

MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING

- **DATE:** 17 FEBRUARY 2017 NICE
- **Venue:** HÔTEL BOSCOLO PLAZA, NICE, FRANCE
- **TIME:** 8 h 00 – 13 h 00

1. WELCOME

The member of FIE COMEX, Mr. Bence Szabo, welcomes everybody at the first FIE Coaches Council meeting and congratulate members upon their election to this new and very important FIE Council

1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Present:

BENCE SZABO – Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative/
Coaches

TYSHLER Gennady – RSA

CIPRESSA Andrea – ITA

SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge – ARG

SZEPESI Laszlo – HUN

AOKI Yusuke – JPN

MARCELIN Stephane – FRA

Apologies:

WANG Haibin – CHN

PAVLOVITCH Vladislav – RUS

LEE Hyun-Soo – KOR

MASSIALAS Gregory - USA

1.3 ELLECTION OF THE COACHING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Elections of the Coaching Council President was conducted according to the procedures stated in FIE Chief Executive officer, Nathalie Rodriguez email and FIE status.

6A.2.2 of the Statutes: *“The selected members of the Councils elect their President at their first meeting, following the same procedure specified for the Commissions (cf. 6.2.2).”*

According to article 6.2.2 of the Statutes:

- “- Any elected member may propose any elected member, including himself.*
- Voting is by secret ballot among the elected members being present.*
- The candidate having an absolute majority of those voting shall be the president; if this is not achieved (3+ candidates) the candidate with fewest votes withdraws and a second ballot shall be held, at which a simple majority of the votes is required. In case of a tie in the second ballot (or the first ballot when there are only two candidates), the president will be the younger candidate.”*

Elections was conducted by FIE Sport director Krisztian Kulczar. FIE Deputy Chief Executive officer, Evgeni Tsoukhlo was present.

Dr. Gennady Tyshler was elected as FIE Coaching Council president.

Mr. Bence Szabo congratulated Dr. G. Tyshler on his election as the Chairman of the FIE Coaches Council and suggest to continue the meeting.

1.4 COMMUNICATION LANGUAGES, COMMITTEE SECRETARY, INTRODUCTION, GENNERAL DISCUSSION ON FENCING DEVELOPMENT AND COACHING COUNCIL GOALS AND TARGETS.

Dr. G. Tyshler, as an introduction, asked each member of the committee to say a few words on the fencing development and coaching council goals and targets.

All council members said few words about themselves and stated that coaching council is very good FIE initiative and very important for our sport.

Mr Bence Szabo suggested not to appoint the secretary of the committee and that President will be responsible for the minutes. Everybody agree with this proposal. Members discussed the communication languages, procedures for the meetings, communication with FIE and responsibilities of the members of the council.

Decision:

- *Dr. G. Tyshler was elected as council president*
- *Committee first communication language will be English*
- *Secretary is not appointed, the president is responsible for the minutes*
- *Communication to the congress will be through Mr. Bence Szabo and Presidents of federations*

2. DR. GENNADY TYSHLER, PRESIDENT OF COACHING COUNCIL 2013-2016 REPORT. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION.

Dr. Gennady Tyshler has delivered the report on the last 4 years of the work of Coaching Council. The most important points of the coaching council work presented in the minutes of council meetings. All minutes of the meetings are on the FIE web site and on the web site of the council. Question regarding the report was discussed.

3. COUNCIL GOALS AND TARGETS FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS. GENERAL DISCUSSION, MINUTES OF THE MEETING, PLAN FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

General discussion on different fencing matters took place.

The most important matters, proposals:

- Dr. SZEPESI Laszlo

It is important that changing of the rules will be conducted step by step. For example we had changing of the blocking time and the distance in sabre at the same time. It is very difficult to analyze the impact on the sabre fencing each of the change.

- SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge

Attack interpretation is the most important issue in sabre and foil refereeing. To preserve the traditions of fencing, I suggest that during the attack the point of the weapon should not leave the target area, and constantly threatened the target, as it constituted in the rules. Everybody at the meeting agreed with this point.

Another proposal is to shorten the length of the epee bout to 2 minutes. After discussion, coaches present, decided that it is better to keep 3 minutes in place.

- MARCELIN Stephane

The Calendar. The distance between the continental championship and the world championship is too small. It is only 3 weeks and not enough for rehabilitation and preparation. Everybody agree with the comment. CIPRESSA Andrea has mentioned that the situation with the continental championship place in the calendar is better now than it was in the past and current calendar is better arranged that it was with the World championship in September – November. Coaching council agreed to send the information to sport department on the matter.

- CIPRESSA Andrea

It will be important that FIE will organize the competitions for the same weapon at the same location or close, that one National coach responsible for women and men events can be present and manage both teams.

- Some members of the council expressed their dissatisfaction with organizing the mixed competitions. They think that it is not good idea and finally we can lose medals at the program of Olympic Games due that mixed competitions.

- Quota for competitions entry

Quota for competitions entry at World cup competitions was discussed. The current quota does not affect the small federations, but for the big federations it become difficult to enter young, promising (under 23) fencers into competitions. Sometimes fencers when they become seniors after junior age category not strong enough to get in top 12 in their country to be entered in senior competitions. This will result in young promising fencers finishing their fencing career and quit fencing. Proposal was discussed that additional entry places will be given to the top 10 athletes ranked at European under 23 ranking on request of the national federation. Matter and the procedures will be discussed with the sport department.

- Refereeing

It is always the biggest issue. Few points were discussed. Code of conduct or guide lines or exact procedures for video referees should be created. Video replay should be available only for video referees. Attack interpretation should be carefully discussed during the coaching council meetings and then discussed with the refereeing committee.

- DR. TYSHLER GENNADY

It will be good to get video examples of the correctly executed attacks in foil and sabre from the refereeing committee and other sources and discuss the matter during our council meeting.

As the most members of the council will be present at Junior World championship in Plovdiv council decided to schedule the next informal meeting in Plovdiv.

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.

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