

Meeting of the FIE Promotion and Publicity Commission

Location: Hotel Alpha-Palmiers, Lausanne

Date: 30th June and 1st 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

1st Proposal of the Promotion and Publicity Commission:

- In favour. Propose deletion of the word “professional”

12th 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

14th Proposal of the Executive Committee:

- Not in favour
- This change will not improve the viewing experience for audiences

6th and 7th 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

1st Proposal of the Medical Commission:

- In favour

4th 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.

8th Proposal of the British Fencing Federation:

- In favour
- New text for epee as well

1st to 8th Proposal of the Iranian Fencing Federation:

- Not in favour

1st Proposal of the Iraqi Fencing Federation:

- Not in favour

2nd 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

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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:

Strength coefficient	
Number of athletes	Multiplying Coefficient
>151	+15%
121 - 150	+10%
71 - 120	+5%
<70	No multiplying coefficient

Countries representation coefficient	
Number of countries	Multiplying Coefficient
≥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

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

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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

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.

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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.

Proposal 7

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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

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

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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

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.

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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.

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

Proposal 1

Motivation: For more clarification, we propose to add the mentioned references:

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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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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	3 248 points
2nd place	2 640 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	2 032 points
5th–8th places	1 424 points
9th–16th places	8 16 points
17th–32nd places	4 12points
33rd–64th places	2 8 points
65 th -96 th places	1 4 points
97th-128 th	2 points
129th-256	1 point

PP Commission: Not in favour.

Proposals of Swedish Fencing Federation

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:

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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