** this article leads to decisions being made by referees who do not reflect the spirit of the rule, if the article is strictly applied. This article is not needed, since the referee has other methods of justifying a penalty (turning one's back, covering, substitution, etc.)

#### t.18

5.The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is **dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules**, if one of the competitors is **disarmed** or **steps off the piste**, or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the Referee (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

~~At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

#### t.120

~~1.19~~

<del>Reversing the line of the t.18.5 YELLOW RED RED shoulders at foil*</del>				
<del>Application: starting season 2016-2017</del>				

Refereeing Commission in Support

### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** Even if the proposal is rejected, it would still be a good idea to correct the index.

#### Index To Articles

Reversing the line of the shoulders (foil) t.18.5

Refereeing Commission in Support





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## Proposal 5

**Motivation:** In fact, the referee and the video-referee are equally qualified to judge the priority of hits. If, after consultation between them as the result of an appeal, they do not agree, the hit must be considered doubtful: we therefore propose the addition of the following to article t.42.3.b.i

### t.42

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**b.i) In the individual events**, the fencer has:

- in **pools**, one possible appeal during each bout;
- in **direct elimination** bouts, two possible appeals.

Should **the referee agree with the fencer** who appealed for the video refereeing, the latter is entitled to retain the right of appeal.

If the referee and the video-referee do not agree, the hit is considered doubtful and is annulled

Refereeing Commission Not in Support

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## Proposal 6

**Motivation:** Following recent anxieties caused by masks falling from heads during fencing, add the following two texts:

### t.45

1. If a fencer appears on the piste:
  - with only **one** regulation **weapon** (cf. t.86.1/2); or
  - with only **one** regulation **body wire**; or
  - with only **one** regulation **mask wire**; or
  - with a weapon or a body wire which does not work or which does not conform with the Rules; or
  - without his **protective under-plastron** (cf. t.43.1.e); or
  - with a **conductive jacket** which does not fully cover the valid target; or
  - with a mask whose 2<sup>nd</sup> security device is not securely fixed to the body of the mask; or
  - with **clothing** which does not conform with the Rules;

the Referee will apply the penalties stipulated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120 (First Group).

2. When during a bout an irregularity is found in the equipment which could be caused by conditions **during the bout**:

Examples:

- conductive jacket with holes in which hits are registered as non-valid,
- weapon or body wire no longer functioning,
- pressure of the spring in the point too weak,
- the travel in the point no longer regulation,

the Referee will apply **neither warning nor penalty** and any hit scored with the equipment, which has become defective will be awarded.

However, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose weapon, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, has a **curve of the blade** which exceeds that permitted (cf. m.8.6, m.16.2, m.23.4) commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116 and t.120.

Similarly, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose mask, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, is not securely held on his head by the 2<sup>nd</sup> security device, commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with articles t.114, t.116 and t.120

Refereeing Commission in Support

### Proposal 7

**Motivation** : If, in the course of a bout, an item of a fencer's clothing becomes damaged and therefore dangerous, he must have the chance to replace it with new clothing – if he has to buy it on the spot, it will not have his name, nationality or, if necessary, national logo on it. He should therefore be in the same position as a fencer replacing a non-regulation conductive jacket as outlined in article t.45.5. We therefore propose that the current article becomes t.45.5.a and the following text becomes t.45.5.b. We also suggest that if the organisers of the competition have not provided the necessary printing service for new clothing, this should be recognised as being 'force majeure'.

### t.45

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**a.** If the conductive jacket does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket that does conform to the rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc.) to get his name and nationality printed on it.

If this is not done and except in cases of 'force majeure', the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.

**b.** If an item of a fencer's clothing bearing the name and nationality or the national logo becomes dangerous (e.g. tear, burst seam), the fencer must put on spare clothing, which conforms to the rules. If this clothing does not bear the name and nationality or the national logo, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition, as detailed in the preceding article, to get them printed on it. If this is not done and except in cases of force majeure, the referee will eliminate the fencer.

Refereeing Commission in Support

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**Proposal 8**

**Motivation:** One of the criteria for deciding whether or not there is non-combativity is that there should be no hit during one minute: at foil, it is quite possible to have quite vigorous activity, which produces no valid hit but one or more non-valid hits. We therefore propose the following addition to t.87.4:

**t.87**

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

(At foil, a hit made off the valid target is counted as a hit.)

Refereeing Commission in Support

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**Proposal 9**

**Motivation:** Article t.122 states that casting doubt on the referee's decision on a point of fact is an offence, but it does not figure in t.120: we therefore propose that it be added to t.120, 1.17 so that the text reads:

**t.120****1.17**

Unjustified appeal : casting doubt on the decision of the referee on a point of fact	t.122.2/4 t.122.1/2	YELLOW	RED	RED
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Refereeing Commission in Support

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**Proposal 12**

**Motivation:** The second explanatory note concerning black cards is in fact not accurate – they are preceded in three cases by a yellow card and in two cases can be given without even a yellow card. We, therefore, suggest deleting this note.

**t.120**

Explanations	
BLACK	<del>A fencer only receives a BLACK CARD in the Third Group if he previously committed an offence in this Third Group (demonstrated by a RED CARD).</del>

Refereeing Commission in Support

## Proposals of Swedish Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** In order to minimise the period of inactive fencing it is suggested to reduce the time criterion in from 1 minute to 30 seconds for the second and any subsequent cases of unwillingness to fight in an individual direct elimination match or team match. Article t.87.4.1 should be amended as follows:

#### t.87

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1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit. *After the first instance of unwillingness to fight (non-combativity), however, this time is reduced to 30 seconds for any subsequent unwillingness to fight (non-combativity) during the same direct elimination match or team match.*

Refereeing Commission Not in Support

## **Athletes' Commission Report**

Executive Committee proposal no. 12 and 14 the commission agrees.

Proposal by Sam Cherish no. 8 commission does not agree.

Proposal by Sam Cheris no. 9 the commission agrees.

Proposals of the Refereeing commission no. 1 the commission agrees, no. 6 and 7 the commission does not agree.

Proposal of the Coaches council no 1. The commission agrees as it considers it the same as the proposal of the Refereeing Commission no. 1.

Proposals of Belgium Fencing Federation, the Commission agrees.

According to the other proposals the commission does not form an opinion

## MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING

- **DATE:** 30 JUNE – 1 JULY 2017
- **Venue:** Hotel de la Paix, Lausanne
- **TIME:** 09:00 – 18:00

### 1. WELCOME

The President of Coaching Council welcomes everybody at the third FIE Coaches Council meeting in 2017. The agenda for the meeting was circulated. G. Tyshler thanked all members present for making it possible to meet during the preparation period for the World Championship 2017. Special thanks to the members of the FIE management, E. Tsukhlo, and K. Kulchzar for joining the council for the important discussions at the meeting.

### 1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER

#### **Present:**

Coaches

TYSHLER Gennady – RSA

AOKI Yusuke – JPN

MARCELIN Stephane – FRA

MASSIALAS Gregory – USA

BENCE SZABO – Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative

SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge – ARG

SZEPESI Laszlo – HUN

#### **Apologies:**

WANG Haibin – CHN

LEE Hyun-Soo – KOR

CIPRESSA Andrea – ITA

PAVLOVITCH Vladislav – RUS

### **1.3 Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative,**

BENCE SZABO, reported on the FIE executive committee meetings and congratulated members on 2 additional medals at Olympic Games. This is a great achievement for the fencing federation and all fencing community. Special thanks to our President Mr. A. Usmanov for his tremendous work done on the matter. Well done!

G. Tyshler gave short report on the first 5 months of work of the coaching council. The Council had 2 meetings during 2017, this is our third meeting. Council went through the minutes of the previous meetings and checked on the matters that should be followed up by the Council. Matters that need attention are the matters addressed to the FIE office. (minutes of the meetings in Nice and Plovdiv).

### **2. Fencing development. Goals and Targets for the 2017 - 2020**

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER EVGENY TSOUKHLO

E. Tsoukhlo reported on a new proposals, ideas and developments that FIE want to discuss and implement in the coming years.

There is a proposal to create expert working groups for different weapons in order to discuss the improving the rules implementation during the competitions and possibly to modify some articles to meet the new fencing realities. New age technologies should be used to make fencing more spectacular, to make refereeing easier and more understandable to spectators and fencing community.

The video library of actions should be created with the help of these expert groups for the better understanding the particulars of fencing phrases.

There is a possibility of changing the way of how the World Championships will be organized. The championship may possibly be run by weapons blocks. And referees will be invited to different weapons by 3 different groups to improve the level of refereeing.

### **3. Proposals for the 2017 Congress (FIE EXCOM)**

Coaching Council has discussed the proposals and has stated the opinions on the matters. Separate document attached to the minutes with council opinions.

### **4. Special comment on the proposal of “Epee working group”.**

Coaching council had a long discussion on the matter.

“Non-combativity”, “Passivity”, “Unwillingness to fight” is against the nature of the sport, sportsmanship in general and fencing in particular. Coaches think that having these situations in fencing is unacceptable and dangerous for the sport. “Passivity”, “Non-Combativity” or “Unwillingness to fight” in fencing cannot be used as a tactic and should be considered as **“Anti sporting behavior t 87.2”, “Offence against sportsmanship t 87.2 t 105.1”, “Dishonest fencing t 87.1”, “Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered t 85.1”,**

Referee must warn the fencers that both fencers must **“fence to his utmost ability”** and if the fencers are still do not fence properly can use – **“t 122.2/4 - Refusal to obey the referee”**.

**(t.105. 1.** A competitor who, while fencing, commits certain **violent or vindictive actions** against his opponent, or who does not **fence to his utmost ability**, or who **profits from a fraudulent agreement** with his opponent, may be excluded from the competition.

**Dishonest fencing t 87.1**

**Refusal to obey the referee 122.2/4**

**Anti sporting behavior t 87.2**

**Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered t 85.1**

**Offence against sportsmanship t 87.2 t 105.1 )**

As stated by one of the top fencers, “Passivity is a silent agreement between two fencers”. In this particular situation both fencers must be penalized for that “agreement”. In the case of “losing fencer” do not want to make any efforts to change the situation on the piste, fencer must be warned and then penalized according to the rules of fencing.

All fencing community, with the help of Coaching Council, Fair Play committee, Refereeing Committee, Fencing Promotion Committee should promote spirit of the combat and the competition. “Passivity” must become “Not cool”, “Bad manners”, “Inappropriate behavior on the piste”.

5. Refereeing in Foil and Sabre. Interpretation of an attack. Interaction with refereeing committee. Refereeing committee videos.

G. Tyshler reported on interaction with refereeing committee. Refereeing committee was approached several times on different matters via email, personally by Coaching Council members. Members of Coaching Council members were present during the part of Refereeing Committee meeting in Bucharest. Absolutely no result or response. The last



message was sent few days before the Refereeing committee meeting in July, still no response. Videos of actions still not received.

Discussion on refereeing matters took place. Proposals from Guillermo Sausedo were discussed. Greg Massialas mentioned that the most important is consistency in refereeing. After discussion decision was taken that Council should wait for the videos from Refereeing Committee, before taking any actions on the matter.

Bence Szabo promised to help with the matter.

6. Second Scientific-Practical conference with international participation: "Combat sports and Martial arts: science, practice, education"

G.Tyshler gave report on the conference in Moscow. It will be good to have similar conference just for fencing during the world championship. The report on the oral presentation by G.Tyshler at the conference was produced.

### **Technical and motor training with use of training devices, aimed on specialization of motor reactions.**

**Summary.** In this article, the principles of building motor training in situations of responding to visual, tactile and audible signals are formulated. A system of exercises designed to specialize the manifestation of motor and psychological qualities is proposed for training devices, modelling combat situations in martial arts and the behavior of athletes in sports games.

**Key words:** Principles of training, motor reactions, a latent period of reactions, a motor component, training devices, exercises for training.

Coaching academies, coaching seminars, training camps were discussed, Laszlo Szepesi and Gennady Tyshler informed the Council on the situation with the FIE coaching academies in different continents.

Professor H. Leseur manual for coaching education was discussed. The manual was circulated to the Council for evaluation. All members must send their comments, but Laszlo Szepesi, Stephane Marceline, G. Tyshler are responsible for evaluation.

### **CONCLUSION**

Dr. G. Tyshler thanked everybody for the work done. Draught of the minutes will be circulated by the president to all members for comments. The date for the next meeting will be announced.

Meeting closed.

01.07.2017



# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES 2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of the Executive Committee

### Proposal 14

**Motivation:** In 2016, the special working group discussed how to amend the rules in order to avoid non combativity in épée. The working group proposes a new non-combativity rule, which a) will motivate the fencers to engage into action without any negative consequences and b) would eliminate the risks of non-combativity. The concept is about to introduce the 45 second sequences with a priority given to a fencer. The priority rotates between the fencers according to the sequences, and in case there is no hit during a 45-second sequence then a hit is awarded to the fencer who has the priority.

### Non-combativity

t.87

#### Foil and Sabre (pools, direct elimination)

#### Epee (pools)

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

#### Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

### 5. Individual events

- a) If during the **first two periods** of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee proceeds to the next period, without the minute rest.
- b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

### 6. Team events

- a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee proceeds to the next bout.
- b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during **the last bout**, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute

## Epee

### Only for epee, in direct elimination:

- 7. There is evidence of “**non combativity**” when there are no hits for a period of at least 45 seconds.

### 8. Individual matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 10 minutes.
- b) There are two breaks of one minute when any of the fencers reaches the score of 5 and of 10 hits.
- c) If there are no hits for at least 45 seconds, for the first time in the match the referee shall call “halt” and assign one hit to the fencer that has the highest ranking in the Direct Elimination table.
- d) The priority is then passed to the opponent and the chronometer for priority is reset.
- e) If there is a hit, either single or double, the priority changes.
- f) The priority changes also when the score is 14-14 and there is a double hit.
- g) If at the end of the total regulation time of the match the score is even, the rule o.24.3 is applied.

### 9. Team matches

- a) The maximum time for each relay is 3 minutes.
- b) The priority for the first relay is given to the team that has the highest ranking in the Direct Elimination table. The initial priority is alternated at each subsequent relay.
- c) If there are no hits for at least 45 seconds, the referee shall call “halt” and assign one hit to the fencer that has the initial priority in the relay.
- d) If there is a hit, either single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer for priority is reset.
- e) There is no change of priority if the remaining time for each relay after a hit is less than 45 seconds.
- f) If, at the end of the total regulation time of the match, the score is even, the rule o.44.9 is applied.

*The present rules shall be applied for testing during the season 2017/2018.*

# NOT IN FAVOUR

Coaching council had a long discussion on the matter.

“Non-combativity”, “Passivity”, “Unwillingness to fight” is against the nature of the sport, sportsmanship in general and fencing in particular. Coaches think that having these situations in fencing is unacceptable and dangerous for the sport. “Passivity”, “Non-Combativity” or “Unwillingness to fight” in fencing cannot be used as a tactic and should be considered as **“Anti sporting behavior t 87.2”, “Offence against sportsmanship t 87.2 t 105.1”**, **“Dishonest fencing t 87.1”, “Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered t 85.1”**,

Referee must warn the fencers that both fencers must **“fence to his utmost ability”** and if the fencers are still do not fence properly can use – **“t 122.2/4 - Refusal to obey the referee”**.

(**t.105. 1.** A competitor who, while fencing, commits certain **violent or vindictive actions** against his opponent, or who does not **fence to his utmost ability**, or who **profits from a fraudulent agreement** with his opponent, may be excluded from the competition.

**Dishonest fencing t 87.1**

**Refusal to obey the referee 122.2/4**

**Anti sporting behavior t 87.2**

**Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered t 85.1**

**Offence against sportsmanship t 87.2 t 105.1 )**

As stated by one of the top fencers, “Passivity is a silent agreement between two fencers”. In this particular situation both fencers must be penalized for that “agreement”. In the case of “losing fencer” do not want to make any efforts to change the situation on the piste, fencer must be warned and then penalized according to the rules of fencing.

All fencing community, with the help of Coaching Council, Fair Play committee, Refereeing Committee, Fencing Promotion Committee should promote spirit of the combat and the competition. “Passivity” must become “Not cool”, “Bad manners”, Inappropriate behavior on the piste”.

## Proposals of the Members of Honour

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### Proposal 8 (Sam Cheris)

**Motivation:** To create clarity and consistency in refereeing when dealing with the issues of covering with the head or the back arm.

**Argument:** The attempt to eliminate covering with the back arm by passing t. 18.5 has not been successful. Referees are finding it extremely difficult to interpret and enforce the rule in a consistent manner. There has been an aversion by some referees to call covering by the mask and back arm, especially at or near the end of a close bout. Additionally the counter-attacker has figured out how to use his/her head to eliminate access to the valid target area, while keeping his/her head facing the opponent. By including the mask and rear arm as target the attacker will have target available to touch and the defender/counter-attacker will not be able to use the mask and rear arm to eliminate the availability of valid target area. This should positively affect the game, since the attack and riposte will have valid target available to touch. The extended target should speed up the game, making foil more exciting, without losing any of the major traditions of the weapon.

#### Target - Limitation of the target

##### t.47

1. At foil, only hits which arrive **on the target** are counted as valid.

2. **The target** at foil excludes the ~~limbs and the head~~ **weapon arm**. It is confined to the trunk, the upper limit being the collar up to 6 cm above the prominences of the collar bones; at the **weapon arm sides** to the seams of the sleeves, which should cross the head of the humerus; and the lower limit following a horizontal line across the back joining the tops of the hip bones, thence by straight lines to the junction of the lines of the groin, **the non-weapon arm and the head**. ~~It also includes the part of the bib beneath a horizontal line 1.5 - 2 cm below the chin, which, in any case, may not be lower than the line of the shoulders~~ (see Figure 4).

#### Attention:

*In case the proposal is approved, figure 4 needs to be re-drawn showing valid target to include the entire mask and the rear arm.*

# NOT IN FAVOR

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### Proposal 9

##### t.18

~~5. At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.~~

## IN FAVOR

### Proposals of the Refereeing commission

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#### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** a) This article prevents close combat and allows the fencer who causes the corps à corps to benefit from this article.

b) After his parry, fencer A attempts to hit fencer B, who closes the distance and looks for the corps à corps in order to avoid the riposte; the only solution for fencer A is to reverse the line of the shoulders by pulling back the shoulder of the sword arm in order to score a hit.

c) We have seen some excellent and very spectacular hits annulled by the referee because of this article.

#### t.18

5. The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is dangerous, confused, or contrary to the Rules, if one of the competitors is disarmed or steps off the piste, or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the Referee (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

~~At foil, it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so, he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

## IN FAVOR

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#### Proposal 6

**Motivation:** In the event of any non-combativity during the last period of an DE match or the last match in a team event and after drawing lots, we propose adding only 15 seconds instead of one minute, as this would avoid any attempted non-combativity aimed at gaining time.

#### t.87.5

b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the third period of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will proceed to ~~last minute of~~

~~fencing. This last minute\*~~, fifteen seconds of fencing, which will be fenced in ~~its~~ their entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of ~~the minute~~ these fifteen seconds.

## NOT IN FAVOUR

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### Proposal 7

#### t.87.6

b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during the last bout, the Referee will proceed to ~~a last minute of fencing. This last minute\*~~, fifteen seconds of fencing which will be fenced in ~~its~~ their entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of ~~the minute~~ these fifteen seconds.

## NOT IN FAVOUR

### Proposals of the Coaches Council

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The Turning of the Shoulder is something that has been very much opposed by the international foil community ever since its introduction after Rio Olympics. It is very difficult to understand how much “the shoulder of the non-sword arm” should be advanced “in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm” and for all referees and fencers to maintain the same understanding of this rule.

There are enough penalties in the rules for covering the target, turning, irregular movements on the piste, use of non-sword arm, etc. Proposal was discussed. All members of the Council are in favour of this proposal. This rule should be cancelled.

Special comments: Refereeing commission should be advised to use the rules of fencing in “close quarters” more consistently.

**t.18.** ~~5. In foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

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### Proposal 2



**Motivation:** To investigate possibility of reducing the gap (tolerance) in blocking time in sabre from 20 milliseconds to 3-6 milliseconds. All coaches present supported the proposal.

## **ANNEX B TO THE MATERIAL RULES C SABRE**

### **a.8**

After a hit has been registered, a subsequent hit made by the other fencer will only be registered if it occurs within a maximum of 170 ms ( $\pm$  ~~10~~ 3 ms).

## Proposals of the Belgian Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** this article leads to decisions being made by referees who do not reflect the spirit of the rule, if the article is strictly applied. This article is not needed, since the referee has other methods of justifying a penalty (turning one's back, covering, substitution, etc.)

#### t.18

5.The order 'Halt!' is also given if the play of the competitors is **dangerous**, **confused**, or **contrary to the Rules**, if one of the competitors is **disarmed** or **steps off the piste**, or if, while retiring, he approaches too near the spectators or the Referee (cf. t.26, t.54.5 and t.73.4.j).

~~At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.~~

#### t.120

1.19				
<del>Reversing the line of the shoulders at foil*</del> Application: starting season 2016-2017	<del>t.18.5</del>	<del>YELLOW</del>	<del>RED</del>	<del>RED</del>

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** Even if the proposal is rejected, it would still be a good idea to correct the index.

#### Index To Articles

[Reversing the line of the shoulders \(foil\) t.18.5](#)

## IN FAVOR

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## Proposal 8

**Motivation:** One of the criteria for deciding whether or not there is non-combativity is that there should be no hit during one minute: at foil, it is quite possible to have quite vigorous activity, which produces no valid hit but one or more non-valid hits. We therefore propose the following addition to t.87.4:

### t.87

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

#### Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

(At foil, a hit made off the valid target is counted as a hit.)

## IN FAVOR

### MODIFICATION PROPOSAL -

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit **OR OF TARGET HIT**

## Proposals of Swedish Fencing Federation

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## Proposal 2

**Motivation:** In order to minimise the period of inactive fencing it is suggested to reduce the time criterion in from 1 minute to 30 seconds for the second and any subsequent cases of unwillingness to fight in an individual direct elimination match or team match. Article t.87.4.1 should be amended as follows:

### t.87

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1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit. **After the first instance of unwillingness to fight (non-combativity), however, this time is**

reduced to 30 seconds for any subsequent unwillingness to fight (non-combativity) during the same direct elimination match or team match.

## **NOT IN FAVOUR**

# FIE FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

**COUNCIL MEETING DD 29/30-6-2017 LAUSANNE SWITZERLAND**

Present: Zuleidis Ortiz Fuente, Eyyad Maghayreh, Toumi Dhw Ali, Osmonjan Kasymov, Jean-Michel Lucenay, Bert van de Flier

Assisting in the meeting. Nigora Karimova ( volunteer thanks to Osmonjan Kasymov )

Absent and excused: Velichka Hristeva, David Munguia Payes.

Absent: Han Kyung Mi

1. Bert van de Flier opened the meeting at 09.05 and welcomed everyone, especially Zuleidis Ortiz Fuente, Toumi Dhw Ali and Jean-Michel Lucenay who all three attended for the first time. With six of the eight members present there was a quorum, so that meant that the Council could take decisions on the spot.
2. Incoming mail was limited to letters from Velichka Hristeva who apologized for not being there due to family circumstances and David Munguia Payez who could not come due to government business in El Salvador.
3. The minutes of the meeting in Nice were unanimously approved.
4. The final version of the Mission and Vision statement of the Fair Play Council were unanimously approved and will be sent to the FIE Comex.
5. Eyyad Maghayreh presented his version of the Awareness program and Fair Play logo contest. After discussion and a few small changes a version was unanimously approved and will be sent to the FIE Comex. Bert van de Flier made clear that this program can only start after approval from the Comex, which means that some dates and deadlines are dependent on this approval.
6. The full report from the Fair Play activities in Plovdiv was presented by Bert van de Flier. It included some recommendations. The report and recommendations were unanimously accepted by the other Council members.
7. All agreed that in order to get more awareness and in some instances acceptance of the Fair Play mission, contact with other groups in the FIE was needed. Especially meetings with the Coaches Council and the Referee Committee seemed important. On Friday afternoon a meeting took place with the Coaches Council. It was agreed that Fair Play

writes a letter that will be co-signed by the Coaches Council in which coaches that attend the Junior World Championships will be asked to co-operate in getting their fencers involved in the Fair Play activities and try to give a good example themselves.

8. Instructional meetings with other groups involves primarily the Referees and the DTs during the big events like World Cups, Grand Prix, Junior and Senior World and Zonal Championships, in order to explain the use of the Fair Play Report Card by all involved. This will lead to acts of Fair Play arriving at the Council, which can then decide which ones to propose to the Comex and in some cases ask the Comex to forward them to the International Fair Play Committee.
9. The Council discussed three possible candidates for a Fair Play award recommendation. After looking at all the arguments it was in the end decided that only one would be forwarded to the FIE Comex.
10. Nigora Karimova and Osmonjan Kasymov gave a presentation in which all the different facets of Public Awareness, Social Media, target groups, control mechanisms, forums etc. were brought together in a comprehensive plan. The council decided to give the plan first to Elena Grishina to see where parts of the plan can “hitch-hike” on existing structures which could bring the cost of the plan considerably down.
11. There were no round-up questions. At 15.15 Bert van de Flier closed the meeting thanking all members for their contributions and especially Nigora Karimova for her volunteer work. All members were of the opinion that it would be wonderful if Nigora could become a regular member of this council.

Parker July 14, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bert van de Flier', written in a cursive style.

Bert van de Flier

## **FIE Fair Play Council.**

### **Proposal 1.**

#### **To establish a Fair Play Award for the FIE.**

The Fair Play Council proposes to establish a yearly Fair Play Award to be given to normally one, or exceptionally more FIE members for an act of Fair Play during the 12 months that precede the FIE Congress

The Award could be a medal, somewhat similar to those that are presented to winners of the World Rankings in the different weapons, or something else if the Comex prefers that.

The awardee will also be proposed to the International Fair Play Committee ( CIFP ) as a candidate for the CIFP Award or diploma.

Costs:

Cost of the award

Eventual costs related to inviting the winner to the Congress.

# **FIE Fair Play Council.**

## **Proposal 2.**

### **Candidate for the Fair Play Award from the FIE**

The Fair Play Council unanimously proposes to give this year's Fair Play Award to

#### **Mr. Jiri Beran (Czech Republic)**

For an act of Fair Play demonstrated during the Rio Olympic Games.

#### **.What happened:**

Referee Andre Piatko gave a very good report about this, no need to add anything.

Hi Bert,

As discussed previously, please find attached a description of how Jiri Beran (Czech) behaved during the first match in the individual Men's Epée table at the Rio Olympic Games, against Athos Schwantes (Brazil).

The situation was as follows:

We were in the added minute (non-combativity in the third period of normal time)

Priority to Jiri Beran

There were 30 seconds of the match remaining

The score was 5-3 in favour of Athos Schwantes

Athos Schwantes made an attack

Parry/riposte by Jiri Beran

The green light lit up

I awarded the touch to Jiri Beran

Athos Schwantes told me that he had not been hit

At that point I stuck to my decision (the fencers were in the middle of the piste, so there was no possibility of a touch made on the ground)

At that point Jiri Beran told me that he had not hit his opponent but had hit himself.

Note that if Jiri Beran had not said anything, the score would have been 5-4, he had priority, 30 seconds remained, so only one more touch was needed to win the match.

After the match, Ambre Civiero (video referee), Ianka Dakova (CIA) and the Brazilian coach confirmed that if Jiri Beran had not said that he had hit himself he would have been awarded that touch.

Personally speaking, I find it remarkable that a fencer at the Olympic Games should perform such a wonderful sporting gesture.



# **FIE Fair Play Council.**

## **Proposal 3.**

### **Designing a Fair Play Logo Contest**

#### **The goal of the contest:**

1. Bring the attention of the fencing family to the fair play idea and it's values which are already present in the sport of fencing.
2. Create an activity that allows the fencing family to compete outside the fencing halls.
3. Design a fair play logo by fencing family members themselves.
4. A logo that can possibly be used for young fencers to reward them for fair behavior.

#### **Target group:**

Fencers, coaches, referees, administrators and parents.

#### **Contest rules:**

The national federations should sent the designs to the FIE's fair play email address in the form of an image ( JPEG, BMP, GIF, Raw image format or TIFF ) or as a PDF file.

Designs should be received no later than November 7.

Each design should be accompanied by a brief explanation of the design in no more than 2 lines; it must hold an overtone of the design.

The logo must refer specifically to the fencing sport.

The participant should give his or her approval to use the design free of rights and should declare that this design is original and not a copy of a pre-existing design.

The Fair Play Council will select the 10 best designs and sent them to the FIE. At the Comex meeting directly before the Congress the Comex will select the best 3 designs from the group of 10.

The 3 designs will be presented at the Congress and the countries that are present will vote for the winning design.

The winner will be honored during the Cadet and Junior World Championships 2018.

#### **Costs:**

Possible prize for the winner.

Possible costs for winner to come to the ceremony.

# **FIE Fair Play Council.**

## **Proposal 4.**

### **Creation of Fair Play Report Card.**

#### **Goal:**

In order to get information about acts of fair play we propose that the Council creates a Report Card that will be given to referees and DT members at Championships, Grand Prix and World Cups all age categories.

When a referee or DT member witnesses an act of fair play he or she can fill out this card and via the DT it can be sent to the Fair Play Council.

The card should be about the same format as the penalty cards, so that the referee can carry it with him or her.

#### **On the card the following info is asked.**

Date, place and name of competition.

Name of the reporter.

Way to contact reporter. E.g. email address.

Name and Nationality of the person that demonstrated this act of fair play.

Brief description of what happened.

If the Fair Play Council considers this a redeeming act of fair play, they will contact the reporter to ask for extra information.

The Council will write an information letter that explains what the FIE sees as Fair Play. This can be sent to all referees.

Next to that it would be advisable to give instructions at a few competitions to assure that we reach all Referees. One possibility would be to make use of those Council members that have the experience to act as observers or DT members. And of course those of the Council members that are International Referees ( Eyad Maghayreh)

#### **Start:**

As soon as possible.

Costs: Printing around 1000 cards. Can most likely be done in house.

# **FIE Fair Play Council.**

## **Proposal 5.**

### **Fair Play stand at the Cadet and Junior World Championships.**

In order to fulfill the mission to educate Fair Play behavior the Council proposes to continue our presence at the CJWC with a stand. Last year in Bourges this was done by the International Fair Play Committee ( CIFP ) This year in Plovdiv we combined the project with expert assistance of the CIFP and partially paid by the FIE.

For next year it seems to be reasonable that the FIE takes full responsibility for this project that seems to be a very good combination with the anti-doping info stand. It will be possible to still draw on the experience of the CIFP.

We propose that the local organizers provide us with 2 young people that can work in the stand. This keeps the costs down and at the same time creates people with experience in this field that can promote fair play in their country.

The report from Plovdiv is added on the next page with some recommendations.

Costs:

One Council member that oversees the project during the Championships.

Promotional material. Plovdiv was around 1100 euro ( paid by CIFP )

Stand ( tables, computers etc., possibly cost organizer )

One expert from CIFP travel, hotel, per diem.

A budget of 6500 euro should normally cover this project.

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## FIE FAIR PLAY COUNCIL

### Report of the Fair Play activities during the Junior World Championships 2017 in Plovdiv Bulgaria.

Due to the fact that this activity was not foreseen in the 2017 budget it was organized in collaboration with and partially paid by the International Fair Play Committee.

They provided the materials and one of the employees of the IFPC. Fair Play Council president Bert van de Flier was also present ( expenses IFPC ) as well as councilmembers Eyyad Maghayreh and Osmanjan Kasymov. We benefitted enormous from the great assistance by our Comex liaison Velichka Hristeva, who helped us wherever needed.

The activity existed of a stand where games, quizzes and educational video 's were in use during the first 4 days of the championships.

According to our datalogger a total of 389 athletes and others visited the stand during those days. Since there were quite a few returning athletes, the actual total is lower. A best estimate has them at around 310 different people that visited our stand.

Most of the athletes were Cadets As the age progresses the interest in the Fair Play concept starts to become less. We could not get any of the coaches interested in this.

Conclusions and recommendations to be drawn from this event.

1. We should focus on the youngest categories.
2. We should add at least 2 more days to the presence of the Fair Play stand.
3. The personnel in the stand should be young people in their twenties.
4. We should talk with the Coaches Council in order to find out how we can explain to coaches that Fair Play is an important value in our sport.
5. It might be an idea to invite the Chefs of Delegation to a demonstration of the games etc in order to have them promote a visit of their delegation. With a few exceptions we did not see the delegation leaders at our stand.

Parker May 17, 2017

Bert van de Flier MH

**WOMEN & FENCING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 30 & July 1, 2017**  
**Lausanne, Switzerland**

AGENDA

1. Final Approval of Minutes from our last meeting.
2. Mirani Fernandes and Marilee Estampador were the elected minute takers. Must determine who is responsible this session.
3. Review Agenda/Determine any other items the Council needs to discuss.
4. “Check-in” – What has each member of the Council been working on between the last meeting and now to further the work for the Women & Fencing Council - Share information.
5. Action Planning for the six proposals for 2016 – 2020
  - a. Proposal # 1 - Statute change request to raise minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions and Councils from 20 to 30%.
  - b. Proposal #2 – Increase the number of female referees in FIE competitions. (see email from Helen concerning Africa)
  - c. Proposal #3 – Increase number of female coaches
  - d. Proposal #4 – Identify and mentor future leaders (ASOIF Grant)
  - e. Proposal #5 – Develop a Safe Sport policy in collaboration with the Legal Commission for the FIE
  - f. Proposal #6 – Develop a strong, comprehensive communication program to serve the objectives of the Women & Fencing Council
6. Responsibilities to lead the proposal areas include:
  - a. Proposal # 1 - Stacey and Helen
  - b. Proposal #2 – Ahmed
  - c. Proposal #3 – Theresa
  - d. Proposal #4 – Stacey
  - e. Proposal #5 – Evelyn
  - f. Proposal #6 - Veena

*(Each leader will break out with other members from the Council and write an action plan for the quadrennial, using planning sheets provided by the Chair.)*

7. Debrief Each Proposal's Action Plan with the whole Council.
8. Discuss Short Term Communication Plans.
9. Discuss Next Congress and Strategy Plan for Proposal 1.
10. Discuss and determine next IOC Women's Award Nomination Candidate.
11. Evelyn to provide a draft proposal concerning equality of prize money for the FIE and all events.
12. Other Items

Excerpt from FIE Statutes:

#### **6A.5.3.4 Women and Fencing Council**

This council is appointed by the Executive Committee and performs the following functions:

- Increase the number of initiatives to encourage more women to participate in fencing, both as fencers and in the management of the sport
- Encourage the organisation of training courses for women in the different areas of sport (leadership, management, supervisory staff, training, refereeing...)
- Ensure equal opportunities in the management and participation of women and their representation in sport
- Encourage women to work and contribute to the development of fencing throughout the world at all levels.

Women and Fencing Council Meeting  
June 30-July 1, 2017  
L'Hotel Alpha Palmier  
Lausanne, Switzerland

Present: Stacey Johnson  
Evelyn Hall  
Yuko Kato  
Mirani Fernandes  
Melissa Alvarenga  
Therese Salvador  
Ahmed Gana  
Veena Gunput  
Marilee Estampador  
Georgina Usher (came in on Day 2)

Day 1: started exactly at 9:00 am

Before starting the meeting some corrections on the previous meeting's minutes were brought up: Evelyn Hall was added as she was omitted from the previous minutes. Yuko Kato also pointed out that her married last name of Kato should be used instead of Kadowaki which was her maiden name.

Stacey then gave a quick run down of the Agenda (attached)

Each member was then asked to give an update of what headways have been accomplished in their own federation since the last meeting.

Melissa: In Pan American a Coaching Course was conducted and and it was worth mentioning that the number of female participants increased to nine (9) from a previous number of 3; the federations of Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela and Antigua and Barbuda have newly elected women Presidents; during the Pan American Congress, it was approved that a new website will be develop for the continent with a special section on women and fencing; a training for Referees in Central America will be conducted in Nicaragua to prepare referees for the PanAmerican Games.

Mirani: Attended the IOC Women Leadership forum. The forum focused mainly on personality development. How to present themselves as women and how best to present their image more as a leader rather than just a woman. It was highlighted that in order to have balance in gender, we have the responsibility to bring in more women into the picture not just as athletes but from other walks of life. Combat sports are a rich source of such women.

Yuko: Apologized for missing the IOC Leadership Forum due to health reason but would like to be considered again in the future. Yuko together with Madame Kanako as members of the Japanese Fencing Federation Executive Cimmittee tried proposed a 30% quota on female members to the JFF Execom but were not successful. The reason being that the men believe that they didn't think it would

be right to put someone in just to meet the quota even if they are not capable. Their next proposal will be to increase the female members of the JFF. However, in the Japanese Olympic Committee, the number has increased from three (3) to six (6) out of twenty nine (29). JOC has also committed that by the time 2020 comes there would be more women involved. JOC has also been trying to increase the number of women involved in the commissions.

Evelyn: Reported that the coach that the Australian Fencing Federation sent to the All Women Coaching Course in Manila was quite happy about the course. They also sent another woman to the FIE Coaching Academy. The AFF also conducted a Women Leadership Training Series where 10-12 people attend. They also have plans to expand the training in the girls level. It was a shock for them to find out that though Australia is gender equal the number of girls involved is quite low compared to boys. Evelyn also reported that she has been elected into the Australia Olympic Committee. AOC President, John Coates is very keen to expose everyone to international exposures which she hopes to take full advantage of.

Theresa: Prepared a powerpoint presentation showing the statistics in the FIE election and the French Fencing Federation. In the FIE Executive Committee there are 6 Women : 16 men. In France they have regulation according to the law. The Ministry of Sport has asked to make a report: out of 36 sports federations, only 1 is a woman. Discussion on the difficulties of women raising kids while coaching, In Australia make sure that women can go back into the system after having/raising kids. The French Law: in 2000 Women in execom of federations should have equal representation. This is based on the number of members per federation. The law opened more doors to the women and gave them more experience and increased insights and showed more competence.

In France they developed projects:1. the use of fencing to help rehabilitate women who have gone through breast cancer and is supported by the sports council. 2. Encourage to introduce fencing/sports in the retirement homes as part of thereapy.

Ahmed: Reported that there were two (2) female referees from Algeria who were sent to FIE world cup competitions; an Algerian woman in the FIE Medial Commission; There are three (3) former women fencers who have qualifications in clubs and of the nine (9) members in the Algerian Fencing Federation Executive Committee there are two (2) women. The Algerian government has introduced a proposal to have 30-40% women in sports federations which is quite a big change for a muslim country. In the governmental level there are more women coming out. He also reported that the AFF is looking at ways to help increase the number of women referees.

Ahmed was asked to use Helen's suggestion and present it to the Referee Commission.

Veena: FIE has acknowledged Veena for encouraging Mauritius to establish a fencing federation which was a result of Mauritius' first medal in the recent



African Championships. Since she was able to do it, shows it is possible. In African continent only 2 women are presidents of federations .

Marilee: Gave an update on the all women coaching course in Asia and how in the coming Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur in August, the Organizers of the fencing competition made it a point to appoint more female referees for the games. Forty (40%) will be women.

Stacey: Reported that U.S. Fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad has been speaking around the US and speaking about her experiences, both positive and challenging sometimes, as a Muslim woman and fencing. On Stacey's induction to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame, she mentioned that she is the first fencer who has ever been inducted and that the event was covered by ESPN. She also reminded the group that any good news about women should be included in the women in fencing facebook page. She also touched on the FIE's entry to the ASOIF Award, which she is working on. The ASOIF Award will be discussed at length on the second day.

BREAK 11:15

RESUME 11:25

After the coffee break, everyone broke into groups to work on the different proposals. Proposals 1 and 4 will be discussed as group the rest of the proposals were divided as follows:

Proposal 2: Melissa, Ahmed and Veena

Proposal 3: Theresa and Marilee

Proposal 5: Evelyn and Yuko

Proposal 6 –Mirani and Stacey

LUNCH BREAK 12:35

RESUME 2:00

After lunch Evgeny Tsuklo of the FIE joined the group. Each of the group were then asked to present the results of their discussions:

Proposal 2: Increase the number of Women Referees

Objective 1: Increase the number of women from 3 to 5 in the Referee Commission.

How: Arrange a meeting with confederation presidents and Referee Commission representative in Dubai

Objective 2: Increase women referees in World Championships

How: Conduct courses for women referees not just on technical matters but also developing confidence. Use successful female referees and perhaps show videos and talk about their own experience

Objective 3: Increase referees in the national level.

How: Cascade from continental federations to member nations.

Evgeny pointed out that in Africa female referees don't come forward for the refereeing courses.

### Proposal 3

Question: Statistic on how many women coaches per weapon per federation.

Proposal 5: Safe Sport (Member protection)

Objective: provide a safe sport environment

Strategies: Scope and Jurisdiction

- Process and investigating

- How to interact with existing process in the FIE

- What the mechanism is within the FIE

- What's Safe Sport policies in other federations

- Discuss with Disciplinary and Legal Comms on jurisdiction and

- Process

Timeline: Depends on discussions with legal and disciplinary committees. The target is by yearend.

The language to be used was also brought up. It might be misinterpreted that Safe sport is more on safely playing our sport. We need to change the name of this proposal.

Proposal 6: Communication

Objective: Better and increased use of social media

Strategies: continue the facebook page but whatever is sent to the Together we are stronger facebook page should also be sent to FIE (Maria Ntanou)

Objective: Find and identify other facebook sites to share information. Everyone to share links they know.

Objective: Identify the person from each federation to send information to..

To create videos of women with power. Can be done with cell phone videography. Shoot regular people, not necessarily stars.

Mirani to prepare a paragraph explaining and also the questions to be asked. And come up with video. By February present feedback on the videos.

Objective: Nomination for the Women and Sports Trophy.  
Candidates suggested were Isabelle Lamour; Maja Mourad

- Make a communication plan to get the vote out for Proposal 1;
- Identify countries that could be helpful in this objective;
- Come up with a newsletter just to show what the Council is doing.

(Copies of the the Action Plans for each Proposal are attached)

Break: 4:05

Resume: 4:20

Propossal for Equal Prize Money

The proposal falls under the Administrative Rules therefore can be sent immediately and dicussed by the COMEX. However, it would have to pass through the Legal Commission first.

Stacey has already passed it to Sam Cheris to go over.

(Attached is the Proposal for Equal Prize Money as prepared by Evelyn Halls and reviewed by Sam Cheris)

For day 2:

Prepare the list of accomplishments/achievements from the last quad and present it together with the group's action plan.

Discuss the ASOIF Creative Sports Awards.

Adjourned by 4:45 P.M.

Day 2

As Elena Murdaca of the FIE was present, Proposal 3 was again presented for her comments.

Elena reported that the global percentage of women coaches is 20%. Some women coaches have been used in FIE training camps. There have been comments on why have training courses for women and not use them?

Drawbacks:

Women need to be advised 6 months in advanced for Solidarity Courses. Unfortunately, the schedule is not available till 2-3 months in advanced.

FIE can produce data on women who attend courses.

A listing of the Council's Achievements in the last quad:

1. All Women Referee Course was conducted in the U.S. in 2015.
2. Successful in having the proposal for 30% passed in the Comex in 2015
3. Created the facebook page "Together we are Stronger."
4. Provided many stories to the FIE about success of women
5. Met with other Commissions to discuss and garner support and received the support of every commission on the 30% increase
6. Accomplished forwarding a candidate for the IOC Women and Sport trophy and subsequently she won and was appointed to IOC Communications Commission.
7. British Fencing and Stacey/USAF hosted networking events with women at some of the championships with received positive feedbacks.
8. Created our benchmarking database to monitor the Council's progress.
9. Therese's statistics on the Commissions showed the progress on the number of women in the commissions and the number of women who put themselves forward for the commissions.
10. An All Women Coaching Course in Asia has been conducted.
11. Isabelle, Helen and Stacey have gone to federations asked them to appoint female heads of delegations and have received positive results.
12. Several Federations and Confederations have since created a Women's Council
13. Developed a white paper on leadership development of women and men of developing countries and put it forward for funding.
14. Produced the video on the historical progress of women in fencing

Discussion on the ASOIF Grant Proposal

Collaborate with the Center for Creative Leadership or a similar organization.

The basic idea is to expose participants to all corner stones to be able to move up into leadership in the FIE.

The curriculum will focus on exposing people to the structure of IOC and FIE by:

- a. Exposing them to the history of women within the FIE and IOC;
- b. They would be given leadership training scenarios that would include skills in solving problems in real life situations;
- c. Identify all policies and statutes that deal with equity and ethics;
- d. Personality of self awareness assessments;
- e. Team building and collaboration;
- f. Possible internship and/or mentoring and subsequent training as mentors to become mentors themselves;
- g. Exposing participants to the field;

h. Leadership with focus on administration/management;

In order for the program to continue it should have the promise of future integration from FIE and national sports federation by providing some funding to their participants (i.e. airfare, stipend, etc.);

The challenge for the FIE is the need to provide cost for a Project Manager of the grant

Current Estimated Budget: US\$87,000.00 (Grant Prize is approximately \$270,000)

Those who are possibly attending the FIE Congress in November: Ahmed, Therese, Georgina, Evelyn, Yuko, Stacey, Helen?, Veena, Marilee to meet during the Congress and network with people to have our proposals passed.

National Sports Federations need to request through their NOCs to be included in Olympic Solidarity programs (administrative, sports structure, coaches, etc.) The US and British experience is that it's a lot of work for little money and is better directed to developing countries.

#### CLOSING COMMENTS

For the closing comments each were asked to focus on the following:

I learned / I now understand  
I feel  
I hope for next time

Melissa: learned about items that were worked on in the last 4 years and is now better involved in working with women in all areas. Has developed a better understanding on the situation in each area and feels more confident to discuss with other women on the Council's goals. Hopes to be able to share next time on the progress and development of women in Latin America and will send the results of the Referee seminar in Nicaragua

Mirani: learned that our communication should be more intense. Sharing information is important to work better. Feels that our proposal can do more because we are now in the middle of the process and need to be better organized about it. We should have more interaction with FIE staff to get more feedback on our proposals.

Yuko learned about RESPONSIBILITY. Often women can not perform their jobs because of personal responsibilities. She would like to work more with the Japanese federation to provide leadership training for women in Japan. Wants to Produce a newsletter that would encourage empowerment activities. Learned actual cases in other countries and hopes to share this with the Japanese Federation. Will get in touch with the lone female national coach in Japan and

collect her achievements and look into the possibility of her becoming an IOC candidate.

Evelyn: learned a lot on the history of what has been done and feels we should integrate more with other commissions and councils to help us in our objectives.

Georgina is heartened by the new additions in the group. Believes that we have a lot of power in this group and we need to lean in more to achieve more. She feels excited about our achievements and the momentum.

Veena has learned so much the past years and supports all that have been discussed on communication and its importance. Feels very energized especially on hearing about the experiences shared. She appreciated Ahmed's positive presence in the team and looks forward to better things in the coming years.

Ahmed is happy to be part of the Council and considers it a great experience for him. In his experience one has to be meticulous when one has responsibilities but it's all about team work in the end. He is confident that we can achieve a lot based on our work yesterday.

Therese – discovered the existence of the Council and its projects. Feels that we have built strong proposals and it's up to the FIE to support them. We have the responsibility to reach more women and empower them. We must consider to translate our materials to other languages to reach more women. Emphasis on communication to involve more women.

Marilee agrees with Georgina that the present Council members have more power and feels that the present Council will be more successful than the previous one. She is excited for what lies ahead for the Council.

Stacey felt that the present group moves fluidly. Work is more effortless. We have focused the attention. The presence of the first male member is very positive and is looking to Ahmed to convince the Referee Commission to train more women. Coaching is a more difficult area and Therese's experience would be beneficial in reaching our goals.

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

# **FIE WOMEN AND FENCING COUNCIL**

## **PROPOSAL FOR EQUAL PRIZE MONEY**

### **Overview**

The Women and Fencing Council wish to propose a modification to the FIE Administrative Rules to recognise principles of gender equality in the award of prize money at FIE competitions.

### **Background**

The FIE Statutes acknowledge and uphold the fundamental principles of gender equality and non-discrimination. In particular, paragraph 1.1(j) recognizes that it is part of the FIE's mission to ensure that the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex is respected.

The FIE has introduced key initiatives to support the equal participation of women in fencing, including minimum requirements for gender representation on the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils, and the establishment of the Women and Fencing Council.

The FIE has also promoted gender equality in the context of international competition through the introduction of women's sabre into the Olympic program in 2004.

Following the recent announcement by the IOC, fencing now has equal gender representation across a full program of Olympic events, due to the strong leadership and tireless efforts of the FIE. In this way, fencing continues to contribute to the objective outlined in Recommendation 11 of the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020, being to achieve 50% female representation in the Olympic Games.

In recent years, the FIE has also taken significant steps to raise the profile of fencing and its athletes through the establishment of the Grand Prix circuit, comprising three events for each weapon held in nine different cities around the world. The inclusion of men's and women's competitions alongside each other in these showcase events is another important step in promoting gender equality.

As the FIE's promotional and media activities continue to achieve further publicity for fencing, it is anticipated that the sponsorship environment will improve and host organisations will be increasingly able to offer prize money for FIE competitions.

In accordance with the FIE's commitment to gender equality, it is considered important that where men's and women's events are held together, prize money is awarded on an equal basis between the two events. This has not always been the case in the past.

Accordingly, the Women and Fencing Council proposes that Chapter 9 of the FIE Administrative Rules be amended to include a requirement for gender equality in the award of prize money for all FIE competitions.

The introductory wording which currently appears at the beginning of Chapter 9 requires the organisers of FIE competitions to ensure free access to competitors and officials, and to do everything in their power to obtain the necessary visas required.

This existing provision reflects and upholds the Rules of Conduct set out in Part 3 of the FIE Ethical Code, which requires that the FIE family prohibit any kind of preference or prejudice in any competition.

The Rules of Conduct also prohibit preference or prejudice in competition on the basis of gender. Accordingly, it is considered appropriate that the issue of gender equality in prize money be dealt with in the same section of the Administrative Rules as the requirement to ensure free access.

In light of the above, the Women and Fencing Council requests consideration of a proposed modification of the FIE Administrative Rules, to be put to the FIE Congress in the form set out below.

## **Proposal**

### Motivation:

The introduction of a requirement for gender equality in the award of prize money at FIE competitions reflects the fundamental principles of gender equality and non-discrimination which are recognised in the FIE Statues. This measure represents an important practical step in the FIE's ongoing commitment to gender equality.

## **CHAPTER 9**

### ***FIE COMPETITIONS - GENERAL***

#### ***Protocol***

*All protocol questions are regulated by the Specifications of the Protocol Handbook which the application is compulsory for all the organizers of the FIE competitions.*

#### ***Participation***

*Open World Championships, Junior/Cadet World Championships and other official F.I.E. events are only assigned to National Member Federations who ensure free access to competitors and officials and whose Organizing Committees commit to send invitations to all the Federations having the right to take part, and who do everything in their power to obtain the visas needed.*

*Should these arrangements be contravened, the Central office of the F.I.E. is required to alert the F.I.E. Federation Members immediately and must study the possibility of transferring the responsibility of organising these events to another country.*

*Where prize money is offered at any official F.I.E. event which includes competitions for both men and women, the allocation of prize money must be made on the same basis for each such competition.*



## PROPOSAL 2 – INCREASE FEMALE REFEREES

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	RATIONALE	MEASURABLE/DELIVERABLES	ACHIEVED	TIME-LINE	PRIMUS
<p>Increase the number of referees woman in the FIE Referee Commission (to at Least 40%) Currently at 30%</p> <p>Increase the number of woman referees officiating in the World Cups, Grand Prix and World Championships to at least 30% (Leipzig only 5 of 32 referees are women)</p> <p>Increase the number of women referees in the National Federation level to 30%.</p>	<p>Submit a proposal to change the FIE Statutes to have a minimum of 30% of women in each commission.</p> <p>Networking at the Confederation level to encourage presidents to engage national federations to support and put forward women referees for training courses. Arrange a meeting with the confederation presidents and FIE Referee Commission at the FIE 2017 Congress.</p> <p>Courses tailored for women to better their technical refereeing skills and crucially also to boost their confidence.</p> <p>To motivate women who have retired as fencers to make a career as referee as they already have the experience and technical knowledge.</p> <p>Invite a role model (i.e. well established woman referee) to training course either in person or by video: women who have reached the top to help boost the confidence of women who aspire to be excellent referees.</p> <p>Increase the quota of women referees attending courses.</p>	<p>By changing the statutes, we will have a greater scope and impact to all areas to make that increase happen.</p> <p>It is more effective to approach the presidents of the confederations to create a cascade effect and convey the initiative.</p> <p>With the experience of women referees and ex-fencers, the outcome will surely be more positive and motivational for those who attend the courses: the role models will be proof that this goal is achievable.</p>	<p>Change of statutes.</p> <p>Meeting with the Presidents of Confederations to request support in the nominations of female referees.</p> <p>Comprehensive referee courses each Confederation and seminars to get attendees prepared for the exams.</p> <p>The presence of role models who have had success in in refereeing at courses and seminars (or video if they are not available); sharing of their career progression and experience in refereeing,</p>			

### PROPOSAL 3 – INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FEMALE COACHES

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	RATIONALE	MEASURABLE/DELIVERABLES	ACHIEVED	TIME-LINE	PRIMUS
<p>Increase the number of female coaches in each continent.</p> <p>Collaborate with the FIE to collect coaches information in FIE senior competition</p>	<p>To work with the FIE Sports Director to organize at least one all female coaching course in each zone by 2020.</p> <p>Beginning in Leipzig WC all the way to Tokyo.</p> <p>Compare statistics of coaches in other combat sport</p>	<p>To increase the number of women coaches and increase the participation of girls in fencing.</p> <p>Having the data can aid in developing female coaches</p>	<p>One course per zone per year in different levels – Seniors, Junior and Cadet.</p> <p>Collect the statistics for season 2017-2018</p> <p>Collect the statistics from Judo Federation</p>	<p>All women Coaching Course for Foil in Asia (2017)</p>	<p>2018-2020</p> <p>2017 WC, Leipzig</p> <p>ASAP</p>	<p>Therese</p> <p>Marilee</p> <p>Therese</p>

## PROPOSAL 5 – DEVELOP A MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY FOR ADOPTION BY THE FIE

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	RATIONALE	MEASURABLE/DELIVERABLES	ACHIEVED	TIME-LINE	PRIMUS
<p>1. Develop a Member Protection policy in collaboration with the Legal Commission for adoption by the FIE</p>	<p>To gather information about Member Protection policies of: (a) national fencing federations; and (b) other international sporting federations; (c) other international sporting bodies (such as the IPC)</p> <p>To discuss with the FIE Legal Commission and the FIE Disciplinary Panel (a) the mechanism, process and timing by which a Member Protection policy could be adopted by the FIE and (b) how a Member Protection policy could be implemented and enforced in conjunction with the existing FIE frameworks</p> <p>To determine the key areas and specific subject matter which will be covered by the Member Protection policy, for review by the FIE Legal Commission</p> <p>To prepare a draft of the Member Protection policy, for review by the FIE Legal Commission</p> <p>To finalise the Member Protection policy for adoption by the FIE</p> <p>To lobby for the adoption of the policy by the FIE</p>	<p><b>Overall rationale</b></p> <p>To introduce a Member Protection policy so as to ensure a safe, fair and inclusive environment for all participants in FIE activities</p> <p>To ensure that the Member Protection policy is consistent with the approach taken by other IFs – in particular, to consider the appropriate scope of the policy and the activities it should cover (eg limit to international jurisdiction only?)</p> <p>To ensure that the Member Protection policy operates effectively, in conjunction with the FIE’s existing framework – in particular, to ensure that there is an appropriate mechanism in place to address complaints about breaches of the policy</p> <p>To ensure that there is sufficient support to ensure the adoption of the policy by the FIE</p>	<p>A document summarising the key features of existing Member Protection policies, with particular emphasis to be placed on the approach taken by other international federations and global sporting bodies</p> <p>An agreed process for the adoption of a Member Protection policy by the FIE.</p> <p>An outline of how the Member Protection policy would operate in conjunction with the existing FIE frameworks (eg who would be the decision making body?)</p> <p>A detailed written outline of the subject matter to be included in the Member Protection policy (agreed with the FIE Legal Commission), to be used as the basis for preparing a draft of the policy</p> <p>A detailed draft of the Member Protection policy.</p> <p>A final draft of the Member Protection policy, amended to incorporate feedback from the Legal Commission</p> <p>A document outlining the proposed lobbying strategy</p> <p>.</p>		<p>December 2017</p> <p>December 2017</p> <p>March 2018</p> <p>September 2018</p> <p>December 2018</p> <p>December 2018</p>	<p>E Halls</p> <p>Y Kato</p> <p>S Johnson</p>

## PROPOSAL 6 – DEVELOP A STRONG COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	RATIONALE	MEASURABLE/DELIVERABLES	ACHIEVED	TIME-LINE	PRIMUS
1. To enhance the use of social media platforms.	<p>Keep and enhance website, “Together We are Stronger” and continue to send important information to FIE website for publication.</p> <p>Develop a new twitter account for “Together We are Stronger”</p>	Social media is a key resource for W & F Council to get out our success and objectives	Increase social media traffic counts		Summer of 2018	Mirani Fernandes
2.To identify five confederation contacts for social media communication	Identify other contact sites in the five confederations if possible to publish W & F Council information.	To increase the reach of the W & F Council to the five confederations.	Five confederation contacts made and information is flowing to the sites.		Sept. 30, 2017	Stacey Johnson and Helen Smith
3. Create a video, “Women With Sport Power,” to illustrate how fencing improves the lives of women of all ages and levels within fencing.	Take short easy videos (even utilizing cell phones) from a variety of women	To increase the understanding of the affirming power of sport for women.	Produce video and distribute video to all website and twitter site		Feb. 1, 2018	Mirani Fernandes
4. Nominate a woman for IOC Women in Sport Award	A list of names were discussed and a priority to the names were suggested	To elevate Fencing within the IOC.	Forward a candidate for IOC Women in Sport Award.		Meet IOC Deadline October 31, 2017	Stacey Johnson and Helen Smith Veena Gunput
5. To create a communication plan to support statues change to a minimum of 30% women on all Commissions and Councils.	151 possible eligible countries. The list of countries will be broken up among the Council members.	The movement to equality is imperative	List is developed and distributed before the November Congress in Dubai.			



# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE STATUTES

2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of the Executive Committee

### Proposal 1

Motivation: Up-dating of the article

#### 5.6 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

\*5.6.2 ~~The President shall have the right to hire and terminate the employees, service providers, advisers, consultants and other individuals and companies.~~

The President may employ and terminate, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the personnel necessary to run the F.I.E. efficiently.

The Legal Commission feels that the proposed change is not in line with “ Good Governance” principles because it eliminates the checks and balances by consolidating all decision making power in one individual’s hands. The principle of “4 Eyes” with regard to having at least 2 persons sharing responsibility should be implemented not only in the Statutes but also in practice. The Legal Commission will commence a project to review and modify the Statutes (and Administrative Rules, where applicable) to reflect appropriate governance. The text proposed is therefore: \*

## Proposals of Sam Cheris (MH) and Peter Jacobs (MH)

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** To harmonize the Statutes with the corresponding proposal relevant to the Technical Rules.

#### ~~7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card~~

~~When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E., it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal~~

**The Legal Commission is in favour of eliminating Statute section 7.2.11 if the Congress adopts the changes to the Rules encompassed in t.119, which would move the concepts of the Statute section into the Rules where all other sections regarding the giving of a black card and the consequences thereof are found.**

## Proposals of the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** Resubmission of the Legal Commission proposal 5 of 2013, clarifying nationality rules for submission of candidates for councils, as it failed to be approved at that congress. Modify to include nominated as well as elected posts and clarify nationality issue, as follows:

- 4.1.2. Candidates for the **Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel** ~~any-elected-post~~ may be proposed by an F.I.E. Member Federation, subject to the following conditions:
- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for each post
  - a candidate ~~for the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel~~ can only be presented by the Member Federation ~~with~~ (treated in 4.4.1, 4.6.2 and 4.7.1) ~~the limit of 1 candidate per nationality for any such position~~ with **whom the candidate has nationality.**

**The Legal Commission supports this proposal as modified to create greater clarity.**

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** REVISION TO ARTICLE 4.4.2, PARA 4, to clarify point 3 and bring the English version in line with the French and Spanish texts. Modify as follows:

- 4.4.2 4. A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must ~~have both:~~
- ~~must~~ be or have been an FIE category B or A referees in at least two weapons;
- and
- be a current member of the Refereeing Commission, or have refereed in official FIE competitions in ~~each-of~~ at least two weapons in at least two (2) of the 4 fencing seasons (1 September to 31 August) preceding his candidature
- and
- have refereed, at least once, in one weapon, in the table of eight, **semi-final or final of the individual or team event** of a senior World Cup, or a Grand Prix, or a World Championships or the Olympic Games of the 4 fencing seasons preceding his candidature.

**The Legal Commission supports this proposal with the one modifier to clarify that the team match would have a similar strength level as that of the individual matches.**

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### Proposal 3



**Motivation:** to state council minority gender quota in percentage terms as councils are of varying numbers of members. Modify to state the minima in terms of percentages, as follows:

- 4.7.6. Candidates permitting, ~~there must be at least two persons of each gender~~ there must be at least 20% representation of each gender on each of the councils.

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal.**

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#### **Proposal 4**

**Motivation:** Add new section to the Statutes to govern attendance at meeting of the commission by means other than physical attendance:

- 6.4.2 A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken will be submitted by correspondence to absent members who must express their opinion within 8 days; if they fail to do this, their silence will be interpreted as an agreement with the submitted proposal.

1 Each member of the commission is entitled to participate in any meeting, by telephone or video conference, provided that both of the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) the President of the commission is able to ascertain the identity of each person attending the meeting; and

ii) all the participants are able to take part in real time in the discussion and simultaneously vote on the items of the meeting agenda.

The Meeting is considered to be held in the location where the President is attending the meeting.

Each member who wants to participate by telephone or video conference, pursuant to the above, shall submit the request to the President, at least 10 days before the meeting. However, no such 10-day notice is required if a member of the commission cannot attend the meeting. in person on account of a force majeure event including, but not limited to, illness or injury preventing a person from coming to the meeting or travel interruption due to delays preventing the person from arriving in time for the meeting.

For certain matters the President, following each meeting deliberation, may ask for a confirmation to be addressed by e-mail within 10 days from the date the meeting is held.

Participation by telephone or video is not permitted when a secret ballot is required.

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as revised to clarify the force majeure exception.**

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## Proposal 5

**Motivation:** Modifications to facilitate the use of to the FIE Disciplinary Code by those confederations who have decided to subject themselves to it:

### 7.1.1 Jurisdiction

The Disciplinary Panel, selected by the Executive Committee, has sole jurisdiction to rule on all offences against the Rules, Ethics Code, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the International Fencing Federation (F.I.E.), (including any of its confederations that have subjected themselves to this FIE Disciplinary Code and/or the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel), except the specific dispositions with respect to discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114 et seq. of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E. The Executive Committee will assure the respect for and the execution of the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel.

For the purpose of the Disciplinary Code, any confederation that has subjected itself to this FIE Disciplinary Code and/or the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel will hereinafter be referred to as a 'Joined Confederation'.

### 7.1.2 Disciplinary jurisdiction - persons subject

All individual or entities are subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel of the F.I.E. for example who:

- are members of the F.I.E.;
- are licensees of the F.I.E. or of any of the Joined Confederations;
- are licensees of or affiliated to members of the F.I.E.; or
- are members of national delegations.

### 7.1.7 Offences

The offences submitted to the assessment of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the F.I.E. are the following:

- Violation of the Statutes or the Rules of the F.I.E. or of any of the Joined Confederations
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Brutal behaviour -----etc.

### 7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card

When a black card is awarded at an international competition organised under the aegis of the F.I.E. or of any of the Joined Confederations, it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who

assesses the appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal.

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal. If the Congress passes the amendment to t.119, section 7.2.11 will be eliminated as noted in Proposal 1 proffered by Peter Jacobs MH and Sam Chervis MH.**

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### **Proposal 6**

**Motivation:** to clarify the interplay between the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Bureau and that of the Disciplinary Panel

Modify Articles 7.2.2 and 7.2.3.

**Argument:** The procedure in establishing the Disciplinary Tribunal according to Arts. 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 is not precise. It is up to the Legal Commission to form the Disciplinary Tribunal by selecting its members out of the Disciplinary Panel. Only after creating the Disciplinary Tribunal, the complaint “shall” be forwarded to its president. Thus, the Legal Commission has to take action without formal knowledge of the complaint. Furthermore, in establishing the Disciplinary Tribunal conflicts of interests have to be avoided. This is not possible without knowledge of the complaint and – at least – the parties involved. The changes of Art. 7.2.2 and Art. 7.2.3 streamline the process of establishing the Disciplinary Tribunal.

The wording of Art. 7.2.2 (“when it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal” and “the head office of the F.I.E. shall send”) could be interpreted as granting the head office any discretion in forwarding the complaint. This is not compatible with the sole jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Tribunal. The changes to Art. 7.2.3 accordingly refrain from such open wording and give the Legal Commission the authority to decide on the admissibility of the complaint.

#### **7.2.2 Composition of the Disciplinary Tribunal**

The head office of the F.I.E. will inform the president of the Legal Commission of any complaint filed with the F.I.E and the parties involved within three days after the complaint was filed with the F.I.E.

~~When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal,~~ In case of admissibility of the complaint according to Article 7.2.1, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will within 7 days after being informed about the complaint by the head office of the F.I.E. eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a

conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal, by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

The proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, [the Head Office of the FIE](#), the Disciplinary Tribunal ~~and~~ the Legal Commission [and the Bureau with respect to matters relating to 7.2.12.](#)

### **7.2.3 The disciplinary Tribunal - composition, powers, obligations**

The head office of the F.I.E. ~~shall~~ will send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within ~~15-7~~ days [after its creation](#), the complaint, which was filed with the F.I.E.

The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint to the person(s) designated therein.

A copy of the complaint is also sent to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong.

~~If the case arises, t~~The Disciplinary Tribunal can, on its own motion, decide that there is no grounds to prosecute the complaint, which has been submitted to them.

That decision can be appealed according to the rules of Article 7.2.7.

The Disciplinary Tribunal has all of the powers for investigating the complaint, and pronouncing, if the case arises, a penalty. It must, in all circumstances, respect and ensure respect of the rights of the defence.

### **7.2.12 Power of judgement by the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau of the F.I.E.**

**Argument:** Art. 7.1.1 establishes the sole jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Art. 7.2.12 gives the Bureau only power to take preliminary measures until a final decision by the Disciplinary Tribunal is made. The changes to Art. 7.2.12 para. 1 clarify this understanding.

7.2.12 In case of emergency, the **Central Office Bureau** of the F.I.E. can take, within the framework of its power to judge, **preliminary** administrative measures suspending the license of the defendant ~~when it has referred the case to~~ **until a final ruling by** the Disciplinary Tribunal. It can only do this in cases where the severity of the offence or its consequences require it.

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to clarify those entitled to receive copies of the complaint and clarifying that “Central Office” is the Bureau.**

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## **Proposal 7**

**Motivation:** Special provisions should be adopted to address refugee participation

### **9.1.5 Application and Issue**

a) **The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.**

b) For those countries, which do not yet have a national federation, which is a member of the F.I.E., applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

e) The F.I.E. **administrative head** office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

### **9.2.3**

For the FIE competitions fencers who are legally stateless **or hold a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities in the country in which they live**, may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live **with approval of the F.I.E. head office**. **Fencers holding refugee status shall be treated as nationals of the country of such member federation for purposes of these Statutes and F.I.E. rules unless the Member Federation refuses to allow them to compete on behalf of such Federation in which case they shall**

be treated as stateless, but shall not be permitted to represent any particular country in competitions, either individually or as part of a team, unless authorized to do so by the F.I.E. head office.”

The practical process for a request of modification of nationality is stated in the FIE Administrative Rules, “Licences and nationality” chapter.

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to clarify that it is the FIE head office that will administer this process and that a refugee who is not permitted to compete for the country granting them refugee status will be treated as stateless.**

## Proposals of the Promotion and Publicity Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** To update the name and duties of the Commission to more accurately describe the actual work being done by the Commission. For example, the existing duties in the statutes have descriptions for roles currently undertaken by the FIE head office (first duty), the Rules Commission (third duty) and the Coaching Council (fourth duty). The proposed new name and new duties would reflect the current work undertaken by the Commission.

#### 6.5.5 *The Promotion ~~and Publicity~~, Communication and Marketing Commission*

The duties of ~~this~~ the Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission ~~is are:~~ ~~to motivate and co-ordinate the activities of the member Federations for the promotion and development of fencing; to advise the Congress on the way in which the patronage of the F.I.E. will be bestowed on international competitions; to propose the rules for the World Cup competitions (A-category and Grand Prix) and Masters, and to supervise their application; and to maintain contact between the F.I.E. and the fencing masters.~~

- a) To provide professional expertise to elevate and enhance the image of fencing for all groups including sponsors, audiences, fencers and all the fencing family
- b) To propose innovations and improvements to the Executive Committee, particularly those associated with television, internet and live audiences
- c) To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters associated with Promotion, Communication and Marketing
- d) To contribute to the continuing promotion of fencing in all zones
- e) To propose changes and improvements to the sections in the administrative rules and handbooks relating to Promotion, Communication and Marketing

It is responsible for promoting public relations activities for our sport.

It proposes any changes relating to the media and advertising aspects of fencing.

It presents to the Executive Committee a report, which will be submitted to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The definitive formulation of texts for the decisions taken by the Congress must be entrusted to the Rules Commission or the Legal Commission as applicable for approval by the Executive Committee.

**The Legal Commission agrees with this proposal as presented.**

**PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES  
2017 CONGRESS**

**Proposals of the Executive Committee**

**Proposal 7**

**Motivation:** if the important aspect is for the athlete to be at least 13, 14 or 15 at the time of registering for a competition, then our proposal is to delete the text underneath this. In fact, the junior competition year lasts until April so if an athlete is 13 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January of the year in which the match takes place, he cannot take part in the competition.

**Age of athletes**

**o.55**

1. No fencer is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is **at least 13 years old** when his FIE licence is ordered ~~on 1 January in the year of the competition.~~

**The Legal Commission agrees with the establishment of the birthday as the date for determining eligibility for an FIE license. Unless the medical commission presented documentation for a change of age, age 13 should be retained.**



## Proposals of the Legal Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** to harmonize the technical and organizational rules with the proposed changes to the Statutes.

#### o.63

With the aim of ensuring that the rules are observed at the World Championships and Olympic Games, the President and the members of the Bureau of the FIE have the right to **attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique** and of the official delegates of the FIE. The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any ~~other~~ disputes, ~~other than discipline~~, which arise at World Championships. ~~With respect to disciplinary actions, please see t.99.4 and t.123.2).~~

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal and suggests it be treated with Proposal 6 of the Legal Commission related to the Statutes since it deals with the same topic.**

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### Proposal 2

#### t.99

4. In urgent cases, the **FIE ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau** may take the **preliminary** administrative measures necessary for the suspension of the licence of the accused in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to show that the “Central Office” is the Bureau and suggests it be treated with Proposal 6 of the Legal Commission related to the Statutes since it deals with the same topic.**

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### Proposal 3

#### t.123

2. If a complaint or protest contests a decision taken by the Directoire Technique or the official FIE delegate, it should be addressed to the FIE **~~Central-Office~~ Bureau in accordance with Articles 7.2 and t.97.6.**

**The Legal Commission is in favour of this proposal as amended to show that the “Central Office” is the Bureau and suggests it be treated with**

**Proposal 6 of the Legal Commission related to the Statutes since it deals with the same topic.**

**Proposals of the Legal and Medical Commissions**

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**Proposal 1**

**Motivation:** Increase the minimum age for participation in FIE competitions from 13 to 14.

**Argument:** Medically speaking, at 13 years of age, girls and boys are going through different physical development. The onset of puberty varies among individuals, but puberty usually occurs in girls between the ages of 10 and 14, while in boys it generally occurs later, between the ages of 12 and 16. Even if fencing is a non violent sport, situations of corps-à-corps do occur putting a less mature fencer at risk and on balance. Therefore 14 is considered a more appropriate and safer minimum age than 13 for both boys and girls (setting different age rules between the sexes in today's environment could increase the risk of potential litigations).

**o.55**

1. Change **13** to **14**.

**See Legal Commission response to Proposal 7 – Proposals of the Executive Committee.**

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**Proposal 2**

**Motivation:** Standardise the age at which a fencer may participate in an official FIE competition based on actual date of birth alone.

**Argument:** Currently, to compete in their first cadet world championships (the only official FIE competition for cadets) after achieving the minimum age (currently 13) a fencer has to wait anything from some 3 months after their actual birthday (birthday on December 31st) up to 15 months (birthday one day later, on January 1st).

Similarly, to compete in their first FIE competition of any sort the wait from after their birthday is from a few days to a full 12 months.

In effect, currently we have a fluid 'minimum age' varying from thirteen to fourteen, which is complicated and unfair.

**o.55**

1. No fencer ~~is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition~~ may obtain an FIE licence, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>\*\* birthday.

**See Legal Commission response to Proposal 7 – Proposals of the Executive Committee.**

\*\* Depending on proposal 1

## Proposals of Israeli Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The junior season starts at the 1 September. A fencer can be titled at the cadet junior and senior continental and world championships but cannot take part on the competitions ahead at the first 4 months of that season (1 September-31 December).

The following article contradicts o.55. 1. as it is because if the fencer is allowed to take part at the world championships (cadet junior and senior) then he or she can compete also on the 4 months (1 September-31 December) preceding the year of the world championships .

o.80. only fencers who are **of an age to qualify** for the next Junior World Championships may fence in the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, of the current fencing season.

### o.55

1. No fencer is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she ~~is~~ **will be at least 13 years old** on 1 January in the ~~year~~ **season** of the competition.

**See Legal Commission response to Proposal 7 – Proposals of the Executive Committee:**

## Proposals of Italian Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** The proposal aims to make uniform the rules for referees for the different categories and world cup and avoid the diversification regarding the issue.

In order to avoid that the countries participating with less than 5 athletes will not bring their referee and do not pay any fee, this rule will be more equal and all the countries will be responsible to their quota of the corresponding referee fee.

#### o.81

~~1-a) The number of FIE A or B Grade referees (cf. t.35) that must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions and Veteran World Championship is:~~

~~1-4 fencers No obligation to provide a referee~~

~~5-9 fencers One referee~~

~~10 or more fencers Two referees~~

~~1 junior team One referee~~

~~For junior A Grade competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).~~

~~b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.~~

For **Open A-grade, Grand Prix, Veterans World championships and Senior and Junior World Cup team competitions**, between 8 and 12 ~~8~~ referees, depending on the number of expected fencers, proposed by the Refereeing Commission, will be designated by the Executive Committee and delegations will not have to provide any referees. The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organizing committee.

All the referees will be at the expense of the organizers who in return will keep the entry fees.

For **Veterans World championships and Junior World Cup** an additional entry fee for referees shall be added to the registration fee; the amount of this fee shall be proposed by the organizers and approved by FIE.

**The Legal Commission expresses no opinion since this is a Rules provision that does not affect any statutory provision or principle.**

### **Other Topics discussed by the Legal Commission:**

- **It is necessary to create clarity between the jurisdiction of the Referee Delegate and the Supervisor with regard to the interpretation of the Rules.**
- **There should be a training session for competition Supervisors given by FIE Head office personnel and experienced Supervisors – possibly a plenary session at the beginning of the Commission Meetings next year.**
- **Supervisor reports need to be updated to cover the issues that are relevant to today and not be largely duplicative of the information, which is part of the electronic files being submitted by the tournament organizer.**
- **Reviewed on-going work of commission members in assisting new Member Federations develop their statutes, reviewing Nationality issues referred to it, reviewing disciplinary complaints and establishing Disciplinary Tribunals, reviewing and editing contracts and tenders presented to it and working with Confederations updating their statutes.**

### **Additions to the Plan of Work for the Legal Commission**

- **Review Disciplinary Code to assure that complainant, respondent and the head office have sufficient time to do what is required under the Code.**
- **Expand the section on Nationality to cover non-fencing licensees and the different issues presented by their change of nationality.**
- **Good governance project**
- **Revision of Ethics Code to take into account new IOC Ethics Code and to remove jurisdictional conflicts between Fair Play Council and Ethics Committee.**

**Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Legal Commission by:**

**Samuel David Chervis, President of the Legal Commission**

# FIE Medical Commission Meeting

(First day: June 30, 2017)

**Present:** Erika Aze (ComEx representative at the Medical Commission), Antonio Fiore (President), Catherine De Foligny-Renault, Clare Halsted, Liza Huzel, Jenő Kamuti, Jeremy Summers, Maha Mustafa Mourad, Sabrina Imene Halaimia.

**Absent:** Davood Reza Shafaat, Usama Azerjwee

The first day session covered the following points:

1. Plovdiv 2017 Cadet/Junior World Championships Report and t33 rule test.
2. Anti-doping issues and related structure(s) of the Medical Commission concerning this area.
3. Changes to rules t33 and o55 (concerning the minimum age to compete in FIE sanctioned events).

## **1. Report on Plovdiv 2017 Cadet/Junior World Championship and test of t33 rule.**

Dr. Halaimia reported on the Plovdiv Cadet/Junior World Championships. All competitions were run under the modified t33 rule (maximum 5 minutes of medical time-out). No problems were encountered due to the reduced time for injury medical treatment. In terms of data, only 16 injury breaks were called and only two injury withdrawals from competition. Excellent cooperation with the other two medical delegates in Plovdiv (Kamuti and Shafaat). Emphasis on the great importance to have a preliminary meeting with the referees before the start of any world championship to clarify the enforcement of t33 rule.

**Proposal 1** by Fiore: In view of the workload and the many daily hours of the medical delegates during world championships, it is proposed to increase the number of medical delegates at the Cadet/Junior Worlds and at the Senior Worlds to three, two in the case of the Veteran Worlds.

Approved unanimously

**Proposal 2** by Fiore: To adopt at all Worlds the form for the collection of injury data used at the two test-events in Bourges and Plovdiv.

Approved unanimously

**Proposal 3** by De Foligny: To use at all Worlds the lighting signal of the strip where an injury occurs together with the pager to summon the medical delegate.

Approved unanimously

## **2. Anti-Doping**

**Pedro Gonçalves** and **Sara Geraldo** of **SportAccord** joined the meeting to explain what SportAccord does for the FIE and to answer questions. Sara is taking over from Pedro as the FIE contact.

SportAccord has a contract with the FIE to provide certain Anti-Doping services. They include:

- Whereabouts management on ADAMS for the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) = 24 fencers (top 4 x6) in 2017; Organizing 72 Out of Competition tests on RTP athletes;
- Providing administrative assistance in up to 500 In-Competition tests per year;
- Results management for all FIE tests and AD infringements according to contract;
- Coordinating up to 20 TUE requests that come to the FIE; FIE responsible for International Level Fencers = 192 fencers (top 32 x 6); only 5-10 TUE applications/year;
- Contributing to the FIE Anti-Doping education program by arrangement as outside the contract;
- Providing information and advice about Anti-Doping matters.

FIE Anti-Doping requires three responsible structures:

- A. **Anti-Doping Commission:** This is a sub-commission inside the FIE Medical Commission. It does not have a specified number of members. Its primary role is educational, primarily during cadet/junior world championships;
- B. **TUEC:** It doesn't have a specified number of members, but requires assistance and collaboration from SportAccord in administration responsibilities, especially in the running of ADAMS and the checking and monitoring outside competition of athletes in the International list (the top 4 in each weapon, i.e., 24 in total) and decide who and when should be tested. TUEC manages the clinical and administrative protocols related to TUE. If needed in specific situations, it shall appoint outside (paid) experts.
- C. **Anti-Doping Hearing Panel:** The structure to decide on disciplinary sanctions of an athlete testing positive. It shall include one or two lawyers, a Medical Commission member, plus a possible outside expert.

#### **Governance:**

Dr. Kamuti announced his withdrawal as President of the AD Commission but declared that he wanted to remain a member of the AD Commission.

The following members of the AD Commission were named and approved: Fiore, Halsted, Kamuti. In addition, Halaimia and Summers with the charge to support Halsted in the realization of the AD Education Program.

#### **New president of the AD sub-commission:**

Dr. Halsted, as the only candidate, was named Chair of the AD sub-commission.

Fiore stressed the necessity of the entire Medical Commission to be kept informed, within obvious considerations for privacy issues related to specific cases.

**Proposal 4** by Mourad: The AD sub-commission to be in charge for one year, renewable in 2018.

Approved unanimously

#### **TUEC**

Composition was discussed; many International Federations have one member from the sport + a panel of external experts to call upon. If necessary an expert can be coopted.

SportAccord can deal with TUEs—there is a cost of about 100 EU per case to be paid to the panel. An FIE representative can be on the TUEC but this is not compulsory.

For simple cases the TUEC could come from the Medical Commission but more complex cases would be managed on a case by case basis with appropriate in house and/or outside expertise.

The Medical Commission voted as TUEC members Halsted and Huzel, who shall liaise and operate with the support of SportAccord.

#### **Anti-Doping Hearing Panel**

To be formed and seated when needed, depending on potential conflict of interest in each case.

Halsted discussed the **Independent Testing Authority (ITA)**. She read out the IOC Declaration of March 2017 – 12 principles for a more robust and independent global Anti-Doping system to protect clean athletes. This includes the creation of an ITA which will develop an *International Test Distribution Plan* for each International Federation. The ITA is planned for early 2018.

#### **Related matters:**

- **Testing of fencers:**
  - In Competition Tests: 450 tests/year. Very few results go missing; electronic submission now used by some countries.

- Out Of Competition Tests: 8% unable to locate athlete—same as most sports; fencers tend to be good with IT.
- **Comments on education initiative:**
  - needs to be more widespread;
  - aim is to prevent positive tests due to ignorance (fencing is not a high-risk sport for doping);
  - Summers described the *Safe Sport Program* in USA which includes Anti-Doping advice; all young American fencers have to complete the program before competing abroad;
  - the *Real Winner Online Program* is very good but costly. WADA has new resources for this so worth looking at again;
  - make better use of the FIE website
- **Biological passports**: the FIE has already implemented the *steroidal module* (urine tests) but not yet the *haematological module*.

### 3. Changes to rules t33 and o55 (minimum age to compete in FIE sanctioned events)

#### t33 rule

Proposition n° 1 of the changed t33 was approved unanimously by the Medical Commission.

De Foligny objected to '*officiel médical*' in the French version, recommending instead '*Responsable médical*'.

#### o55 Rule

After a discussion whether more medical research should be investigated on the minimum age limitation, the Medical Commission approved by majority to accept Proposition n° 2 to consider the date of an athlete's 13th birthday and thereafter as determinant to participate in FIE sanctioned competitions.



# FIE Medical Commission Meeting

*(Second day: July 1, 2017)*

**Present:** Erika Aze (ComEx representative at the Medical Commission), Antonio Fiore (President), Catherine De Foligny-Renault, Clare Halsted, Liza Huzel, Jeno Kamuti, Jeremy Summers, Maha Mustafa Mourad, Sabrina Imene Halaimia.

**Absent:** Davood Reza Shafaat, Usama Azerjwee

**Note:** in the morning session Mr. Evgeny Tsoukhlo, FIE Deputy Chief Executive Officer, was present.

The second day session covered the following points:

4. Analysis and discussion of critical organizational issues during the World Championships pertaining to the correct application and enforcement of t33 and the Medical Delegates work and responsibilities. Proposal to increase the number of medical delegates to three for cadet, junior, and senior world championships, and to two for veteran world championships.
5. Medical delegates assignments for the new competitive season.
6. A brief report by Jeremy Summers on some clinical and semiological aspects of cramps and dehydration.
7. Material safety issues with reference to the mask.
8. Presentation of the IMTF (International Medical Task Force) Pilot Project scheduled for 2018 Verona Cadet & Junior World Championships.
9. Others.

#### **4. Analysis and discussion of critical organizational issues during the World Championships pertaining to the correct application and enforcement of t33 and the Medical Delegates work and responsibilities.**

Fiore thanked Mr. Tsoukhlo for his request to participate in the working session of the Medical Commission. Full collaboration with the Directoire technique is of fundamental importance for an optimal medical assistance provided to the athletes during competitions.

Mr. Tsoukhlo was informed on the positive outcome of two events, Bourges (2016) and Plovdiv (2017), where the proposed changes in t33 were applied and tested.

Mr. Tsoukhlo was made aware also of the challenges and problems related to the work and responsibilities of the medical delegates, namely:

- a. Problems of organization caused by the number and location of halls where the competitions take place and the difficulty to quickly reach a strip when summoned to attend an injured athlete;
- b. the very long working hours during each day without rest or substitution;
- c. total workload and responsibilities: athletes' health and well being, and anti-doping.

Concerning these points Mr. Tsoukhlo was informed of the decision by the Medical Commission to propose to the FIE ComEx to increase the number of medical delegates to three for cadet/junior, and senior world championships, and to two for veteran world championships.

Mr. Tsoukhlo took note of the need for change in the organizational structure to alleviate challenges and problems raised by the medical commission, agreeing in principle with the recommended proposals.

Mr. Tsoukhlo stressed the importance that from the operational point of view it is important that medical delegates be capable to make rapid and clear decisions regarding the application and enforcement of rule t33 and in sanctioning the duration of medical time-out for the injured athlete.

## 5. Medical delegates assignments for the new competitive season

Medical Delegates proposed assignments for the 2018 season:

- **Verona 2018 Cadet/Junior World Championships:** De Foligny, Kamuti, Summers. For the Anti-Doping Education Program: Halsted and Halaimia
- **Wuxi 2018 Senior World Championships:** Halsted, Huzel, Mourad
- **Livorno 2018 Veteran World Championships:** De Foligny, Kamuti

## 6. A brief report by Jeremy Summers on some clinical and semiological aspects of cramps and dehydration.

N/A

## 7. Material safety issues with reference to the mask.

Halsted circulated a brief report of the joint meeting with SEMI in Plovdiv to examine this problem.

- Manufacturers are being asked to submit proposals to decrease the risk of a mask falling off.
- New designs will be tested.

Halsted had stressed at the meeting that, as the incidence is extremely low, testing over a few months would be for comfort and ease of use only as much longer would be needed to gain enough data to compare risks.

However, while incidence is very low, potential consequences are catastrophic.

Suggestions for action:

- Protocol is needed for all incidents of a mask falling off during a bout to be implemented at all FIE events;
  - Action: determine who is responsible for setting up and implementing such protocol?
- Incident reporting procedure is needed to be collated by MedCom and included in FIE supervisors' report for all World Cups; a form on FIE website would be helpful;
  - Action: Summers to be in charge of drafting the form for the incident reporting process
- At World Championships, SEMI and MedCom delegates to decide if mask is or can be made safe and continue to be used;
  - Action: proposal to be forwarded to ComEx for approval and implementation
- Establish and maintain communication with the Referees and Athlete Commissions on this issue is essential;
  - Action: proposal to be forwarded to ComEx for approval and implementation
- All officials at FIE events should be encouraged to feel responsible for helping to prevent these incidents e.g., **anyone** who notices a mask that looks unsafe on a fencer should intervene.
  - Action: proposal to be forwarded to ComEx for approval and implementation.

## 8. Presentation of the IMTF (International Medical Task Force) Pilot Project proposed for 2018 Verona Cadet & Junior World Championships.

Fiore presented the **IMTF Pilot Project**, underscoring that opportunity to realize it during the 2018 Verona Cadet & Junior World Championships. On the costs involved, he has already lined up financial contributions from Italian sponsors who have already express great interest in this project. Furthermore, the possibility to utilize in Italy Italian technical personnel gets around the obstacle of international licensing and qualification for physicians and physiotherapists.

Fiore also outlined to the Commission that the primary difficulty for the realization of this project is with the insurance liability/coverage and related cost the FIE should assume if IMTF professionals are operating as FIE (temporary) personnel.

Fiore will reevaluate all critical issues for this project, searching for acceptable solutions to legal and insurance liabilities.

A majority of the Medical Commission agreed on the benefits and merits of the IMTF project.

## **Others**

### **Veteran Council request**

Huzel referred that Veteran Council wanted to be bring two issues to the Medical Commission's attention:

- **Elevated strip safety risk:** A fencer fell off the raised piste during the European Veterans Championships; they questioned whether the required width of an elevated piste should be increased to make it safer;
  - Action: the Medical Commission decided that this concern should be forwarded to the SEMI Commission
- **Non-musculoskeletal issues (such as cardiac):** The medical delegate/tournament doctors need to be comfortable assessing/managing non-musculoskeletal issues (such as cardiac) that could affect athletes in the Veteran age group.
  - Action: the Medical Commission decided that the Medical Delegate should communicate and discuss this with the member(s) of the tournament Organizing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio Fiore, M.D.

President, FIE Medical Commission

## Meeting of the FIE Promotion and Publicity Commission

**Location:** Hotel Alpha-Palmiers, Lausanne

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017

### Attendees:

- Nikolay Mateev (President)
- Isabelle Lamour (Representative of the FIE Executive Committee)
- Elena Grishina (Director CMTV)
- David Baker (Secretary)
- Carl Borack
- Victor Sergio Groupierre
- Monica Ho
- Reno Marolt
- Rigoberto Morejon Llanes
- Gianandrea Nicolai

### Apologies:

- Joyce Bolanos
- Nouredine Robbana

## 1. Introduction

- Nikolay Mateev and Isabelle Lamour welcomed all members of the commission to the meeting, and noted that we had received apologies from JB and NR. Nouredine Robbana is currently unwell – we all wish him a speedy recovery
- Carl Borack was introduced as a new member of the commission as Elena Grishina had accepted a role as director of the FIE CMTV department. The commission is looking forward to continue to work with Elena Grishina as part of her new role.
- Nikolay Mateev noted that since our last meeting we have received an additional two medals at the Olympic Games. The commission will write to the head office, COMEX and the president to express our gratitude for the hard work that has been done .
- It was also discussed that this will have an impact on qualification for the individual places, as the overall number of athletes will stay constant. The commission will monitor the qualification proposals so that the principles of universality are maintained.

## 2. Presentation and Validation of the Agenda

- Nikolay Mateev presented the agenda to the Commission and it was unanimously approved

## 3. Presentation from Communication, Marketing and TV Department

- It was agreed to postpone the presentation from CMTV as the full materials were not available and we will continue the discussion over email.
- Elena Grishina shared some materials with the commission.

#### 4. Study of proposals for the 2017 Congress

**1<sup>st</sup> Proposal of the Promotion and Publicity Commission:**

- In favour. Propose deletion of the word “professional”

**12<sup>th</sup> Proposal of the Executive Committee:**

- Not in favour
- Strongly against the negative multiplying coefficient
- We recommend that simulations are done by weapon and by gender
- Presentation of any multiplication in percentage terms will be easier to understand
- Additionally, the word “Senior” is missing in the French and Spanish translations

**14<sup>th</sup> Proposal of the Executive Committee:**

- Not in favour
- This change will not improve the viewing experience for audiences

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Proposal of the Referee Commission:**

- In favour
- Propose the time is increased to 30 seconds
- Recommend the proposal is tested for the 2017/2018 season

**1<sup>st</sup> Proposal of the Medical Commission:**

- In favour

**4<sup>th</sup> Proposal of the British Fencing Federation:**

- Modification
- Not in favour from L64 for practical reasons. In favour for finals for displaying of replay and propose testing of broadcast of communication.

**8<sup>th</sup> Proposal of the British Fencing Federation:**

- In favour
- New text for epee as well

**1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Proposal of the Iranian Fencing Federation:**

- Not in favour

**1<sup>st</sup> Proposal of the Iraqi Fencing Federation:**

- Not in favour

**2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal of the Swedish Fencing Federation:**

- In favour

#### 5. Plan of Work 2017-2020

- The commission discussed changes to the document prepared in Nice.
- Particular points were as follows:

**Broadcast**

- Elena Grishina informed the commission that there are more than 100 journalist accredited for world championships in Leipzig.
- We have a strong relationship with Olympic channel they have mandated an FIE production for zonal championships but we are not ready for this – was very clear in Tbilisi.
- The issue of promotion in Asia was raised, given the next Olympics in Tokyo. For Leipzig we have agreements with Rai, Chinese TV, Korean TV, Russian TV, Universal and Eurosport. CMTV have

had some issues with Chinese broadcasters.

- Important to do everything we can to help local broadcasters? What are we doing to help the major Asian countries to get excited about fencing in Tokyo 2020?
- Isabelle Lamour noted that the French federation had seen larger numbers in clubs as a result of the Olympics and importantly Olympic success. Have we seen this at other levels?
- Not expensive to put materials together for promotion – we own the information. Elena Grishina explained the relationship between Sunset and Vine who have been contracted to provide a media platform at strategy. The commission will get in contact with Sunset and Vine.
- The commission will contact Marina to discuss the video archive project.
- David Baker asked for the reports of YouTube viewership. Elena Grishina to circulate.
- Commission to write to social media director praising the recent work and offering assistance and collaboration.
- A discussion was had on the commentators on the FIE website. The conclusion was that the level of some commentators was far below what we expect. It can be done better, Carl Borack provided an example of what was done at Rio 2016 for the NBC coverage. We strongly recommend that there are two commentators for each event and that there is a specialist for each weapon. Meetings before each event with CMTV to outline expectations and requirements
- Deputy CEO Evengy Tsoukhlo is finalising a contract with Tissot for the graphics package for the broadcasting. The commission will work with him to ensure our expectations for this product are met

#### **Outreach**

- Photography is moving in a positive direction. We discussed the role of the official photographer
- The commission discussed an app or product to make it easier to find your nearest fencing club. The French system is very good, can we licence this to other federations
- Establishment of an FIE shop (and Promotion stand) is complicated – might be easier to outsource. Can we put together an RFP?
- Discussed a masters competition in China.
- Discussed an Italian fencing app “4 fencing”.

#### **Protocol**

- The commission is keen to push for the evolution of the protocol document. If possible we would like to work with Hilary Philbin to deliver this. Especially important to have Master of Ceremonies (was especially bad at the European championships) and person is responsible for the entire competition.
- FIE to make available an official anthem list.
- Expand the use of the introductory video ahead of fencing competitions.
- There is often a problem to have a press conference before major competitions. In Moscow GP Christian Bauer shut it down. At Monal/CIP in Paris there was a press conference beforehand – was only 4-5 journalists – very small.
- Organising exhibition matches – will be hard to find a date. After world championships probably most likely to have success.

**The plan, alongside the action points will be delivered to the commission within one week**

## **6. Zonal Fencing Confederations**

- Proposal to create a network of P&P contacts to improve our reach and our scope of work.
- If confederations have PP commission, then we and work with them – otherwise work with their representative.

- Then we can contact the P&P representatives of individual federations. Set contact points for each confederation, especially Africa.
- Important for our side to have a consistent approach when engaging the zones.
- David Baker to send an email on behalf of the commission president to zones/countries to get a list of contact points.

## 7. Zonal Championships

- Evgeny Tsoukhlo informed the commission that the FIE is responsible for the senior zonal championships – accordingly this is the responsibility of our commission.
- Very difficult experience at the 2017 European Championships in Tbilisi . Schedule not kept. Broadcasting not good. No announcer. IF a new country takes on the championships they need support and supervision. Organise a group of strong competition organisers to assist. Agreement with Eurosport to have quality transmission that never happened.
- 2017 PanAm Championships (Montreal) – all live results, live internet broadcasting. Also had Quebec local TV. Had posters in the town and advertising on the street signs. Students in attendance. Used FencingTime for the competition software.
- 2017 Asian Championships (Hong Kong) – live video on coloured pistes. Porsche car took athletes to the championships. Ticketed event – all booked in advance. Insurance company sponsored the event. Successful in promoting HKG athletes. Used the services of ex-fencers – e.g. clothing/design companies.
- Africa – TBC.
- The commission would like a report/update after each zonal event
- Elena Grishina proposes that there is PP representation at competitions, starting at zonal competitions. Question is who will pay for this?
- Our commission proposes that one representative of the commission will be present at senior zonal competitions (initially) for supervising and working with the local organising committee. Check the handbook for competitions for our expectations on the promotion/publicity of the competitions.

## 8. World Fencing Day

- The commission discussed world fencing day and fencing mob.
- Nikolay Mateev spoke to Mr Scarso and Mr Noto – this year will be difficult with two events, but in the future we would like to merge the events. The Italian federation is happy with this.
- Happy to see that one of our proposals from ~2012 is now coming into fruition, we just wish that it had happened sooner. PP commission unanimously agree that the events should work together.

## 9. Official anthem of the FIE

- No progress to date. Carl Borack to be in contact with Elena Grishina

## 10. Proposal from the SEMI Commission and Manufacturers

### SEMI Proposal

- The SEMI commission has approached us to take over responsibility for the publicity code. This not our decision - needs to be made by COMEX and head office.
- In Rio 2016, France, Hungary and Italy had problems with controlling some equipment with patches/sponsorships.
- We believe that our commission has the capability and capacity to do so
- If we were to do this, then we would need to be present at more competitions.
- Present a proposal to be approved by COMEX and the head office.

### Manufacturers' Proposal

- The commission received a proposal from a group of major equipment manufacturers to modify the advertising regulations
- David Baker noted that many manufacturers are already doing – we would just be formalising the arrangement
- The commission acknowledged the manufacturers' proposal and will propose changes to the publicity code. Ideally, any changes will be compliant with the IOC regulations.

## 11. Any other business

- David Baker agree to circulate to the commission members the Plan of Action 2017-2020 and the associated action points within the next week once it has been finalised
- Gianandrea Nicolai asked about where our next meeting will be. We would like it to be at the Junior World Championships in Verona in early April or the Senior World Championships if the commission documents are not ready. The commission will try to have a short meeting with available commission members at the World Championships in Leipzig and/or the Congress in Dubai.
- The commission discussed strategies for developing the sport in Africa
- The commission had a short meeting with the Veteran Council and discussed strategies to improve the publicity of veteran fencing. In particular they requested full results of competitions on the FIE website and a separate section for veteran fencing on the FIE website. David Baker and Nikolay Mateev to maintain contact with the Veteran Council.



# PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE STATUTES

2017 CONGRESS

## Proposals of the Promotion and Publicity Commission

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** To update the name and duties of the Commission to more accurately describe the actual work being done by the Commission. For example, the existing duties in the statutes have descriptions for roles currently undertaken by the FIE head office (first duty), the Rules Commission (third duty) and the Coaching Council (fourth duty). The proposed new name and new duties would reflect the current work undertaken by the Commission.

#### 6.5.5 *The Promotion ~~and Publicity~~, Communication and Marketing Commission*

The duties of ~~this~~ the Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission ~~is are: to motivate and co-ordinate the activities of the member Federations for the promotion and development of fencing; to advise the Congress on the way in which the patronage of the F.I.E. will be bestowed on international competitions; to propose the rules for the World Cup competitions (A category and Grand Prix) and Masters, and to supervise their application; and to maintain contact between the F.I.E. and the fencing masters.~~

- a) To provide ~~professional~~ expertise to elevate and enhance the image of fencing for all groups including sponsors, audiences, fencers and all the fencing family
- b) To propose innovations and improvements to the Executive Committee, particularly those associated with television, internet and live audiences
- c) To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters associated with Promotion, Communication and Marketing
- d) To contribute to the continuing promotion of fencing in all zones
- e) To propose changes and improvements to the sections in the administrative rules and handbooks relating to Promotion, Communication and Marketing

It is responsible for promoting public relations activities for our sport.

It proposes any changes relating to the media and advertising aspects of fencing.

It presents to the Executive Committee a report, which will be submitted to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The definitive formulation of texts for the decisions taken by the Congress must be entrusted to the Rules Commission or the Legal Commission as applicable for approval by the Executive Committee.

**P&P Commission: In favour**

**PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES  
2017 CONGRESS**

**Proposals of the Executive Committee**

**Proposal 12**

**Motivation:** In the same type of competitions, the number of participants varies from event to event, while the points allocated for the ranking do not reflect this difference. Fencers that face a competition with a high number of participants receive the same ranking points as the ones that participate in a competition with a very low number of participants. Therefore, it is proposed to have a differenced distribution of ranking points, matching the real level of the competition, with the introduction of several coefficients. The proposal is meant to have a twofold effect:

- it would result in a ranking system that is fairer to the competitors
- it would urge the organisers to boost the level and the promotion of their competitions in order to attract more participants, therefore adding value to the competitions.

It is proposed to introduce the changes in the calculation of the points allocated during the World Cup.

**Official FIE individual ranking**

**o.83**

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**g)** For the individual senior World Cup competitions the final points attributed are calculated based on the following coefficients:

- strength coefficient: measured based on the number of fencers participating in the competition
- countries representation coefficient: measured based on the number of countries represented in the competition

Points obtained in an individual Senior World Cup competition are multiplied by the following coefficients:

<b>Strength coefficient</b>	
<b>Number of athletes</b>	<b>Multiplying Coefficient</b>
>151	+15%
121 - 150	+10%
71 - 120	+5%
<70	No multiplying coefficient

<b>Countries representation coefficient</b>	
<b>Number of countries</b>	<b>Multiplying Coefficient</b>
≥30	+15%
21-30	+10%
16-20	+5%
<16	No multiplying coefficient

At the end of each competition, for the ranking, the sum of the coefficients of each of the two tables will multiply the current number of points in the ranking. The ranking will use the exact sum of points obtained.

## **PP Commission: In favour**

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### **Proposal 14**

**Motivation:** In 2016, the special working group discussed how to amend the rules in order to avoid non combativity in épée. The working group proposes a new non-combativity rule, which a) will motivate the fencers to engage into action without any negative consequences and b) would eliminate the risks of non-combativity. The concept is about to introduce the 45 second sequences with a priority given to a fencer. The priority rotates between the fencers according to the sequences, and in case there is no hit during a 45-second sequence then a hit is awarded to the fencer who has the priority.

### **Non-combativity**

#### **t.87**

#### **Foil and Sabre (pools, direct elimination)**

#### **Epee (pools)**

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

#### **Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

### **5. Individual events**

- a) If during the **first two periods** of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee proceeds to the next period, without the minute rest.
- b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

## 6. Team events

- a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee proceeds to the next bout.
- b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during **the last bout**, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute

## Epee

### Only for epee, in direct elimination:

- 7. There is evidence of “**non combativity**” when there are no hits for a period of at least 45 seconds.

## 8. Individual matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 10 minutes.
- b) There are two breaks of one minute when any of the fencers reaches the score of 5 and of 10 hits.
- c) If there are no hits for at least 45 seconds, for the first time in the match the referee shall call “halt” and assign one hit to the fencer that has the highest ranking in the Direct Elimination table.
- d) The priority is then passed to the opponent and the chronometer for priority is reset.
- e) If there is a hit, either single or double, the priority changes.
- f) The priority changes also when the score is 14-14 and there is a double hit.
- g) If at the end of the total regulation time of the match the score is even, the rule o.24.3 is applied.

## 9. Team matches

- a) The maximum time for each relay is 3 minutes.
- b) The priority for the first relay is given to the team that has the highest ranking in the Direct Elimination table. The initial priority is alternated at each subsequent relay.
- c) If there are no hits for at least 45 seconds, the referee shall call “halt” and assign one hit to the fencer that has the initial priority in the relay.
- d) If there is a hit, either single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer for priority is reset.

- e) There is no change of priority if the remaining time for each relay after a hit is less than 45 seconds.
- f) If, at the end of the total regulation time of the match, the score is even, the rule o.44.9 is applied.

***The present rules shall be applied for testing during the season 2017/2018.***

**PP Commission: Not in favour. This change will not improve the viewing experience for audiences**

## Proposals of the Refereeing commission

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### Proposal 6

**Motivation:** In the event of any non-combativity during the last period of an DE match or the last match in a team event and after drawing lots, we propose adding only 15 seconds instead of one minute, as this would avoid any attempted non-combativity aimed at gaining time.

#### t.87.5

b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the third period of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will proceed to ~~last minute of fencing. This last minute\*~~, fifteen thirty seconds of fencing, which will be fenced in ~~its~~ their entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of ~~the minute~~ these fifteen thirty seconds.

*The rules shall be applied for testing during the season 2017/2018.*

**PP Commission:** In favour, propose the time is increased to 30 seconds. Recommend that the proposal is tested before formal implementation.

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### Proposal 7

#### t.87.6

b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during the last bout, the Referee will proceed to ~~a last minute of fencing. This last minute\*~~, fifteen thirty seconds of fencing which will be fenced in ~~its~~ their entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of ~~the minute~~ these fifteen thirty seconds.

*The rules shall be applied for testing during the season 2017/2018.*

**PP Commission:** In favour, propose the time is increased to 30 seconds. Recommend that the proposal is tested before formal implementation.

## Proposal of the Medical Commission

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** -These changes are aimed at finding the right balance between appropriate medical care for the fencers, fair play and minimal disruption to the competition.

- In 1 below 'event medical official' means the FIE medical delegate or the local duty doctor (for World Cups etc.).

*Application:*

*Proposal to reduce length of break from 10 minutes to 5 minutes will be trialled during the 2016 and 2017 Junior and Cadet World Championships and 2017 Open World Championships.*

### INJURIES OR CRAMP, WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPETITOR

#### t.33

1. For an injury or cramp or other acute medical incident which occurs in the course of a bout and ~~which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty,~~ has been assessed by the event medical official ~~the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 10 minutes.~~ the fencer can be allowed a break in the fight for treatment in order to continue to compete. This break will be timed from the start of treatment and will be for a maximum of 5 minutes. The actual period of time allowed will be decided by the event medical official. ~~This break should be timed from the point when the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the treatment of the injury or cramp, which brought it about.~~

If the doctor considers, before or at the end of the ~~10~~ 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will ~~recommmend~~ ~~decide~~ that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.44.11.a/b).

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless because of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the ~~delegate of the Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty~~ event medical official to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.114, t.117, t.120.

4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the doctor may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**PP Commission: In favour**



## Proposals of the British Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 4

**Motivation:** When a fencer makes an appeal for video refereeing, there is an interruption, sometimes quite long, which can irritate the spectators. In other sports which use a video-refereeing system, spectators are able to see the replays and hear the discussion between referees – which considerably lessens the harmful effects of the interruption, since the spectators feel much more involved in what is happening. We therefore propose the addition of the following sentence.

#### t.42

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b. iv The replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators: any discussion between the referee and the video-referee must also be made audible to the public.

**PP Commission: Not in favour from L64 for practical reasons. In favour for finals for displaying of replay and propose testing of broadcast of communication.**

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### Proposal 8

**Motivation:** One of the criteria for deciding whether or not there is non-combativity is that there should be no hit during one minute: at foil, it is quite possible to have quite vigorous activity, which produces no valid hit but one or more non-valid hits. We therefore propose the following addition to t.87.4:

#### t.87

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

#### **Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit. At foil, a hit made off the valid target is counted as a hit. At epee, a hit that is subsequently annulled is counted as a hit.
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

~~(At foil, a hit made off the valid target is counted as a hit.)~~

**PP Commission: In favour with additional text**

## Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** For more clarification, we propose to add the mentioned references:

**o.17**  
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b) 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 minute (see o.17.1.b). 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.

**o.24**

3. 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 minute (see o.17.1.b). 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.

**PP Commission: Not in favour. Unnecessary addition. In any case the rule reference is o.17.2.b**

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** In order to distinguish and pinpoint the real winner according to a real, fair and more exhaustive factor we propose the following sub-article to o.24 as:

**o.24**

5. Whenever the two fencers reach the result of 14/14, the match will continue until one of them reaches a result with a difference of 2 points.

**PP Commission: Not in favour. Touches at 14-14 are some of the most exciting moments in fencing.**

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### Proposal 3

**Motivation:** In order to have pools of 7 in competitions organized with exemption, we propose to modify o.31.3;

**o.31**

3. At the Senior World Championships or senior world cups, if all pools are of 7, the 16 fencers entered, who are ranked highest in the most recent official FIE classification are exempt from the preliminary phase. If not, in order to have balanced pools, the extra **needed number** of fencers will be **added to or reduced from the 16 exempted** fencers according to their initial FIE ranking.

**PP Commission: Not in favour.**

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## Proposal 4

### o.32

**2. After the round of pools,** the 16 fencers ranked highest on the general index (cf o.19) are exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table. Should there be a tie between two or more fencers for the 16th place, there will be a barrage for 5 hits to decide who is ranked 16th. Following the barrage, the ranking of the fencers is determined according to V, TD-TR, TD. (2016/17)

After the round of pools, if the first 16 exempted fencers were increased or decreased in order to have all pools of 7, the number needed to totalize 32 from those who are ranked highest in the general index are exempted from the preliminary direct elimination table

**PP Commission: Not in favour.**

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## Proposal 5

**Motivation:** As one of the most important aims of the FIE is to promote fencing and to encourage more countries to participate in its events, it seems that one of the easiest ways is to offer more privileges in its own official events. In this regards, awarding 2 third places in team events will help the winner teams to receive more franchising from their governments and their national Olympic Committees. On the other hand, receiving a bronze medal in a WCH or a WC will have great effects on the media, which in return will encourage more people to watch fencing on TV and finally participate in our beautiful sport. Therefore, we propose to add the following sub-article to o.43;

### o.43

**4. Two bronze medals are awarded to the losing teams of the semi-final matches.**

**PP Commission: Not in favour. The bronze medal match is a spectacle for our sport.**

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## Proposal 6

**Motivation:** In order to distinguish and pinpoint the real winner according to a real, fair and more exhaustive factor we propose to modify o.44.8 as follows:

### o.44

**8. The winning team** is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time.

Whenever the 2 teams are equal 44/44, the match will continue until one of the teams reaches a result with a difference of 2 points.

**PP Commission: Not in favour.**

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## Proposal 7

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**Motivation:** According to “Training Theory” scientifically, a fencer or a team cannot reach his or its performance peak more than 2 times a year. Besides, in order to reduce the financial pack of member federations, we propose to reduce the number of events in the FIE calendar as follows:

4 individual WCs

4 team WCs

2 GPs

Accordingly, we propose to modify the following articles:

**o.83**

**1. Official FIE individual ranking**

**a) Principles**

The official Senior ranking of the FIE takes into account the best ~~five~~ **four** results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

**PP Commission: Not in favour.**

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**Proposal 8**

**o.84**

**1. Official team ranking of the FIE**

**a) Principles**

The official Senior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best** ~~four~~ **three** results in the Senior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Senior World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

**PP Commission: Not in favour.**

## Proposals of Iraqi Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** 1. If we have a quick look on the FIE ranking, for example, Senior Epee Men Individual (17/03/2017), we see that from the 1092 ranked world fencers, only 385 fencers have points and the rest 707 fencers have 0 points (about double).

2. To value the efforts of all participants in all FIE competitions.

3. To show the difference between eliminated and qualified fencers in the round of pools.

We propose to modify the scale of points in o.83.2 as follows:

### o.83

#### Scale of points

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a) The ranking is based on the **following points system:**

1st place	<del>3</del> 248 points
2nd place	<del>2</del> 640 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	<del>2</del> 032 points
5th–8th places	<del>1</del> 424 points
9th–16th places	<del>8</del> 16 points
17th–32nd places	<del>4</del> 12points
33rd–64th places	<del>2</del> 8 points
65 <sup>th</sup> -96 <sup>th</sup> places	<del>1</del> 4 points
97th-128 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
129th-256	1 point

**PP Commission: Not in favour.**

## Proposals of Swedish Fencing Federation

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### Proposal 2

**Motivation:** In order to minimise the period of inactive fencing it is suggested to reduce the time criterion in from 1 minute to 30 seconds for the second and any subsequent cases of unwillingness to fight in an individual direct elimination match or team match. Article t.87.4.1 should be amended as follows:

#### t.87

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1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit. After the first instance of unwillingness to fight (non-combativity), however, this time is reduced to 30 seconds for any subsequent unwillingness to fight (non-combativity) during the same direct elimination match or team match.

**PP Commission: In favour**

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Rules Commission**

**Place : Lausanne**

**Dates: 30 June – 1 July 2017**

### **Present:**

**Pascal Tesch, Representative of the Executive Committee**

**Stephen Higginson M-H, President of the Commission**

**Members : Medhat El-Bakry, Manuel Belmonte, Abbas Faryabi, Ziad Feriani, Dieter Lammer, Janine Lamon, Pierre Thullberg**

**Excused : Giuseppe Cafiero, Rusni Abu Hassan**

**Part-time present : Krisztian Kulcsar, Nathalie Rodriguez**

### **Agenda**

1. Update on current restructuring situation and contemplation of next stage: work on 'm' and contact with SEMI Commission.
2. Discussion of proposals for rules changes to be presented to 2017 Congress.
3. Presentation of fencing rules application

## **1. Rule restructuring**

The complete new versions of the restructured Organisational and Technical rules will be available in all three official languages. All lay-out will need to be redone and the finished product will be needed to be checked again. They will be presented to the Executive Committee and then to the Congress.

## **2. Examination of proposals for the 2017 submitted to the Rules Commission**

### **Statutes**

#### **Modifications of the Statutes, Proposals of Sam Cheris: Proposal 1**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the proposal. 6 votes in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention**

#### **Modifications of the Statutes, Proposals of the Legal Commission Proposal 5**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour with the following wording**

### **7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card**

When a black card is awarded at an ~~international~~ competition ~~organised under the aegis~~ of the FIE or of any Confederation which has subscribed to the FIE Disciplinary Code, it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the

appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal.

## Rules

### Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee: Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

### Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee: Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

### Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee: Proposal 3

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

### Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 4

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

### Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 5

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour with the following wording

## Ranking

### o.28

1. The **general classification** is obtained as follows:  
First: the winner of the bout for the first place  
Second: the loser of the bout for the first place
2. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equal third, **when it is not necessary to separate them.**
3. When it is **necessary to separate them**, a bout for third and fourth places will be fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.
- ~~4. The remainder are placed, within each round of the direct elimination, in accordance with their original classification for the composition of the direct elimination table.~~
4. The remainder are placed, in each round of the tableau:
  - a) Competitions with a round of pools: according to the ranking for the drawing of the direct elimination tableau following the pools.



- b) Competitions with no round of pools: according to the ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 6**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 7**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 8**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour with the following wording

### Nomination of the Directoire Technique

**o.57**

The Directoire Technique is composed of people **who have the experience and competence to organise competitions.**

**1. World Championships and Olympic Games.**

a) **For the Olympic Games** the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

b) **For the World Championships**, the Directoire Technique is composed of **8** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country

c) The ~~President of the~~ **Directoire Technique** (the President and the remaining members, one of whom will be in charge of the protocole) ~~and the other members~~ are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 9**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour. The proposal is consistent with current practice and the provisions in the Handbook of regulations. The Commission proposes the following wording

**o.67**

1. Any proposed **candidature for organising the World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must invite, **at their own expenses**, the following international officials (tourist-class return airfare, accommodation and daily allowances):
- a) The **President of the FIE** or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
  - ~~b) A head of protocol designated by the President of the FIE.~~
  - ~~c) Eight Six~~ **Eight Six** members of the **Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country **and one is Head of Protocol**.
  - ~~d) c) Three members of the SEMI Commission~~ **Three members of the SEMI Commission** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~e) d) Six Four~~ **Six Four** members of the **Refereeing Commission**, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~f) e) Two members of the Medical Commission~~, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
  - ~~g) f) The referees~~ designated by the Executive Committee ~~on~~ **at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission in accordance with the Handbook of Regulations (maximum 34)**.

#### **Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 10**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Commission is in favour of the proposal to clarify the referee obligation for the satellite competitions. The Commission is also in favour of the proposal of the Italian Federation where referees will be brought by federations only to satellite competitions. The following wording is therefore proposed

#### **Proposal 1**

**o.81**

**1.**

- a) **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** that must accompany teams to ~~junior A Grade competitions, satellite competitions and Veteran World Championships~~ is:

1–4 fencers: no obligation to provide a referee

5–9 fencers: 1 referee  
10 or more fencers: 2 referees  
**1 Junior Team : 1 referee**

For ~~junior A Grade competitions and~~ satellite competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

- b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees for satellite competitions, a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 11**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 12**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: By votes 5 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention, the Commission believes that there would be favourable effects from this proposal. In favour of the quality coefficient as it was presented originally by the Executive Committee. In favour of the following wording:

**o.83**

**2.**

- g) For Senior Individual World Cup competitions, with the exception of Grand Prix competitions, the final points attributed are calculated on the basis of the following coefficients :

- quality coefficient ; calculation based on the number of fencers in the top 32 of the ranking who are present at the competition,
- strength coefficient ; calculation based on the number of fencers taking part in the competition,
- countries-represented coefficient ; calculation based on the number of countries represented in the competition.

The points gained at a Senior Individual World Cup competition are multiplied by the following coefficients :

<b>Quality coefficient</b>	
Ranking position up to 32	<b>Multiplying Coefficient</b>
> 25 athletes	+0.2

17-24 athletes	+0.1
≤16 athletes	No multiplying coefficient

<b>Strength coefficient</b>	
Number of athletes	Multiplying Coefficient
>151	+0.2
121 - 150	+0.1
≤ 120	No multiplying coefficient

<b>Countries represented coefficient</b>	
Number of countries	Multiplying Coefficient
≥25	+0.1
≤24	No multiplying coefficient

At the end of each competition, to calculate the ranking, the sum of the coefficients from each of the tables will be used to multiply the actual number of points gained for the ranking. The ranking will be based on the exact number of points thus gained, even if that number contains decimals.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 13**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 14**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Commission is unanimously in favour of the proposal as amended :

**Non combativity**

**t.87**

**Foil and Sabre : direct elimination**

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time: approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

**5. Individual events**

- a) If during the **first two periods** of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee proceeds to the next period, without the minute rest.
- b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

## 6. Team events

- a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee proceeds to the next bout.
- b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during **the last bout**, the Referee proceeds to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which must be fenced in its entirety, is decisive and is preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner, should the scores be equal at the end of the minute

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*This temporary rule will be tested at all FIE competitions from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 until the end of the Senior World Championships.*

## 7. Pools

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 3 minutes.
- b) Before the match the referee draws lots to decide which fencer has the priority at the beginning of the match.
- c) If no hit is scored during 45 seconds in the course of the match, the signalling apparatus will be blocked, the referee calls 'Halt!' and awards a hit to the fencer who has the priority.
- d) The fencers are put back on guard at the place where they were when the fight was stopped, the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero, the priority passes to the other fencer and the match restarts.
- e) Each time a hit is awarded by the referee, single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero.
- f) The priority also changes when, with the score at 4-4, a double hit is signalled.
- g) There is no change of priority if, after a hit, there remain less than 45 seconds to fence.
- h) If at the end of the regulation time for the match, the scores are equal, rule o.17.2.b is applied.

## 8. Individual direct elimination matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 10 minutes.
- b) Two pauses of 1 minute are allowed when either of the fencers reaches the scores of 5 and then 10 hits.
- c) Before the match the referee draws lots to decide which fencer has the priority at the beginning of the match.
- d) If no hit is scored during 45 seconds in the course of the match, the signalling apparatus is blocked, the referee calls 'Halt!' and awards a hit to the fencer who has the priority.
- e) The fencers are put back on guard at the place where they were when the fight was stopped, the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero, the priority passes to the other fencer and the match restarts.
- f) Each time a hit is awarded by the referee, single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero.
- g) The priority also changes when, with the score at 14-14, a double hit is signalled.
- h) There is no change of priority if, after a hit, there remain less than 45 seconds to fence
- i) If at the end of the regulation time for the match, the scores are equal, rule o.24.3 is applied.

## 9. Team matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each relay is 3 minutes.
- b) Before the match the referee will draw lots to decide which team has the priority at the beginning of the first relay. The priority at the beginning of each relay then alternates at the beginning of each relay.
- c) If no hit is scored during 45 seconds in the course of the relay, the signalling apparatus is blocked, the referee calls 'Halt!' and awards a hit to the team which has the priority.
- d) The fencers are put back on guard at the place where they were when the fight was stopped, the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero, the priority passes to the other fencer and the relay restarts.
- e) Each time a hit is awarded by the referee, single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero.
- f) The priority also changes when the score is 44-44 and a double hit is signalled.
- g) There is no change of priority if, after a hit, there remain less than 45 seconds to fence.
- h) If at the end of the regulation time for the match, the scores are equal, rule o.44.9 is applied.

### **Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 15**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 1**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 2**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 3**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 4**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 5**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 6**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 7**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 8**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: Unanimously not in favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 9**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 1**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 2**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 3**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 4**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 5**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 6**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour. The Commission is in favour of the changes proposed by the Executive Committee**

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 7**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour. The Commission is in favour of the changes proposed by the Executive Committee

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal Commission, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal Commission, Proposal 2**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal Commission, Proposal 3**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal and Medical Commission, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Rules Commission abstains from having an opinion on this issue of a medical and legal nature.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal and Medical Commission, Proposal 2**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the proposal of the Executive Committee

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposal of the Medical Commission, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of a modified proposal as follows

## **INJURIES OR CRAMP, WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPETITOR**

### **t.33**

1. For an injury or cramp **or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than ~~40~~ **5** minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the treatment ~~of the injury or cramp which brought it about.~~

If the doctor considers, before or at the end of the ~~40~~ **5** minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.44.11.a/b).

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp **or acute medical incident**.

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.114, t.117, t.120.



4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the doctor may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 2**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 3**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 4**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 5**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 6**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 7**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 8**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 9**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 10**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 11**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 12**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Coaches Council, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Coaches Council, Proposal 2**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour of changing the rule without evaluation.

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Belgian Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour by 3 votes, 1 against and 4 abstentions

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 2**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 3**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 4**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the following wording

**t.42**

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**b. iv** At the Olympic Games, and at the Senior, Junior and Cadet and World Championships, the replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 5**  
Withdrawn

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 6**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 7**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 8**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 9**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 10**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 11**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 12**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 13**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 14**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 15**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 2**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 3**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 4**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 5**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 6**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 7**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 8**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iraqi Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the following addenda to the current system without changing the current awarding of points.

97th-128<sup>th</sup>  
129th-256<sup>th</sup>

0.5 point  
0.25 point

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Israeli Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Italian Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**  
Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Commission agrees on the principle of this proposal. However, the entry fees and number of referees designated for each category must be defined and decided by the Congress. Unanimously in favour with the following wording:

**o.81**

2. For ~~Senior A-grade~~ Grand Prix and Senior and Junior World Cup individual and team competitions and Veterans World championships, the number of referees designated by the Executive Committee as proposed by the Refereeing Commission figures on the table below. Delegations do not have to supply referees. ~~8 referees proposed by the Refereeing Commission will be designated by the Executive Committee and delegations will not have to provide any referees. The additional referees required (no less than 5) will be provided by the Organising committee.~~

The organisers of all the above competitions are required to supply additional A and B Category referees depending on the numbers of fencers entered in order to guarantee both the quality of the refereeing and that only neutral referees are used.

All the referees will be at the expense of the organizers who in return will keep the entry fees.

<b>Category of competition</b>	<b>Number of A or B referees designated by the FIE (one per country)</b>	<b>Entry fee</b>
Senior World Cup	8	EUR 60 individual EUR 400 team
Grand Prix	14	EUR 100
Junior World Cup	5	EUR 60 individual EUR 300 team
Veterans World Championships	30	EUR 90 individual EUR 185 team

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Swedish Fencing Federation, Proposal 1**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

**Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Swedish Fencing Federation, Proposal 2**

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour. The Commission is in favour of the proposal of the Executive Committee.

**3. Presentation of fencing rule application**

Georgina Usher, Chief Executive Officer of the British Fencing Federation, presented an FIE fencing rules application made by British Fencing for tablets and mobile phones.

## MINUTES

### SEMI COMMISSION MEETING LEIPZIG 25 & 26 July 2017

The Meeting was attended by

BIERKOWSKI Jacek – POL Representative of the Executive Committee

RIKHTMAN Semen – RUS President of the Commission

ASSADOURIAN Sarkis - IRI

EBERL LOPEZ Maria Wilda - CHI

ELZEFTAWI Gamil - EGY

GESTSSON Gudjon Ingi – ISL

HARINISHI Atsushi - JPN

HUGGINS Janet - GBR

LI Theodore - USA

VARALLO Giandomenico - ITA

The Chinese Federation informed Semen Rikhtman that YUAN Xiangyang –CHN would not be attending

#### 1. New system of fastening for masks;

9 masks were provided from various manufacturers. The new systems shown on masks from Allstar, Negrini, PBT and Leon Paul (double Velcro was suggested) were inspected and received the approval of the SEMI Commission and these manufacturers were asked to trial the new designs with fencers and provide feedback. The masks from other suppliers were invited to improve their systems. Provided that the fixing system follows the guidelines each manufacturer can fit their own systems.

It was suggested that from 1 April 2018 at the start of the Cadet and Junior World Championships all masks must be either new masks using the new systems or the system retro fitted on old masks

No new homologation of existing masks would be required.

The Referees Commission should be reminded that they operate the final check on the control mark, size and condition of the fencers' masks

## 2. Preparing for Tokyo 2020

A first draft of floor plan item was shown to the meeting. It was agreed that the area shown as weapon control would be fine for call room but that the main weapon control needs to be larger and need not be so close to the field of play.

## 3. Discussion of proposals for the 2017 Congress

Summary of decisions.

Proposal of the Rules Commission Proposal 6 Agreed

Proposal 7 Agreed

Proposals 8/9/10/11 &12 Agreed Gamil

ELZEFTAWI will provide a suitable wording regarding supply of electrical current.

Proposal of the Coaches Council Proposal 2 Agreed but suggest +/-5ms

Proposal of British Fencing

Proposal 1 SEMI has no opinion

Proposal 7 Agreed

Proposal 13 Agreed

Proposal 14 Agreed

Proposal 15 Against SEMI wish to retain this rule

Proposal of the Swedish Federation Proposal 1 Agreed

## 4. 10.00 am Meeting was held with the manufacturers of equipment on the issue of chipping a presentation was made by a representative of FLUORENTEK the company who will be issuing the chips and running the data base.

Manufacturers present

Absolute Fencing Gear Leon Paul PBT Hungry

Esprit Blades Blades Freres Vango

Prieur Sports Carmimari S.M.C. FWF

Negrini Artos Fencing Allstar Fencing

Uhlman Fencing StM

After the presentation questions were invited from the manufacturers.

The RFID Chips will be fitted under the FIE Homologation label.

The chip will have a unique identification number relating to the type of item i.e. plastron or jacket and to the specific manufacturer, allowing for product identification and traceability.

During Weapon control a chip reader will be able to identify the item on a central registry. The chips should be able to be washed without deterioration.

Questions were raised concerning data protection on sensitive manufacturing information.

#### 5. Information about the coordination of a single XML competition file

Julius Kralik and Marina Shturbabina (FIE IT Manager) and AnnickFron joined the meeting. They reported on the outcome of the working group to produce a single version XML file, as previously various software management programs used different versions of the XML file.

The final version provides a single type of XML which compatible with all of the management systems. It has been produced and checked and a handbook created. When accepted and homologated it is suggested that it should be submitted to the company running the FIE Web site and if possible should go live on the FIE web site from 1 October 2017.

Marina Shturbabina will look at the final version to check that it complies with the website requirements.

It is proposed to create a special stand for monitoring software and information systems.

Communication between Scoring machines/ DT/Software "Cyrano" still need to be updated and Julius will continue to work on this.

Marina commented that security of information should be appropriate for the level of competition.



## 6. Contest “Wireless – 2020”

A new contest for a “wireless” fencing system is to be launched

### Timetable

- a. Publication of the call 01.08.2017
- b. Deadline for submitting applications 30.09.2017
- c. Eligibility evaluation period November 2017
- d. Information to applicants December 2017
- e. First test day for successful applicants 31.03.2018
- f. Choice of applicants for second stage April 2018
- g. Second test day for successful applicants September 2018
- h. Proclamation of the winner October 2018

## 7. Information about the work of the Center for certification

### Appendix 2

Data base for official use by SEMI giving homologation lists is almost finished

Level 1 for all users

Level 2 for producers for own brand

Level 3 for FIE / SEMI full information

Level 4 for FIE Administration for new items or amendments

Funding is required in order to finish the security and link to FIE

Web site

FIE Needs to purchase new checking apparatus for the Centre for Certification as the equipment he is currently using needs replacing.

8. Co-operation with the EU Commission (ST.-13567)  
Janet provided Giando with contact details of Steve Cowen who is drafting new CEN Regulations

9. VNITI Blades & How can we avoid any abuse in the process especially the date of the manufacture.

10. Proposed SEMI Delegates to the competitions

Junior & Cadet Verona –	Janet HUGGINS Ted LI Gudjon GETSON
SENIOR World Championships -	Semen RIKHTMAN Sarkis ASSADOURIAN Atsushi HARINISHI
World Veterans	Giandomenico VARALLO
Junior Olympic Games	ELZEFTAWI Gamil

11. Sarkis proposal SEMI should prepare a Minimum Safety Standards Hand Book for all countries for all competitions. It was suggested that these could only be guidelines as each sovereign country is responsible for its own governance for non FIE Events. Item to be referred to Evgeny TSOUKHLO as he is writing new handbooks

12. Sarkis submitted drafts designs for the call rooms for GP's, World Cups, Zonal Championships, World Championships and Olympic Games and suggested this design could be included in any new Hand book for Competitions. See Appendix 1.

### 13. Inside Guard Socket for Epee

It was suggested that the design of ISG should be adapted to prevent possible contact between the two terminals, which can show a false hit. The height of the terminals should be a maximum 2mm in height above the plastic and include 2 holes for wires.

Suggested wording

m.31.6.a The socket must have 2 separate holes for the wires to pass through and the maximum height of the socket should be 2mm

14. Proposal to change the (valid playing zone) width of the piste to be 1.5m not 1.5/2.0 as at present was accepted. Requires rule change

15. Proposal to change m.32.4 delete the words ~~or by soldering~~ as it is not practical to solder the wire to the stainless steel mesh.

16. Discussing the action items of the new development plan referred to FIE no reply as yet.

### 17. SEMI PROGRAMME SAFETY PROJECT

Safety Awareness Campaign before the WCH's suggest that this should be attempted through social media perhaps a video showing safety. Also a video of weapon control to be shown on social media and also on TV outside weapon control.

Gamil suggested that a ~Weapon Control QUIZ~ should be held at J & C World Championships like the recent doping control quizzes he will prepare a report for submission to Comex.

18. An update on Chest Protectors was given to the meeting by Richard Shearer, manufacturer of the new soft outer layer for the chest protector.

Washable EVA layer fix with Velcro to existing chest guard. 4mm thickness.

Production for men's chest guard can be within 2/3 months and 6 months for women because of the required shaping for the mould need to be manufacturer. Product shown and accepted by SEMI RULE change m.25.4.c rule to show correct density and product is EVA.

Suggest implementation from J & C World Championships April 18 Verona.

c) The use of a **breast/chest protector** (made of metal or some rigid material) is compulsory for women and optional for men. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron.

The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material as **E.V.A. (Ethylene-vinyl acetate) of four mm thickness and density of 22kg/m<sup>3</sup>**. (The material can be attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors). **The sample of new layers will be tested by the SEMI commission and, if approved, must have the SEMI technical mark at the center of the upper edge.** ~~The hardness of the outside of the material must be 20-30% hardness. This is the typical hardness of wet suit material for scuba diving (neoprene). This measure will be obligatory for the 2015/2016 season: the SEMI commission is to supply the specifications and testing procedures.~~

19. The following should be available for SEMI commission Delegates to be able to test equipment before the WCH

Request to FIE Executive for provision of these items

Slip meter

Foucault machine (2 already owned by FIE)

Automatic entry system for weapon control

Apparatus checking system

Information system control for software

20.1 SEMI delegate should arrive at the competition one day before the start of the Weapon Control in order to test equipment before the competition. Check list should be sent to the organisers giving SEMI requirements and contact should be made with the Delegates

21. Ted Li will make report the Zivkovic Illuminated Piste

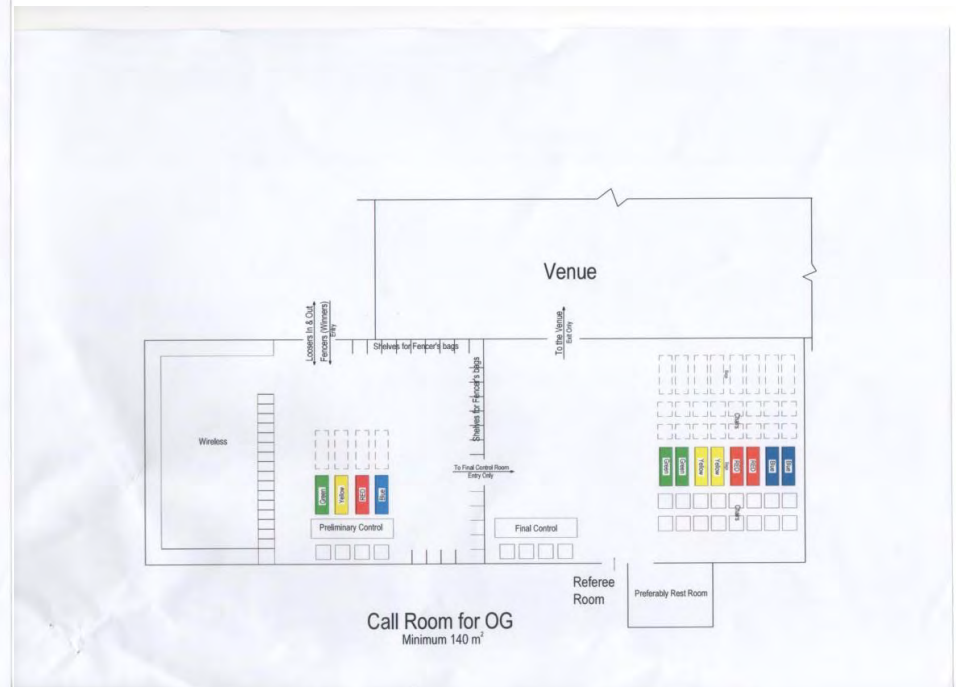
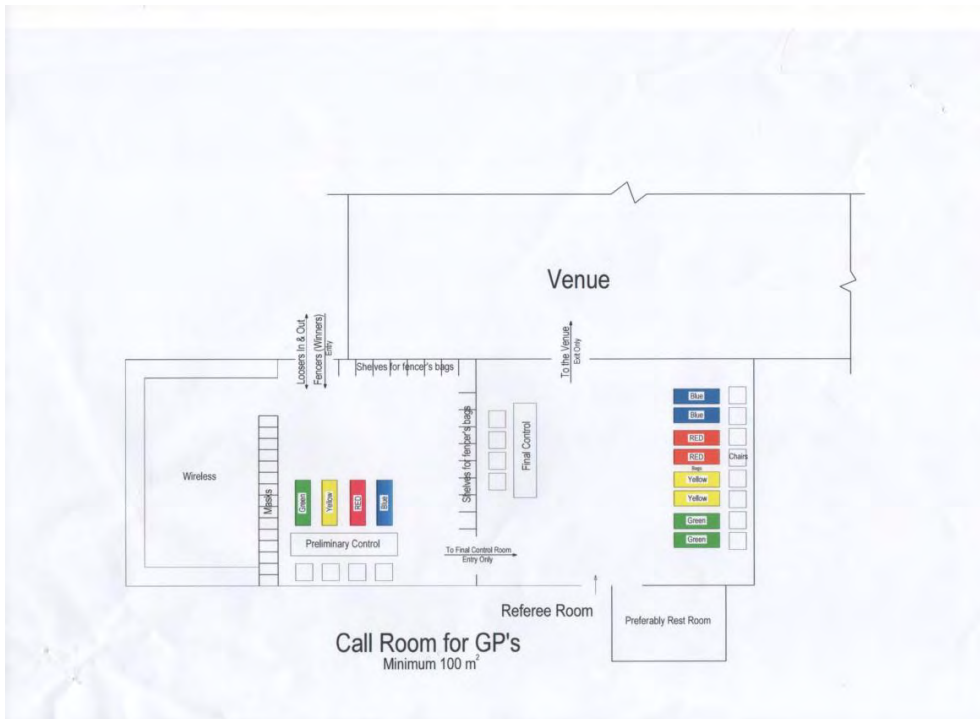
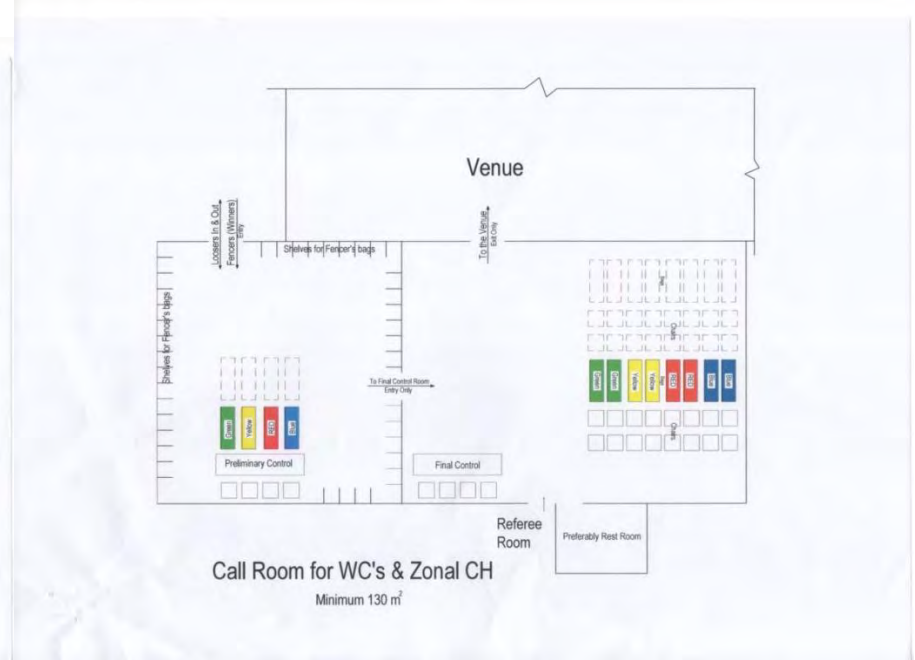
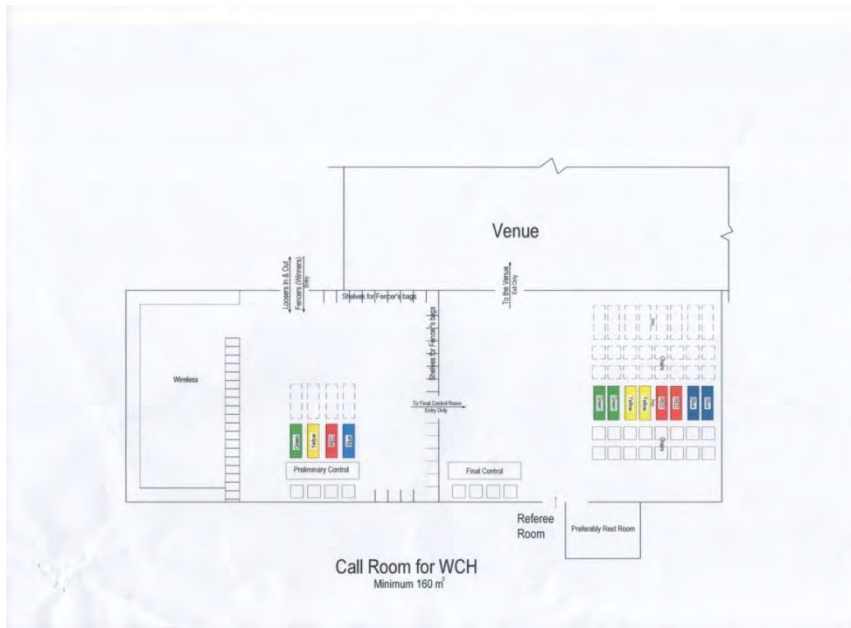
22. Advertising on the equipment Semen and Giando have a suggestion to leave this kind of work to a member of the P&P commission and suggest that a member of PP Commission is present in the weapon control at major competitions

During the course of the two days that the delegates were present at the World Championships various meetings took place with some of the manufacturers to see new and inventive fencing equipment.

Absolute	Scoring machine with a large LED display
Leon Paul	Glass piste with programmable LED display
VSM	Virtual Scoring machine using a laptop

A discussion took place following the injury at this Championships Giandomenico Varallo has taken the jacket that was penetrated by a broken epee blade and will arrange for it to be tested. He also has the BF broken blade that caused the injury. Semi will arrange for a sample of 3 of the same type of blades also to be tested.

Meeting closed 12.00.26<sup>th</sup> July 2017



Appendix 1



Activities of the central quality control and approvals  
update #1/2017

Turin, June 22, 2017

Here is a brief overview of the activities of the center in the first middle of 2017.

**DATABASE OF HOMOLOGATION**

We need to decide, after the Congress approval already obtained, the timing for closing the problem of old homologations.

I'm ready with a database of all the approved items and also with a database structure, easily to integrated in the FIE website (my son already discussed about with Marina).

Budget for this work: 1.500 €

Actually we have registered in the database 60 manufacturers, including 26 for clothing and 14 for weapons.

**PISTES AND PISTES CERTIFICATES**

Finish of the stress test of the L2 Ultrasonis piste with favourable opinion.

I'm working with a Colombian aluminium manufacturer for a new piste. (the piste is working in my club and the fencers are always very happy)

Issued certificates: 178 cert. - 2 manufacturers

**CLOTHING**

It was provided advice and assistance to several manufacturers of new sabre gloves and white clothing.

I'm working with 3 new Chinese manufacturer and 2 Pakistani.

The quality of these manufacturers is not too bad but they are very poorly informed about rules, including the EU standard.

1 new uniform was checked by the CCQH and approved by FIE (FRA)

1 new sabre glove was checked by the CCQH and approved by FIE (PAK)

**BLADES AND TIPS**

Final approval of a new foil blade: Esprit (ITA)

7 different kinds of mixed tips has been approved (5 ITA, 2 GER)

FIE lists updated:

Blades list

Gloves list

Screwless Points

Revenue account:

Incomes € 17.800,00 for pistes certificate

Outputs € 298,00 2 day trip to Rome lab.

Other actions:

Carmimari breeches (with the help of the whole SEMI commission)

Letter for the advertising on the collar of the jacket

(after consulting with my Pres. and the Pres. of the P&P commission)

Various checks were carried out for incidents or defective equipments:

1 breeches + sabre blade (from ITA)

1 jacket + underplastron + blade (from GER)

2 underplastron with stitching defects (ITA)

PROPOSITION FOR THE COMMISSION:

"Brand protection service" for advertising (collar, socks, mask).

One member of the P&P commission with us in the weapon control and call room to check the size, the number and the position of the advertising and also the national logos during our work for the JC and Senior Championships.

The number of the variables is very wide and we have no time and workforce to do that work.

Furthermore the fencer are increasingly demanding regard to their sponsor.

As Mr. Rikhtman said long time ago "We are not painter, sorry".

Final remark:

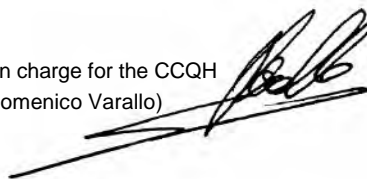
New soft layer in EVA ready for the final approval

Almost ready for the SEMI approval:

2 pistes, 1 glove, 1 mask, 1 uniform (3 p.)

VNITI

SEMI in charge for the CCQH  
(Giandomenico Varallo)





**PROPOSALS OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES  
2017 CONGRESS**

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**Proposal 8**

**m.44**

1. 5. The source of electrical current (~~accumulators~~) should be 12 V DC via AC/DC converter or through VRLA (valve-regulated lead-acid) batteries (cf. m.58).

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**Proposal 9**

**m.51**

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- a) For official competitions of the FIE (cf t.1) the source of power must always be ~~accumulators~~ secured through external batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) in order not to interrupt the load during the match if any interruption happens in the normal electricity supply. The wiring of the ~~box~~ apparatus to be powered in this way must be designed so that it is impossible for the ~~box~~ apparatus to become connected by mistake directly to the mains supply.

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**Proposal 10**

**m.52**

4. For official FIE competitions (cf t.1) it is compulsory that the apparatus must be powered ~~by accumulators~~ through external batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) with minimum 5 minutes backup time ~~without any connection to the main electrical supply.~~

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**Proposal 11**

**m.58**

3. If the apparatus is constructed to operate with dry batteries, it must be equipped with a voltmeter or some other device enabling the power in the batteries to be checked at any moment. However, the apparatus must always be equipped with either a socket, ~~as described above~~ to allow it to be powered by ~~accumulator~~ 12 V DC via AC/DC converter or through VRLA batteries

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**Proposal 12**

**m.58**

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4. Generally, if the apparatus should be powered by batteries or UPS (Uninterruptible power supply), The minimum backup time for the external batteries or UPS is 5 Minutes. ~~there should be two batteries available per apparatus: 12-volt car batteries are used, of 60 or 90 amps/hour.~~

**Veterans Council Meeting  
Lausanne, Switzerland  
Friday June 30 – Saturday July 1, 2017  
Draft Minutes**

Present:

Celso Dayrit – PHI Representative of the Executive Committee  
Max Geuter – GER President of Veteran Committee  
Rita Comes – USA  
Ozden Ezinler – TUR  
Francis Kwong – HKG  
Gregorio Lima – PUR  
Leonardo Patti – ITA  
Benoit Pincemalle – FRA  
Mark Rakita – RUS  
Mark Rance – NZL  
Marja-Liisa Someroja - FIN

Notes

9:00am start on both days

Welcome by Max Review of agenda, proposal of dinner

1. Meeting with Emmanuel Katsiadakis, GS
  - a. Mr. Katsiadakis was not available to attend event
2. Welcome by Max Geuter and Celso Dayrit
  - a. Welcome by Celso and Max
  - b. Review of agenda, proposal of dinner
  - c. Discussion of the 12 medals that are now available for fencing at the Olympics. First increase since Women's sabre was included in the Olympics in 2004 but medal number stayed at only 10 .
3. Reflections of World Championships
  - a. Max read short report from 2016 Veteran World Championship.
  - b. Question re profit from Stralsund, no information from the organizers but the town was very happy re the participants coming to the town during a historically low tourist period in the town. Discussion about the personal socio economics of Veterans, some organizers perceive

that veteran fencers are wealthy but some save all year to participate. FIE does not give money towards the Championships but collects money from the many participants, perhaps we can ask for some financial help from the FIE to help with future Veteran World Championships. Need to give thought to future medal presentation area for team and individual medal ceremony so that participants can stand on podiums safely.

#### 4. 20 years FIE Veterans Fencing

- a. Max reflections on Carl Jorgen's idea on Veteran Fencing and making a plan for Veteran Fencing Championships with the FIE. Program is a success. Participation of years 1997 – 2014 spreadsheet was shown noting 19 different countries were involved in the first event. Review of locations and participation. Notation of variety of locations and the impact of the local economy of the venue area. Many of the fencers that attend the events bring others with them to the championships – coaches, family members, etc., so our economic impact numbers are much higher than the number of participants. Rita proposed doing a survey that we can send to Stralsund participants for economic impact that we can use for future events. Mark will help edit the survey.

#### 5. Reflections

- a. US – Continued increase of US Vet participation, 80+ demo in Portland 12/17
- b. Oceania - increase of participation but expensive, five veteran 40+ events in Australia and two in NZ. Ability to fence in Asian Championships also had a positive impact. Commonwealth Veteran event 198 entries from 10 countries. Marketed event on how it will boost local economy.
- c. Puerto Rico – competing in the US, because no overhead costs, planning on sending a small group to the Vet world championships.
- d. Italy – Decided to include people younger than 40years old in vet competitions as a plan to bridge the gap for the older fencers. Decreases the abandonment of the fencers after the senior events. Successful in increasing the numbers for women's foil and women's sabre for veterans. Six competitions over two days for these events. Events are open. Italian competition is over four days and keeps the fencers in the sport.
- e. Asia – Celso – started in 2015 year. Started with younger age 40 for men and 35 for women. Asia Veteran championships in Thailand 2017, 2018 in Japan.
- f. Max discusses participation as partners in fencing using Veterans. Keeping fencing relevant, giving awards to multi year participants.
- g. Nordic – 8 countries with championships with Veteran categories. Group is growing but is still light. Iceland is increasing participation.

- h. Watched event for 2017 European World Championships. Noted use of temporary tent structure as a way to not be limited for venue hard walled space. Many vendors, located outside of venue similar to tennis events. In Italy, a competitor needs a complete medical test for a fencing license, also for France.
  - i. Francis – Asia veteran fencing championships data presented. Bangkok in September 2017. In Manila 105 participants, Perth 179 entries. Japan will host event in 2018
6. Team event reflection
- a. Team test in Debrecen -fencers were excited and it was successful.
  - b. Full demo in Varna – medals were given but it was still a demo.
  - c. Stralsund - 55 teams
    - i. Noted that some countries only focus on one weapon and would not be able to field different weapon teams.
    - ii. Current format is appreciated by the fencers
    - iii. World Championships give only one bronze medal but give two bronze medals in Asia Championships to encourage more participants getting awards.
    - iv. Rule re USA re team competition team competitions’, notation of re fencing of teams - Person that was part of DT was dismissive to the US team and we will work on having an individual that will be available to answer rule questions to participants at future events.
    - v. Question of 2 substitutes for team event, extra team members will give too much of an advantage to large countries and a big disadvantage for the countries that cannot field larger teams.
7. News from 2017 championships in Maribor
- a. The organizers in Maribor put the schedule up too early and Benoit stepped in to make a realistic adjustment to the schedule to accommodate. Schedules should possibly be sent to the Council for review before making public.
  - b. Venue building is a place that has held many large sport events – it is a sports building. Three halls and the Italian Federation are helping Slovenia for the Championships. The official hotel is the Habakuk and that is where the finals will be held. It is a short walking distance from the venue to the hotel. Potential problems getting to finals location from venue is problems caused by rain and the spreading out of the officials. Lead person organizing event is head of Slovenia federation
  - c. Shuttle service will be available for the fencers but only official hotels will have shuttle service to venue
  - d. Host is trying to plan for Gala Dinner – head count , program and size of venue

- e. Transportation – easy flights to get to Maribor – it is updated on the website. Options of travel is to fly to Vienna, or Graz from Munich
- f. Council expects more persons participating than were in Stralsund – Benoit projects 805 fencers. If there are more people, then the capacity for more strips and computer systems – should be ready to expand. Benoit suggests that he can help and not use engarde system but his excel - it was suggested that he trains another person on his “system” and also research Fencing Time software for possible use during event.
- g. Italy Federation member, Giandomenico Varallo will handle weapon control and registration. Those that know Mr. Varallo, seemed very confident in his ability.
- h. Training for DT. We need people to train for future positions instead of pushing for inclusion in hosting future events. Concept was proposed of having “interns” possibly from the next host to help run and learn about how the event is run.
- i. Discussion of Referees. Need diversity of referees re weapon specialty. Need for referees with specialty in a few weapons are ideal. Strong need to work early with nations to send referees that are capable of multi weapons. Mark suggested that after the federation receives confirmation of participation on July 15, we then need to ask them what type of referees they will bring so that the organizers can properly plan. Slovenia does not have many referees. In the future we should add a surcharge along with registration for referees. In US, we would be able to accommodate refs from other countries; the extra income could pay for hotel, etc.. Suggestion is that we approach the head of the FIE to ask Mr. Usmanov for two referees per weapon for the Slovenia Veteran world championship. Max and Celso will figure out a way to ask.
- j. Question of concessions – need to make sure they are available and affordable.
- k. Overview of website – need to change Usmanov message and have it be the first message seen on site.
- l. Most of the FIE Veteran’s Council will be at the October event in Slovenia
- m. Need registration date for event to be placed on website, registration should close no latter than September 10<sup>th</sup> in order to plan properly.
- n. First intention, referees, team – request for intention ROI

#### 8. Time Schedule for Maribor

- a. Group reviewed time schedule for Maribor when we first saw website and made some changes in the schedule. In the future, the Veteran Council would like to review the schedule before it is publicly available.

#### 9. Website, offer from FIE and discussion with M Shturbabina

- a. FIE license issue was discussed re participants registering for the “next year” due to Veteran World Championships being the last event of the season and an extra step may have to be coded into the system to note veteran fencers planning to fence in this championships. Might need a pull down that shows the choice of the previous season if the person is a veteran fencer. Issue of pull down menu for previous year – when does this change?
- b. Results were discussed with Marja-Liisa, Max and M. Shturbabina at a previous event – there was a discussion that all results would be posted.
- c. Confirmations of the names dash, dots, duplication etc. on FIE Licenses were discussed with Marja-Liisa, Max and M. Shturbabina at a previous event.
- d. Calculations for seeding was discussed with Marja-Liisa, Max and M. Shturbabina at a previous event – Benoit will be responsible for calculations from the last two years. The information from the last two years is available on the FIE website.
- e. Fencing day needs to be promoted more.

10. Study of 75+ category and results from Chiavari (ITA) test

- a. First European Veteran Championships were held in 1991, event has been growing strong for many years.
- b. David Sweeney, past FIE Veteran Council member suggested 75+ category
- c. Numbers of 75+ participants increased from Porec to Chiavari
- d. Overall the difference between 70+ and 75+ was not so big
- e. Rita mentioned that in the US they are having more 70+ participants and having a demo in December 2017 for 80+.

11. Problem of referees: designation by FIE

- a. Referees are being moved around by FIE that have been scheduled for events and then made unavailable due to responsibilities with the FIE.

12. Referees age group 60-65 years

- a. Make sure federations know about this update of FIE referees for Vet events can be older than the normal cut off for FIE referees. Opportunity to get well-seasoned referees at Vet fencing events.

13. FIE endowment fund

- a. Privacy issues and modesty has blocked people from participating and there is still confusion on what type of help the endowment is actually offering.
- b. Participation is encouraged for veteran fencers to utilize the funds.

14. FIE diplomas -FIE Medals

- a. Printing size of paper of diplomas makes them difficult to keep nice, calligraphy on diplomas is not easy but the diplomas are very appreciated by the recipients.
- b. Medals are beautiful and we need to look into why the FIE first place medals were discontinued and try to get them reinstated.
- c. Discussion about adding diversification during the rewarding of the eighteen medal and flower presentations – agreed and seconded. An effort will be made at Veteran World Championships to have the presenters of the medals/flowers better reflect the constituency of the event participants while being mindful of the FIE Honor Protocol.

#### 15. Complimentary diplomas

- a. Diplomas for multi year participation at Veteran World Championships are a greatly anticipated event at Veteran World Championships. In 2017, we will have people getting 15-year diplomas for the first time.

#### 16. Candidates for future world championships

- a. Livorno – city of fencing 2017
  - i. On FIE website but dates need to be corrected 8-14 October
- b. Cairo – 2019?
- c. Japan – 2020?
- d. US – 2020 or 2021?
- e. Discussion re religious holidays happening usually during Veteran World Cup and how it might affect some participants.

#### 17. Medical Certificates

- a. If federations have rules for certificates, we must comply with the needs of that Federation.
- b. Medical examination or just simple liability release waiver will be needed depending on the country.

#### 18. Various

- a. A Mr. Lapo Novellini from Milan is interested in doing a grand prix for veterans. Mr. Lapo has the idea but did not send slides. Max suggested that Mr. Lapo talk with the Italian Federation. Francis suggested that he start perhaps with a smaller event.
- b. Max read a list of suggestions from Panathlon about encouraging the best in sport – not just winning. Suggestions were well received by the group and provoked a positive discussion on sportsmanship.
- c. Benoit made a presentation on the possibility of increasing participation of adding the 40+ category to the event, also the possibility of adding five participants from each country, each category.. If we had this in Stralsund, we would have added almost



107 more fencers to the event. Promotion of Veteran fencing. Rita suggested that we support the smaller programs first before we can move forward. Asia championships per Celso – stated that Asian veteran championships have no limit to the number of participants per country (there is only a limit of 2 participants per country at Major Games such as Asian Games and South-East Asian Games). Mark Rance feels that you will discourage medium countries from participating. Benoit feels that the event is more exciting if more participants are involved. Gregory says that the Caribbean federation is helping the participation of the games with the purpose of increasing the diversification. Jamaica participated with encouragement from his group and got medals. Celso, using money from FIE the Asian federation has been giving money to smaller Asian countries so that they can send participants. Asian federation is doing it to give the sport a life in these areas. Max stated that the European federation also helps smaller countries with registration etc. to help grow the sport – we have 45 federations and cannot help. Discussion ended with the suggestion that we continue to encourage the smaller countries and make no changes in the numbers.

d. Plan for July 1st

July 1<sup>st</sup> Agreed upon Agenda by Group:

1. Ranking for Maribor BP
2. Team: Engarde/Excel BP
3. Team/Referee Fee: Voted down in Congress 2015
  - a. What actions – all
  - b. Administrative Rule 6.2
4. Meet up with:
  - a. PP Commission
  - b. Women's Fencing
  - c. Rules
5. Medal Administration @ World Championships
  - a. Structure /outline etc.
  - b. Podium (safety Concern)
6. Olympic Museum – Conclusion of Meeting

1. Benoit will use his numbers, question is if we are going to use Fencing Time
2. Format of Team – Benoit has used the information and because of the individual . Question of Fencing Time or En Guard? Can it handle the set up for Team? Can it be upgraded?

3. Team Referee Fee – Proposal was made in China during the congress 2015, we proposed Referee fee for individual Veteran’s World championships, Referee fee Team Veterans World Championships \$45. Plan is to write up with explanation before the next congress to promote the “why” we think it is important.
4. Meet ups
  - a. PP Commission  
Visitors – PP Commission  
Two Visitors – Presentation to group – stated that they would work with the federations to promote. David Baker will be the point person to contact directly. The PP Commission will use the Federations as the filter of the content.



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b. Medical Commission

Medical – Lisa from the Medical Commission visited the group. She spoke about the proposed 5-minute medical interaction, once medical is on the strip for an injury, this will change from the current 10-minute time. She will be a participant at the Veteran World Championships 2017. We spoke to her about having a medical delegate that may make a review of medications that “older fencers” might take. We also asked about safety issues regarding the finals piste.



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5. Medal Administration – Note that this is covered in the rulebook.
  - a. Discussion of Structure of podium/safety - responsibility of Protocol Manager and in rulebook.
  - b. Discussion of Medal Protocol of who gives medals/flowers safety - responsibility of Protocol Manager and in rulebook.
  
6. Other – Finals Piste– Note that this is covered in the rulebook.
  - a. Discussion on need for following the rulebook re proper clearance on sides of finals strip and also noting height of strip to reduce possible injuries. It was also noted - advertisement and other items need to safely placed so as to not interfere with fencer and possibly cause safety hazards during fencing.
  
7. Visit to Olympic Museum – Conclusion of meeting

To discuss with RULES Commission on the rejected proposal in the 2015 Congress on veteran championships entry fees and referee fees

Current Administrative Rules (April 2017):

#### 6.2 AMOUNTS TO BE PAID TO THE ORGANISERS

Subject	Euros
Entry fee junior A grade tournament	25
Entry fee senior A grade tournament	60
Entry fee GP tournament	100
Entry fee junior team tournament	150
Entry fee senior team tournament	400
<b>Individual</b> entry fee Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, <b>World Championships</b>	55
<b>Team</b> entry fee Juniors, Seniors, <b>World Championship</b>	140

Failed proposal in 2015 Congress:

#### **Proposal 8**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

#### 6.2 Amounts to be paid to the organisers:

Subject	Euros
<b>Individual</b> entry fee Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, <b>Veterans World Championships</b>	55
<b>Team</b> entry fee Juniors, Seniors, <b>Veterans World Championship</b>	140
<b>Referee fee Individual Veterans World championships</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Referee fee Team Veterans World championships</b>	<b>45</b>

# Participation Date for Asia Veterans Fencing Championships

2015 Manila

2016 Perth

# 2015 Manila Philippines

Manila 2015						
Individual	(35)40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total	No.of Teams
ME	11	13	5	2	31	7
MF	10	15	2	2	29	7
MS	11	8	1	0	20	5
WE	7	1	3	0	11	4
WF	4	0	2	0	6	2
WS	5	0	2	1	8	2
	48	37	15	5	105	27

# 2016 Perth Australia

PERTH 2016						
Individual	(35)40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Total	No.of Teams
ME	23	20	13	5	61	7
MF	17	6	7	4	34	6
MS	19	10	3	4	36	7
WE	10	6	4	0	20	0
WF	12	3	3	0	18	2
WS	4	2	3	1	10	0
	85	47	33	14	179	22