Short Introduction to Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE)

(for details please refer to art. 4.4 of the FIE Anti-Doping Rules available in the Clean Sport section of the FIE website)

- The WADA List of Prohibited Substances and Methods is available on the FIE website.

- The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers, or the Use, Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method shall be considered an anti-doping rule violation unless a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) has been granted in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

- Therefore a Fencer with a documented medical condition who requires the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method must first obtain a TUE.

"International-Level Fencers" (defined as such for anti-doping purposes) must apply directly to the FIE for their TUEs.

- An International-Level Fencer is defined as:
  (a) a Fencer who is in the FIE Registered Testing Pool; and
  (b) a Fencer who is ranked in the top 32 in each of the 6 weapon categories at the start of each season.

  The List of International-Level Fencers is published on the FIE website.

- TUE applications must be submitted as per the process set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, using the FIE TUE Application Form posted on the FIE website.

- If an “International-Level Fencer” already has a valid TUE granted by his or her National Anti-Doping Organization, and that TUE meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, then the FIE will recognize it. (See FIE Anti-Doping Rules for details).

All other Fencers (i.e. those who are not “International-Level Fencers”) must apply to their National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) for their TUEs.

NB. A Fencer should not assume that his/her TUE application will be granted. Any Use or Possession or Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method before an application has been granted is entirely at the Fencer’s own risk.

* see the Clean Sport section of the FIE website: http://fie.org/