



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

FIE CONGRESS

21 NOVEMBER 2015

GUANGZHOU (CHN)

I. GENERAL DECISIONS

122 federations participated in the Congress, of which 111 were in attendance and 11 were represented.

1. MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RULES

Please find in annex the modifications that were approved by the Congress.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE 2014 CONGRESS HELD IN ROME (ITA)

The report of the 2014 Congress was approved.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2014 (July-December) Executive Committee Report was approved.

4. 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDITORS' REPORT, APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE AUDITORS

The financial report, the 2014 (July-December) accounts, and the auditors' report were approved.

Discharge was granted to the Executive Committee and to the auditors.

5. 2016 BUDGET

The 2016 budget was approved.

6. DESIGNATION OF AUDITORS

Ernst and Young were reappointed for another year.

7. AWARD OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) The organisation of the 2017 J/C World Championships was awarded to Plovdiv (BUL)
- b) The organisation of the 2018 Senior World Championships was awarded to Wuxi (CHN)
- c) The organisation of the 2018 Veterans World Championships was awarded to Livorno (ITA)

8. CANDIDATURES FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Italian Fencing Federation announced its possible candidature for the 2018 Junior and Cadet World Championships, to be confirmed by the end of 2015.

9. RESTRUCTURING OF THE RULES

The restructuring of the rules was postponed and will be submitted to the 2016 Congress.

10. URGENT DECISIONS

Please find in annex the urgent decisions approved by the Congress.

11. CHALLENGE CHEVALIER FEYERICK

The Challenge Chevalier Feyerick 2015 was awarded to both the Fencing Federation of Russia and to Frantisek Janda (CZE).

Summary of decisions 2015 Congress

MODIFICATIONS OF THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2016, unless mentioned otherwise.

Article 1.1

The aims of the F.I.E. are:

- l) to ensure fair sporting contests so that the spirit of fair play prevails.
- m) to establish rules and appropriate measures to protect the health of athletes and prevent any abuse.
- n) to take appropriate means to provide for the social and professional future of athletes.

Article 1.2.8

The F.I.E. and its bodies shall observe open tenders for their contracts.

Article 1.6

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The financial resources of the F.I.E. consist of:

- 1) Federations' subscriptions
- 2) Licence fees
- ~~3) Entry fees for the World Championships~~
- 4 3) Fees for the organisation of competitions
- ~~5~~ 4) Television rights
- 6 5) Donations and income from its sponsorship contracts
- 7 6) Such other resources as may be developed

The amounts of the fees above (items 1 to 4) are determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the Congress for the following season.

Article 3.2.1

The Congress appoints professional auditors as auditors for the following fiscal year, which can be renewed. The report of the auditors shall be based on recognized international financial reporting standards.

Article 4.3.4

In order to secure the principle of equal treatment, women and men each must be represented ~~in overall view~~ by at least ~~20%~~30% of the elected members of the Executive Committee. If the 15 candidates who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~35~~ 35 persons of each gender, the Executive Committee will consist of the ~~35~~ candidates for the Executive Committee of the under-represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes ~~of the gender not otherwise being so represented~~ and the ~~12~~10 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If there are ~~less~~fewer than 35 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates put forward and the remainder of the Executive Committee will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

Application as follows: elections 2016

Article 4.7.8

For each of the Veterans,~~and~~Women and Fencing ~~and~~ Fair Play Councils, to the extent that there are sufficient candidates the selections should include at least one representative from each of the five continents.

Article 5.5.1

The Executive Committee ensures the management of the F.I.E. between congresses in accordance with the Statutes and takes the most suitable measures for the development of fencing worldwide. ~~Management of the F.I.E. is based on principles of accountability, compliance and good governance. Appropriate measures to identify and minimize potential risks shall be adopted.~~

Article 5.6.1

The President is the legal representative of the International Fencing Federation. If he is unable to attend ~~any meetings or events~~, he is replaced by the Secretary General.

Article 5.8.1

g) The Treasurer is responsible for drafting the financial report according to Article 3.2.1. It shall include separate statements concerning travel expenses and allowances granted to the President and the members of the Executive Committee.

Article 6.4.4

~~For the Athletes Commission,which is meeting in accordance with Articles 6.2.4 and 6.4.1the member federation of each member will be responsible for the costs of transportation and lodging necessary for the athlete to take part in the meetings of the commission,~~ the FIE financial support is the same as for the other commissions and on the same conditions.

Article 6.5.2

The Rules Commission

a) The Rules Commission presents a report ~~to the Executive Committee which will be submitted to the~~ Congress on any proposal concerning the organisation and running of competitions, equipment and material (in co-operation with the SEMI Commission), the way to fence an opponent, the rules for fighting a bout, behaviour on and around the piste, and the penalties relating to these proposals.

Article 6.8

ANTI-DOPING PANEL

The Medical Commission will appoint an anti-doping panel of not less than 3 persons, whose members shall come from the Medical Commission. However, if there are insufficient members with adequate experience in anti-doping matters, the Medical Commission will recruit person(s) from outside of the Medical Commission, which person(s) shall require the approval of the Executive Committee.

Application as follows: elections 2016.

Article 6 A. 1.1.

Councils

add: - Fair Play Council

Article 6 A. 2.1.

Structure

6A.2.1 Each Council is made up of ten voting members selected by the Executive Committee, ~~except the Fair Play Council, which shall consists of seven members selected by the Executive Committee.~~

Article 6 A. 5.4.

Fair Play Council

The Fair Play Council performs the following functions:-

- It concerns itself with all questions, announcements and proposals in the realm of fair play.
 - It contributes to the creation of interactive programmes at the World Championships and major international competitions of the F.I.E.
 - It brings to the attention of the Executive Committee any exceptional cases of fair play, including those that it proposes that the Executive Committee report to the Fair Play Committee of the I.O.C.
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Article 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.), 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.

Article 10.2.1

Candidatures for a World Championship

- a) ~~Each year, requests to undertake the organisation of the World Championships for the~~

~~following years, accompanied by a file describing the technical and financial circumstances of the candidature, must reach the head office of the F.I.E. three years before the organising of the competition. These requests are to be placed on the agenda of the Congress and must arrive within the time limit laid down by the F.I.E. Statutes for inclusion thereon.~~

Each year, requests to place on the agenda of the forthcoming Congress Completed Candidatures (as defined below) to undertake, in the third calendar year ahead, the organisation of the senior World Championships, the junior/cadet World Championships and the veteran World Championships must reach the head office of the F.I.E., before September 1st of that year.

b) When it puts forward its candidature, a federation must present a full dossier which complies with the FIE instructions, and make a commitment before the Congress to comply with the specifications set down by the FIE and to respect its financial obligations ("Completed Candidatures") as well as the environment and the principle of sustainable development.

A candidature submitted without a full dossier shall not be considered as a Completed Candidature and will not be considered as a candidate for a Championship.

c) Should one or more candidates be listed on the agenda of the Congress, the awarding of the organising of these championships will take place at that Congress.

d) Should the Congress not accept this candidate or should no candidates have come forward at this point, the FIE Central Office will actively seek (a) candidate(s) to be presented at the following Congress pursuant to procedures to be outlined in the Administrative Rules.

~~d) The congress will decide two years in advance to which member federations the organisation of the Championships will be entrusted, and, at the same time, fix the date and place where they will be held.~~

e) When the Congress has awarded the World Championships to a Member Federation, the President of the organising Federation and, if the case arises, the organiser himself shall sign a protocol detailing their complete awareness of the specifications set down by the FIE and of their financial obligations.

f) Should the Ordinary Congress two years before the year of the event be unable to decide by the above process which member federation will organise the World Championships, because no Completed Candidatures have been presented ~~candidate has come forward~~, the ~~Central Office~~ Executive Committee of the F.I.E. may itself decide which member federation will organise these Championships if it receives one or more ~~candidates completed candidatures~~ after the Congress has taken place pursuant to procedures to be outlined in the Administrative Rules.

g) The Executive Committee of the F.I.E. will have the same powers should the member federation to whom the organisation was entrusted by the Congress withdraw ~~and~~ in the event of any discriminatory act by the organising federation.

~~g) Furthermore, the Congress will accept the candidatures proposing to organise separate Junior and Cadet Championships.~~

~~h) Requests to undertake the organisation of the Veteran World Championships for the following years, must reach the head office of the F.I.E two years before the organising of the competition.~~

CHAPTER XII

F.I.E. ETHICAL CODE

1.-INTRODUCTION

The FIE Ethics Code is based on the IOC Code of Ethics and aims to preserve the ethical values and principles that inspire the Olympic Charter and which must inspire, in any case, the performance of the members of the International Community of Fencing understood in the broadest manner (hereinafter, also referred to as "FIE Family").

The FIE Ethics Code ("Code") defines the principles of conduct that should regulate sports and administrative activities of the entity and the FIE Family. The Code aims to promote and safeguard the ideals of dignity, integrity, cooperation, sportsmanship and fair competition, which should characterize the performance of all components of the FIE Family.

The FIE Community includes: directors, officers and members of the FIE, the Member Federations and Confederations recognized by the FIE and their managers, the members of the Organizing Committees of official competitions and the representatives of the candidate cities for the organization of official competitions as well as fencers, coaches, referees, other members of national delegations participating in any competition or event developed under the umbrella of the FIE, and as applicable, employees, partners and service providers directly or indirectly linked to the FIE.

2. ETHICAL FUNDAMENTALS, PRINCIPLES AND RULES

The FIE Family is obliged to respect and ensure respect for the following principles and rules, particularly with regard to the organization and development any official competition, event or activity recognized by the FIE.

I.- Dignity:

1. It must safeguard the dignity of any person as a fundamental requirement of Olympism and the FIE.
2. There should exist, in any situation, respect and consideration for the FIE Family and the general public, in order to assert the principles of legality, sportsmanship and fair competition.
3. There will be no discrimination among the FIE Family because of race, gender, religion, political or philosophical opinion, family or any other status.
4. No practice that violates the physical or mental integrity of the FIE Family will be tolerated. Any form of doping, at any level, is absolutely prohibited. The FIE Anti-Doping Rules will be scrupulously observed.
5. All forms of physical, psychological, professional or sexual harassment are prohibited.
6. Competition organizers will ensure the necessary conditions of security, welfare and medical care to promote the physical and mental balance for the FIE Family.

II.- Integrity:

1. The FIE Family must reject and denounce any form of corruption or favouritism, of whatever nature, ensuring the honesty and dignity of the sport.

2. The FIE Family may not directly or indirectly, request, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with the organisation of official Championships, activities or events or their function as FIE officials.
Any concealed commission, compensation, benefit or service of any nature whose value exceeds normal standards of hospitality according to the local customs of the country providing the gift, that is received by an officer of the FIE, must be declared in writing to the FIE office within 30 days of its receipt. In case of doubt as to value, the FIE Family member may request an opinion of the Ethics Committee.
The Ethics Committee will review the declared cases and shall decide, within 90 days, whether the beneficiary of such benefits is the FIE, or that they must be returned to their source.
3. Only gifts whose value is within the normal standards of hospitality for the country providing the gift can be given and accepted by the members of the FIE Family as a sign of respect and friendship.
4. The hospitality shown to members, officers and directors of the FIE Family and their companions, may not exceed normal standards. Invitations for trips offered by the organizers of competitions or events, or the Member Federations (except the one of which the officer is member), that are not based on a cooperation agreement between the organizer and the Member Federation or the FIE, must be declared to the Ethics Committee before the trip occurs. The Ethics Committee may suggest that such person decline the invitation if it is contrary to the Code.
5. The FIE Family must avoid any conflict of interest among themselves, the organization to which they belong and any other person or organization related to the Olympic movement. If a conflict of interest arises or might arise, parties shall inform the Ethics Committee of the FIE.
6. The FIE Family members shall act with the care and diligence required to perform their duties, not acting in any way to harm the reputation of fencing or the Olympic movement.
7. The FIE Family must not be complicit nor have any relationship with entities or individuals whose activity are below standard, conflicting or inconsistent with the principles of the Olympic Charter or this Code.
8. The FIE Family will never give nor accept instructions to vote or to intervene in a given or pre-established manner within the FIE bodies or organs.

III.- "Fair Play":

The concept of "fair play," beyond mere compliance with the rules and regulations, extends to the notions of loyalty, mutual respect and sportsmanship. It covers the fight against any inappropriate use in the competition in view of an unfair advantage, fraudulent behaviour in the fulfilment of the rules, doping, violence (physical and verbal), inequality of opportunity or corruption.

Sport is a positive activity that enriches the individual and society provided it is practiced in an honest and honourable way, so it is the duty of all members of the FIE Family to avoid behaving in a manner contrary to fair play in the broadest sense of the concept.

IV.- Resources:

1. FIE resources may be used only for fencing and Olympic purposes.
2. Revenue and expenditures of the FIE will be recorded in accordance with recognized international financial reporting standards, and those accounts shall be audited by an independent professional auditor.

3. The FIE Family recognizes the important contribution that the media, sponsors, partners and other supporters of sporting events make for the development and prestige of the Olympic movement around the world. However, said support must be appropriate and consistent with the rules of the sport and the principles defined in the Olympic Charter and this Code. The organization and conduct of sports competitions is the sole responsibility of the FIE and the Member Federations recognized by the FIE.

V.- Candidatures:

The FIE Family members shall respect all aspects of the FIE statutes and rules adopted relating to candidate cities for the organization of official championships or competitions.

VI.- Relationships with Countries:

1. The FIE Family members will work to maintain harmonious relations with the authorities of the countries of the Member Federations, in accordance with the principles of universality and political neutrality. However, the spirit of humanism, fraternity and respect for human rights that inspires the Olympic ideal requires governments of countries of Member Federations where official competitions and other events of the FIE take place, to ensure that the principles of the Olympic Charter and this Code are scrupulously respected.
2. The FIE Family members are free to develop public functions in the countries to which they belong. However, they may not engage in any activity or follow an ideology which implicitly contradicts the principles and rules defined in the Olympic Charter or those laid down in this Code.
3. The FIE Family members undertake to protect the environment in any event organized under the auspices of the FIE, committing to maintain these activities under generally accepted environmental standards.

V.- Confidentiality:

Except as otherwise noted in this Code, The FIE Family members will keep secret any information received in confidence. Disclosure of any information must not be for personal benefit, nor be done maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organization.

3.- RULES OF CONDUCT.-

All members of the FIE Family should always be inspired by the above binding rules and ethical principles, which lead to the following Rules of Conduct.

The Rules of Conduct generate responsibilities, rights and obligations to be assumed in the various areas of sports performance and the various levels of the organization and administration of the sport of Fencing.

THE FIE FAMILY

1. Must know, observe and apply the laws, statutes, rules and regulations governing the practice of fencing.
2. Shall concentrate the initiative and commitment of the entity in order to promote the legitimate interests of fencing within the parameters of transparency, honesty and sportsmanship, promoting and dignifying the correct practice of the sport of fencing.
3. Shall cooperate with the IOC, NOCs of the Member Federations, governments, sponsors and investors holding bonds of respect and consideration, and stressing the importance of sport for the social development, culture, education and health of its practitioners.
4. Shall strengthen and maintain relationships with all media, in order to ensure the integrity and objectivity desirable of all information related to fencing in addition to promote the sport in the public eye.
5. Shall take all necessary measures to ensure security on the premises where the competitions are held, primarily considering the physical and moral well-being of everyone involved in event.
6. Shall maintain proper conduct, avoiding engagement in actions that cause harm to their own credibility or compromise the image of the FIE and the FIE Family.
7. Shall prevent, deter and denounce (and encourage the reporting of any), use of unauthorized substances, unfair benefit, or any type of corruption in the practice of fencing.
8. Shall prohibit the FIE Family from suggesting or recommending promotion, advertising or publicity of any good or service that can harm general health, healthy habits, environment.
9. Shall prohibit and report to the Ethics Committee any kind of preferences or prejudices arising from ethnicity, colour, gender, religious belief, disability, political orientation, financial, social, or intellectual status, sexual orientation, age, marital status, among other forms of social exclusion, in any competition.
10. Shall punish acts of violence that jeopardize the physical and moral integrity of the FIE Family, media and general public, ensuring their safety and well-being, helping to provide a positive image of the sport and projecting that opinion to other sectors of society.
11. Shall combat all acts that might discredit or compromise the good name of the FIE and all members of the FIE Family.
12. Shall support technical and professional individuals that manage fencing, keeping them trained and updated on the best practices of good sports management.
13. Shall promulgate the defence of human rights and promote and participate in actions to preserve natural resources and encourage healthy habits.
14. Shall file financial statements with complete and correct information, audited by independent professional auditors, within the time limits and in accordance with the principles of ethical and transparent management.
15. Use their best efforts to protect the referees from any pressure from fencers, trainers, coaches, colleagues, leaders, media or general public.
16. Must know, observe and apply the Model Rules for International Federations for betting and Anti-Corruption of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations as modified and accepted by the FIE (hereinafter referred to as "the Model Rules"). The Model Rules are attached as Appendix 1 to this Code and constitute an integral part thereof.

REFEREES

1. Must maintain an objective and impartial stance during the competitions, not being influenced by any pressure from sportsmen, trainers, coaches, colleagues, leaders, media or general public.
2. Must avoid accepting an assignment to referee any match in which they have a perceived or actual "Conflict of Interest" with any participant. Conflict of Interest shall

mean any situation where a conflict exists between the duties and the private interests of a referee or judge, in which s/he has direct or indirect private interests that affect, might affect or seem to affect the performance of, in an incorrect way, the referee's or judge's responsibilities and duties as a referee or judge. (*)

3. Shall stay abreast of the rules of fencing and their evolution. They shall exercise their duties efficiently, with the highest motivation and commitment.
4. Shall reach proper decisions taking into account any input from their assistants.
5. Shall treat with respect athletes, coaches and managers, while at the same performing their work and imposing sanctions in order to vigorously enforce the rules.
6. Shall avoid any action that might unfairly compromise or predetermine the outcome of the matches.
7. Shall inform immediately the FIE official or committee of any attempt of corruption and improper activities that might compromise the outcome of a competition.
8. Shall respect the public in any situation, acting politely, objectively and impartially.
9. Shall avoid comments and statements that might generate controversy and undermine the image of the FIE referees or the Member Federations, providing only technical analysis and decisions.
10. Shall not tolerate, in their area of influence, the use of unauthorized drugs or substances, cooperating with the overall efforts in this direction and spreading the negative effects of such practices to the Fencing Family.
11. Shall, in any situation, not tolerate any preference arising from ethnicity, race, colour, gender, religious belief, disability, political orientation, financial, social, or intellectual status, sexual orientation, age and marital status.
12. Shall refrain from promoting, propagandizing, advertising, merchandising, or displaying any brands of medicines, food, tobacco, alcohol and any goods or services that harm or may harm overall health, healthy habits, environment or violate the law.

(*) The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of circumstances under which a conflict of interest could arise. These are included as illustrations to assist referees, judges and arbitration delegates and the FIE in assessing whether a conflict of interest exists. The Category A potential conflicts are more likely to require action by the referees, judges and arbitration delegates than those of Category B.

- Category A Conflicts:
 - The referee or judge has or has had the same nationality of an Affected Party. An Affected Party would include a fencer in the bout as well as the trainers or national coaches of such fencer.
 - The referee or judge has or has had a domicile in the country within the last five (5) year of a country of any Affected Party.
 - The referee or judge is or has been employed by an Affected Party within the last five (5) years.
 - The referee or judge is or used to be a relative or partner of an Affected Party.
 - The referee or judge is or was the coach of an Affected Party within the last five (5) years.
- Category B Conflicts:
 - Any of the Category A Conflicts has occurred more than five (5) years of the date of the competition.
 - The referee or judge has other relationships with an Affected Party.

FENCERS

1. Shall compete in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. Shall avoid any action that might unfairly compromise or predetermine the outcome of the matches
2. Must be fully aware of, appreciate and enforce rules applicable to the discipline.

3. Shall abide by the directives of the competition management and referees, treating colleagues and opponents with respect. In addition they shall not commit any offensive act in words, actions and gestures, against referees, or the general public nor encourage or induce disrespectful and prejudiced behaviours.
4. Shall defend the interests of fencing in particular and sport in general, with special emphasis on the values, practices and interests of competitiveness, sportsmanship and improvement that should guide the conduct of the athlete.
5. Shall avoid, reject and denounce any form of violence or derision on account of ethnicity, race, colour, gender, religious beliefs, disability, political preference, financial, social or intellectual status, sexual orientation, age or marital status.
6. Shall reject any use of forbidden drugs, unauthorized chemical stimulants, and participation in any active or passive corruption, both on the field of play, and outside it.
7. Shall comply with discipline and, express disagreement, if any, with calm and through proper channels.
8. Shall express their views in a manner responsible, balanced and consistent with the principles and interests of the organization they represent and refrain from public criticism and inappropriate comments about the incidents of the competition, so as not to damage the image of any athlete, referee, manager or technician.
9. Shall refrain from promoting, advertising, marketing, merchandising of any good or service that adversely affects or could adversely affect the general health, healthy habits, the environment or violates applicable law.
10. Should not hide any type of injury which might affect their safe involvement in the sport and cooperate with doctors and trainers analysing their ability to continue their participation.

TRAINERS

1. Shall refrain from expressing public criticism of referees, athletes, officials, competitors, colleagues, media and public by words, actions or behaviours.
2. Should be firmly guiding athletes during training and competition, to participate with sportsmanship, accepting the findings of the referees, and maintaining the respect due to competitors and the public.
3. Shall inform and guide the athletes in the sense of maintaining discipline and calm in the face of possible penalty.
4. Must pay constant attention to the behaviour of athletes, to identify, avoid, reject, denounce, deter, prevent and report violence arising on account of ethnic, racial, colour, gender, religion or belief, disability, political preference, financial, social, or intellectual condition, sexual orientation, age, marital status.
5. Must avoid, deter, prevent and report use of forbidden drugs or chemical stimulants, as well participation in corruption that compromise the image of the FIE Family they represent or the good name of the sport;
6. Shall refrain from engaging in any act or agreement that may involve unfair advantage, predetermination of the outcome or illicit financial compensation.

4.- IMPLEMENTATION – ETHICS COMMITTEE:

1. In order that the FIE Family shall ensure that observance of the principles and rules of the Olympic Charter and this Code, an Ethics Committee is hereby formed. It shall operate as a temporary body, until the Statutes are amended to make the Ethics Committee a permanent entity.
2. The Ethics Committee issues advisories to the FIE Family on all questions relating to the ethical permissibility of any intended action.

3. Any alleged violation of this Code or an Ethical Committee advisory shall be grounds for lodging a complaint under the Disciplinary Code.
4. Each year, the Ethics Committee will issue a report to the Executive Committee of the FIE relating to the application of this code, noting any advisories given. The Ethics Committee may set out the goals and recommendations for the implementation of the present Code.
5. The Ethics Committee issued its advisories or recommendation by a majority of its neutral members based on the inquiries presented.

The Ethics Committee is made up of 5 members selected by the Executive Committee in the same manner as it selects member of the Council , each being from a different country, and shall hold office during the same period as the rest of councils of the FIE. A member of the Legal Commission shall serve as counsel to the Ethics Committee.

Appendix 1 to the FIE Ethical Code

BETTING AND ANTI-CORRUPTION RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The integrity of sport depends on the outcome of sporting events and competitions being based entirely on the competing merits of the participants involved. Any form of corruption that might undermine public confidence in the integrity of a sporting contest is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and must be eradicated.
- 1.2 The International Fencing Federation ("FIE") has adopted these rules ("Rules") as a means of safeguarding the integrity of the sport of fencing by (i) prohibiting any conduct that may impact improperly on the outcome of its events and competitions and (ii) establishing a mechanism of enforcement and sanction for those who, through their corrupt conduct, place the integrity of fencing at risk.
- 1.3 The FIE is committed to taking all practical and reasonably possible steps within its power to prevent corrupt practices that would undermine the integrity of the sport of fencing. This commitment shall include:
 - (a) raising awareness of these Rules at all levels, including using existing and/or suitably adapted educational programmes and tools to provide information and educational materials to the widest possible target audience;
 - (b) establishing the best means of monitoring sports betting at International competitions, including monitoring any irregular betting patterns that may occur;
 - (c) establishing the best means for the receipt of third party information on a confidential basis, for example, by establishing an information 'hot-line';
 - (d) establishing and, where appropriate, making use of effective channels for the exchange of intelligence and information related to the investigation and/or prosecution of violations under these Rules;
 - (e) co-operating with competent national and international authorities where information in its possession may also amount to or evidence infringements of other applicable laws or regulations; and
 - (f) exchanging information with partners in the Olympic Movement (through ASOIF or otherwise) on acknowledged areas of best practice in relation to combatting corruption in sport.

2. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

- 2.1 These Rules shall apply to all participants who participate or assist in an International competition and each Participant shall be automatically bound by, and be required to comply with, these Rules by virtue of such participation or assistance.
- 2.2 It shall be the personal responsibility of every participant to make himself aware of these Rules including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a violation of the Rules and to comply with those requirements. Participants should also be aware that conduct prohibited under these Rules may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations. Participants must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.
- 2.3 Each Participant submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel to hear and determine charges brought by the FIE and to the exclusive jurisdiction of CAS to determine any appeal from a Disciplinary Panel decision.
- 2.4 Each Participant shall be bound by these Rules until a date 6 months following his last participation or assistance in a competition. Each participant shall continue to be bound by these Rules in respect of his participation or assistance in competitions taking place prior to that date.
- 2.5 It is recommended that Member Federations and Confederations put in place similar rules and regulations to safeguard the integrity of competitions held under their respective jurisdictions.
- 2.6 Notice under these Rules to a Participant who is under the jurisdiction of a Member Federation or Confederation may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the Member Federation or Confederation concerned. The Member Federation or Confederation shall be responsible for making immediate contact with the participant to whom the notice is applicable.

3. RULE VIOLATIONS

The following conduct shall constitute a violation of these Rules (in each case whether effected directly or indirectly):

3.1 Betting

- (a) Participation in, support for, or promotion of, any form of betting related to an event or competition (whether one in which the Participant is directly participating or is otherwise taking place in the Participant's sport or is taking place in another sport at an International competition hosted by a Major event Organisation in which the Participant is participating), including betting with another person on the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of such an event or competition.
- (b) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a violation set out in this Rule 3.1.

3.2 Manipulation of results

- (a) Fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise improperly influencing, or being a party to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise improperly

influence, the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of an event or competition.

- (b) Ensuring or seeking to ensure the occurrence of a particular incident in an event or competition which occurrence is to the Participant's knowledge the subject of a Bet and for which he or another Person expects to receive or has received a benefit.
- (c) Failing in return for a benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a benefit, irrespective of whether such benefit is in fact given or received) to perform to the best of one's abilities in an event or competition.
- (d) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a violation set out in this Rule 3.2

3.3 Corrupt Conduct

- (a) Accepting, offering, agreeing to accept or offer, a bribe or other benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a benefit, irrespective of whether such benefit is in fact given or received) to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise to influence improperly the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of an event or competition.
- (b) Providing, offering, giving, requesting or receiving any gift or benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a benefit, irrespective of whether such benefit is in fact given or received) in circumstances that the Participant might reasonably have expected could bring him or the sport into disrepute.
- (c) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a violation as set out in this Rule 3.3 .

3.4 Inside Information

- (a) Using Inside Information for betting purposes or otherwise in relation to betting.
- (b) Disclosing Inside Information to any person with or without benefit where the Participant might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure in such circumstances could be used in relation to betting.
- (c) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a violation set out in this Rule 3.4 .

3.5 Other violations

- (a) Any attempt by a Participant, or any agreement by a Participant with any other person, to engage in conduct that would culminate in the commission of any violation of this Rule 3 shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such attempt or agreement in fact resulted in such violation. However, there shall be no violation under this Rule 3 where the Participant renounces his attempt or agreement prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the attempt or agreement.

- (b) Knowingly assisting, covering up or otherwise being complicit in any acts or omissions of the type described in Rule 3 committed by a Participant.
- (c) Failing to disclose to the [International Federation] or other competent authority (without undue delay) full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that would amount to a violation as set out in this Rule 3 .
- (d) Failing to disclose to the FIE or other competent authority (without undue delay) full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant that may evidence a violation under this Rule by a third party, including (without limitation) approaches or invitations that have been received by any other party to engage in conduct that would amount to a Violation of this Rule;
- (e) Failing to cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the FIE or other competent authority in relation to a possible breach of these Rules, including failing to provide any information and/or documentation requested by the FIE or competent competition authority that may be relevant to the investigation.

3.6 The following are not relevant to the determination of a violation of these Rules:

- (a) Whether or not the Participant was participating, or a Participant assisted by another Participant was participating, in the specific event or competition;
- (b) The nature or outcome of any bet in issue;
- (c) The outcome of the event or competition on which the bet was made;
- (d) Whether or not the Participant's efforts or performance (if any) in any event or competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
- (e) Whether or not the results in the event or competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question.

4. BURDEN AND STANDARD OF PROOF

- 4.1 The FIE or other prosecuting authority shall have the burden of proving that a violation has occurred under these Rules. The standard of proof shall be whether the FIE or other prosecuting authority has proved a violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the Disciplinary Panel, a standard which is greater than the mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 4.2 Where these Rules place the burden of proof on the Participant alleged to have committed a violation to prove facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.
- 4.3 The Disciplinary Panel shall not be bound by judicial rules governing the admissibility of evidence and facts may be established by any reliable means,

including but not limited to, admissions, evidence of third parties, witness statements, expert reports, documentary evidence and other analytical information.

- 4.4 The Disciplinary Panel shall have discretion to accept any facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of any competent jurisdiction which is not subject to a pending appeal as irrefutable evidence against the Participant to whom the decision relates unless the Participant establishes that the decision violated the principles of natural justice.
- 4.5 The Disciplinary Panel shall be entitled to draw an adverse inference against any Participant who is accused of committing a violation if that Participant fails to appear in front of the Disciplinary Panel if requested to do so a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, or fails to comply with any information request that has been submitted in accordance with these Rules.

5. INVESTIGATING AND ADJUDICATING A BREACH

- 5.1 Any allegation or suspicion of a violation of these Rules shall be reported to the FIE for investigation and possible charge in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the FIE (Statutes Chapter 7), except as specifically stated herein.
- 5.2 No action may be commenced under these Rules against a Participant for a violation of these Rules unless such action is commenced within three (3) years from the date on which the violation occurred.

6. AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATION

- 6.1 These Rules may be amended from time to time by the FIE.
- 6.2 Betting and anti-corruption rules are, by their nature, competition rules governing the conditions under which the sport of fencing is to be held. They are not intended to be subjected to or limited by the requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal proceedings or employment matters. The policies and standards set out in these Rules as a basis for the fight against corruption in the sport of fencing represent a broad consensus of those with an interest in fair sport and should be respected by all courts and adjudicating bodies.
- 6.3 These Rules shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes, except the Statutes of the FIE.
- 6.4 The headings and sub-headings in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of these Rules or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- 6.5 The Definitions in Appendix 1 shall be considered an integral part of these Rules.
- 6.6 All references to the masculine gender in these Rules shall also include references to the feminine.
- 6.7 If any Rule or provision of these Rules is held to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, it shall be deemed to be deleted and the Rules shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

- 6.8 These Rules shall come into full force and effect on the date specified by the FIE Congress adopting these rules.

DEFINITIONS

"**Athlete**" means any athlete who participates or is selected to participate in an event or competition;

"**Athlete Support personnel**" means any coach, trainer, manager, athlete representative, agent, team staff member, official, medical or para-medical personnel, family member or any other person employed by or working with an Athlete or the Athlete's Member Federation participating in a competition.

"**Benefit**" means the direct or indirect receipt or provision (as relevant) of money or money's worth (other than prize money and/or contractual payments to be made under endorsement, sponsorship or other contracts);

"**Bet**" means a wager of money or any other form of financial speculation;

"**Betting**" means making, accepting, or laying a bet and shall include, without limitation, activities commonly referred to as sports betting such as fixed and running odds, totalisator/toto games, live betting, betting exchange, spread betting and other games offered by sports betting operators;

"**CAS**" means the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland;

"**Competition**" means an event or series of events conducted over one or more days under one ruling body (e.g., World Championships).

"**Disciplinary Panel**" means the members of the FIE Disciplinary Panel appointed by FIE to perform the functions assigned to it in these Rules.

"**Event**" means a single, race, match or contest.

"**Inside Information**" means any information relating to any competition or Event that a Participant possesses by virtue of his position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding the competitors, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the competition or Event, but **does not include** such information that is already published or a matter of public record, readily acquired by an interested member of the public or disclosed according to the rules and regulations governing the relevant competition or event;

"**International competition**" means any official competition of the FIE or other competition under its jurisdiction.

"**Member Federation**" means the member of the International Federation to which a Participant under these Rules is affiliated directly or through a club or another body affiliated to the member.

"**Major event Organisation**" means any international multi-sport organisation that acts as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other International competition.

"Participant" means any athlete, athlete support personnel, judge, referee, delegate, commissioner, jury of appeal member, competition official, Member Federation team or delegation member and any other accredited person;

"Person" shall include natural persons, bodies corporate and unincorporated associations and partnerships (whether or not any of them have separate legal personality);

"Sanction" means any sanction that the Disciplinary Panel has the right to impose in accordance with Disciplinary Code of the FIE;

"Violation" means a violation of these Rules as set out in Rule 3 .

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6.1 Amount to be paid to the FIE: Application season 2016-2017

Subjet	Euros	Deadline
Organizing fee junior team A tournament	250	Before the 1 st day of the competition

6.2 Amounts to be paid to the organizers: Immediate application

Subject	Euros
Entry fee junior A grade tournament	45 25

6.2 Amounts to be paid to the organizers: Immediate application

Subject	Euros
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Summary of decisions 2015 Congress

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2016, unless mentioned otherwise.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE PUBLICITY CODE

p.10 Position and sizes

- 1 The articles of the fencers' **equipment** may carry the following visible marks:
 - a) **mask**: one mark on the rear of the spring. Maximum size: ~~6 x 5.5 cm~~ 12.5 cm².
 - b) **jacket**: one mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip on the side of the non-sword arm. Maximum size: ~~4.5 x 2 cm~~ 30 cm².
 - c) ~~breeches~~ **trousers**: one mark at the bottom ~~of the breeches~~ of the trouser leg, on one side only. Maximum size: ~~4.5 x 2 cm~~ 30 cm².
 - d) ~~stockings~~ **socks**: one mark on each ~~stocking sock~~. ~~in size 4.5 x 2 cm~~. Maximum size: 10 cm².
 - e) **shoes**: the name of the brand on each shoe. Maximum size: ~~4.5 x 2 cm~~ 10 cm² or the usual logos (e.g.: bands).
 - f) **glove**: ~~no mark~~. One mark: maximum size: 10 cm². If the mark is fixed on the glove as a label (glued or sewn), it must be on the cuff.
 - g) **weapon**: ~~no mark visible at a distance~~. ~~One mark~~. Maximum size: 2.5 cm².
 - h) **electric jacket**: one mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip of the non-sword arm side. Maximum size: 30 cm².

p.12

2 Fencing clothing and equipment

- a) If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a **sponsorship contract** with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner, maximum 125 cm² in size, may be affixed at the top of the sleeve of the fencing jacket (non-sword arm), on the side of the trousers (left or right), or on the socks. At sabre, a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.

The sponsor's logo may be displayed on each side of the mask. Maximum size: 100 cm² on each side of the mask.

- b) The **number of logos** shall not exceed ~~four~~ five. The **total surface** of all logos added together may not exceed a total of 500 square centimetres.

~~p.12.5.b) As far as possible, the **organisers** must make it clear, in the conditions of entry for the competition, the way in which advertising material worn or carried by the fencers will be permitted.~~

~~LEG-BAND OR SELF-ADHESIVE NOTICE~~

~~p.13~~

~~1 Principles~~

~~a) The organisers of a competition may identify the fencers by issuing them with a number on a **leg-band** or on a **self-adhesive badge**.~~

~~b) In such a case, the wearing of this **band** or **badge** is obligatory for the fencers.~~

~~c) The **self-adhesive badge** must be of a rough material which will not cause the point to slip.~~

~~d) The **leg-band** or **self-adhesive badge** may have on it advertising material within the limitations of the rules below.~~

~~e) The **circular** announcing the details of the competition must make clear what bands or badges the fencers are to wear, and what publicity will be on them.~~

~~**Entering the competition** implies an acceptance by the fencer of the obligation to wear the band or badge in question.~~

~~2 Position and size~~

~~a) The **leg-band** must be fixed to the thigh on the side of the non-sword arm. The maximum **size** of the leg-band is of 20 x 20 cm. The fencer's number must be at least 10 cm high and 15 cm in width.~~

~~.b) The **self-adhesive badges** must be fixed to both sides of the mask, on the side mesh.~~

~~The maximum **size** of the badges must be 10 cm wide by 15 cm high. The fencer's number must be no more than 8 cm high by 8 cm wide. At foil and épée only the self-adhesive badge of the competition taking place must be worn.~~

~~c) In both cases, **the advertising**, words or badge, must be placed below the number and must not exceed 35 mm in height.~~

~~.d) If the self-adhesive badge on the mask **does not include a number**, it may only be used for advertising following agreement with the FIE.~~

MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

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.](#)

Application as follows: starting with the season 2016-2017.

o.40

1 All the fencers qualifying from the round of pools are placed in a direct elimination table, complete or incomplete, according to the **indices resulting from the pools**. This table is fenced right through to the final.

2. From the last 32 the direct elimination bouts will take place ~~on 4 pistes, with each quarter of the table fenced on one piste.~~

- Either **on 4 pistes**, with each quarter of the table fenced on one piste.
- Or **on 8 pistes**, with each quarter of the table fenced on 2 pistes.

[At the cadet and junior World Championships video refereeing is obligatory on these pistes.](#)

o.53

Entries for World Championships (all categories) and junior and senior zonal championships

1. Three months before the start of the ~~World Championships events~~, the federations will receive an **entry form** from the Organising Committee, on which they are required to specify the **number** of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition's programme, two months before the start of the first event.

2. The entry of fencers and teams by name is to be made via the FIE website. This entry of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the entry of teams, must be made:

- **fifteen days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the World Championships at the latest.**
- **seven days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the Zonal Championships at the latest.**

4. Addition of fencer(s) after the cut-off date.

Nevertheless one or more fencers may be added, up until 10.00am (local time in the town hosting the World or Zonal Championships) on the day before the competition, after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) per fencer added. To do this the national federation must address a request to the FIE to add a fencer, together with immediate payment of the penalty.

5. Changes of names, only with the agreement of the FIE and ~~only for reasons of 'force majeure'~~, can only be made at the latest up to 24 hours before the start of each event

o.54

Entries by name for Senior and Junior World Cup competitions, Grand Prix competitions, Satellite competitions, Junior and Senior World Cup team competitions ~~and Zonal senior and junior Championships.~~

3 Substitution of a fencer

Until the ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday (midnight, Lausanne time) preceding the competition, a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

o.72

For the **cadets World Championships**, entries are limited to **three fencers per nation** for the individual events.

For the **juniors World Championships**, the entries are limited to **four fencers per nation for each individual event**, and **one team per nation** for the team events.

Participation

o.78

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

2. For **Individual 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 **juniors and seniors Individual Zone Championship competitions**, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to 4 fencers.

For **juniors and seniors Team Zone Championship competitions**, at each weapon, the federations may enter 1 team (consisting of three fencers with or without a reserve).

o.87

1. The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

2. The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the three categories of each weapon.
 3. No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.
 4. Each competition must be held in one single day, avoiding long periods of inactivity.
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o.88 Entries for competitions

1. Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' national federation. Entries must be sent not later than one month before the beginning of the championships.
 2. However, up to two days before the competition at noon (local time), fencers may be added by their national federation after payment to the Organizing Committee of a penalty equal to 100 % of the registration fee.
 3. Entries for team championships must be forwarded to the Directoire Technique not later than 4.00 pm (local time) of the day before the competition.
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o.89

At the Veterans World Championships, entries for the individual events are limited to four fencers in each category per gender, per weapon and per nation. The names must be the same as those on the FIE licences.

o.90 Composition of the pools for individual championships

When drawing the pools, the Directoire Technique will take into account the following orders of strength:

1. The 64 highest ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two last years Championships, irrespective of age category changes;
 2. All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.
 3. The allocation of fencers in the pools must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality, as far as possible, in different pools, by moving them down the ranking as necessary.
 4. If in any category there are fewer than ten competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique followed by direct elimination.
 5. If in any category there are fewer than 6 competitors, they will fence with the next lower age category. A separate ranking for that category will be extrapolated from the combined categories' final rankings at the end of the competition.
 6. If in any category there is only one competitor, the event in that category is cancelled.
 7. No fencer is eliminated after the pools, all are entered into the direct elimination.
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o.92. Team championships

1. Participation

Each country can enter one team per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of 6 competitions.

2. The rules for team championships are applicable with the following exceptions:

- a) For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one "B" and one "C" with or without reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.
 - b) In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be the last ranking at that weapon plus 1.
 - c) The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the highest place for the team having the lowest total. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of the match.
 - d). Each team may ask to substitute a fencer before the start of a bout, except in case of injury duly recognized by the Medical delegate, when the substitution can be immediate. There can be only one substitution per match.
3. A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury may not fence again during that match. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team is deemed to have lost the match.
 4. The relay system is always applied. The three fencers of a team fence against their opponent of the same category. Each fencer fences his/her opponent twice giving a total of 6 bouts. The bouts are for 5 hits (5-10-15-20- etc.); the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.
 5. The team that first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regular time, is the winner.
 6. The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will "toss a coin" and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.
 7. The competition consists of a round of pools of 3 or 4 teams, in which all the teams participate, and a direct elimination phase for a maximum of 16 teams, the other teams will be classified according to their place after the round of pools.
 8. If there are fewer than 6 teams, they all fence in a poule unique, a match for the 3rd and 4th places is then held, followed by a match for the first place between the teams who came 1st and 2nd in the pool.
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o.94

Invitations for international officials

1. Any proposed candidature for organising the World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by a delegate 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, at their own expense, invite the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, 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) **Four** members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.
 - c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

- d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

These officials should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

t.17.

2. For foil and épée, ~~the~~**The Referee places** each of the two competitors in such a way that the front foot of each is 2 metres from the centre line of the piste (that is, behind the 'on-guard' lines).

For sabre, the referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that the back foot of each is 2 m from the centre line of the piste (that is, in front of the "on-guard" lines).

Application as follows: the tests have to be done after the Olympic Games and until December 31, 2016 and, according to the ad hoc Commission, the Executive Committee will decide if the rule will be applied for the rest of season 2016-2017.

t. 17.9

If a fencer crosses the lateral boundaries of the piste, with one or both feet, he must be placed on guard at the correct distance, even if this means that he is placed behind the rear line and thus causes a hit to be awarded against him. (cf t.28, t.102).

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.

Application as follows: starting with the season 2016-2017.

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 Committee or by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than **5 40** 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 **5 40** - 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).

Application: this proposal will be tested during the 2016 J/C World Championships.

t.120 cat 1: Reversing the line of the shoulders.

Application as follows: starting with the season 2016-2017.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERIAL RULES
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General conditions

m.25

The national uniform includes the socks, the trousers, and the jacket, ~~and the conductive jacket at foil and sabre.~~ (Cf. m.28, m.34).

3 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLOTHING:

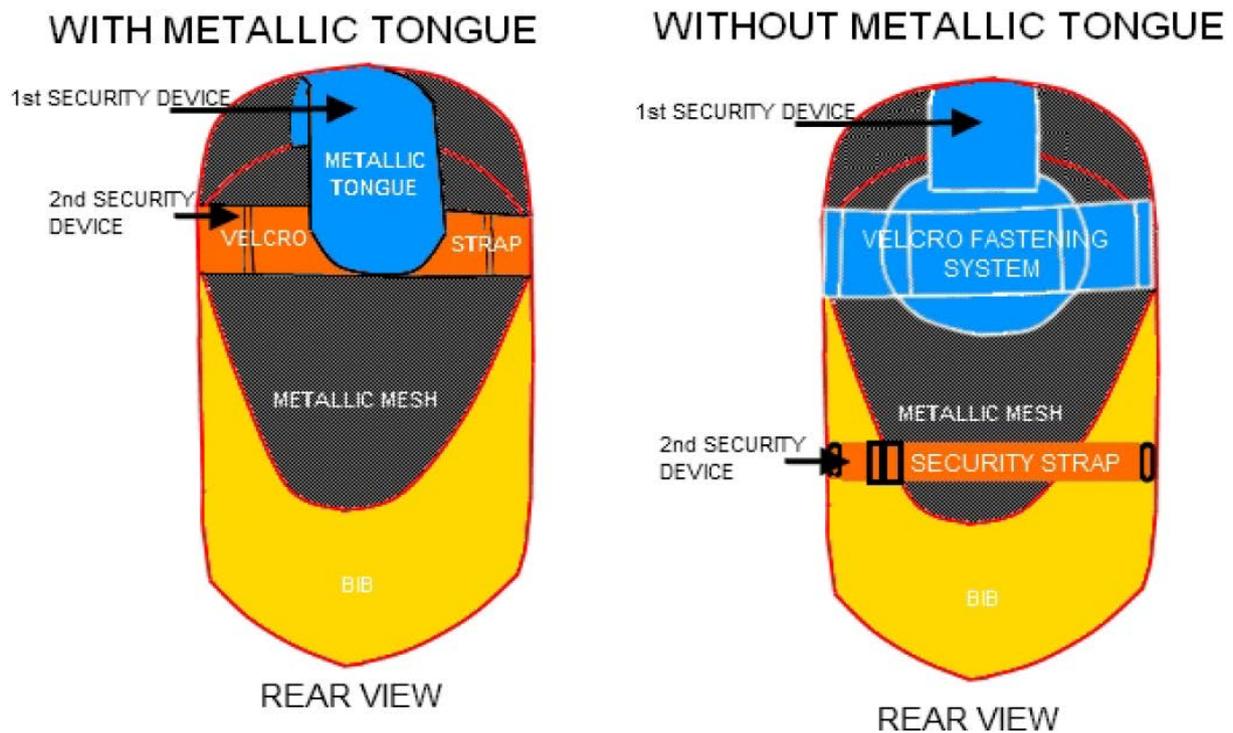
- e) There shall be only one national uniform per country, with the exception that the manufacturers' marks and sponsors' logos may be different. ~~with the exception of the manufacturer's mark and the logo of the sponsors.~~

m. 25.7 MASK:

a) The **mask** must be made with meshes (space between the wires) of maximum 2.1 mm and from wires with a minimum gauge of 1 mm diameter. The mask must include ~~a safety strap at the rear~~ two different safety systems at the rear.

f) The mask must contain ~~a horizontal safety strap~~ two different safety systems at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of ~~the strap~~ the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask. ~~This strap may~~ These straps may be elastic or of any other material that is approved by ~~the~~ the S.E.M.I. Commission.

Please refer to the examples in the drawings below:



These images are only provided for information. When in doubt, the wording of the relevant text prevails.

EQUIPMENT

2. STANDARDS FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF MASKS

2.2

4 - Essential constituent elements

In particular, ~~the rear fixing device must ensure~~ the rear fixing devices must ensure that the mask is located in the correct position on the fencer's head and that it remains in a perfect position, even after blows or shocks.

ANNEX B

CHARACTERISTICS OF EQUIPMENT

C) SABRE

a) Principles

1) to 7), no change.

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 ~~120~~ **170 milliseconds** (± 10 ms tolerance).

9) and 10), no change.

Application as follows: starting with the season 2016-2017.

SENSOR FOR THE SABRE = the project must be launched immediately.

Awaiting a formal proposal from the SEMI Commission.

m.27.3. The electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the bib of the mask must be ensured by means of a white-colored or clear covered wire with two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the bib of the mask with one crocodile clip and to the jacket with the other. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. ~~In the case of a coiled wire, the maximum length of the free cable must not exceed 25cm with a tolerance of +/- 5cm. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.~~

Application as follows: starting with the season 2016-2017.

SABRE

m.32.4. The electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white-colored or clear covered wire with one or two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the mask with one crocodile clip or by soldering and to the jacket with a crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

Application as follows: starting with the season 2016-2017.

URGENT DECISIONS

m.25.3

g) For the following events, the wearing of national strips (logos) is **compulsory** on both legs, optional on the arm(s) (cf. t.45.4). All the logos worn by any one fencer must be identical.

i) Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships: ~~and World Junior and Cadet Championships: every~~ all bouts, whether in ~~the~~ pools, in the direct elimination ~~and in~~ during a team matches;

ii) Individual: Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination ~~bouts from the 64 onwards;~~

iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.

They must be **identical** for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions i) and iii) above.

Application: January 1st, 2016
