

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.
 - complains 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~~.

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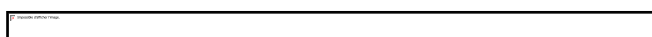
4- ~~reports~~ Starting from the next season, Referee's Evaluation sheet has to be made carefully in the determined form and to be sent within ~~7 days~~ 14 days after event to all members RC and to FIE at the end of the season unless there is a serious problem that happened during competition. ~~The 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 has to be given from the RC delegate at the place.

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Masterlist 2017-18

RC 25.6.17

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Tabella 1

	GP 1	GP 2	GP 3								number of competition per referee
1. LEVEL	1 - 2 - 3	1 - 2 - 4 - 5	3 - 4 - 5								2
5 referees											
2. LEVEL	1 - 2 - 3	3 - 4 - 5	1 - 2 - 4 - 5								2
5 referees											
3. LEVEL	1 - 2 - 3 - 4	5 - 6 - 7	8 - 9 - 10								1
10 referees											
4. LEVEL	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	
1. LEVEL	1 - 4	2 - 5	3	2 - 4	5	1 - 3	2	3	4	1 - 5	3
5 ref											
2. LEVEL	4	5	1	2	3	5	1	2	3	4	2
5 ref											
3. LEVEL	1 - 6	2 - 7	3 - 8	4 - 9	5 - 10	1 - 7	2 - 8	3 - 9	4 - 10	5 - 6	2
10 ref											
4. LEVEL	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 o the season will be used in 2 GP and 2 WC.

Referees of third level (about 10), at the end of the season will 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 an 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

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.

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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 67th 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.

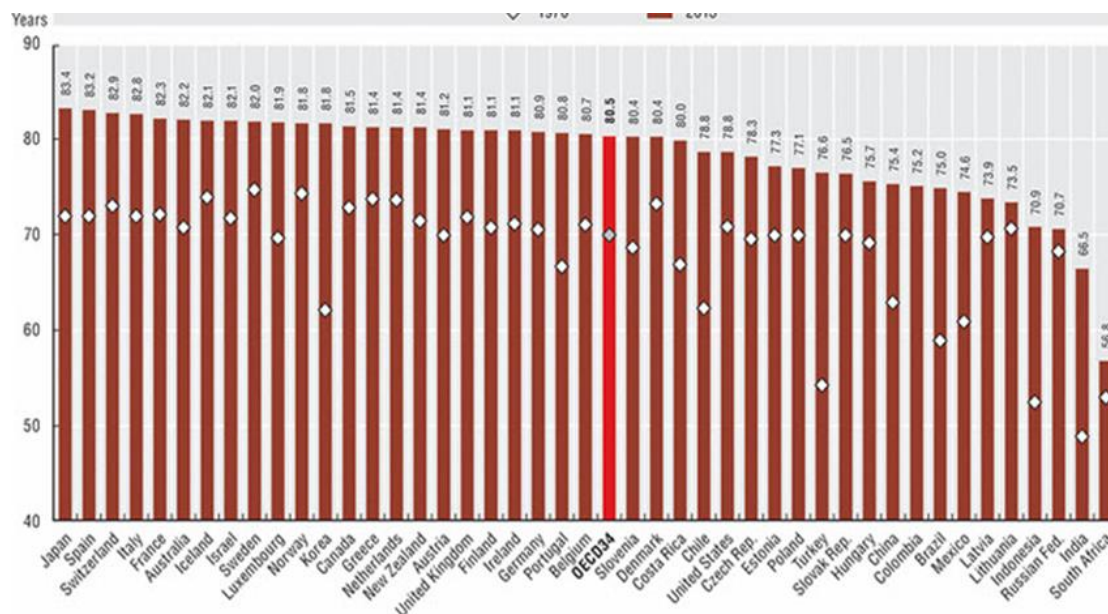
We are witnessing today a revolution in all life aspects and life expectancy has accordingly risen by tens of percent. Many workplaces today employ engineers, scientists, pilots and doctors who are above the age of 60. The age for retirement in the modern world has consequently risen; usually women retire 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
Source: OECD.															

For example:

a.

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

Mandatory retirement ages by state

State	Mandatory retirement age	Additional information
Alabama	70 ^[4]	
Alaska	70 ^[5]	
Arizona	70 ^{[6][7]}	
Arkansas	-	No retirement age; however, judges lose their earned retirement benefits if they choose to seek re-election past age 70. ^[8]
California	-	No retirement age
Colorado	72 ^[9]	
Connecticut	70 ^[10]	
Delaware	-	No retirement age
District of Columbia	74 ^[11]	

Florida	70 ^[12]	Judges may finish the final term if more than one-half has been served. 70. ^[12]
Georgia	-	No retirement age
Hawaii	70 ^[13]	
Idaho	-	No retirement age
Illinois	-	Used to be 75, but law was struck down by Illinois Supreme Court in 1997.
Indiana	-	No retirement age
Iowa	72 ^[16]	
Kansas	75 ^[17]	Judges may finish the final term during which they turn 75.
Kentucky	-	No retirement age
Louisiana	70 ^[18]	Judges may finish the final term during which they turn 70.
Maine	-	No retirement age
Maryland	70 ^[19]	
Massachusetts	70 ^[20]	
Michigan	70 ^[21]	
Minnesota	70 ^[22]	Judges must retire the last day of the month in which they have turned 70.
Mississippi	-	No retirement age

Missouri	70/75 ^{[23][24]}	Judges other than municipal judges must retire at 70. ^[23] Municipal judges must retire at 75. ^[24]
Montana	-	No retirement age
Nebraska	-	No retirement age
Nevada	-	No retirement age
New Hampshire	70 ^[25]	
New Jersey	70 ^[26]	
New Mexico	-	No retirement age
New York	70 ^[27]	Judges may finish out year they turn 70. There is no retirement limit for Village Courts.
North Carolina	72 ^[28]	Judges must retire the last day of the month in which they have turned 72.
North Dakota	-	No retirement age
Ohio	70 ^[29]	Judges may finish the final term during which they turn 70.
Oklahoma	-	No retirement age
Oregon	75 ^[30]	Limit may be reduced to as low as 70 by statute or initiative.
Pennsylvania	70 ^[31]	Judges may finish out year they turn 70. ^[31]
Rhode Island	-	No retirement age ^[32]

South Carolina	72 ^[33]	No limit for Probate or Municipal Court judges. ^[33]
South Dakota	70 ^[34]	
Tennessee	-	No retirement age
Texas	75 ^[35]	Conditions may vary. See Article 5 for more information ^[35]
Utah	75 ^[36]	
Vermont	Judges may finish out year they turn 90. ^[37]	
Virginia	70 ^[38]	Judge will be retired 20 days after the regular session of the General Assembly following birthday. ^[38]
Washington	75 ^[39]	Judges may finish out year they turn 75 ^[39]
West Virginia	-	No retirement age
Wisconsin	Formerly 70 ^{[40][41][42]}	The Wisconsin Blue Book 2005-2006 states: "Wisconsin used to have a mandatory retirement age for judges and justices. From 1955 to 1978, justices had to retire at age 70. Since 1977, the Wisconsin Constitution authorized the legislature to impose a maximum age of no less than 70, but the legislature has not done so." ^[43]
Wyoming	70 ^[44]	

The Refereeing 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

$$36 \times 1.500^* = 54.000 \text{ euros}$$

$$12 \times 1.200^{**} = 14.400 \text{ euros}$$

$$\text{Production of necessary videos} = 5.000 \text{ euros}$$

$$\text{Total} \qquad \qquad \qquad 73.400 \text{ euros}$$

* 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

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.

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.

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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

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

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

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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

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

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

BLACK CARD	Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following 2-months 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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Refereeing Commission in Support

Proposals of the Coaches council

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~~

Reversing the line of the t.18.5 YELLOW RED RED shoulders at foil*				
Application: starting season 2016-2017				

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

Proposals of the British Fencing Federation

Proposal 2

Motivation: For greater precision, in order to make it easier for the referee to analyse, we suggest that t.21.3 be amended to read:

t.21

3. When the trunk of a fencer goes completely past the trunk of his opponent during a bout, the Referee must immediately call 'Halt!' and replace the competitors in the positions, which they occupied before the passing took place.

Refereeing Commission in Support

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.

Refereeing Commission in support with the condition that the software is able to keep record of injury throughout the competition

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.

Refereeing Commission in support of making video available to public.

Refereeing Commission does not support making audio available to public.

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

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 2nd 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 2nd 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

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

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

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	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).

Refereeing Commission in Support

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:

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

Proposal 8 (Sam Chervis)

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

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

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

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

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

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.~~

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

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).

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t.120

1.19

Reversing the line of the shoulders at foil* Application: starting season 2016-2017	t.18.5	YELLOW	RED	RED
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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

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

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

4

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.

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.5.3.1 *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

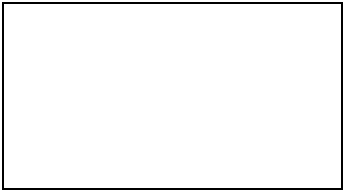
OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	RATIONALE	MEASURABLE/DELIVERABLES	ACHIEVED	TIME-LINE	PRIMUS
<p>Increase the number of female coaches in each continent.</p> <p>Collaborate with the FIE to collect coaches information in FIE senior competition</p>	<p>To work with the FIE Sports Director to organize at least one all 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>Overall rationale</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)

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Cheris MH.

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.

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

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 2nd 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

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.

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.

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

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.

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 13th/14th** birthday.

See Legal Commission response to Proposal 7 – Proposals of the Executive Committee.

** Depending on proposal 1

Proposals of Israeli Fencing Federation

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

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 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, Jenő 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 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: 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

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:

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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:

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

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:

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** 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** 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 :

Quality coefficient	
Ranking position up to 32	Multiplying Coefficient
> 25 athletes	+0.2

17-24 athletes	+0.1
≤16 athletes	No multiplying coefficient

Strength coefficient	
Number of athletes	Multiplying Coefficient
>151	+0.2
121 - 150	+0.1
≤ 120	No multiplying coefficient

Countries represented coefficient	
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

Epée

This temporary rule will be tested at all FIE competitions from the 1st 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

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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-128th
129th-256th

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.

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

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/m³**. (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

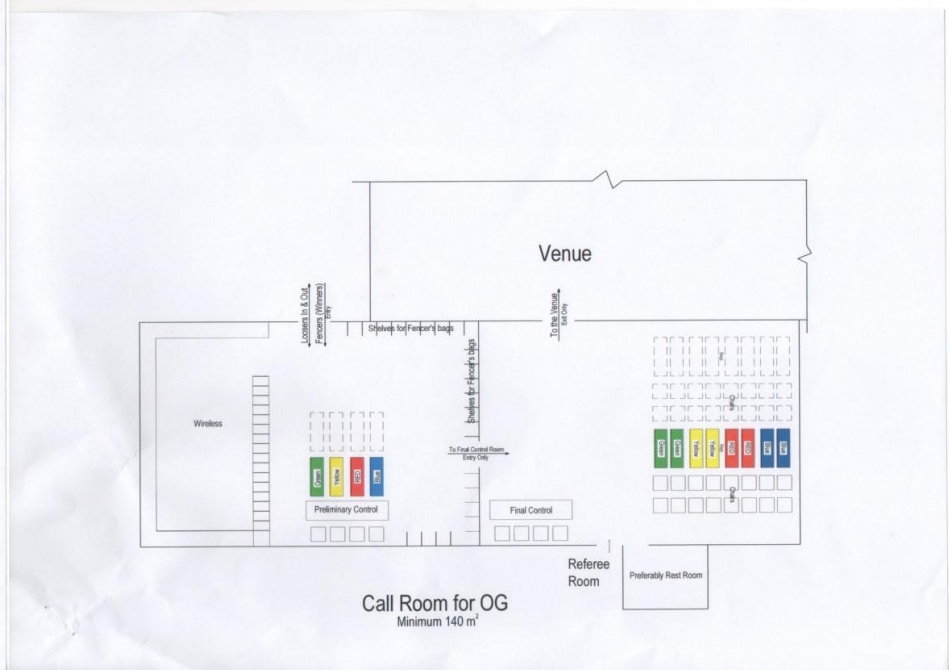
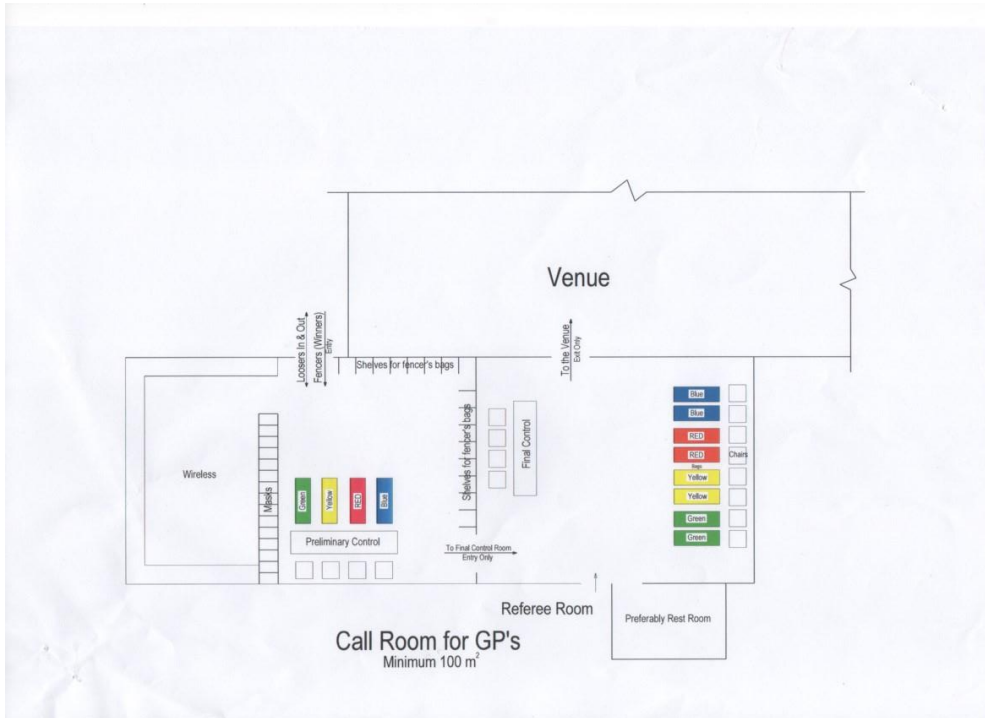
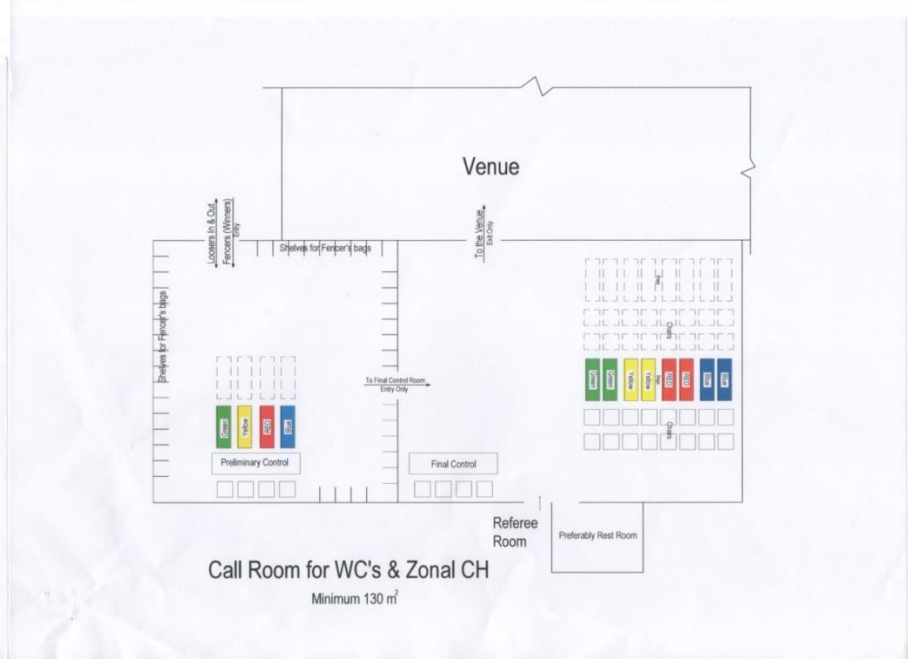
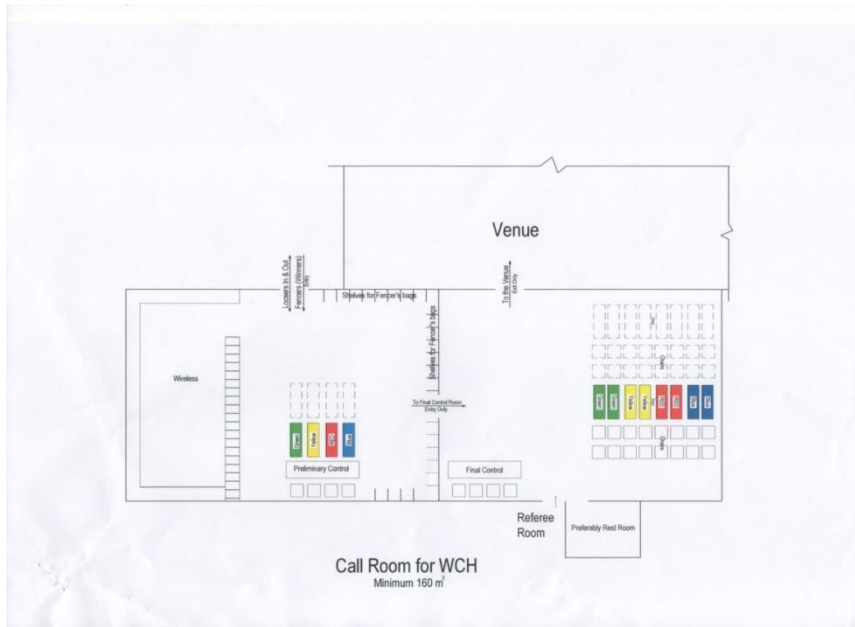
22. Advertising on the equipment Semen and Giando have a suggestion to leave this kind of work to a member of the P&P commission and suggest that a member of PP Commission is present in the weapon control at major competitions

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 12.00.26th July 2017



Appendix 1



COMMISSION
SEMI

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.

Contact: varallo.scherma@fastwebnet.it - g.varallo@federscherma.it

Tel/Fax +390116692994 - Mob. +393452818562

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:

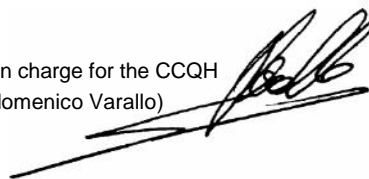
New soft layer in EVA ready for the final approval

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**

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).

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.

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.~~

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

Proposal 12

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.~~

**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 10th 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 1st 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
Individual entry fee Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, World Championships	55
Team entry fee Juniors, Seniors, World Championship	140

Failed proposal in 2015 Congress:

Proposal 8

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

6.2 Amounts to be paid to the organisers:

Subject	Euros
Individual entry fee Cadets, Juniors, Seniors, Veterans World Championships	55
Team entry fee Juniors, Seniors, Veterans World Championship	140
Referee fee Individual Veterans World championships	45
Referee fee Team Veterans World championships	45

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