



INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE)

MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING

**11th August 2013
Syma Hall, Budapest**

1. WELCOME

The President of Coaching Council welcomes everybody at the second FIE Coaches Council meeting, “we are honored to have Secretary General of the FIE joining us for this meeting to discuss important matters”. The agenda for the meeting was circulated.

1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Present:

PIETRUSZKA Frederic – FIE General Secretary

POZDNYAKOV Stanislav – RUS, Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative/ Coaches

POP Ioan - FIE international technical director

BOIDIN Franck – FRA

CIPRESSA Andrea – ITA

KORFANTY Edward – USA

SZEPESI Laszlo – HUN

TYSHLER Gennady – RSA

WANG Haibin – CHN

ZIDARU Octavian-Petru – ROU

Apologies:

PAVLOVITCH Vladislav – RUS

SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge – ARG

OUEDRAOGO Julien – BUR

1.3 MINUTES

The minutes of the council meeting in Lausanne were circulated and approved via email.

2. PROPOSALS FROM MR. PIETRUSZKA

Frederic Pietruszka apologies for not attending the meeting in July, he had important matters to attend to. Mr. Pietruszka has presented to coaching council:

- Fencing calendar 2014 -2015. The system presented, have been discussed during the meeting in July and council has supported the new system.
- Formula of the competitions. The duration of the competitions should be reduced. Maybe to start the second day with top 32. To shorten the time of the DE bouts to two periods of 3 minutes.
- Marketing of fencing competitions. To improve the “image of fencing” it is suggested to run competitions for men and women together. To have nine “Grande Prix”, four Zonal Championship and World championship. To find the local producers in America, Asia, Europe to prepare and distribute not only the live “image” of fencing but also “news” – 3 min. and “ high lights” – 26 min. of each competition. It is probably possible to generate the income from these materials in the future.
- It was proposed to investigate possibility of canceling “non valid” hit (white light) in foil.

Most of the members agree with the proposal, but feel that proper tests should be done and testing period should be applied. G. Tyshler gave the members DVDs “Foil with out white light”, produced in 2005, for review. The proposals to include the top part of the arm to the target area and possibly the mask, or part of the mask were made by different members. The problem of the “not registering bouncing hit” to the chest in foil was also addressed.

3. INCREASING NUMBER OF SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN SABRE

Mr. Ioan Pop expressed dissatisfaction with increasing number of simultaneous attacks in sabre. One of the proposals is that after the first simultaneous attack in sabre both fencers must make one step backwards.

- Mr. S. Pozdnyakov

I do not think that we have increased number of simultaneous attacks in all bouts, may be only during the very important moments of deciding bouts, in finals, semifinals at the final score moments. This situation is not changing the image of the sabre fencing.

- Mr. E. Korfanty

We have more simultaneous attacks because the rules have changed, before the double step was not considered the attack. Or we need to change the rules (interpretation of the rules) or we need to change the distance.

- Dr. G. Tyshler

To avoid many simultaneous attacks the referee should change the rhythm and the interval between of the “ready” and “fence” command. Not after first simultaneous, but if needed referee should adjust the distance between fencers to make it bigger.

- Dr. L. Szepesi

It can be dangerous, and then fencers will receive many red cards for starting too early and lose the bout by red card. On the other side the simultaneous attacks is part of the tactics of the fencers and I am not sure that we should change.

- Mr. S. Pozdnyakov

The “2 meters” proposal should help the situation.

- F. Boidin

After discussion with the French coaches, I want to propose that fencer cannot win with the red card after starting too early and the referee should give “minus” point instead of adding the point to the score. Everybody supported this proposal.

4. EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Members of the council acknowledged email communication and proposals of Mr. G. Sausedo and Mr. Rikhtman and agreed with the messages send by G. Tyshler. After discussion the council thinks that we should not complicate the sport with “blinking lights”.

5. VIDEO REFEREEING

- Dr. G. Tyshler reported on a meeting with Mr. Rikhtman, chairman of SEMI. There is a technical possibility to arrange a special room with 3 independent refereeing experts to evaluate the fencing phrases from different pists. Council feels that this is an interesting possibility and should be investigated.
- The rules of video refereeing should be stronger implemented. The final decision of awarding the hit should be done by referee on the piste.
- One more discussion on video refereeing took place. Decisions of video referee should be known to the public. Statistics of changing the final decisions should be available.

6. SENSOR IN SABRE

The council appointed G. Tyshler to send official request to SEMI to investigate possibility of having the sensor in saber fencing.

7. SECOND REPLACEMENT IN THE TEAM MATCH FOR MEDICAL REASONS

The Council is in favor of second substitution for the medical reasons, with modification, that the fencer replaced, as a second substitution, for the medical reason, cannot take part in the following competitions, the replacement is final.

8. THE FIE TEAM WORLD TOUR

Mr. S. Pozdnyakov explained the idea of the "TOUR". The main idea is to attract more spectators from local country's community to come to the competitions.

9. COACHING CONFERENCE

FIE and coaching council feel that it is a good initiative and looking forward to this event. The conference should be well prepared. It can take up to a year to prepare an event, may be a day before the world championship or other FIE event. The organizing committee should be established.

10. MATERS ARISING

- Budget for the council
- Accreditation of coaching council members at Junior and Senior world championship
- Coaching council website – fencingtrainer.com

Pictures, articles, materials from the members. Pictures from Serge Timachev.

- Sabre meeting of refereeing committee in Kiev. E. Korfanty and L. Szepesi are appointed by the council to attend the meeting
- FIE congress participation. Members of the council feel that they should be allowed to be present at the congress.

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.