



Dear President,

2017 Congress

Please find attached two urgent decisions which will be submitted to the approval of the Congress.

Masks: On several occasions masks have fallen off athletes' heads during bouts. The Executive Committee set up a working group consisting of members of the SEMI, Medical and Athletes Commissions, whose task was to present technical solutions to avoid this problem recurring.

After having worked with the manufacturers, technical solutions and specifications have been established. A proposal to update the rules is submitted for the approval of the Congress. The schedule for the replacement process appears at the end of the text and will be detailed at the Congress.

Chest protector at foil: In 2014, the Congress voted that at foil the entire outside of the chest protector must be covered with a soft material. (to be either attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors.) The SEMI Commission was to supply the specifications and testing procedures. The specifications have been established, the tests done and the material will be available on January 2018. Therefore, a proposal to update the rules is submitted for the approval of the Congress.

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President**