

Minutes from the meeting of the Rules Commission

Date and place: Hôtel de la Paix, Lausanne, 4-6 June 2014

Present

Members: Giuseppe Cafiero (president), Rusni Abu Hassan, Medhat El-Bakry, Manuel Belmonte, Ziad Feriani, Krisztian Kulcsàr, Janine Lamon, Lutz Schirrmacher, Pierre Thullberg

Others: Frédéric Pietruszka (Secretary General, 6 July), Nathalie Rodriguez (CEO)

Excused: Adil Jawir (member), Ferial Sahli (representative of the Executive Committee to the Rules Commission)

1. Giuseppe Cafiero opened the meeting and sent the best wishes of the commission to Mrs Ferial Sahli who could not attend the meeting due to an injury.
2. Krisztian Kulcsàr announced his resignation as member of the Commission, following his new position as Sport Director of the FIE. The president of the commission Giuseppe Cafiero thanked Mr Kulcsàr for his contributions to the work of the Rules commission and expressed his wish that there will be a good cooperation with him also in the future.
3. The Commission studied the proposals submitted to it by the Executive Committee. The opinion of the Commission on the various proposals is presented in Annex 3. During the discussions representatives of the Commission had consultations with the SEMI Commission and the Veteran's Council who also had meetings on this occasion.
4. The Commission studied the urgent decisions taken by the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Commission. The opinions of the Commission are presented in Annex 4.
5. A proposal for creating the initial ranking in the first Junior Team World Cups was elaborated (Annex 2). The recommendation of the Commission is that this proposal be adopted as an urgent decision by the Executive Committee.
6. The Rules Commission recommends that the Executive Committee take an urgent decision before the season 2014-15 about referee obligation for Junior Team World Cup. A proposal for this rule change was elaborated (Annex 2).
7. The Commission finds that there is an important need for a project to restructure the rules. It was decided to submit a plan for this project to the Executive Committee for approval (Annex 1). The aim is to develop a proposal for a new structure of the rules for the Congress in 2016.
8. Giuseppe Cafiero read a letter from the Secretary General concerning the governance of the FIE commissions to the Commission. In the view of the Rules Commission, it is already in compliance with the content of this letter. It would be useful if a more precise definition of « third party » could be provided.
9. For the future, it is desirable to clarify who has the responsibility for language errors and other minor errors in the rules which do not modify the actual meaning (syntax, translation etc). We wish to avoid having proposals for the Congress concerning for example translation errors. The Commission will make a proposal for the Congress 2015 to amend the statutes in such a way that these corrections can be made by the Rules Commission.

Annex 1

Project plan submitted to the Executive Committee for approval

After many years of continuous maintenance of the rules it appears that many matters are ruled in a fractionate way, and sometimes with inconsistencies or different terminology among various points.

Actually for each area there are references in various rules books, including statutes and administrative rules; sometimes the three languages are not fully corresponding.

There are many reasons for this:

- the increasing complexity of the rules,
- the evolution of technology that has introduced new conditions both to materials and fencing techniques,
- the decision of the Congress, not always extended to all the implications,
- the necessity to introduce urgent decisions without a complete view of the consequences,
- the difficulty to control manually the reciprocal relationships among too many subjects in hundreds and hundreds of articles.

It is not our purpose to criticize this situation, but it is realistic to say that the Commission is dealing more and more with a system of references that is not easy to handle with the necessary precision.

Also, the analysis of the proposals, often related to a single issue, should include the evaluation of all the connections and results in a difficult output of coordinated rules.

To overcome the above we propose to appoint a special working group whose task shall be:

- collect all the existing rules in a special “container”, a file in which it shall be possible to disassemble all the rules related to each matter (i.e. competition rules for each category, refereeing, roles of FIE officials, etc.),
- reorganize the same in a logical sequence in separate sections, collecting all the relevant items in single chapters,
- revise the text to achieve a steady and consistent terminology,
- compound the new texts of the Organization Rules, of the Publicity Code, of the Technical Rules, of the Material Rules, the Handbooks of Regulations for Competitions of the various categories
- give indications for the revision of the Statutes and of the Administrative Rules that involve other competences.

The activity shall be done with the support of a specific software, to perform the controls that will guarantee the completeness and the required accuracy.

The work will presumably be developed through the remaining time of the current Olympic term; the aim is to present the conclusions to the Congress of 2016.

The working group shall meet one first time for 2/3 days, to establish the working plan and the distribution of workload, then periodically according to the necessity, to register the progress and reassign what is suitable.

The whole Commission will be involved in this project, according to the individual availability and experience. We might need additional help, in particular from Steven Higginson. He, even if not presently member of the Rules Commission, is particularly useful for his long experience with this Commission and for his ability to take care of the languages consistency.

The cost involved are mainly the ones related to meeting, plus some limited investment in the mentioned software.

Annex 2
PROPOSITIONS DE LA COMMISSION DES REGLEMENTS
ADRESSEES AU COMITE EXECUTIF

POUR DECISION URGENTE

Proposition 1

Motivation :

Suite à la décision du Congrès 2013, concernant la création des épreuves de Coupe du monde par équipe junior, il apparaît qu'il n'existe aucune règle définissant le nombre d'arbitres nécessaires, ni qui les fournit. Il est donc nécessaire de rajouter dans le règlement un quota d'arbitre par équipe engagée afin d'assurer le bon déroulement de la compétition.

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a) Le nombre d'arbitres A ou B devant accompagner les délégations dans les tournois de catégorie A juniors et les Championnats du Monde vétérans est :

1 à 4 tireurs :	pas d'obligation
5 à 9 tireurs :	1 arbitre
10 tireurs et plus :	2 arbitres

1 équipe junior : 1 arbitre

Dans les tournois de catégorie A juniors, le(s) nom(s) de ou des arbitre(s) doivent être annoncés par l'entremise du site Internet de la FIE, 7 jours avant l'épreuve (à minuit, heure de Lausanne). Ces arbitres doivent avoir une catégorie FIE dans l'arme de la compétition à laquelle ils sont inscrits.

b) Dans le cas où une fédération nationale n'amène pas les arbitres requis, une amende (cf. article o.86 tableau des pénalités financières et amendes) lui est infligée.

Proposition 2

Motivation :

Le Congrès 2013 a voté la création des épreuves de coupe du monde junior par équipe. Etant donné qu'au début de la saison, il n'existe aucun classement junior par équipe, il est nécessaire d'en proposer un pour la 1^{ère} compétition à chaque arme.

Mesure transitoire concernant l'article o.84 a) du Règlement, valable uniquement pour la 1^{ère} compétition à chaque arme de la saison 2014-2015 :

Pour la 1^{ère} compétition qui inaugure le circuit de coupe du monde par équipe junior, les équipes prennent les places sur le tableau selon leur classement. Ce classement est établi en additionnant les places obtenues par les trois meilleurs équipiers aux

épreuves individuelles. Par contre, si un tireur n'a pas participé à l'épreuve individuelle, le nombre de points qui lui est attribué est égal au nombre total des tireurs qui figurent dans le classement individuel junior plus 1.

Dès la 2ème compétition, le classement par équipes junior actualisé sera utilisé.

Annex 3

Study of proposals for the 2014 Congress submitted to the Rules Commission

Proposals of the Executive Committee

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposals postponed of the Hungarian Fencing Federation

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Favourable to the following text:

If a fencer has crossed the lateral boundaries of the piste **with one or two feet**, he **shall** ~~may~~ be put back on guard at the correct distance even if this places him behind the rear line and thereby causes a hit to be awarded against him.

Proposal 2

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour of the proposal of the working group

Proposal 3

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour of the proposal of the working group

Proposals postponed of the Russian Fencing Federation

Proposal 4

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour with the following wording:

In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to substitute for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. **However, the fencer who has been replaced may fence one more time during that match, but only to replace the fencer who originally substituted him. This second replacement is not allowed if the first replacement has been done for the reasons listed in**

article o.44.11. No further substitution is allowed, ~~The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match in order to replace a fencer on the piste,~~ even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted **must be made at the latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced and must be reported by the Referee to the opposing team captain. At World Championships and Olympic Games, the referee must also report this immediately to the Directoire technique.**

Proposals postponed of the US Fencing Federation

Proposal 5

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour

Reservation: Pierre Thullberg

Proposal of Samuel David Chervis, M.H.

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour of the proposal. Technical details and test procedure should be specified by the SEMI Commission.

Proposals of the Rules Commission

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour with the addition of "Senior" in **t.45.4.b**

ii) ... and in Senior Zonal Championships

Proposal 2

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposal 3

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Opinion of the Rules Commission

In favour

Proposal 4

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour of this proposal but the matter should be finalised by the SEMI Commission.

Proposals of the SEMI Commission

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour

This proposal implies many other changes in other official texts. In the rules, it is desirable to avoid repeating the same information in different sections. The Commission does not agree with the content of the proposal in several instances :

o.94 is a duplication of the Statues

o.97 is a duplication

o.98 Should be as for World Championships o.53

o.99 1. Individual competition formula is the mixed formula for Junior and cadet championships

o.99.2. Team competition formula is the formula for team world cup

o.100 Only one bronze medal for teams can be awarded

o.103 There are no commissions in some confederations

o.104 The content in this proposal is less specific and more vague than the current rule

However, the rules need to be restructured in their entirety for all FIE competitions, taking into account also what rules should be in the Statues, the Rules, in the Administrative rules and in other publications of the FIE. As already mentioned, the Rules Commission proposes to undertake this restructuring in a specific project.

Proposal 2

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour as presented, because this proposal implies many other changes in other official texts. In the rules, it is desirable to avoid repeating the same information in different sections. See comment to proposal 1.

Proposition 3

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour, together with proposal 4.

Proposal 4

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour if proposal 3 is also accepted

Proposal 5

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposal 6**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

This mistake of translation from the official text in French into English must be corrected immediately.

Proposal 7**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

In favour

Proposal 8**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

In favour of deleting ~~a corps à corps at foil and sabre~~
Not in favor of deleting ~~a fleche attack which jostles the opponent~~
Not in favour of adding ~~intentional brutality~~

Proposition 9**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

In favour but article o.83.2.f should remain and be applied

Proposal 10**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

Not in favour

This proposal implies many other changes in other official texts. The Commission does not agree with the content in the proposal in several instances.

The descriptions of the formulas are duplications of what is already in the rules (in some cases wrong duplications as for Cadet World Championships. The Commission is not in favour of the rules introduced in ii) and iii)

Proposal 11**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

Not in favour. The current rule is clear and applied adequately. The proposed change will not result in any improvement and risks to create confusion in the application of the rules by the referees.

Proposal 12**ANG****Opinion of the Rules Commission:**

Not in favour. The current rule is clear and applied adequately. The proposed change will not result in any improvement and risks to create confusion in the application of the rules by the referees.

Proposal 13**ANG**

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour. The current rule is clear and applied adequately. The proposed change will not result in any improvement and risks to create confusion in the application of the rules by the referees.

Proposal 14

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour. The current rule is clear and applied adequately. The proposed change will not result in any improvement and risks to create confusion in the application of the rules by the referees.

Proposal 15

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour. The current rule is clear and applied adequately. The proposed change will not result in any improvement and risks to create confusion in the application of the rules by the referees.

Proposal 16

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour. Crossing the rear limit of the piste is not an offense, should not be penalized, nor included in t.120.

Proposal 17

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour. This offence is covered by fault 4.5

Proposal 18

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposal 19

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour. The consequences of this rule are not desirable.

Proposal 20

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour but this rule should be o.55.6 with the following wording:

The age groups in veteran competitions are:

a. Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.

- b. Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.
- c. Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition.

Proposals of the Italian Fencing Federation

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour

Not in favour of the rule concerning refereeing in junior competitions. This proposition needs to be studied and presented at the FIE Congress in 2015.

The proposal concerning referees in Veteran World Championships is treated in the proposal 2 from the Italian Federation

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

The commission is in principle in favour but did not see the final modifications proposed by the Veteran's Council.

Proposals of the Russian Fencing Federation

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

As the Rules Commission has not seen results of conclusive tests performed during competition conditions, it cannot at this time give an opinion.

Proposal 2

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

As the Rules Commission has not seen results of conclusive tests performed during competition conditions, it cannot at this time give an opinion.

Proposals of the Swiss Fencing Federation

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission

In favour of introducing this formula at Team Junior World Cup and Team Junior World Championships with the following amendments and changes

B) JUNIOR WORLD CUP AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COMPETITIONS

o.45

~~Apart from the following aspects, the competition is run in accordance with rules laid down for the team events in the juniors and Open World Championships.~~ A mixed format is used– one round of pools to determine ranking, followed by direct elimination table.

o.46

1. The competition takes place in one day.

Formula of the competition

2. The competition is comprised of one round of pools of 3 teams to determine ranking, followed by a complete direct elimination table.
3. The highest ranked 2, 3 or 4 teams are exempted from the round of pools and entered directly into the direct elimination table. (See table of exempted teams below)
4. If there are 4 participating teams or fewer, all teams fence in 1 single pool to determine the position in the direct elimination table.
5. The pools will be constituted based on the official FIE team ranking.
6. The ranking after the poules and the qualified teams are established in accordance with the method described in o.19. The exempted teams take the first places in this ranking according to their official FIE team ranking.
7. After the round of pools, at least 16 teams will qualify for the direct elimination.
8. If there are fewer than 16 participating teams, all teams will qualify for the direct elimination.
9. In any case, no fewer than 50 per cent of the teams participating in the poule round must qualify for the direct elimination.
10. All places in the table down to 16th place will be fought for. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial seeding in the table.
11. If a team does not begin a match they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any Junior World Team Cup points, unless this is because of an injury or illness, duly attested by the doctor of duty.

Table of exempted teams

Number of registered teams	Number of pools of 3	Number of exempted teams
4 or less	Single pool	-
5	1 x 3	2
6	1 x 3	3
7	1 x 3	4
8	2 x 3	2
9	2 x 3	3
10	2 x 3	4
11	3 x 3	2
12	3 x 3	3
13	3 x 3	4
14	4 x 3	2
15	4 x 3	3
16	4 x 3	4
17	5 x 3	2
18	5 x 3	3
19	5 x 3	4
20	6 x 3	2
21	6 x 3	3
22	6 x 3	4
23	7 x 3	2
24	7 x 3	3
25	7 x 3	4
26	8 x 3	2
27	8 x 3	3
28	8 x 3	4
29	9 x 3	2
30	9 x 3	3
31	9 x 3	4
32	10 x 3	2
33	10 x 3	3
34	10 x 3	4
35	11 x 3	2
36	11 x 3	3
37	11 x 3	4
38	12 x 3	2
39	12 x 3	3
40	12 x 3	4

o.47.

1. The position in the direct elimination table is established by drawing of lots in pairs for all the teams.

~~2. The table will be drawn up~~ The pools will be drawn up based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.

~~The formula is only poules of 3 teams, with 2,3 or 4 teams always exempted from the poules.~~

Propositions de la Fédération suédoise d'escrime
Proposals of the Swedish Fencing Federation

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour with the following amendments:

o.58.4 Change sentence to: Furthermore the Directoire Technique has disciplinary responsibility at competitions, but only as a collective entity.

o.62: Change ~~Category A~~ to World Cup

o.62 At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, ~~no SEMI Commission delegate or no Medical Commission delegate~~, it is the Supervisor who fulfills these respective functions (cf o.77).

observe translation error in o.60.1, English version, first sentence: Should be ~~refereeing delegates~~ and not ~~Directoire technique~~

observe translation error in o.59.3, English version, : Should be:

3. Veteran World Championships

One refereeing delegate, one SEMI delegate and one medical delegate are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour with the following amendments and changes

o.83.2.a

Add 65th -96th places 1 point

o.83.2.b

~~multiplied by a factor of 4~~ as listed above.

Change o.83.1.c:

Points from the Olympic Games are ~~count~~ only used to calculate the winner (first ranked fencer).

~~From the end of the Olympic Games to the next World Championships, only the results of the World Championships organised for the events not within the Olympic programme are to be included in the official FIE ranking. For the other weapons, the previous year's World Championship points will be annulled following their Olympic event.~~ At the start of the new season, the points of the Olympic Games and the World Championships will be removed.

Change o.84.1.b

Points from the Olympic Games are count only used to calculate the winner (first ranked fencer).

~~From the end of the Olympic Games to the next World Championships, only the results of the World Championships organised for the events not within the Olympic programme are to be included in the official FIE ranking. For the other weapons, the previous year's World Championship points will be annulled following their Olympic event.~~ At the start of the new season, the points of the Olympic Games and the World Championships will be removed.

Proposal 3

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour but the cycle should be changed to :

The competition cycle will be:

First Olympic Games: Women's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, men's sabre. (In men's foil and women's épée, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Second Olympic Games: Women's foil, men's foil, women's épée, men's sabre. (In women's sabre and men's épée, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Third Olympic Games: Men's foil, men's épée, women's épée, women's sabre. (In women's foil and men's sabre, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

CONGRES – CONGRESS 2014

*Soumises à la Commission des Règlements
Submitted to the Rules Commission*

Propositions du Comité Exécutif Proposals of the Executive Committee

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposal 17

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour but with following change:

~~To this end, it has to gather information by every possible means on the views, tendencies, and desires of the affiliated groups.~~ For this purpose, it can use all means of communication to gather relevant information.

Proposal 18

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour, provided that there are specific and precise criteria and a time line with concrete activities for the evaluation process clearly defined in the Administrative rules before the 2014 Congress.

Proposal 24

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour with the following change of wording

FIE Commissions are technical bodies, which have specific areas of expertise. The Executive Committee consults the Commissions on all matters of their respective competences.

Proposal 25

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour of the following wording

The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members for each commission to liaise ~~monitor and coordinate~~ with the commissions (cf. 5.5.7 and 6.6.1-6.6.3).

The President of the FIE may, ~~as agreed with the Executive Committee and~~ after consultation with the President of the Commission, and the delegate of the Executive Committee, and the Secretary General and the CEO, have relevant additional experts involved in the commissions' work.

Proposal 26

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour of the following wording, since the last sentence is already covered by article 6.2.3

Commissions must admit to their meetings the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals submitted to the Congress and placed on its agenda by the Executive Committee of the F.I.E. The attendance of such a person, or his representative, is restricted to when the proposal in question is being discussed. The expense for such attendance is borne by the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals, or their representatives.

Proposal 36

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour as a consequence of our opinion on proposal 18

Proposal 37

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour as a consequence of our opinion on proposal 1 and 18

Proposal 38

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour

Proposal 39

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour if the proposal concerning the Cadet World Championships is accepted.

Proposal from FIE women & fencing council

Proposal 1

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour. This measure is essential to the FIE and the Rules Commission encourages the Women's Council to find additional means to include women into our sport at all levels.

<p>Proposition de la Fédération Italienne d'escrime (Statuts et RA) Proposal of the Italian Fencing Federation (Statutes and AR)</p>
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Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission:

Not in favour, since increasing the number of commission members would not lead to an increase of the efficiency in the work of the commissions.

Proposal 3

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Opinion of the Rules Commission:

In favour as for the same proposal from the Executive Committee

Annex 4

Minutes for the meeting of the Rules Commission 4-6 June 2014-07-05

Urgent decisions of the Executive Committee submitted to the Rules Commission

May 2014

Proposal 1

Motivation :

- 1) The GP should be GP also by the number of participants thus to boost the strength of the competition
- 2) Increasing the income of the organisers.

o.78. 1.

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

o.78.2. For **Individual Category A competitions outside Europe**, the organising country may enter up to 30 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

~~o.79. For Grand Prix competitions, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter up to 12 fencers, plus the number of fencers needed to make up the pools, up to a maximum of 20 fencers.~~

Application : 2014/2015 season.

Opinion of the Rules Commission

In favour of the following wording:

o.78

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

o.79

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

~~o.79. For Grand Prix competitions, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter up to 12 fencers, plus the number of fencers needed to make up the pools, up to a maximum of 20 fencers.~~

Proposal 2

Motivation :

To start the new season with the new calendar the rules has to be amended as proposed in

order to avoid any confusion and misunderstanding caused by the new order of GPs and World Cup competitions.

o.83.1 c)

For both Open and Junior rankings, the ranking is **kept permanently up to date**.

~~The competition in the current year cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.~~

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

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

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

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

Application : 2014/2015 season.

Opinion of the Rules Commission

In favour with the following adjustment:

For both Open and Junior rankings, the ranking is **rolling kept permanently up to date**.

Proposal 3

Motivation:

During the 2013 Congress, we modified o.27.1 as follows:

o.27.1

The final, which is by direct elimination, will preferably consist of 4 fencers.

The proposal below simply aims at harmonizing o.76.5 with what we decided previously, to avoid the discrepancy of texts.

o.76.5

The **finals** (~~of 4 fencers~~) must take place in a hall in which there is space allocated to the public.

Application : immediate

Opinion of the Rules Commission

In favour