

CHANGES TO BFA RULES 2004 EDITION – MAY 2006 VERSION

Most recent changes are at the end of the list.

1) May 2005: ARTICLE t.87 - RULES CHANGE – NON-COMBATIVITY (PASSIVITY), WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY 2005 CONGRESS

This change is superceded by modified texts (relating to black cards, paras starting ‘For the third time’) approved at the 2005 Congress – see 10) below.

2) May, 2005: Article o.54 – ENTRIES FOR GRAND PRIX/TEAM A-GRADE COMPS. (Change approved ealier in 2005)

This change is superceded by modified texts approved at the 2005 Congress – see 10) below.

3) June, 2005: Article t.107 – DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES, RATIFIED BY 2005 CONGRESS

(Change approved in May, 2005)

Replace the 1st para. of Article t.107 (“Tournament is ...same aegis) by the following:-

Tournament is the name given to a number of competitions, individual and team, held at the same place, at the same time and under the same aegis.

4) June, 2005: Article t.120 – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

(Change approved in April, 2005, ratified at the 2005 Congress)

Add to the schedule of offences and penalties, 2nd page, below “non-presentation on the piste.....”,

	First	Second	Third
	<u>Offence</u>	<u>offence</u>	<u>offence.</u>
Non combativity	t.87	Yellow card	Red card
			Black card (1) (2)

5) June, 2005: PUBLICITY CODE PAGE 4

This change is superceded by modified texts approved at the 2005 Congress – see 10) below.

6) June, 2005: Article o.13 – COMPOSITION OF POOLS

(Change approved in June, 2005, ratified 2005 Congress)

Replace the 1st para. of Article o.13 (“The composition ...team captains) by the following:-

Except where there are contrary provisions in these Rules, 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.

7) June, 2005: Article m.25 section 4 – JACKET

This change is superseded by modified texts approved at the 2005 Congress – see 10) below.

8) October, 2005: RENUMBERING OF ARTICLES

Please note the following numbering changes to books t. and o. (there are no numbering changes to book m.):

Book t: Technical Rules

Articles t.1 – t.100: unchanged

Article t.101 becomes t.100 and t.101 (from “All these penalties..” onwards).

Articles t.102 – t.125: unchanged

Article t.127 becomes t.126

Article t.129 “ t.127

Book o: Organisation Rules

Articles o.1 – o.5: unchanged

Article o.7 becomes o.6

Article o.8 becomes o.7

Article o.9 becomes o.8

Article o.10 (a) becomes o.9

Article o.10 (b) becomes o.10

Article o.11 – o.64: unchanged

Article o.67 becomes o.65

Article o.68 becomes o.66

Article o.69 becomes o.67

Article o.70 becomes o.68

Article o.71	becomes	o.69
Article o.72	becomes	o.70
Article o.75	becomes	o.71
Article o.76	becomes	o.72
Article o.77	becomes	o.73
Article o.78	becomes	o.74
Article o.79	becomes	o.75
Article o.83	becomes	o.76
Article o.84	becomes	o.77
Article o.85	becomes	o.78
Article o.86	becomes	o.79
Article o.87	becomes	o.80
Article o.88	becomes	o.81
Article o.89	becomes	o.82
Article o.90	becomes	o.83
Article o.91	becomes	o.83 continued
Article o.92	becomes	o.84
Article o.93	becomes	o.85

The Publicity code has also been entirely renumbered and the Rules Introduction numbered for the first time.

Many Rules articles are now subdivided in a new and more consistent way. This is shown in the French version on the FIE web-site and will be available for the English Rules in the new year (2006).

9) November, 2005: CORRECTION TO PUBLICITY CODE (error in text)

The following text, being the 4th paragraph of page 5 of the Code, has remained in the printed text in error, and should be deleted from it:

3. At the World Championships and World Cup competitions, when the fencers are presented and when the prizes are awarded, the fencers must present themselves on the podium wearing either fencing clothing or their countries' complete official tracksuit (jacket and trousers) (cf. point 1 above). The jacket must be kept closed throughout the official ceremony.

On the piste, the fencer must present himself exclusively in fencing clothing, complete and done up.

10) DECEMBER, 2005: DECISIONS AT FIE CONGRESS AND RELATED CHANGES

Throughout: Replace 'Observer' by 'Supervisor'.

t.45: Replace the last section of Article t.45 – (t.45.4) - page 23, from "If a fencer appears" - by the following:-
THIS TEXT MODIFIED IN MARCH 2006. SEE ITEM 11) AT END OF THIS DOCUMENT

t.51: Replace the words "Under no circumstances can the referee" by:

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Delete the words:

Except as provided for in Articles o.17 and o.24 or

t.73: Replace the first paragraph, from "Only hits registered" to "'Halt'(cf.t.18)" - by the following:-

Competitions at sabre are judged with the help of an electric apparatus registering hits.

1 To judge the materiality of a hit, only hits signalled by the registering apparatus may be taken into account. The Referee can not award a hit unless it has been properly registered by the apparatus, except for penalty hits. He will not take account of hits scored by movements started before « Play » or after « Halt » (Cf. t.18.1/3).

t.86.5: (page 39) starting "Before the start ...", first inset para., replace "will receive a Black Card;" by "will be eliminated"

t.86.6: (page 40) second inset paragraph., replace "a Black Card (exclusion from the competition);" by "elimination from the competition"

t.86. DELETE the last paragraph (page 40), starting "During a team match" in its entirety.

t.87; Phrases changed since June 2005 in blue: *Replace the 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs of Article t.87, as modified earlier ("During the first and second periods of a direct elimination bout ----- nor stop the bout"), by the following:*

4. Non-combativity.

When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the referee will immediately call « Halt! ».

5. Individual events

When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight :

For the first time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

For the second time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

For the third time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will exclude both fencers from the competition (black card) **and they will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the current or forthcoming active season.**

However, when both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight **for the first or second time during the third period of a direct elimination bout**, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) or a penalty hit (red card) respectively against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This minute, which will be fenced in its 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.

6. Team competitions

When both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight:

For the first time during a match, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.

For the second time during a match, the referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.

For the third time during a match, the referee will exclude both teams from the competition (black card) **and they will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the current or forthcoming active season.**

However, when both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight **for the first or second time during the ninth bout of a match**, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) or a penalty hit (red card) respectively against both teams and will proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This minute, which will be fenced in its 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.

T87. Replace the very last paragraph (starting "Immediately after the end ...") by:

9. At the end of a bout, the Referee must bring together the two fencers, to announce clearly the score, which will be transmitted to the Directoire Technique. He must say clearly: « Mister X won against Mister Y with the following scores »

t.94. Replace the current Article by:

the following are the competent disciplinary authorities::

- the referee (Cf. t.96),
- the Directoire Technique (Cf. t.97, o.56 - o.62),
- the Refereeing Commission delegate(s), or the Supervisor if there is no delegate
- the Executive Committee of the IOC at the Olympic Games (Cf. t.98)
- the Bureau of the F.I.E. (Cf. t.99.1/4, t.127.h, o.63)
- the Executive Committee of the F.I.E. (Cf. t.99.5).
- the Disciplinary Commission of the FIE and its Tribunal
- the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Sports Arbitration Tribunal.

See also the Disciplinary Rules of the FIE (Chapter VII of the FIE Statutes).

t.96.5 (was t.96 (e): Replace this paragraph by:

The Refereeing Commission Delegate or the Supervisor (if there is no Delegate) is the authority competent to deal with appeals against the decisions of the Referee.

t.97:

New title : The Directoire Technique at official FIE competitions (cf. o.56–o.62).

Replace 3rd sentence (“It may impose ... during competitions”) by:-

It is also responsible for maintaining order and discipline during competitions and may use the penalties specified in the Rules.

Delete 4th sentence: “It is the juridical authority of referees”

t.99.2: Add to the end of the 2nd para. of t.99 (after “by a Directoire Technique”):
, the Refereeing Commission Delegate or the Supervisor (if there is no Delegate).

t.114: Replace the whole of the first two paras. (“There are three types May be annulled (cf.120)”) by:

1. There are three types of penalty to be applied in the cases indicated in the table in Article t.120. If a referee has to penalise a fencer who has committed several faults at the same time, he should penalise the least serious fault first.

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 (1st October- World championships for the Juniors and 1st 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).

Replace the last sentence on page 47/start of page 48 (“ – Exclusion ...at fault.) by:

Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season, whether current or forthcoming, or expulsion from the competition venue (any person disturbing the order of the competition), demonstrated by a BLACK CARD by which the Referee identifies the person at fault.

t.118.2 (2nd para of t.118., starting “If during the same bout ...”): Replace the paragraph by:

If during the same bout the fencer commits the same or a different offence in this group, he is penalised with a Black Card (*exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (1st October- World championships for the Juniors and 1st January – World Championships for the seniors), whether current or forthcoming*).

t.119 Replace the whole article by:

The first infringement in the 4th 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 (1st October- World championships for the Juniors and 1st 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. Schedule of offences and penalties, 2nd page (page 50):

1) Third box (“Non-presentation on the piste during the competition etc”), for “AT THIRD CALL” replace “BLACK CARD (1) by: ELIMINATION from the competition.

2) Fifth box (“Changing the order”): is deleted

3) Fourth Group (6th box). “Non-presentation when first called by the Referee”; penalty of BLACK CARD replaced by ELIMINATION from the competition, so this offence moves out of the fourth group and in effect replaces ‘Changing the order ...’ on the chart.

4) Fourth Group (6th box). Reference for “Doping’ becomes t.127.

5) Definitions at bottom of page: “Black Card = Exclusion or expulsion” replaced by:

Black Card = Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (1st October- World championships for the Juniors and 1st January – World Championships for the seniors), whether current or forthcoming.

All references to and the description of footnotes (1) and (2) are no longer relevant.

t.122, last paragraph (“If the referee”): To be replaced by:

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 penalised in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

o.31.3 (2nd sentence of 2nd para of o.31., starting with the word “Confirmation”:
delete everything after the words “with the entering of the fencers (2006-7 season).
Also replace “with the entering of the fencers’ by:
at the time the fencers are entered.

o.44.3, last sentence (top of page 13), “If this order”:
Replace by:

If this order is altered, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored following the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order (cf. t.86.)

o.53; **Replace** the current text by:

1 Three months before the start of the event, the Federations will receive an entry form from the Organising Committee, on which they are required to specify the number of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition’s programme two months before the start of the first event. No additional entry of fencers will be accepted after this date.

2 The entry of fencers and teams by name, is to be made via the FIE website. This entry of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the entry of teams, must be made 15 days before the first event of the Championships at the latest.

3 After the cut-off date for entries indicated on the FIE Website, there can be no further additional entries nor any withdrawal of a name.

4. Changes of name, for reasons of ‘force majeure’ or injury, can only be made up to 24 hours before the start of each event.

o.54: **Replace** the first section (down to but not including ‘For the other World Cup competitions’):

This change is superceded by modified texts approved in May, 2006 – see 11) below.

o.57 b): **Replace** the current article by:

The Directoire Technique is composed of people who are experienced at organising competitions. It is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

o.62): **Replace** the current article by:

For questions concerning the rules, the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge the value of a referee’s decision.

At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, it is the Supervisor who fulfils this function.

The Supervisor settles any disputes that might arise in Category A and Grand Prix competitions.

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any disputes which arise at World Championships.

o.64: **Replace** the words ‘in Article t.129’ by:

in Article t.127 and the FIE Anti-Doping Rules

o.65 (previously numbered o.67): **With application from the 2006-7 season, replace** the current article by:

1 At the Open World Championships, entries are limited to four fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events and one team per weapon per nation for the team events.

2 The number of qualified teams is limited to 16 teams, according to the FIE Official Ranking, plus 16 teams allocated between the different zones, according to the FIE Official Ranking as follows: 6 from Europe, 4 from America, 4 from Asia/Oceania and 2 from Africa.

Should the organising country not have a team qualified, it will automatically have a place among the 16 teams allocated between the different zones.

In case of non participation of a team, the next one in the ranking qualifies.

o.69 (previously numbered o.71): **Replace** 3rd-6th lines of the first paragraph (‘President of the FIE -.... the Regional Games.’) by:

President of the FIE, after consultation with the Executive Committee, according to criteria of recognized technical abilities.

o.76.10, page 22 (previously numbered o.83, last para. Of Article): **Replace** the words ‘in Article t.129’ by:

in Article t.127 and the FIE Anti-Doping Rules

o.78 (previously numbered o.85): **With application from the 2006-7 season, add** to the end of the current Article:

2. For Grand Prix competitions, one of the three members of the Directoire Technique shall be designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE, taking into account the principle of geographic proximity. If the organising country has an appropriate person, the FIE will nominate that person.

o.79 (previously numbered o.86): With application from the 2006-7 season, replace the current Article by:

1 For Individual Category A competitions, both Senior and Junior, at each weapon, each national federation may enter a maximum of 12 fencers. The organising country (competitions in Europe) may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

2 For Individual Category A competitions outside Europe, the organising country may enter up to 30 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

3 For Grand Prix competitions, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter a maximum of 20 fencers, including those needed to make up the pools.

o.83.1 (previously numbered o.90): With application from the 2006-7 season,

DELETE the entire sub-article and the text above "There are two FIE individual rankings".

o.83.2 and o.83.3 (previously numbered o.91.a) and o.91.b): With application from the 2006-7 season, becomes o.83.1 and o.83.2. Also:-

First paragraph: after "or Olympic Games" **add** 'and the Zonal Championships

Second paragraph (Junior ranking) :**Change** 'five from any on continent' **to:** 'three from any on continent'.

Second paragraph: after "World Championships" **add** 'and the Zonal Championships'.

Scale of points: after the words "Points obtained in a Grand Prix competition of the FIE" **add** 'and a Zonal Championship'.

o.83.4 (Honours), (previously numbered o.91.c) ; the current text is replaced by:

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each senior official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Open World Championships or Olympic Games.

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each junior official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

o.84 (previously numbered o.92): With application from the 2006-7 season,

DELETE o.84.1 Previously o.92.A., entirely and the text above "There are two FIE team rankings".

o.84.2 and o.84.3 (previously numbered o.92.B (a) and o.92.B (b)): With application from the 2006-7 season, becomes o.84.1 and o.84.2. Also:-

First paragraph: after "or Olympic Games" **add** 'and the Zonal Championships

o.84 (previously numbered o.92): Add a new section at the end of the Article:
Honours

The winner (first ranked team) of each team official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Open World Championships or Olympic Games

2003 Congress change never included in the Rules:

m.8: in the last paragraph, the maximum bend in the foil blade must be less than 1 cm:

m.25.3.: Add a new introduction at the beginning of the sub-article:

The national uniform includes the socks, the breeches, the jacket, and the conductive jacket at foil and sabre. (Cf. m.28, m.34).

m.25.3: Change the last para,m.25.3.d), concerning the colour of fencers clothing) to:

Fencers' clothing may be of different colours, apart from black.

m.25.3: Add a paragraphs at the end,,m.25.3.e), f), g) and h), as follows:-

e) There shall be only one national uniform per country.

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, it is then published on the FIE Website.

g) For the following events, the wearing of national strips (logos) is compulsory on both legs, optional on the arm(s). All the logos worn by any one fencer must be identical:-

i World Championships and World Junior and Cadet Championships, every bout, in the pools, in the direct elimination and in team matches;

- ii Individual senior World Cup competitions, all direct elimination bouts from the 64 onwards;
- iii World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every match.

The national strips (logos) must be identical for all the fencers of a same Federation for the above competitions i and iii.

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly on the jacket or on a cloth carefully sewn on the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1,5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

m.25.4 Replace the last para of section 4 (Ladies' equipment must ...) by the following:-

The use of breast/chest protectors (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.

m.34: Change Article title to:

Conductive jacket and conductive t-shirt

m.34.1 Add to end of first paragraph of m.34, from 'formed by the thighs.', as follows:

by the thighs. At wireless sabre the fencer must wear a conductive t-shirt. The conductive part is made with a conductive fabric with an electrical resistance which, measured between any two points of the conductive fabric, must be less than 5 ohms.

m., Annexe A, Article 1.6.9 (page 39): new title:

Fatigue resistance test (by bending or cyclical buckling).

m., Annexe A, Article 1.6.9 (page 39): Replace second paragraph by:

The test consists of bending the blade without exceeding the limit of elasticity of the material, i.e. to the point where a bend of approximately 220 mm is reached, corresponding to a shortening of the blade by approximately 250 mm, and then allowing it to straighten.

m., Annexe A, Article 2.1.2, 4.1, 'Homologation' (page 45) 2nd para; Replace word 'Rome' by 'Lisbon'.

m., Annexe A, Article 2.1.3 (page 47); Replace current text by:

Masks may feature coloured designs, on condition that they are approved by the FIE Executive Committee at least 30 days before being used for the first time in an official FIE competition.

M, Annexe B, A Foil, 1.(a) 6, (page 55): Replace current text by:

After a period of time of 300 milliseconds (+/- 25 milliseconds tolerance) after the first hit signalled by the apparatus (this period of time bears no relationship to 'fencing time' which is the basis of judging according to the conventions governing foil fencing), the latter must ignore all signals for subsequent hits.

M, Annexe B, A Foil, 1.(b) 1, (page 55), replace 2nd sentence current text ("The duration of the break ,,5 milliseconds,) by:

The duration of the break of contact which must always ensure that a signal is registered is 14 milliseconds (+/- 1 millisecond).

M, Annexe B, A Foil, 1.(b) 2, (page 55), replace this paragraph by:

The registering of a valid hit must be guaranteed when there is a break of contact of 13 to 15 milliseconds, when the exterior resistance is between of 0 and 500 ohms.

M, Annexe B, A Foil, 1.(b) 3, (page 56), replace this paragraph by:

The contact time is the same for valid and non-valid hits.

A break of contact of duration of 14 milliseconds (+/- 1 millisecond) must always ensure that a signal is registered, when the exterior resistance is between 0 and 200 ohms.

M, Annexe B, C Sabre, 1.(a)8, (page 56) : Replace this paragraph by:

After a hit has been registered, a subsequent hit made by the other fencer will only be registered if it occurs within a maximum delay of 120 milliseconds (+/- 10 milliseconds).

Publicity Code page 4, p.12, 2 a) – Advertising which is worn or carried, Fencing clothing and equipment. The first paragraph - "Provided that it does not the length of the name" is deleted.

Publicity Code page 4, p.12, 2 d), e) and f) – Advertising which is worn or carried, Fencing clothing and equipment, from "The designs of national colours" to the end of the section at "... during the competition "is all deleted.

11) 12 March, 2006: DECISIONS AT FEBRUARY FIE EXECUTIVE MEETING AND AFTER

t.37: *Replace the last sentence of the Article by the following:-*

The drawing of lots is done by hand.

t.45: *TEXT CHANGED AT NOVEMBER 2005 FIE CONGRESS SUBSEQUENTLY CORRECTED. THESE CORRECTIONS ARE SHOWN IN BLUE.*

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- a) **Name and nationality**, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket (application: all official FIE competitions, at all stages of the competitions)
- b) Wearing his **national uniform** (cf., m.25.3) - application as follows:
 - i) **Open, Junior and Cadet World Championships**, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;
 - ii) **Individual Senior World Cup competitions**, all direct elimination bouts from the 64 onwards;
 - iii) **World Cup team competitions**, all bouts in every match.

In case of violation of this rule :

- For the competitions mentioned in items **i)** and **iii)** above, the referee shall **eliminate** the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.
- For the competitions mentioned in item **ii)** above, the referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, 2nd group). The fencer at fault shall however be **allowed to remain** on the piste and fence the bout concerned.

The same penalty is also applied for the absence of name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket at Junior World Cup competitions, at Individual Senior World Cup competitions before the last 64 and **(only from 2006-7 season)** at Zonal Championships

t.120 (table of offences and penalties): *Group 2 (red cards), last item on page 55: Modify ‘Absence of name’ to:*

Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at Individual World Cup competitions and **(from 2006-7 season)** zonal championships t.45.4

t.120 (table of offences and penalties): *In the section between groups 3 and 4, in the middle of page 56, ADD:*

Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at World Champs/ Team World Cup competitions ELIMINATION FROM COMP’N t.45.4

o.84 (old o.92): *Add at the end of the section on ‘Team scale of points, after ‘For the Team World Championships, the points indicated above are multiplied by two’:-*

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c) (only from 2006-7 season) Points obtained in a Zonal team Championship attract a factor of 1.0.

o.54: *Replace the first section (down to but not including ‘For the other World Cup competitions’) by:*

1. For Grand Prix Competitions and Team World Cup competitions

a) The entry of names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, is to be made via the FIE Website 15 days before the competition at the latest.

b) From the **deadline** for entries indicated on the FIE website, there can be no further additional entries nor the withdrawal of a name except in cases of properly authenticated injury or ‘force majeure’.

However, before the Tuesday preceding the competition:

— a fencer may be **replaced** by another. To do this, the national federations must

send to the FIE, in writing (fax or e-mail), a request for a fencer to be replaced.

— **one or more fencers may be added**, on payment to the FIE of a fine of 150 Euros per fencer added. To do this, the national federations must send to the FIE, in writing (fax or e-mail), a request to add a fencer, together with a copy of the bank transfer for the appropriate fine.

In cases of injury or ‘force majeure’, the rules for World Championships will apply.

c) In the case of team competition entries, the names of the fencers making up the team may be modified up until mid-day on the day before the competition, by informing the organisers.

- d) Confirmation of the presence of the fencers and teams is made at the time the fencers and teams are entered.
- e) Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine of 500 Euros/750 CHF, payable to the FIE, except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.
- f) For Grand Prix competitions and Team World Cup competitions, as the referees are designated by the FIE, the delegations are not required to provide referees.

For the 2006-7 season onwards (ie, from September 2006), the 4 paragraphs starting 'For the other World Cup competitions' and ending 'the Tuesday preceding the competition' are deleted, as is the title at the start of 54.1, 'For Grand Prix Competitions and Team World Cup competitions'. Ie, The current Grand Prix rules will apply to all A-grade entries.