



INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE)

MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING

**29th - 30th July 2013
Hôtel Alpha-Palmiers, Lausanne**

1. WELCOME

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

“All of you are real professionals and fencing experts. You represent world-renowned fencing schools that share their knowledge and skills all over the world.

The FIE COMEX pins great hopes on you. We believe that your expert assessment of all measures directed towards the development of our sport will greatly benefit the entire fencing community and your proposals for improving fencing rules, procedures and methods will result in progress and success.

I wish you fruitful and efficient work for a 4-year period, which work, as I see it, is fairly complicated and meticulous. Yet I am confident that our love and passion for fencing will keep us on track. “

1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Present:

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

POP Ioan - FIE international technical director

BOIDIN Franck – FRA

KORFANTY Edward – USA

OUEDRAOGO Julien – BUR
PAVLOVITCH Vladislav – RUS
SZEPESSI Laszlo – HUN
TYSHLER Gennady – RSA
WANG Haibin – CHN
ZIDARU Octavian-Petru - ROU

Apolgies:

SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge – ARG
CIPRESSA Andrea – ITA
PIETRUSZKA Frederic – FIE General Secretary

1.3 ELECTION OF THE COACHING COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. S. Pozdnyakov informs the meeting that the Chairman or President is not, in his opinion, an appropriate term for the Coaches Council. “We are a single united sport family and must have equal rights and duties. We, therefore, elect not the chairman, but rather a coordinator of our group, who will manage the document flow, prepare the agenda, minutes, etc.

Of great importance is close cooperation between the Coaches Council and the FIE COMEX. With this in mind, I would propose Dr. Gennady Tyshler, a South Africa representative with Russian roots, to the position of such coordinator. We have worked together for a long period of time, and I know him as a person who has business acumen and is extremely competent.”

Members of the council supported the Mr. S. Pozdnyakov proposal and Gennady Tyshler has been unanimously elected as the president of FIE coaching council.

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

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

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

- Dr. O-P. Zidary

It is very good FIE initiative and very important for our sport, as most of the proposals coming from the FIE, for the fencing coach, sounds a little bit strange. Even today we shall have a lot of discussions on the current proposals for the congress. We shall have a hard work. The problem is that our council has only consultation rights. But we hope

that Mr. S Pozdnyakov and Mr. I. Pop, will conveyer our proposals and opinions to FIE and congress. I wish all of us good luck and I hope that fencing will benefit from the work of this council.

- Mr. H. Wang

I came from Asia, from China. I have been a top fencer before and now I am a coach of a National team. I think that this committee is very important for our sport and coaches working together can help to develop our sport.

- Mr. I. Pop

I think that this committee is different from other committees. It is not political committee but the professional committee. And I ask the members to have their professional opinions to be free of any political issues.

- Mr. E. Korfanty

Myself and Dr. Zidary have been the members of previous coaching committee, but previous committee was not legal, or official. Committee did not work properly as we have not even been on the one meeting with Dr. Zidary together.

It is important that all coaches and athletes in the world can have the information on refereeing changing and all new “fashion” in refereeing and competitions organization and administration. It is a lot of issues with rules interpretation in the world. In order to improve the quality and consistency of refereeing and rules interpretation a change in current method must be made. My proposition is to choose two coaches from the Coaches Council to participate in the Referee Committee meetings and actively discuss and make decisions on the unification of fencing rules and any changes in the new interpretations of the RIGHT OF WAY.

This is required in order to inform the referees, coaches and athletes in the other countries about the changes and to let them have the same understanding and ability to apply the new way giving them the same chances in fencing competitions.

Unfortunately arbitress from time to time changes the method of interpretation of the RIGHT OF WAY rule but does not inform or amend such changes in the Rule Book nor are the referees from various countries and coaches informed of

the new found interpretation. In turn referees establish trends in refereeing or in other words some interpretations become accepted as a rule although they may not be. This accepted way varies a between the referees selected for refereeing at FIE competition.

Bottom line is a committee responsible for communicating the new finding needs to be established to ensure communication is made in all aspects of the fencing world coaches, referees, athletes and rule books all over the world. This is the only way to achieve a fair game.

- Mr. J. Ouedraogo

I am honored to be here. The coaching council is very important body of FIE. And it is very important to have communication between the refereeing committee and the coaches. Many times the changes in rules interpretation is happening with out consultation with the coaches. This is not right. All coaches in the world should be immediately informed with the new rules reading. In my position as coach of the coaching academy it is important to have good connection with coaching council.

- V. Pavlovitch

I am glad that FIE decided to establish coaching council. This council will have a great impact on developing fencing in the world. I agree with other members that we need close cooperation with refereeing committee and semi committee. Every body saying that TV is very important for our sport and we should find the common way to improve fencing TV image. It is important to involve in refereeing the former famous fencers, who understand fencing. Many changes to the rules happened during the last 10 – 15 years, which fencers and coaches do not understand. If we can overcome these problems it will be the big success for the council.

- Dr. L. Szepesi

The FIE is 100 years old and only now decided to create the coaching council. It is a good decision, because usually the members of the elected federations are amateurs and not professionals in our sport. And it is first time in FIE history, that professionals can explain their positions on different matters. It was forbidden for the coaches to referee, and even it was changed, it is still separation for professionals and the amateurs. Our goal is to become the ordinary FIE committee as the other committee of FIE, with the

same rights, value and impotence. I do not think that we can delegate somebody to be included into refereeing committee or rules committee, that been elected by the congress.

- Mr. E. Korfanty

I understand that it will be difficult to include the delegate from our council to the other committees, but it is a lack of communication and conversations between the refereeing committee, rules committee and the coaches, between the members of the refereeing committee as well. It is different interpretation of the rules by different referees. Coaches can adapt to any rules changes, but they need to be aware of these changes. We are the same family, the same society, but we do not know what is going on.

- Mr. F. Boidin

I think it is very important council. I have studied the written proposals of Mr. Korfanty and think that these proposals are very valuable. We need to get more communication on refereeing matters in the fencing community.

- Mr. Pozdnyakov

First of all I agree with the Dr. Szepesi that this council should become the ordinary FIE committee as the other committee of FIE. At the moment any proposals from the coaching council must be presented to FIE via me, member of COMEX, or the Presidents of federations of the countries. It will be difficult for refereeing committee to accept our member in their committee, but we are definitely needed to have a good communication with other FIE committees and first step, will be our work on the document, proposals for the congress, today. Good, productive work on this document can show other committees, what this coaching council is capable off.

- Dr. G. Tyshler

Dear colleagues, I agree with the proposals of the other members and want to add some more goals and objectives to our activity:

Development of proposals for introduction of changes to the official International Fencing Federation Charter, establishing concepts such as ‘fencing coach’, ‘fencing master’, ‘team captain’ (capitan d’équipe), and defining their functions and legal rights. The definition of the coach’s status, detailing his rights and obligations. Removal of the amateur concept in the FIE Status, which was inherited from the Olympic Charter, valid prior to 1980.

Ethical behavior problems of athletes and coaches. Formulation of Code of Conduct for athletes in training and competitions. Formulation of Code of Conduct for coaches in training and competition.

Expert evaluation of proposals referred to FIE on improvements to equipment, rules and regulations on bouts in various fencing disciplines, technologies in conducting of competitions.

Protection of coaches' interests in conflict situations during competitions, work in clubs and federations.

Dissemination of advanced, modern methodologies of teaching and training in various fencing disciplines. Conducting of seminars, discussions and publication of methodology recommendations. Assistance in translation and publication of specialised literature on fencing disciplines, films, computer programmes for improving the coaching process and competitions. Creation of scientific methodology magazine of the FIE. Assistance to FIE in establishing of an international coaching school, qualification advancement system and teaching programmes.

Establishment of a database of active coaches. Registration of coaches.

Decision:

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

2 PROPOSALS FOR THE 2013 CONGRESS (FIE COMEX)

Proposals for the 2013 congress with coaching council comments document attached.

3 PROPOSALS OF FIE SECRETARY GENERAL MR. FREDERICK PIETRUSZKA

Unfortunately Mr. F. Pietruszka was not able to be present at the meeting. The proposals were presented by Mr. Ioan Pop, FIE international technical director.

General discussion was conducted on the:

- Calendar 2014-2015 modifications
- Calendar after Rio
- Qualifying system for the Olympic Games
- Code of Conduct vis-à-vis with referees
- Elite referees body selection
- Competition formula

Decision:

No decisions were taken as most of the changes will depend on inclusion of additional fencing events in Olympic program.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES, SUBCOMMITTEES

The president of the coaching council, Dr. G. Tyshler indicated that in order to achieve good results in council work, to establish communication with coaches in the world, to have the council working all year around, it is important to appoint the members to the certain tasks and ask the appointed members to create the working groups or subcommittees. All council members agreed with this proposal. After discussion the members of the council were appointed to handle specified responsibilities.

Decisions:

- *To have appointed members responsible for Continental matters*

Mr. H. Wang - Asia, Oceania

Mr. E. Korfanty - North America

Mr. G.J. Sausedo - South America

Mr. J. Ouedraogo - Africa

Dr. O-P. Zidaru - Europe

- *To have appointed members responsible for fencing disciplines matters*

Foil - F. Boidin

Epee - Dr. O-P. Zidaru

Sabre - E. Korfanty

- *Responsible for coaching academies, seminars - Dr. L. Sepesi*

- *Responsible for legal matters, Web. Site, methodical materials, coaches journal – Dr. G. Tyshler*
- *Liaison with refereeing committee – E. Korfanty*
- *Liaison with SEMI – V. Pavlovitch*
- *Liaison with Rules committee – E. Korfanty, Dr. O-P. Zidary, F. Boidin*

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

General discussion on different fencing matters took place.

The most important matters, proposals:

- Mr. E. Korfanty

Evaluation system for referees as per submitted proposal. Coaching council Yearly report.

Communication website.

- Dr. L. Sepesi

Plan of coaching seminars for 4 years. Seminars for different level coaches. Standardization of coaching diplomas in the World. Coaching diploma evaluation. Fie licenses for coaches.

- Mr. H. Wang

Continental coaching conferences.

- Mr. F. Boidin

One understanding of fencing for all coaches and referees. Can coach referee or not?

- Mr. J. Ouedruogo

World program for coaches development.

- Mr. I. Pop

Continental schools of fencing. Top coaches academy.

- V. Pavlovitch

Video refereeing in real speed.

- Dr. L. Sepesi

Status of the coach.

- Mr. Korfanty

Monitor referee matters. Cards for monitor referee. Number of video reviews indicator on scoring machine.

- Proposals for creation of the “Top referees group”. Referees evaluation through the secret voting on the internet by the best fencers and coaches.

6 CONCLUSION

Representative of FIE COMEX, Mr. S. Pozdnykov and FIE International Technical director Mr. I. Pop expressed their satisfaction with the work of the council during the meeting. Dr. G. Tyshler thanked every body for the work done. The draught of the minutes will be circulated by the president to all members for comments in one week. The date for the next meeting will be announced.

Meeting closed.

30th July 2013