

## **FIE Athletes Commission – report**

**Torun, April 7 2019**

Present:

- Aldo Montano, President of the FIE Athletes' Commission
- Emmanuel Katsiadakis, FIE Secretary eneral
- Maria Luisa Calderon, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Alaaeldin Abuelkassem, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- wladys Sakoa, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Benjamin Kleibrink, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Yujie Sun, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Aron Szilagyi, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Kazuyasu Minobe, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Evgeny Tsoukhlo, FIE Sport and Technical Director
- Elena Murdaca, FIE Admistration Director

Absent:

- Inna Deriglazova, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Olga Kharlan, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Mariel Zagunis, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Yannick Borel, FIE Athletes' Commission Member

### **1. PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF REFEREEIN**

#### **a) Involvement of the Athletes Commission for the award of the Best Referee Prize**

The Athletes Commission wishes to be involved in the decision-making process for the award of the prize for the best referees, as it was the case in the previous Olympic cycle. It considers that also the coaches should be involved and proposes the following voting system:

Eligible to vote:

- The first 32 athletes at each weapon can vote the referees of the respective weapons, expressing up to 5 preferences.
- The head coaches of the first 16 teams ranked at each weapon can vote the referees of the respective weapons, expressing up to 5 preferences.

- They express their vote on the referees included in the master list
- The results of the voting from the athletes goes to the Athletes' Commission that drafts the ranking of the referees, from the first to the fifth place, at each weapon.
- The Refereeing Commission drafts its own ranking.
- The Coaches Council receives the result of the voting of the coaches and prepare its own ranking, from the first to the fifth place, at each weapon.
- To each position of the ranking a certain amount of points is allocated, as follows:
  - 1° 32 points
  - 2° 26 points
  - 3° 20 points
  - 4° 14 points
  - 5° 8 points

The winner of the final ranking of the best referees at each weapon is determined adding the points obtained by each referee of the lists of the three commissions.

Implementation: Every year starting from Budapest World Fencing Championships 2019

#### **b) Increase the amount of competitions that a good referee can officiate**

The maximum number of World Cup and P competitions officiated by a referee is on average 5 or 6 (out of zonal and world championships). The Athletes Commission would like the number of competitions that a referee can officiate to be increased, in order to make sure that the best referees cover most of the competitions and thus increase the level of refereeing in the Senior circuit. The Commission wishes the national and quantity constraints to be cancelled (if a country has 3 very good referees, it is fair that all of the three officiate).

#### **c) Sanctioning the mistakes and the improper behaviour of referees**

The Commission wishes all the complaints related to refereeing mistakes to be published, together with the evidence (video) of the concerned hits.

The standard evaluation procedure for a refereeing mistake shall be preceded by a special commission, composed by a member of the Coaches Council, a member of the Athletes Commission, a member of the Refereeing Commission and by a FIE representative, who will provide an individual evaluation of the concerned hit, with the aim to improve the final evaluation of the Refereeing commission, and to determine the level of sanction to be attributed to the referee.

Proposal of modification of the rules enclosed

Establish a code of conduct for referees that includes the certainty that sanctions will be enforced in case of disrespect of the rules (e.g. referees watching their phone, while they are refereeing,

etc.). Creation of a dedicated working group composed by Members of the Refereeing Commission and of the Athletes Commission and a FIE representative.

#### **d) Uniforms of referees**

It is proposed to modernise the image of the competitions through a more casual and comfortable uniform for referees, but still elegant (ex. Polo shirt), and also to narrow the gap between athletes in sportswear or uniform and referees wearing a suit.

#### **e) Athletes Career Program**

It is proposed that the FIE organises a refereeing training program for retired athletes that were at least once in the top-ranked 16. This would allow in a short time the creation of a category of young referees ready for a refereeing career.

## **2. CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT OLYMPIC CYCLE**

The proposals presented did not receive the full consensus of the Athletes Commission.

In particular, it was observed the following:

- ✓ From a preparation point of view it is not ideal to stop the team competitions so early
- ✓ The P are the most important showcase of fencing after the championships. Concentrating all the P at the end of the season means that the rest of the season has no or very little visibility.

Conclusion: the Athletes Commission will present an alternative proposal based on the following principles:

- Starting of the Senior season in October.
- Starting of the Junior season in September.
- Distribution of Satellites across the year.
- Merge the organisation of two world cups (men and women at the same weapon), following the example of the P (in order for the organisers not to totally lose a competition, a rotation principle may be introduced, as it is the case with the current junior calendar).
- Structure of the season cut in two, with the Senior Zonal Championships in the middle of the season (around January) and the pick of the season with the world championships in July.
- Advance the organisation of the Junior Zonal Championships in December.

In order to allocate the competitions and choose the location it is requested that the level of the organisation is taken into consideration. In this respect, the Athletes Commission will prepare a list of 2 competitions per weapon that may be cancelled.

The Athletes Commission will also draft the ranking of all the competitions per weapon.

The Commission wishes also to give a new added value to the Satellite competitions that can be used for the development and the promotion of the sport. It is important to give to the fencers that do not have the necessary level to be competitive at world cups the possibility to attend and win other kind of competitions. However, for the way the satellite calendar is structured nowadays, it is impossible for the fencers to participate as they need a longer season. Redistributing the Satellite competitions and increasing the ranking points for at least half of them (8 points for winners of a Satellite A and 4 points for a Satellite B) will help the athletes to maintain the sponsors and the motivation to keep on fencing, it is important to make sure they don't leave the sport. In this sense, the Commission will elaborate a specific proposal concerning the Satellite competitions, integrated in the Calendar proposal.

In connection with the discussion about the Calendar, the Commission received the information that the questionnaire to evaluate the organisation of the competitions worked out by Aron Szilagy and Mariel Zagunis that was approved last year by the Executive Committee, will be on line once the new website will be launched.

### **3. PRIZE MONEY FOR ATHLETES AT P**

The Commission proposes to make prize money obligatory for the organisation of the P competitions and to establish a minimal amount.

It is proposed to introduce the modification in the Administrative Rules, as follows:

Addition to art. 5.2.1.2:

Prize money for athletes participating at P is a compulsory requirement for the allocation of the rand Prix organisation.

The minimal amount requested at each weapon is the following:

1st ranked: 3 000 EUR

2nd ranked: 2 000 EUR

3rd ranked: 1 000 EUR

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### **4. PROPOSALS TO REFORM SABRE AND FOIL**

The Commission expresses his total opposition to the proposals to reform foil and sabre that were announced and tested in 2018 and in the beginning of 2019 (reinstatement of fleche, modification at target and suppression of the non valid target at foil.)

It remarks as well that it is highly inappropriate to have on the FIE Channel a promotional video of a proposal that is not yet officially approved. Furthermore, it is observed that the comments about Eli Dershwitz's footwork are very offensive as he is currently the best sabre fencer of the world.



## **5. PRINTING OF SPONSORS LOGO ON THE ELECTRIC JACKET**

According to the opinion of the Commission the printing of the logo on the sabre electric jacket does not present any particular problem, so there is no need to modify the publicity code.

Allstar produces 2 different types of electric material and in Torun they produced a sample of one material in colours that does not present any problem. On the second material the printing is more difficult as it is carried out with a different technique.

## **6. PROMOTION AND PROTOCOL**

In order to emphasize the prestige of being World champion or Olympic champion and make the holder of the title immediately recognizable, the Commission proposes to allow a different colour for the name printed on the back of the jacket:

- In red for the World Champion
- In gold for the Olympic Champion.

Attached: modification to the relevant Material rules.

For the image and the promotion of the sport it would be crucial to standardise the medals ceremony at P and world cup events by harmonising podium and medals' design. A detailed proposal will follow.

## **7. SAFETY ISSUES**

Maria Luisa Doig Calderon presented 3 proposals related to safety issues.

Proposal 1: rejected.

Proposal 2: educational video about proper protection to wear during training will be shot and spread on social media, in order to diminish the risks of injuries for the athletes.

Proposal 3: It is also proposed the idea to start a consultation among manufacturer for a pelvic protector for women.

The SEMI Commission will be consulted for proposals 2 and 3.

## **8. CALENDAR 2019/2020**

It is of the utmost importance to insert in the calendar at least 1 competition in December for sabre and 1 for epee.

## **9. Involvement in FIE Activities in Torun**

During their presence in Torun, some members of the Athletes Commission supported the different FIE educational activities:

- FIE Training Camp: Aldo Montano, Maria Luisa Doig Calderon, wladys Sakoa, Benjamin Kleibrink.
- Donate Your Fencing ear: Benjamin Kleibrink, Yujie Sun.
- Safe Sport: Maria Luisa Doig Calderon.

## Athletes Commission – Rules modification proposals

### Proposal 1

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity

Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

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- In gold for the Olympic Champion.

#### m.25.3.h

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

For the World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

### Proposal 3

**Motivation:**

**In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.**

#### t.62

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is :

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

#### Proposal 4

#### Modification of the Administrative Rules

##### 3.8.7

Complaint by a National Federation about a refereeing mistake will be published on the FIE Website, together with the evidence (video) of the concerned hit.

In case of complaint, a special Evaluation Panel, composed by a member of the Coaches Council, a member of the Athletes Commission, a member of the Refereeing Commission and a FIE Comex representative will analyse the action and provide an individual opinion on the hit concerned.

The Evaluation Panel will be composed each time taking into account the weapon concerned and avoiding conflict of interest, as defined in the FIE Code of Ethics.

The opinion of the Evaluation Panel will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

The Refereeing Commission will take into account the opinion of the Evaluation Panel when compiling the evaluation of the referees.

In case of poor performance, a suspension of the referee from the future competitions assigned shall be applied.

The performance of the referee is considered poor in case of 2 mistakes verified during 1 individual match and 2 mistakes per referee during a team competition.

**Minutes**  
**Refereeing Commission Meeting**  
**Bucharest, June 29- July 1, 2019**

**Members present:**

Mohamed El Motawakel - President  
Iana Dakova  
Salah Ferjani  
Chang Gon Kim  
Katsumi Yamaguchi  
Olga Cojocari  
Jose Luis Alvarez  
Irina Knysch

**Members absent**

Claus Janka  
Marco Pistacchi

**Guests present:**

Emmanuel Katsiadakis - FIE Secretary General  
Ana Pascu - FIE ComEx Member  
Nathalie Rodriguez - FIE CEO  
Evgeny Tsoukhlo - FIE Sports Department  
Natalia Bodrova - FIE Sports Department

Welcome by Mr. M. El Motawakel.

Remarks on the past season by Mr. E. Katsiadakis.

**Actions discussed and decisions made:**

- Review of referees performance for season 2018-2019, statistics.
- Master list for season 2019-2020 - principles and refreshment. Review of the letters sent by NF regarding the new referees proposed. The RC took decision to add new referees in the reserve of the Master List.
- Review and discussion of proposals for FIE Congress 2019 - see attached document.

-Mr. E. Katsiadakis suggested the need for a procedure to take place in cases of “poor performance” by referees. Mr. M. El Motawakel will prepare a draft.

-RC delegates at WCH Budapest responsible for preparing and conducting pre-competition seminars and morning seminars by weapon: Saber - Jose Luis Alvarez and Katsumi Yamaguchi, Foil - Marco Pistacchi and Mohamed El Motawakel, Epee - Irina Knysch and Salah Ferjani.

-List of potential referees for OG, who will be invited to the pre-olympic seminar and among whom the final selection of 26 referees will be made.

-Discussion of proposals for FIE Congress with working group from Rules Commission

-Delegates and referees designations for WC and GP.

-Review of exam procedure - theoretical questions. Mr. E. Tsoukhlo presented the technical procedure of the exams. The RC prepared the schedule for exam accordingly the numbered the days for each continent.

Proposed time and date for the next meeting - August 30-31, Athens



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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Rules**

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**Article: o.5**

P. 1

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Assault and bout***

**o.5** A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**.

When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result **in an individual competition**, it is called a **bout**.

The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called 'periods'.

In a match (cf o.6) between teams it is called a relay.

**Refereeing Commission: yes**

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**Article: o.6**

P. 2

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Match***

The aggregate of the ~~bouts~~ relays fought between the fencers of two different **teams** is called a **match**.

**Refereeing Commission: yes**

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**Article: t.18.1**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**P. 3**

**Motivation:**

1- To save the space. According to the existing rule, there should be a 5 meter distance between each piste. However presently, due to the limited space available at the venues, only in a few competitions is this rule adhered to.

2- To reduce the cost of the pistes by 20 to 25 percent. Fixing the width of the pistes at 1.5 meters will respectively cut the prices of the pistes.

3- Presently, some organizers use pistes with different widths in the same competition. This proposal ensures that fencers will fence in uniformly sized pistes which in turn will maximize their coordination and efficiency

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.1**

The piste is ~~from~~ 1.50 meters ~~to 2 meters~~ wide. This must be applied also to t.19 Fig.1 and Fig.2

**Refereeing Commission: no**

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**Article: t.18.3**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**P. 4**

**Motivation:** At the present the Refereeing commission have decided that, if at any competition the organizers use two kinds of pistes (with and without safety border) for poules & DE, the safety borders are a part of the pistes. So, in this case again we will have the pistes with different widths.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.3**

The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for poules, DE, and finals and semi-finals, including the pistes already having safety borders, do not form part of the piste.

**Refereeing Commission: no**



**Article: t.50.3**

**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

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**Motivation:**

**Proposal**

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

**Refereeing Commission:yes**

**Article: t.55**

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**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

**Background:**

a) **Proposal of the Refereeing Commission in 2018:**

***Annulment of a hit***

**t.55**

1. The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

~~Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.~~

b) **Proposal as amended by the Rules Commission in 2018 and voted by the Congress:**

**t.55**

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~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

### c) Article t.78 (foil), mentioned in the motivation:

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf t.79).

## Proposal

### t.55

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~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Refereeing Commission:** the commission proposes to remove the text added at the Congress 2018 for the reasons that t.55 is included in „Method of judging hits“ for all weapons and it is unnecessary to make some explanation for foil and also because with existing text t.55.2 contradicts t.78:

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~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

3 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170**.

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## Article: t.62

## Proposal from: Athletes Commission

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.

## Proposal:

### t.62

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

**3** If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

**4** The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

**5** Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
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the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favor with the request to use uniform format of the scoresheet with three options - video referee, main referee and final decision.

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**Article: t.124**

P. 9

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**1. Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ ~~from~~ the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~

e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2. Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

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- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

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- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3. In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t. 136.2).

a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

~~b) The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification. In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.~~

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, ~~article t.124 does not apply and~~ articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

**Refereeing Commission: yes**

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**Article: Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**P. 16**

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

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**Refereeing Commission: no**

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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**P. 4**

**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

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- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
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**Proposal:**

**4.4.4.**

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If no candidate of either one of the genders has offered herself/himself as candidates been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest

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number of votes are elected.

**Refereeing Commission: no**





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**Report of the Legal Commission**  
**Regarding**  
**Proposals Submitted for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes and other Matters**

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**Article: 1.1**

**Proposal from: Italian Fencing Federation**

**P. 1**

**Motivation:** The modifications to this article aim to create the conditions to allow the FIE to have the possibility to cooperate with the IWAS and in general support the development of the Paralympic fencing, which is not mentioned in the Statutes.

**Proposal:**

**1.1 MISSION**

The FIE is recognised by the IOC as the organization which governs the sport of fencing worldwide in accordance with the rules in Chapter 3 of the Olympic Charter\*.

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

- a) to promote the development of fencing throughout the world, to tighten the ties of friendship which unite fencers of all countries, by setting up lasting relations between representative groups, and to nurture the improvement of the practice of our sport in every way.
- b) to see that international competitions open to member federations are organised in accordance with F.I.E. Rules;
- c) to establish Rules according to which international competitions must be organised;
- d) to organise the Open World Championships, as well as Junior, Cadet and Veteran World Championships;
- e) to authorise and supervise the other official F.I.E. competitions;
- f) to insure that in international competitions the bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications and all other penalties issued by one of the member federations are respected;
- g) to study and legislate on all matters pertaining to fencing in international relations;
- h) to promote and develop the struggle against doping;
- i) to organise the fencing at the Olympic Games, in liaison with the International Olympic Committee.
- j) to ensure that the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, family status or other, is respected.
- k) to apply appropriate measures to contribute to the respect of the environment.

\*: Olympic Charter, p. 10, 16

- 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
- o) to foresee the possibility to cooperate for the development of the wheelchair fencing.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission voted unanimously to alter the language of (o) to read as follows:

- To assist in the development of Paralympic fencing.

But that this amendment should only take place if the Executive Committee first agrees that this is a direction it wishes to go and is willing to allocate resources for and the FIE can agree with IWAS on an agreement to move forward together on the development of Paralympic fencing.

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#### **Article: 1.5**

#### **Proposal from: UAE Fencing Federation**

**Motivation:** adoption of Arabic language as an official language in the International Federation of Fencing in fulfilment of the aspirations of the 18 Arab Fencing Federations and thus contribute to the upgrading of the game in the Arab countries

#### **Proposal:**

Your Excellency,

It may give us the pleasure to send our compliments to your Excellency and to all friends in the HQ of the FIE. We would like to take this opportunity to express our warmest regards and appreciation for your good efforts to develop the work of the International Federation of Fencing

I am pleased to present to you this request as President of the Arab Fencing Federation, which includes 18 Arab countries as in "Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Saudi Arabia - UAE - Qatar - Oman – Yemen- Kuwait and Bahrain" which are active associations in the activities of the International Federation of Fencing.

Mr. President, as is well known, all these Arab Federations speak Arabic, the language adopted by the United Nations as the official language of communication in all international forums. As a result, many international federations of many sports have adopted the Arabic language in their approved languages.

Therefore, we look forward to the adoption of our Arabic language as an official language in the International Federation of Fencing in fulfilment of the aspirations of the 18 Arab Fencing Federations referred to and thus contribute to the upgrading of the game in our Arab countries.

Once again, thank you for your support. The Arab Fencing Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the FIE highest consideration and appreciation.

Engineer Shaikh Salem Bin Sultan AL Qassimi, President of the Arab & UAE Fencing Federation.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission was **unanimously not in favor** of this proposal. The only official language of the FIE is French and there is no need to add another official language. With regard to making it a working language, the Legal Commission was

**unanimously not in favor** of Arabic being added as an additional working language for the following reasons:

- Arabic is not widely spoken in any countries other than the 18 Arab Fencing Federations and a working language should be one that is a second or tertiary language in many countries other than those in which it is the primary language;
- There would be significant expense in adding a new working language because of increased translation costs and the need to add personnel; and
- There is no showing of how the addition of Arabic as an official or working language would upgrade fencing in the Arab countries.

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**P. 3**

**Article: 3.4**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** To have at least two months in order to prepare and translate the documentation for the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils which meet in June and review the proposals.

**Proposal:**

**3.4 AGENDA**

3.4.1 All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than **midnight 00:00 hrs** Lausanne time **7 8** months before the opening day of the next Congress.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission was **unanimously in favor** of moving the date back one month to provide staff with additional time to prepare and translate the documentation for the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils.

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**P. 4**

**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

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**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **unanimously in favor** of this proposal to bring the minimum representation of each gender to 30% for Commissions to bring it in line with the current rules for the Executive Committee, Councils and Committees.

#### **Article: 4.4.4.a**

#### **Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** A procedure needs to be in place in the event that there are no or insufficient candidates for a Commission.

#### **Proposal:**

#### **Procedure if there are Insufficient Candidates**

If there are fewer than 3 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates of such gender put forward who have received at least one vote and the remainder of the Commission will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

If there are fewer than 10 candidates for a Commission then the commission will consist of all candidates who have received at least one vote.

If there are no candidates for a Commission then the members of the Commission whose term had just ended shall hold over for the following year until new candidates can be presented and an election is held for that Commission at the following Congress.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **unanimously in favor** of this proposal to deal with the procedures for handling voting when there are insufficient candidates.

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**Article: 9.1.2 b)**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris, MH**

**P. 6**

**Motivation:** Licensing of Coaches. It is necessary to add coaches and other persons traveling to official FIE competitions for the purpose of security at events and for the accumulation of statistical data to support the development work of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.2 b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, **Councils and Ethics Committee** of the FIE;
- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~
- All A or B referees of the FIE; **and**
- **All coaches and other persons wishing to be permitted to be on the field of play at an official competition of the FIE.**

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **in favor** of the following proposal:

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- **All coaches at an official competition of the FIE.**

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**Article: 9.1.5**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris, MH**

**P. 7**

**Motivation:** Adding a requirement related to the Security and Safeguarding of the Members and licensees of the FIE.

It is important that the FIE have relevant assurances about those persons who will come into contact with fencers, referees and other officials at official FIE competitions to support the Security and Safeguarding initiatives of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.5 Application and Issue

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.

b) All applications for licences for persons listed in 9.1.2 b) should be accompanied by assurance that the person has passed an appropriate background or criminal record check secured by the national federation.

c) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the FIE applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

d) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

e) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

f) The FIE head office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the FIE nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the IOC and to fencers who are legally stateless.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **in favor** of this proposal with the following amendment:

New item f) (instead of a new b) and renumbering ) :

All persons listed in 9.1.2 b) and for whom an FIE licence is ordered by a national federation are committed to respect the FIE Code of Ethics, code of conduct and Safeguarding policy.

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**Other Items discussed and work prepared at the meeting of the Legal Commission**

Due to the difficulty that some new national Federations are having with the preparation of their initial statutes, the Commission is preparing a template showing how various sections of their statutes can be formatted and what questions should be answered.

The Commission reviewed the new Supervisor Report form and FAQs and made suggestions to Edina for additions and changes.

The Commission reviewed the SafeGuarding materials and commented on the program in preparation for the Sunday presentation by the IOC and Lime Culture.

Respectfully submitted,

Legal Commission

Samuel David Cheris, MH

President, FIE Legal Commission

# FIE Medical Commission Annual Meeting

Bucharest, Romania, June 28-29, 2019

## Minutes

Participants: President *Antonio Fiore, MD, Sabrina Imene Halaimia, MD, Clare Halsted, MD, Lisa Huzel, MD, Jeno Kamuti, MD (MH), Maha Mustafa Mourad, MD, Dawood Reza Shafaat, MD, Jeremy Summers, Wilfried Wolfgarten, MD, Erika Aze (ComEx Representative)*

Absent: *Catherine Defoligny-Renault, MD*

Items discussed per the Meeting Agenda

### **(I) Activities since last Annual Meeting (*Fiore*)**

1. Wuxi Senior World Championships – *Wolfgarten*
2. Livorno Veteran World Championships – *Mourad*
3. Torun Cadet/Junior World Championships – *Halsted, Fiore*

### ***Problems observed:***

- Medical stations set up after the start of the event.
- Resuscitation equipment and ambulance not always available
- Language problems with LOC (limited English fluency) physicians and paramedics
- LOC not fully aware of their duties and obligations as per Medical Handbook
- Lack of information concerning local hospitals in case of emergency
- Inadequate medical supplies, cold spray, ice, medications
- Inefficient walkie-talkie communication (a single common channel for all officials in some cases)
- Few local physicians with expertise in sport injuries and few if any physiotherapists
- Local Anti-Doping Association not ready for blood tests at each competition day.



***Discussed solutions:***

*Fiore* stated that the **IMTF Project** discussed in the past could solve many of these problems if legal and cultural obstacles—temporary license to practice as physician or physiotherapist—could be overcome by applying for such licenses well in advance of each world championships.

Blacklisting or threatening to blacklist countries whose LOC do not follow the Medical Handbook requisites is considered politically impractical.

*Halaimia* and *Mourad* stressed the importance to know the name/(s) and contacts of the responsible local medical individuals several months prior to the event.

*Mourad* recommended an official FIE notification procedure to the LOC with name and contact of the head Medical Delegate at the event at least two months prior.

*Fiore* proposed to produce a simple video to be shared with the LOC clearly indicating all requisites in the FIE Medical Handbook (equipment, medical supplies, ambulance, etc.).

*Summers* offered his cooperation in working on such video.

***Recommendations:***

- a) FIE must officially state that **LOC full compliance with the Medical Handbook** is absolutely mandatory.
- b) The LOC must designate a **person responsible to liaise with the lead FIE Medical Delegate** during the planning and preparation stage.
- c) The **lead FIE Medical Delegate**, officially nominated by the FIE, to have the responsibility to be liaise with the **LOC designated person responsible for all medical matters** and make sure that the LOC is in full compliance with all requirements outlined in the Medical Handbook.
- d) Three months before the event the LOC must prepare and submit a **written plan** to the lead FIE Medical Delegate showing that all requisites in the Medical Handbook are understood and will be fulfilled by the LOC prior to the event.
- e) The lead FIE Medical Delegate **shall review** the written plan submitted to ensure that the event will meet all the requirements prior to the start of the event.
- f) Two months before the event the LOC must **confirm in writing** that facilities and personnel will be adequate.
- g) It is recommended that the FIE produce a **short video** indicating all indispensable medical prerequisites to organize and host a world championship.

## (II) **FIE Transgenders Policy (Fiore)**

### ***General discussion:***

*Fiore* shared his communication with the **IOC Scientific and Medical Department** (*Richard Budgett*, IOC Medical and Scientific Director) and with the **FIE Administration** (*Nathalie Rodriguez*) on this complex issue.

*Halsted's* stated that FIE Medical Commission cannot express an opinion on this matter pending the next Consensus Meeting of the IOC on Transgenders and hyperandrogenism.

*Fiore* countered:

- IOC is considering a new point of reference (threshold) for M-F transgenders based on ongoing scientific research and analyses conducted by the IOC regarding the maximum allowed testosterone biological parameter.
- FIE requested the Medical Commission to express its opinion and provide sport specific information. Accordingly, we cannot wait to fulfill this specific request.
- The Medical Commission should start while waiting for the scientific parameters of the IOC, to prepare a document for ComEx to explain existing or potential problems if any in the sport of fencing and to outline general principles.
- Citing exchanges with Richard Budgett, *Fiore* warned that the IOC would not appreciate that the International Federations plainly follow directives from above instead of studying and proposing rules which ought to be specifically designed for a sport discipline.
- From the IOC point of view there are two issues: hyperandrogenism and transgender athletes (M-F). The former does not appear to affect any fencer; the latter, after contacting the Veterans Commission seems to include only three M-F transgenders who compete only in the women veteran events.

### ***Recommendations:***

To prepare a document that includes:

- a) Waiting for the expected IOC directives especially on the scientific definition of reference biological parameters concerning testosterone in individuals affected by "gender dysphoria."
- b) The establishment of some basic principles—most already clearly stated by the IOC in its Guidelines—concerning ethical and socio-cultural principles which the FIE, as International Federation, must spell out in its rules with regards to the problem of "gender dysphoria".

- c) A summary presentation to ComEx of the salient aspects of the problem with specific reference to a clinical-biological framework of “gender dysphoria” and a description of different manifestations and frequency of such condition.
- d) A clear statement by the Medical Commission stating that:
  1. presently hyperandrogenism and transgenders (M-F) in the sport of fencing are very limited (no cases of hyperandrogenism and according to the Veterans Commission there are currently only three M-F transgenders who compete);
  2. that based on anthropometric parameters the sport of fencing cannot imagine creating a new category of competing athletes;
  3. that the IOC has clearly stated that in sports any kind of discrimination cannot be tolerated;
  4. that in Olympic fencing the only two competing categories are “male” and “female”. This means that people characterized by so called “gender dysphoria” must be able to enter, on the basis of rules inspired by “IOC Transgenders Regulations” in one or the other category.
- e) The Medical Commission instructed *Fiore*, *Huzel* and *Summers* to prepare a document for ComEx explaining transgenders and hyperandrogenism in the sport of fencing following the IOC Guidelines of Transgenders and Hyperandrogenism in Sport.

### (III) Anti-Doping (*Halsted*)

(See **Appendix 1: Anti-Doping Report**)

### (IV) Proposals (*Huzel*)

- ***Handbook for Medical Delegates***
  - The intention is to create an information package for new members of the Medical Commission regarding the duties and functions of the Medical Commission. A section will be included regarding the duties of the Medical Delegate which would be relevant for FIE Supervisors at events where there's no Medical Delegate.
- *Halaimia* and *Summers* to work with *Huzel* on this project.
- ***Athletes Selection Process for Anti-Doping testing***
  - Included in *Halsted's Anti-Doping report*. The policy of randomly select 2 of the 4 finalists in individual and one member of each team in the finals shall continue. Also, if an athlete was tested in the individual event s/he would still be a candidate for testing in the team event.

- (V) **Assignments of Medical Delegates for the season's upcoming major events** (*Fiore*)
- **Cadet/Junior World Championships, Salt Lake City**—*Kamuti* (lead), *Defoligny*, *Halaimia*; *Summers* (reserve)
  - **Veterans World Championships, Porec**—*Mourad* (lead), *Shafaat*; *Kamuti* (reserve)
  - **Olympic Games**—*Fiore*, *Huzel*; *Halaimia* (reserve), *Shafaat* (reserve)
  - **Anti-Doping Education, Salt Lake City**—*Halsted*, *Huzel*.

(VI) **Illness/Injury in Fencing** (*Summers*)

- **t.45 rule change proposal**: definition/interpretation of medical injury, cramp, and other acute medical incidents.

The Medical Commission received a modification proposal of rule t.45 from *Sam Cheris* of the **Legal Commission**. The Medical commission rejects it primarily from a medical point of view.

The Medical Commission is of the opinion that ***“Only the physician and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.”*** The five minutes time out is a maximum allowed. Only the physician or the medical provider on duty decide the duration of allowed time-out up to 5 minutes max. His decision is final. (See ***Appendix 2: t.45 wording proposed by the Medical Commission***)

- **Data Collection Update**

*Summers* presented an app in use by the USFA to collect injuries data and medical problems during fencing competitions.

*Fiore* reported that in the latest meeting of the **IOC Scientific and Medical Commission** all International Federations were asked to adopt a digital system to collect data on injuries. The app presented by *Summers* appears to be a ready to go and reliable instrument toward this important goal.

*Summers* shall prepare a proposal that will include costs for Cadet/Junior, Senior Worlds and Olympic Games.

**Recommendation:**

The Medical Commission unanimously recommends considering the purchase of the app presented by *Summers* with the scope to gather all medical information during FIE competitions.

(VII) **FIE Safeguard Policy update** (*Halsted*)

Several inter-commissions meetings on June 30<sup>th</sup> discussing various aspects of this new initiative.

*Fiore* and *Edina Czegledy* of the **Legal Commission** to be **Safeguarding Officer** at the upcoming Senior Worlds Championships in Budapest.

**(VIII) Mask Safety Update** (*Halsted*)

N/A

**(IX) Sabre Safety** (*Halsted*)

*Wolfgarten* complimented the adoption of maraging blades for saber as in **Proposal m.2** by SEMI Commission. SEMI President *Semen Rikhtman* gave a report on the Tashkent incident and technical explanations of why now all three weapons must have maraging blades. The Medical Commission agrees with SEMI and approved Proposal m.2.

**(X) Environmental Issues** (*Halsted*)

N/A

**(XI) Other** (*Fiore*)

- **Article 4.4.4.** Proposal from **Legal Commission**—FIE statutes call for at least 30% gender representation in FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions. The Statutes are inconsistent and should be made consistent. **The Medical Commission agreed.**
- **Emergency medical response when an ambulance is not at the venue**

*Sam Cheris* and *Edina Czegledy* of the **Legal Commission** presented the case observed by a supervisor (*Edina*) in a Foil Fencing World Cup where a Korean fencer had collapsed.

At issue was the absence of an ambulance and the behavior of the doctor at the venue. The doctor left the unconscious fencer to call for an ambulance which arrived 16 minutes after the fencer had collapsed.

The Medical Handbook requires to have an ambulance on stand by at the venue or available within 10 minutes from the call. The question is whether an amendment should be made in the Medical Handbook to assure that an ambulance is always available when needed.

Who should have the authority to call the ambulance? Supervisor or local doctor? Is the FIE liable because the Medical Handbook was not followed? Should a rule state that no competition can be started in absence of an ambulance? Can the organizer afford to have an ambulance on site for the length of the competition? The cost of having an ambulance always available on standby during a major event is very significant.

The medical decided to create a Working Group (*Halaimia, Halsted, Huzel, Mourad, Summers and Wolfgarten*) with the task to update the **FIE Medical Handbook** especially regarding the need to have a more thorough and complete checklist of the indispensable prerequisites for World Cup competitions.

It was emphasized to the Working Group that this is top priority.

**Attachments:**

- **Appendix 1: Anti-Doping Report**
- **Appendix 2: t.45 wording proposed by the Medical Commission**

## Appendix 1: Anti-Doping Report

### FIE Anti-Doping Report     July 2018 – June 2019

1. Testing Programme
2. Whereabouts
3. TUEs
4. Education programme
5. International Testing Agency ITA
6. WADA Corrective Action Plan
7. WADA Activities
8. FIE Other Activities

### **1. Testing Programme**

In Competition	No of events	.....	Fencers tested	.....	Total
	individual	team	Individual	Team.....	
			2/finalists	2(1 from top 2 teams)	
J World Cups	8x6=48	<i>Not tested</i>	96	0	96
S World Cups	8x6=48	5x6=30	96	60	156
S Zonals 2019 x4	4x6=24	4x6=24	48	48	96
J Worlds 2019	6	6	12	12	24
S Worlds 2018	6	6	12	12	24
	Test type	Urine standard			24
		<i>Urine also tested for ESAs and GHRF</i>			(24)
		Blood for hGH			24
				Total	396
				fencers	
				Total	420
				IC tests	
<b>Out of Competition</b>	RTP		51		(153)
				All tests	<b>573</b>

AAFs				1	0	0
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Notes: ESA Ethropoietin stimulating agents; GHRF Growth hormone releasing factor;  
hGH human growth hormone

RTP 1 – registered testing pool for OOCT- top 4 of each weapon at beginning of season = 24 fencers

RTP 2 Additional OOCT programme up to Olympics 2020 – 27 Russian fencers

### Problems

1. Doping Control Forms (DCFs) filled in wrongly so not matched with sample analysis in ADAMS, causing much extra work for our ITA colleague.
2. DCFs not sent to FIE or going missing
  - Wuxi
  - Novi Sad European zonal
  - Puerto Rico JWE Nov 18 2 months late, many errors
  - Iran JMS Nov 18 no DCFs by end March 19
  - Egypt 4 DCFs missing May19
3. Data not entered into ADAMS
  - Torun contract between the NADO and the LOC did not include this part of the job!
4. FIE AD Rules not followed with respect to number of tests at zonals
  - Asian zonal 2018 only 2 tests done not 24
5. Argentina – SME March 19 4 samples not analysed as lab owed money by NADO; FIE had to pay

## 2. Whereabouts Requirements

The Registered Testing Pool 1 (RTP1) is the top 4 fencers in each weapon at the start of each season -24 fencers. RTP 2 additional 27 Russian fencers

They have to submit their whereabouts details in the ADAMS system and are subject to no notice OOC testing.

1.7.18-31.5.19

Missed tests x9 RUS AUT JPN EST x2 KOR x4

Filing failure x8



### **3. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)**

'International fencers' are the top 32 in each weapon so 192 in total; they can submit TUE requests to FIE for processing.

Also FIE must recognize TUEs granted by any NADO, provided that such TUEs are reported in accordance with the WADA ISTUE.

TUE applications from International list x2 RUS Dexamethasone infusion; Korea Betamethasone injection

Other x2 France prednisolone oral; HUN prednisolone oral

#### **TUE Committee**

Jan 2019 New contract between FIE and ITA agreed that the ITA TUE panel would take over TUE applications.

### **4. Education Programme**

The WADA Corrective Action Plan for the FIE required a more comprehensive programme

#### **FIE Anti-Doping Education Plan**

##### **1. Background**

There is no evidence to date of cheating through doping in world-wide fencing. The number of AAFs from the FIE's testing programme is very small indeed and sanctions are rare. However, the level of ignorance about anti-doping matters in many fencing countries is fairly high so our existing education programme needs to continue and expand, in order to comply with WADA standards, to protect our fencers from inadvertent errors and to reinforce the values of fair play and respect for the true spirit of sport.

##### **2. Current Situation**

2.1 FIE Education team – Chair of AD panel, 2 other Medical Commission members, (all 3 are elected volunteers), CEO, administrative help from FIE office. Resources are limited due to budgetary and time considerations.

2.2 Outreach programme – started in 2010 at Senior Worlds as a pilot; continued at Cadet and Junior Worlds every year from 2012.

This comprises a stand with posters and hand outs, run by AD experts from FIE with help from the NADO or Sport Accord. From 2014 the main activity has been the WADA Clean Sport quiz with USBs for participants containing the quiz and AD information. Coaches and fencers are encouraged to use the USBs at home to play the quiz at clubs and national training camps.

In 2017 and 2018 the education outreach has included a Fair Play stand which fits well with Clean Sport activities. In 2018 Safe Sport was added following the IOC campaign.

- 2.3 Website information – the Clean Sport section includes links to WADA educational programmes
- 2.4 Medical delegates are present at all World Championships, cadet, junior, senior, veterans and can provide AD information or advice to teams or individuals.
- 2.5 As AD violations are so rare there are no high profile cases to use for impact
- 2.6 All FIE licence holders agree to abide by the FIE AD Rules
- 2.7 The FIE jurisdiction extends to all fencers competing in FIE events and their associated support staff as well as all other licence holders.
- 2.8 Currently 153 countries are FIE members; Europe 45 Asia/Oceania 44 Americas 33 Africa 31
- 2.9 Testing programme - see below

### **3. Aims of FIE Education Programme**

- 3.1 No AAFs through ignorance; all fencers competing in the cadet or junior world championships to have access to AD information during the event.
- 3.2 All fencers in the 'International level list' ( top 20 x6 weapons) to understand the TUE requirements. *(These fencers have to apply to the FIE for TUEs)*
- 3.3 All affiliated National Fencing Governing Bodies to understand the importance of educating their own fencers and support personnel
- 3.4 To promote Fair Play and Clean Sport values in order to maintain Fencing's reputation as a low risk sport with respect to doping.
- 3.5 To learn from research and good examples elsewhere in order to provide effective, appropriate education.

### **4. Essential Information**

- Definitions of doping and anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs)
- Prohibited Substances and Methods List
- Consequences of doping: effects on health; social consequences; sanctions
- Risks of nutritional supplements
- Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel responsibilities, e.g., Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) and Whereabouts Filing
- Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel rights, eg with respect to results management and testing procedures
- Doping Control procedures

- Awareness of FIE anti-doping regulations
- How to find information easily; who to go to with problems.

## 5. List of contents on Anti-Doping USBs (to give away)

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Prohibited List
- 3 Clean Sport documents:
  - World Anti-Doping Code 2015
  - Athlete Reference Guide to 2015 Code
  - FIE Anti-Doping Rules
  - WADA Dangers of Doping
- 4 Info at a glance
- 5 WADA Quiz
- 6 Quiz handouts 39 languages
- 7 Doping Control video
- 8 Say NO to Doping video
- 9 Parents Guide
- 10 Coaches Toolkit

## 6. Testing Programme

In competition testing at all Junior and Senior World Cups and World Championships; Out of competition testing on RTP fencers; targeted testing as indicated.

The Zonal Confederations are responsible for testing at their junior and senior Zonal Championships according to FIE AD rules.

## 7. Definitions

Cadet	under 17 over 13
Junior	under 20 over 13
Senior	over 13
Veteran	over 40

FIE events	World Championships all age categories
	World Cups Senior Junior
	Satellite World Cups Senior

Zonal Championships (held under FIE rules) Cadet Junior Senior

RTP	Top 4 fencers in senior world ranking at start of season x 6 weapons - 24 in total
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International level fencers Fencers whose TUEs are managed by FIE  
 Top 32 in senior world ranking at start of season x 6 weapons - 196 in total

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## FIE Anti-Doping Education Action Plan

Target Group.....	Objective	Task	Responsibility	Deadline
1 Cadets and Juniors at April World Championships 2019	1 All to be aware of the outreach programme	Put details on FIE website and in information pack for team managers <i>(to include Fair Play and Safe Sport details as well)</i> . Promote it via FIE social media channels in advance and during event	Lead educator for event with FIE media dept and local organisers	8 weeks pre-event
		Posters to advertise education programme put up around venue including accreditation centre	Lead educator	Day before start
		Direct contact with fencers	All educators	Throughout event
		Central prominent site for outreach stands	Lead educator with local organiser	Needs to be agreed at venue planning stage
	2 50% participation in the WADA quiz with focus on teams without AD education at home	Gifts and prizes for participants – usbs are popular <i>(given for a minimum score in quiz)</i>	Lead educator FIE office	For usb production allow 8-10 weeks
2 Team managers and coaches at C/J World Championships 2019	1 All to be aware of the outreach programme	1 Put details on FIE and event website and <i>(to include Fair Play and Safe Sport details as well)</i> . Promote it via FIE social media channels in advance and during event	Lead educator for event with FIE media dept and local organisers	8 weeks pre-event
	2 Officials from 50% of countries taking part to participate in outreach programme	All coaches participating in WADA quiz to receive the educational usb regardless of score <i>(with request to use it with their fencers at home)</i>	Lead educator FIE office	As above for usbs

3 RTP fencers 24 fencers	No whereabouts failures	<p>Clear easily accessible details of ADAMS system</p> <p>Inclusion letter and Whereabouts quick reference card sent to all RTP fencers (<i>attached</i>)</p> <p>Reminder notice sent to all RTP fencers and put on website  <a href="http://static.fie.org/uploads/17/89626-Whereabouts%20info-notice%20for%20RTP%20fencers%20ang.docx">http://static.fie.org/uploads/17/89626-Whereabouts%20info-notice%20for%20RTP%20fencers%20ang.docx</a> </p>	<p>WADA</p> <p>FIE AD colleagues in ITA/GAISF</p> <p>FIE AD lead</p>	<p>Start of senior season September annually</p> <p>January</p>
4 International level fencers (120)	No TUE problems	<p>List on website with link to TUE form  <a href="http://static.fie.org/uploads/16/80389-FIE%20TUE%20Application%20Form%202015-ang.pdf">http://static.fie.org/uploads/16/80389-FIE%20TUE%20Application%20Form%202015-ang.pdf</a> </p>	FIE AD lead	<p>Start of senior season</p> <p>September annually</p>
5 Zonal Confederations	Education session at Senior World Championships for all 5 Presidents	<p>Outreach stand at Senior Worlds (<i>combined with Safe Sport</i>) - AD educator to provide an overview of AD requirements appropriate for these senior officials</p>	FIE AD panel FIE office	July 2019 as a pilot
6 Team officials at Senior World Championships (Chefs d'Equipe, Coaches)	All to be aware of the outreach stand	<p>1 AD stand (as above) with WADA quiz and informative posters</p> <p>2 Put details on FIE and event website and in information pack for team managers (<i>to include Safe Sport details as well</i>). Promote it via FIE social media channels in advance and during event</p> <p>3 usbs (as above) to give away</p>	FIE AD panel FIE office	July 2019 as pilot

7 National Fencing Federations	Provide all 153 with AD information	Annual FIE AD information letter to include all useful AD links (via email)		January 2019 Done
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### **AD Education at Cadet and Junior World Championships Torun April 2019**

8-12<sup>th</sup> April 5 days

Educators

Dr Sabrina Halaimia      Dr Lisa Huzel

See report already circulated

Apart from a less than ideal site in the venue this was another successful outreach programme thanks to Sabrina and Lisa.

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## **5. International Testing Agency**

Jan 2019 the ITA took over from GAISF to run the FIE AD programme.

A new contract was put in place after much work by NR and the FIE lawyer with input from SC-legal and CH

Results management is still the responsibility of the FIE according to the FIE Anti-Doping Rules but these will be reviewed with changes coming into effect after Tokyo 2020.

CH took the opportunity of a safeguarding workshop in Lausanne to meet our new colleagues in Jan 2019 at the new ITA office. A very time consuming problem continues to be inaccurate details on DCFs. WADA monitors strictly any discrepancies in ADAMS.

8.18	14	5.19	14	USA 4	RMA wrong
1.19	7			BEL 2	TA RMA wrong
3.19	20			GER 4	TA put as NADO
3.19	12			EGY 4	DCFs missing
4.19	20				

Action: 1. CH wrote a notice to go to the person responsible for organising tests at the 4 Senior Zonal Championships. *Problem – not easy to find names or contact details from the event websites; no response from organising committee; this needs to be part of the event information in future*

2. Instruction to be given at the supervisors' training session in Bucharest June 2019
3. The supervisors' report form to have a more detailed AD section/check list
4. Update needed for the FIE AD Officer Duties document
5. Session for the Zonal Confederation Presidents will be held during the Senior Worlds in Budapest -AF

## **6 WADA Corrective Action Plan**

Final sections completed by Sep 2018 – Education Plan, Partnership details  
Compliance confirmed by WADA Sep 2018  
Work on this took from Dec 2017 to Sep 2018

## **WADA Activities**

July 2018 – May 2019 65 + emails received

Eg:

- 9.18 RUSADA reinstated with strict conditions
- 11.18 Governance reform approved by Board
- 12.18 Revised Standard for Testing and Investigations  
Date extraction from Moscow lab
- 1.19 2019 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods published
- 4.19 Samples retrieved from Moscow lab  
Conference call for IFs re Moscow lab database
- 5.19 Revised Standard for Laboratories

## **WADA Symposium March 2019**

Summary of main topics

Review of the **World Anti-Doping Code** (Code) and its associated International Standards, as well as compliance and capturing athletes' views

The latest revised and updated Code comes into effect in 2021 after ratification at the fifth World Conference on Doping in Sport, November, Katowice, Poland.

In addition, the Code's various International Standards, including those related to results management, education, compliance, testing and investigations, therapeutic use exemptions, laboratories and privacy protection were discussed at length..

Athletes were well represented and around 75 athlete leaders from around the world took part in a one-and-a-half-day session hosted by WADA's Athlete Committee for the first time, reinforcing the importance of athletes' involvement in clean sport. Topics included increased athlete representation within WADA's governance structure, the impact the proposed changes in the 2021 draft Code may have on athletes, and the upcoming launch of ADAMS Next Gen – the latest revamped and improved version of the system.

WADA's Athlete Committee members Beckie Scott (Chair) and Ben Sandford gave an update on the progress of the development of the **Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights**,

WADA President Sir Craig Reedie reflected on the Russian doping scandal and on the progress made since the Executive Committee (ExCo) decision in September 2018 to reinstate the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) as compliant with the Code.

He noted that the all-important data recovered from the Moscow Laboratory in January this year, once authenticated, would be used to bring more cheats to justice for the good of clean sport while exonerating others.

He also pointed out that the Russian scandal had prompted significant changes to better navigate situations of non-compliance with the Code, including the coming into force on 1 April 2018 of **the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS)**, which has considerably strengthened WADA's legal framework around cases of non-compliance.

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, took delegates through **WADA's strategic priorities**, which included in particular:

- harmonizing Code rules via the 2021 Code Review
- simultaneous review of the International Standards;
- the implementation of wide-ranging governance reforms,
- increasing scientific and social science research;
- enhancing education, most notably through the development of an **International Standard for Education**; - capacity building of Anti-Doping Organizations;
- the ongoing overhaul of WADA's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS).

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## 8. FIE other Activities

- 1 YOG AD Rules
- 2 Tokyo 2020 AD questionnaire
- 3 IOC AD Rules for Tokyo reviewed
- 4 Clean Sport notice sent to all FIE countries
- 5 RTPs updated with addition of new Russian fencers

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## Appendix 2: t.45 wording proposed by the Medical Commission

Current text:

### t.45

**1** For an **injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 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.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for injury or cramp must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

**2** During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

**3** Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

**4 In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**5** The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

## Proposed modification by the Medical Commission

### t.45

**1** For a **sport trauma/injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. **Only the doctor and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.** This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 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.99.6.a/b).

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## Meeting of the FIE Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission

**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bucharest

**Date:** 28 - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Attendees:

- Nikolay Mateev (President)
- Isabelle Lamour (Representative of the FIE Executive Committee)
- Nina Lalovic (FIE CMTV)
- David Baker (Secretary)
- Joyce Bolanos
- Carl Borack
- Victor Sergio Groupierre
- Monica Ho
- Reno Marolt
- Rigoberto Morejon Llanes
- Gianandrea Nicolai

### Absent:

- Fazlollah Bagherzadeh

## 1. Introduction

- Nikolay Mateev welcomed members of the Commission to the meeting and introduced Nina Lalovic who joined the CMTV department in January 2019
- Isabelle Lamour welcomed the members of the Commission to the meeting on behalf of the FIE Executive Committee and expressed an interest in increased communication with the Commission, Office and the Comex. Needs to be a collaborative effort – it can't be done alone

## 2. Presentation from CMTV

The Commission received a presentation from Nina Lalovic:

- New website
  - Has been an ongoing project for years
  - Put together by mail.ru (a Russian technology company)
  - Increased data security measures
  - Much easier to modify information quickly
  - Much improved competition page and athlete profile pages
  - Links to live ranking pages
  - Some small usability issues reported (e.g. use on mobile), PCM Commission to collate feedback and deliver
- Social media update:
  - YouTube 17.8million hits vs 14.5 million, Subscribers up 16% to over 51,000
  - 6.3% average increase in total followers, led by Instagram growth
- The Commission viewed an example video on the FIE training camp held before the 2019 Junior World Championships in Torun, Poland

- Question if the video could be displayed with different languages
- At a minimum we should provide subtitles, which could be done through the existing translation providers
- The Commission viewed another video focussing on Clean Sport, Safe Sport, and Fair Play at the 2019 Junior World Championships in Torun, Poland
  - Torun was the first competition held with a safeguarding officer
- FIE magazine is now all digital, published 4x per year
  - Key content includes meet the athlete, and overviews of all tournaments and events
  - Content is mobile friendly
  - Multiple opportunities for sponsorship – 13 fencing companies signed up
  - Explore the opportunities to track readership data?
  - Opportunity to cross-promote the magazine with the zonal confederations
  - Ideas for new articles from content provided by other Commissions and Councils
    - E.g. Fair Play, Veterans, Women and Fencing
  - Integrate into social media platforms. Instagram stories seems an ideal medium
- Live stream and TV:
  - All Grand Prix streamed and broadcast on 8 different channels
    - China by far the dominant market
  - 2018 World Championships in Wuxi has 250 million viewers (169 million Chinese)
  - New Eurosport contract agreed
    - Improved terms and broadcast on Eurosport 1 and 2.
    - Double the hours 27 broadcast hours for the 9 Grand Prix
    - Minimum 6 hours from European and Asian Championships
    - 18 broadcast hours for Budapest 2019
    - Extra digital content including “top 5” moments etc
    - Next steps are to add direct Eurosport link to FIE website and the broadcast lines to FIE news articles
  - No budget for OBS to cover the test event – in negotiation
  - Budapest World Championships:
    - 5 confirmed live TV feeds in addition to Eurosport. Additionally, FIE has received news access requests from China and 6x from Japan which is encouraging ahead of the Olympic Games in 2020
    - Minimum 18 hours broadcast on Eurosport channels
    - Site visit to the media facilities completed
- 2018 World Fencing Day
  - 30+ countries
  - 6500 social media tags
  - 2019 theme will be – "Fencing for our Planet"
    - FIE to lead by example in Lausanne
  - Next year's theme – involve the PCM Commission
    - Women and Fencing
  - Announcement to be made next week
- Presentation on the FIE 105 gala dinner in Paris
  - Viewed a short video on the event
- Tokyo 2020

- "Tokyo Loves Fencing" Portal to be launched after world championships
- Impressed with Japanese media company
- CMTV department took fencers out to the city - presenting Japanese culture
- 2019 Asian Championships in Chiba had live broadcasting for the first time
- Japanese national championships in an opera house in Shibuya (one of the busiest areas in Tokyo)
- Other events and sports initiation programs will take place alongside the Tokyo 2020 test event in December 2019
- Collaborating with Yuki Ota and Tokyo on promotion videos – may be able to use their technology at the test event and potentially use it at the games.
  - Yuki has become a star promoting fencing in Japan
  - Not historically a well-known sport
  - Achieving high quality exposure and sponsorship from large brands
    - Sets an example for other national federations
- Ticket sales going well. First batch all sold out.
  - Tokyo2020/IOC full stadia project in place.
  - Tokyo2020 extremely optimistic about ticket sales – 5 million intentions to purchase tickets.
  - Lots of requests for fencing tickets. 8,000 sales to date.
    - Will be the same format as previous Olympics – a morning session for the preliminary matches and an evening session for the finals
- CMTV just arrived back from Chiba – very impressive Tokyo 2020 branding and lots of fencing content.
  - CMTV department feels like Tokyo 2020 is under control
  - Lots of interaction from Asian athletes and interest from Japanese TV
  - Feel like in safe hands with the Japanese Federation
  - Draft FIE proposal for Olympic tickets for orphanages in Chiba prefecture

### 3. Proposals for the Congress

- Proposal from the Athletes Commission:
  - Commission to write to Athletes Commission suggesting stars on the uniform rather than alternate coloured names
- Proposal from the Legal Commission:
  - The PCM Commission continues to be in favour of this proposal

### 3. Meetings with other Commissions and Councils

- Meeting with the Veteran's Council
  - Discussed promotion strategies ahead of the 2019 Veteran World Championship in Cairo, Egypt
  - Growth in numbers is astonishing: over 1800 entries at European Championships, over 900 entries at World Championships
  - Agreement to promote the competition ahead of the championships using FIE social media platform

- Explore ways to take videos and photos of the championships for the FIE website and social media
  - CMTV department to engage with local organisation and Veteran Council
- Veteran Council to provide information to the Commission and CMTV department
- Meeting from the Women's Council
  - The Commission met with the Women's Council and discussed the evolution of their Council's role
  - The Commission agreed to work with the Council going forward and make sure that promotional materials are in line with their new strategy
- Meeting with the Fair Play Council
  - Fair Play Council requested the addition of a Fair Play section to the front page website and associated articles describing the reason for the award
  - There will be a drop box for fair play nominations at the World Championships, the Council requested announcements during the day alongside news articles and social media so that they will receive more nominations

#### 4. Plan of Work - Protocol Discussion

- The Commission was joined by Elena Huot (FIE Head of Operations) and Pascal Tesch (FIE Executive Committee) to discuss Protocol
- For major events (World Championships and GPs) there should always be a Master of Ceremonies (MC), as well as announcers, to inform and entertain the live audience
  - Particularly important during short breaks and delays
  - Well explained event is critical – the impressive Orleans Women's World Cup given as an example
- FIE competition handbook is being updated, comments and revisions due by the end of August
  - We suggest that the addition of an executive summary and checklists would be an improvement to the handbook
- The commission would like to increase dramatically the attendance, and in particular after the final at the Medal Ceremony:
  - This is a main project of the President of the FIE
  - Many different ideas have been tried in the past
  - Lottery system to be trialled
  - French Federation has had success with local schools and sports clubs
  - Include LOC engagement with the community in the revised handbook

#### 4. Broadcasting and Outreach Proposals

- Commission to develop marketing strategy.
  - Subcommittee: Carl Borack, Monica Ho, Gianandrea Nicolai, Joyce Bolanos
- The Commission saw a proposal from Leon Paul to have guards painted with nationalities similar to the mask designs

- Commission in favour and has the view that there should be one approved design, similar to the masks
  - Proposal to be made for the Comex (attached)
- The Commission will propose the restart of the FIE shop
- Discussed the four Senior Zonal Championships. Recommend further FIE support for all competitions that are held in developing countries
- Updated live stream graphics
  - Show athlete statistical and biographical data, incorporating and expanding the existing web data
- Write to Africa and American Zone Confederation Presidents suggesting the establishment of Promotion Commissions in these Zones or a point of contact for the Commission
- Carl Borack raised the project of a group for fencing history
  - Noted that there are a number of museums around the world
  - A fencing museum project was started by the FIE President but has stalled
  - Reno Marolt has offered the services of the Croatian federation
- Gianandrea Nicolai submitted a proposal to have more interaction with service clubs
  - To be included in a future promotion guide
- Discussed the growth of lightsabre fencing, particularly in France
  - The announcement had strong publicity and global exposure: making headlines in UK, Korea, USA
  - The FFE has created rules, uniform for protection, and organised competitions
  - Serge Timacheff to visit France after Budapest to research lightsabre fencing
  - Over 1,200 registered members to date

## 5. Commission Photo





DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
TO: Executive Committee of the FIE  
FROM: FIE Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission  
TITLE: **Guards with National Drawings**

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Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

We received concept photos from an equipment manufacturer (Leon Paul) that proposes to have national drawings on the guards in the three weapons. The purpose is to make the fencing teams have an even greater national identity. Our commission was of the view that this is would be a positive development for the promotion of our sport.

In our opinion, the designs should be regulated similar to the drawings on the mask – with one design per country approved by the Executive Committee. We have looked at the FIE rulebook and do not believe that there would need to be any specific changes to the rules to allow drawings on the guards. This could be confirmed by the Rules Commission.

The manufacturer claims that the guards are still electrically conductive and perform as normal. The SEMI Commission would have to confirm that the guards with drawings still conform to the material rules.

Please see attached some examples of the drawings on the guard.

Best Regards,

Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission

## Appendix: Example Designs













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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Rules**

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**Article: m.25.3.h**

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**Revised Proposal from: Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission**

**Motivation:** The Promotion, Communication, and Marketing Commission agrees that we should be promoting our World and Olympic Champions. However, we are concerned that simply changing the colour of the names may be unclear to spectators, and that after that year (or 4 years for the Olympics) the fencer may have to change back the colours and that recognition will be lost.

Our alternative proposal takes inspiration from other sports, will be immediately recognisable to spectators even if they are not familiar with fencing, and will provide a permanent promotional boost for the fencer for their entire career.

**Proposal**

**m.25.3.h**

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

Each year, the World Champion in Senior Individual and Team Competitions, shall be entitled to print a five-point star on the back of the jacket, above the name. Each star must be in dark blue and have equal height and width of between 2 cm and 3 cm.

The Olympic Champions in Individual and Team Competitions, shall be entitled to print a five-point star on the back of the jacket, above the name. Each star must be in gold and have equal height and width of between 2 cm and 3 cm.

**PCM Commission:**



**Inspiration:**



**Sample Concept:**





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Proposals for the 2019 Congress  
Modifications of the Rules

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P. 1

**Article: o.5**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Assault and bout***

**o.5** A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**.

When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result [in an individual competition](#), it is called a **bout**.

[The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called 'periods'.](#)

[In a match \(cf o.6\) between teams it is called a 'relay'.](#)

**Rules Commission:** In favour with the following amendment:

[In a match \(cf o.6\) between teams](#) ~~it~~ [each of the nine bouts](#) is called a 'relay'.

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**Article: o.6**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

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### **Match**

The aggregate of the **bouts relays** fought between the fencers of two different **teams** is called a **match**.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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#### **Article: t.18.1**

#### **Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**P. 3**

#### **Motivation:**

- 1- To save the space. According to the existing rule, there should be a 5 meter distance between each piste. However presently, due to the limited space available at the venues, only in a few competitions is this rule adhered to.
- 2- To reduce the cost of the pistes by 20 to 25 percent. Fixing the width of the pistes at 1.5 meters will respectively cut the prices of the pistes.
- 3- Presently, some organizers use pistes with different widths in the same competition. This proposal ensures that fencers will fence in uniformly sized pistes which in turn will maximize their coordination and efficiency

#### **Proposal:**

#### **Amended text:**

##### **t.18.1**

The piste is **from** 1.50 meters **to 2 meters** wide. **This must be applied also to t.19 Fig.1 and Fig.2**

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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#### **Article: t.18.3**

#### **Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**P. 4**

**Motivation:** At the present the Refereeing commission have decided that, if at any competition the organizers use two kinds of pistes (with and without safety border) for poules & DE, the safety borders are a part of the pistes. So, in this case again we will have the pistes with different widths.

#### **Proposal:**

#### **Amended text:**

##### **t.18.3**

The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for **poules, DE, and** finals and semi-finals, **including the pistes already having safety borders**, do not form part of the piste.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

**Article: t.45**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris (MH)**

**Motivation:** to clear ambiguity of medical injury, cramp, and other acute medical incident.

Request that Rules Commission and Executive Committee declare that this proposal be declared urgent so that confusion among athletes, referees and coaches can have clarity as to how to various medical ailments will be handled and to assure consistency of application of the rule regarding injury cramp or other acute medical incidents on the strip.

**Proposal:**

***Injuries, withdrawal of a competitor***

**Injury or cramp, withdrawal of a competitor**

**t.45**

**1** For an **athletic injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 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.99.6.a/b).

**1.1 Definition of 'cramp' – exercise associated muscle cramping (EAMC)** "is a painful and sustained muscle(s) contraction that is physically palpable and limits joint range of motion". EAMC criteria for in competition evaluation by FIE doctor or doctor on duty include:

**1.1.1** Palpation of a sustained muscle contraction.

**1.1.2** Confirm loss of motion of the associated joints above and/or below the affected area.

**1.1.3** If the EAMC is not present upon examination the doctor on duty can ask the athlete to contract the muscle group to try and elicit a muscle cramp.

**2 Definition of 'other acute medical incident' – acute medical incident can include but not limited to illness/vomiting, debris within the eye, bleeding, and/or pre-existing condition which may include asthma or diabetes mellitus.**

**2.1.1 Vomiting/Illness –** in the event of **vomiting or preminent vomiting** during a bout the athlete is given time to purge and clean prior to the determination of continuing by the doctor on duty. The doctor on duty will give the athlete the minimum amount of time to achieve their readiness or a maximum time limit for medical timeout of 5 minutes.

**2.1.2 Bleeding –** in the event of **bleeding** during a bout the doctor on duty has a maximum time limit of 5 minutes to control the bleeding.

**2.1.3 Asthma –** Athletes are required to manage their pre-existing medical condition to the best of their ability, however, in the event of an **acute asthma attack** the athlete will be given a medical timeout for a maximum time limit of 5 minutes. The doctor on duty will determine if this is a true acute asthma attack and allow for a brief time for medication which may include the use of an inhaler and/or nebulizer if the athlete presents with the following signs and symptoms below. If the athlete **does not** present with signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack but stresses that an asthma attack is preminent the athlete is given the opportunity to take medication for a brief period and then resume the bout. If the doctor on

duty is called over to determine a medical timeout is needed it will be recorded as a medical timeout, if granted the use of medication.

**Signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack:**

- 2.1.3.1 Moderate to severe difficulty breathing
- 2.1.3.2 Moderate to severe wheezing both in and out
- 2.1.3.3 Unable to speak or significant inability to speak
- 2.1.3.4 Coughing that is difficult to stop or control
- 2.1.3.5 Presentation of anxiety or panic
- 2.1.3.6 Pale face

2.1.4 **Diabetes** – athlete is required to manage their pre-existing condition and no timeout is warranted unless the athlete is physically unable to continue in which they will be medically withdrawn.

2.1.5 **Concussion** – in the event of a head injury the doctor on duty must use the best standards of care and evaluation to determine if the athlete has sustained a potential concussion. Diagnosis of concussion may not exceed 5-minute medical time out.

All breaks for **athletic injury**, **cramp (EMAC)**, or **an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

~~2.~~ 3. During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

~~3.~~ 4. Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

4. 5. In **team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

~~5.~~ 6. The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Rules Commission:** In favour of amended text as follows:

**Proposal:**

***Injuries, withdrawal of a competitor***

**Injury or cramp, withdrawal of a competitor**

**t.45**

1 For ~~an-athletic~~ a **sport injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 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.99.6.a/b).

~~2.2 Definition of 'cramp' — exercise associated muscle cramping (EAMC) "is a painful and sustained muscle(s) contraction that is physically palpable and limits joint range of motion". EAMC criteria for in competition evaluation by FIE doctor or doctor on duty include:~~

~~2.2.1 — Palpation of a sustained muscle contraction.~~

~~2.2.2 — Confirm loss of motion of the associated joints above and/or below the affected area.~~

~~2.2.3~~ If the EAMC is not present upon examination the doctor on duty can ask the athlete to contract the muscle group to try and elicit a muscle cramp.

~~3~~ **Definition of 'other acute medical incident'** — acute medical incident can include but not limited to illness/vomiting, debris within the eye, bleeding, and/or pre-existing condition which may include asthma or diabetes mellitus.

~~3.1.1~~ **Vomiting/Illness** — in the event of **vomiting or preminent vomiting** during a bout the athlete is given time to purge and clean prior to the determination of continuing by the doctor on duty. The doctor on duty will give the athlete the minimum amount of time to achieve their readiness or a maximum time limit for medical timeout of 5 minutes.

~~3.1.2~~ **Bleeding** — in the event of **bleeding** during a bout the doctor on duty has a maximum time limit of 5 minutes to control the bleeding.

~~3.1.3~~ **Asthma** — Athletes are required to manage their pre-existing medical condition to the best of their ability, however, in the event of an **acute asthma attack** the athlete will be given a medical timeout for a maximum time limit of 5 minutes. The doctor on duty will determine if this is a true acute asthma attack and allow for a brief time for medication which may include the use of an inhaler and/or nebulizer if the athlete presents with the following signs and symptoms below. If the athlete **does not** present with signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack but stresses that an asthma attack is preminent the athlete is given the opportunity to take medication for a brief period and then resume the bout. If the doctor on duty is called over to determine a medical timeout is needed it will be recorded as a medical timeout, if granted the use of medication.

**Signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack:**

~~3.1.3.1~~ Moderate to severe difficulty breathing

~~3.1.3.2~~ Moderate to severe wheezing both in and out

~~3.1.3.3~~ Unable to speak or significant inability to speak

~~3.1.3.4~~ Coughing that is difficult to stop or control

~~3.1.3.5~~ Presentation of anxiety or panic

~~3.1.3.6~~ Pale face

~~3.1.4~~ **Diabetes** — athlete is required to manage their pre-existing condition and no timeout is warranted unless the athlete is physically unable to continue in which they will be medically withdrawn.

~~3.1.5~~ **Concussion** — in the event of a head injury the doctor on duty must use the best standards of care and evaluation to determine if the athlete has sustained a potential concussion. Diagnosis of concussion may not exceed 5-minute medical time out.

All breaks for **athletic sport** injury, cramp (**EMAC**), or **an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

~~2.3.~~ **2.** During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

~~3.4.~~ **3.** Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

~~4.5.~~ **4. In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

~~5.6.~~ **5.** The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Article: t.50.3**

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**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:**

**Proposal**

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

**Rules Commission:** After discussion with the Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission is in favour of the proposal with the following amendments **(in green)**:

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn by the computer at each stage of the table and but may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of any problem with the computer programme, mistakes done made by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts between category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE). In any case where the computer draw is modified, it must be with the agreement of the Directoire Technique and signed by both the Refereeing Delegate and the President of the DT.**

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**Article: t.55**

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**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

**Background:**

a) **Proposal of the Refereeing Commission in 2018:**

***Annulment of a hit***

**t.55**

1. The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

b) **Proposal as amended by the Rules Commission in 2018 and voted by the Congress:**

**t.55**

***Annulment of a hit***

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started before the word 'Play!' or after the word 'Halt!' (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object other than the opponent or his equipment.

2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.

c) **Article t.78 (foil), mentioned in the motivation:**

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf t.79).

**Proposal**

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Rules Commission:** After discussion with the Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission is in favour of the proposal with the following amendments:

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

- ~~2 — At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~
- 3 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170**.

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**Article: t.62**

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**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.

**Proposal:**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

**Rules Commission: In favour of the following amended text**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

~~6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.~~ Each time the referee consults the video, whether

on his own initiative, following an appeal or at the suggestion of the video-consultant, the opinions of the referee and the video-consultant must be recorded on the match sheet.

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**Article: t.124**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**1 Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ **from** the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~



e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

- a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

- b) ~~The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification.~~ In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

- c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

- d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

- e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

- f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following modified details (in blue).

#### Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

##### t.124

- e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team in which a fencer has been sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

- f) If a P-Black card is given to fencers in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

- g) If a P-Black card is given to fencers in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

~~f) h) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.~~(text moved from 3.f)

## 1 In both individual and team competitions

~~f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.~~

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**Article: m.2**

**P. 10**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** This proposal is linked to the meeting of the SEMI Commission with the manufacturers following incidents at sabre.

**Proposal:**

*General description*

**m.2**

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

1. A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted). *At all three weapons, the use of maraging steel blades is obligatory.*

**Application:** TBD.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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**Article: m.18.3**

**P. 11**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** At the moment, the sockets inside of the epee guard have the two wires passing through one hole, some countries use this hole while other countries do not; in both cases there may be some problems. If the two wires are outside of the hole, it is very easy to cut these wires whether intentionally or unintentionally. If the two wires are inside the hole there is possibility of contact between them.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**m.18.3 (new)**

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through individually and then fixed to the terminals.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following modification (in green)

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block ~~individually~~ separately and then ~~fixed~~ connected to the terminals

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**Article: m.25.3.c**

**P. 12**

**Proposal from: Italian Fencing Federation**

**Motivation:** During some national competitions in Italy were seized some breeches transformed from right handed to left handed or vice versa.

The practice is dangerous because the flap covering the zip is sewn in the opposite direction of the action and can be an obstacle for the tip, directing it towards a weak spot of the garment, the zipper.

The garments were seized as tampered because they violate Article t.73 of the technical rules. The brand and the pocket were moved on the other side.

Anyway it was realized that on the Material Rules there is no mention about the correct use of the jacket and the breeches for right or left handed.

**Proposal:**

In the Material Rules, in the art. m.25.3.c add after the second sentence:

The zippers of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the zippers in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).

**Rules Commission:** In favour – with the following modifications:

The ~~zippers~~ fastenings of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the ~~zippers~~ fastenings in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).

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**Article: m.25.3.h**

**P. 13**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to emphasize the prestige of being World champion or Olympic champion and make the holder of the title immediately recognizable, the Commission proposes to allow a different colour for the name printed on the back of the jacket:

- In red for the World Champion

- In gold for the Olympic Champion.

### **Proposal**

#### **m.25.3.h**

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

For the World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following additions:

For the Senior Individual World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Individual Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

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### **Article: m.32.4 and 5**

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#### **Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** It is a long time since we have used the mask wire where one end has been connected to the jacket with crocodile clip and another end with soldering to the mask.

#### **Proposal:**

Amended text:

#### **m.32.4**

The **electrical contact** between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white coloured 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 ~~another a~~ crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

#### **m.32.5**

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**Rules Commission:** In favour – with one extra deletion from m.32.5 because of repetition:

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**Article: Annex A**

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**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Material Rules Annex A page 2 there is already a section titled *Modification management*.

**Proposal:**

**Modification management:**

- 1) The homologation is valid for the duration specified in the technical handbooks as long as no modification is made to the equipment or its manufacturing process.
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In particular, if a manufacturer intends to change the material or the manufacturing of his FIE certified equipment, ~~he~~ **the manufacturer** must submit ~~it to~~ **for** a new homologation process and wait for the result.

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All the expenses and costs related to the homologation of the equipment (e.g. masks, blades, breeches, jackets, under-plastron), pistes and apparatus, software and video systems) are chargeable to the requester.

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**Rules Commission:** In favour

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#### **Article: Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity**

**P. 16**

#### **Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

**4.4.4.**

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission ~~who have obtained the most votes~~ do not include ~~at least two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender ~~who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes~~.



## Rules Commission

If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as candidates~~ been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

# FIE SEMI COMMISSION Meeting 28/29.6.19

## Bucharest Romania

Semen welcomed the Commissions Executive Member Jacek Bierkowski and the commission members who were all in attendance with the exception of Sarkis Assadourian who was SEMI Delegate at the Pan Am Zonals. Also present Evgeny Tsoukhlo Sport & Technical Director

### Item 1 PROPOSALS FOR 2019 CONGRESS

- **MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES**

**Proposal 3 from SEMI Commission** article t.18.1  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 4 from SEMI Commission** article t.18.3  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 10 from Executive Committee** article m.2  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 11 from SEMI Commission** article.18.3  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 12 from Italian Fencing Federation** article m.25.3.c  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR and suggest that m.25.6 relating to left and right handed gloves also amended by addition of wording that “the closure of the glove should be from the middle of the wrist upwards towards the thumb.”

**Proposal 14 from SEMI Commission** article m.32.4 and 5  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 15 from SEMI Commission** article Annex A Modification management  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 16 from Athletes Commission** article Annex B –C Sabre –b) sensitivity and regularity  
SEMI Commission NOT IN FAVOUR

### Additional Proposals

- a) **Request for urgent decision of Commex to implement as from 1 January 2020 all body wire plugs to be transparent**
- b) **Request for urgent decision of Commex to implement the mandatory use of Maraging Sabre blades from start of 20/21 season.**

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- **MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES**

**Proposal 4 from the Legal Commission** Gender representation on Commissions and Council  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

## **ITEM 2 – Blocking time at sabre & Introduction of mandatory use of maraging steel for Sabre blades**

After discussion the SEMI Commission decision was not to support the Athletes Commission proposal to change the blocking time at Sabre.

The SEMI Commission suggests that the use of Maraging Steel blades at Sabre becomes mandatory from start of 2020/21 season. This cannot be implemented before the Tokyo Olympic Games but the FIE should strongly recommend their use by the fencers as soon as possible. These blades would need to be homologated.

A further study of the flexibility of sabre blades and also the possible re-introduction of sensors should be undergone after which any changes to timings could be considered. It must be possible for the performance of any such sensors to be easily verified.

At the request of Evgeny Tsoukhlo, Ted Li is to try to arrange a visit of the American Company of Tulum to demonstrate their new systems of sensors and motion detectors for the timing of stopping and starting the bout.

## **ITEM 3 Sabre safety**

- **Report of meeting with manufacturers of sabre blades in Torun attached ANNEX 1**

Following an accident in Tashkent where an unbroken sabre blade penetrated through the fencers clothing her body and exited through her back again through the clothing. The blade and clothing were sent for testing. The blade was found to have a small crack and the clothing was within the specified limits.

Various ideas were considered in discussion with the manufacturers – would the use of maraging blades be helpful along with a change in the flexibility blades, or if an alternative steel could be found.

- A new test must be set up for the testing of maraging sabre blades to set the number of cycles required, also to take into account if there are any proposed changes in flexibility.
- At the Commission meeting Giandomenico Varallo was asked to see if he can find a suitable research facility perhaps with a University or Research Institute to develop tests to see if the present standards of clothing (800N) are still adequate for fencing with modern blades. Clothing with heavier resistance may not be compatible for fencing due to being too heavy and non-breathable.

Juliana Hui Lee Seow offered to see if there is any institute in Singapore that would be willing to do this research.

**ITEM 4** Giandomenico VARALLO gave his report on the activities of the Centre for Certification

**a) Table for each type of certified product**

The list of homologated items is ready and payment of fees is awaited before the system can go on FIE web site.

**b) In EUROPEAN CEN Standards for the manufacturer of fencing masks.**

The definition and description of the size of the aperture in the opening in the grill of the mesh is not shown correctly in the French wording. This has caused a problem with some of the Test Houses for homologation and they have not been able to complete the homologation for masks. Giandomenico Varallo has tried to ascertain what can be done to put pressure to correct the French wording. Giandomenico Varallo will talk to CEO and request the FIE officially request the translation is amended.

It may be possible to find an alternative Test House not using the French translation and is prepared to use the English language version which is correct.

**c) New test Laboratory BREDA**

BREDA to be added to the list of approved test houses

It is now able to carry out the required test for the homologation of blades and will be able to conduct the homologation tests for clothing next year.

**d) Transparent shell of Body wires**

A problem was observed that in certain circumstances it was impossible to make to hit on one sabre fencers target during matches. There was no obvious reason for this as all equipment appeared to be normal.

Giandomenico Varallo was asked to see if it was possible to make a device that could pass Weapon control but be capable of stopping the opponent from making a valid hit. Within 15 days he produced an effective system which was small enough to be housed inside the shell of the body wire. It consisted of a switch to cut the circuit to the lame jacket, this can be operated by radio remote control operated within a distance of 20 to 30 meters. This is a possible problem for the future and the easy solution is to make the shell of the body wire plug out of a transparent material so that the check can be made in the weapon control and call room.

It is hoped that for the World Championships in Budapest this July body wires with transparent plugs will be distributed to the fencers, these wires will be pre-checked before use.

URGENT DECISION REQUIRED TO MAKE TRANSPARENT BODYWIRE PLUGS MANDATORY FROM 1/1/2020

**e) Signalisation of Unwillingness to Fight**

After discussion with Rules commission and Evgeny Tsoukhlo Sport & Technical Director, it was decided that the mandatory implementation of the signalisation on the scoring machine of the minute U2F and the display of the P cards will be delayed until after Tokyo Olympic Games. It may also become a future requirement that the scoring of a hit will be automatically blocked at the end of the 1min U2F time.

Generally the apparatus will require hardware changes not just software. Consideration could also be made to include the number of video challenges remaining on the scoring apparatus.

**f) Certification centre**

315 Pistes carpet have been homologated this year generating 3150 euros in income

1 new Glove manufacturer

2 new Chinese manufacturers

1 Ukrainian manufacturer

Decathlon – a large multi-sport international company

**g) Quality of equipment from manufacturers after homologation**

Giandomenico Varallo expressed concerns about maintain quality of equipment after initial homologation.

**ITEM 5 Australian Wireless System**

This was suggested for use at the Tokyo Olympics. It had been tested in several competitions in North and South America and Europe but when used in Torun for the Junior and Cadet World Championships the system did not work for any of the three weapons. There was a problem with a very high electromagnetic field. So this system is not usable for the Olympic Games in Tokyo. The manufacturers will seek to find a solution for this problem.

**ITEM 6 Weapon Control Major Events and SEMI DELEGATES**

In Torun long delays were experienced by fencers with the weapon control. It is suggested that in the forthcoming World Championships to be held in Budapest that the submission time for equipment control is as follows.

Submissions 08.00 hrs to 13.00hrs

Collections 14.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs

It is necessary for the following requirements for Weapon Control should be specified in the rules or Technical Handbooks

- Dimensions of Weapon Control Room
- Number and Type of Control Testing Equipment
- Secure Marking systems for passed clothing and equipment
- Number of Trained Technicians
- Number of Volunteers
- Schedule for submissions and collection

Due to the increased number of systems that requiring checking, the work required in both the initial Weapon Control and the Call Room and the need for a member of the SEMI to be on or near the field of play it is sometimes difficult to perform all the required duties with just 3 Delegates and it would be useful if the number of SEMI Delegates for Senior and Junior/Cadet World Championships was increased to 4.

**ITEM 7 Manufacturers marks on clothing**

Giandomenico Varallo informed the meeting that he will have a meeting with the PP Commission regarding the ruling the additional manufacturers names on the collar of the jackets. If required this can be covered with white tape.

**Item 8 Restructuring of FIE Rule book (Material Rules)**

The rescheduling of the Material Rules sections of the FIE Rule Book is continuing Steve Higginson Head of Rules Commission explained the rescheduling of material rules and has worked with Giandomenico Varallo and Janet Huggins of the SEMI and FIE CEO Nathalie Rodriguez. At present there are two versions, the first keeps the Annexes separate and the second moves the items from the Annexes into the main body of the material rules. The intention is to have a further meeting in the September 2019.

**ITEM 9 Report from Jacek BIERKOWSKI on preparation for Tokyo 2020**

Preparations for the Olympic Games in Tokyo are progressing well. The fencing venue will seat 8,000 and is in the same areas as the other Martial Arts. The finals platform will be in one area only not a cross as in Rio. Weapon control will be tested at the test event. 18 Pistes will be provided for training.

Atsushi HARINISHI will be in charge of the Weapon Control and Call Room and will arrange training for the staff and volunteers before the event.

The score machines and equipment will be Allstar/Omega

#### **ITEM 11 SEMI Commission Documents on the FIE Web site**

Many of the SEMI documents on the web site could be tidied up or updated.

Gamil Elzeftawi suggested how to reorganising the documents on the web site into categories and combine documents where possible

Gamil Elzeftawi, Ted Li, Giandomenico Varallo and Janet Huggins will start updating.

#### **Item 12 Proposals for Congress 2021 from Sarkis Assadourian**

Marking of equipment in Weapon Control

- a) Use of tamperproof security cable ties for marking equipment at weapon control as an alternative to ink stamping was suggested. It would be essential that these cable ties are tamperproof and the cost and dimensions and numbers required is to be investigated by Sarkis Assadourian. After discussion the Commission agreed this was not a practical suggestion.
- b) Against use of conductive paint it is very expensive and the application of existing rules the surface must be conductive this is the responsibility of the fencer.

New Fastening System for Masks

The new fastening system for masks especially when retrofitted on existing masks should be done by the original manufacturer or their approved agent. It would be useful if the manufacturers put their logo on the interior of the strap.

A reminder letter to be sent to the manufacturers, about the requirement the correct fixing to the body of the mask.

#### **ITEM 13 Proposals for Congress 2021 from Ted Li**

- a) Epee Gauge Tolerances

M.19.4.a. - The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.

Proposal: The tolerance on the epee gauges should be +0.05 mm

Rationale: With modern machining techniques, very accurate milling can be done.

If the current specification is retained the standards are, in effect, 0.45 mm-0.55 mm, and 1.45 mm-1.55 mm. The minimum should be fixed at 0.50 mm and 1.50 mm, with only a positive tolerance.

After discussion SEMI Commission in FAVOUR

- b) Foil Tip Tape Tolerance

M.13.1 - **The body of the button and the foil blade for a length of 15 cm from the button must be entirely covered with insulating material (insulating tape, gummed paper, Sellotape, plastic material or varnish).**

Proposal: The wording be changed to "for a length of 15 cm +/- 1cm." SEMI Commission in FAVOUR

c) Foucault Eddy Current Tests

**M.42.2.g** - In the world championships and Olympic Games the control of blades by Foucault current is mandatory.

**Proposal:** The Foucault Eddy Current test be eliminated.

After discussion SEMI Commission will continue to use the Eddy Current machines as presently it is the best test available system for use in competition situations.

d) **M.20.2: Only solder of very easily melted tin, used with a soldering iron, to prevent the tip from coming loose, is authorised.**

**Proposal:** Eliminate this provision.

**Rationale:** There are other methods of preventing the tips of foils and epees from loosening while still being electrically conductive: e.g., use of plumber's packing tape, various locking compounds (e.g., Loctite®)

SEMI Commission in favour

e) **M.25.3.h:** The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

**Proposal:** eliminate "and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide", or modify to "and to a maximum of 1.5 cm wide"

**Rationale:** There are some names which are so long that the 1 cm minimum width is inappropriate

SEMI Commission in Favour

f) **M.25.5.a: The breeches must be fastened below the knees.**

**Proposal:** define what "breeches" are

**Rationale:** If "breeches" includes long trousers, does this rule mean that long trousers must be fastened at the ankle?

SEMI Commission no change

g) **M.28.4: The conductive collar must have a minimum height of 3 cm**

**Proposal:** eliminate the requirement that metallic jackets and vests have conductive collars.

**Rationale:** The collars of metallic jackets and vests are covered by the masks, with conductive bibs.

SEMI Commission no change

h) **M.28.8: For compliance of the T-shirt's electrical resistance with a wireless manufacturer's requirements,**

**Proposal:** Make this rule more inclusive of wireless scoring systems, rather than just for StM's

**Rationale:** As wireless technology improves, there will be more systems which may or may not rely upon the use of the conductive t-shirt.

SEMI Commission move to StM Requirements

i) **M.32.3:** The trim may also be made of conductive material.

**Proposal:** Eliminate this statement

**Rationale:** M.32.2 includes a statement about the trim: "The bib and any trim must be entirely covered with conductive material"

SEMI Commission in Favour of removal

j) **M.48.2:** Every approved apparatus must carry, on its base, a metallic plate identifying its specific characteristics: manufacturer, year of manufacture, model, technical information, etc.

**Proposal:** eliminate this requirement

**Rational:** If an apparatus has been homologated, and checked at the competition venue, this is unnecessary.

SEMI Commission retain rule no change

**M.54.1:** Before every World Championship or Olympic Games, it is suggested that a delegate of the SEMI Commission checks the proper working of the apparatuses and that they conform to the type registered. This is independent of the registration of the type of apparatus mentioned above (cf. m.52).



**Proposal:** Change “a delegate of the SEMI Commission must check . . .” to “it is suggested that a delegate of the SEMI Committee check . . .”

**Rationale:** The SEMI Committee delegates usually arrive at the competition venue with insufficient time to check the “proper working of [all] the apparatuses to be used” and are not equipped with the testing equipment. As the SEMI Commission do not have the appropriate test equipment this requirement should only be a suggestion.

SEMI Commission do not have the necessary equipment to carry out these checks

- k) M.57.4-10: Pistes used in the World Championships and in the Olympic Games must be tested before competition  
by SEMI Commission Delegates using the Slip-Meter.

The specifications of the Slip-Meter must fulfil the specifications defined in the homologation manual.

**Proposal:** See proposal for M.54.1 above.

**Rationale:** See rationale for M.54.1 above. Question: Are there published technical specifications for traction and shock absorption?

SEMI Commission do not have the necessary equipment to carry out these checks

- l) M.59.1.c: **The extension lamps signalling valid hits are coloured, one red, the other green, and they should if possible be of 150 watts.**

**Proposal:** The intensity of the lamps should be expressed in lumens, rather than wattage.

**Rationale:** Repetition/extension lamps now use LEDs rather than incandescent or halogen bulbs.

SEMI Commission in FAVOUR correct rating and range to be determined

- m) M.59.2.a: **The white lights indicating non-valid hits need be of only 75 watts.**

**Proposal:** The intensity of the lamps should be expressed in lumens, rather than wattage.

**Rationale:** Repetition/extension lamps now use LED's rather than incandescent or halogen bulbs.

SEMI Commission in FAVOUR correct rating and range to be determined

- n) M.59.2.b: **The two lamps of the same group must not be further apart than 15 cm and each group must be at least 50 cm from the other.**

**Proposal:** “at least 50 cm from the other” should be eliminated. This rule may be eliminated as it may be covered by M.60.3.

**Rationale:** Given the existence of large LED panels, the separation of the different colored lights is not necessary for a referee to distinguish between them.

SEMI Commission in FAVOUR to delete

- o) M.59.4: **Lamps recording the number of hits scored may not be located alongside the extension lamps.**

**Proposal:** Change to “Displays recording the number of hits scored, the remaining fencing time, and other pertinent bout information should be in colors distinctly different from red, green or white. This rule may be eliminated as it may be covered by M.60.3.

**Rationale:** Given the advances in display technology (e.g., LED and OLED panels), more information is being displayed on scoring apparatuses.

SEMI Commission in favour to delete

- p) M.60.2: **Light indicators recording the number of hits scored by each fencer are obligatory.**

**Proposal:** Change “Light indicators” to “Displays.” This rule may be eliminated as it may be covered by M.60.3.

**Rationale:** “Light indicators” seems to reflect the old technology where multiples of lamps indicated the hits scored by each fencer.

SEMI Commission in favour to delete

- q) M.60.3: ~~For World Championship and Grand Prix finals and Masters Zonal Championships, it is obligatory to make use of a display board of the type shown in the drawing in Annexe C, providing instantaneous information on the fencers’ names, the score, the time and other matters necessary for a good understanding of the bout.~~

**Proposal:** Add “zonal championships” and possibly “A Grade finals”

**Rationale:** Zonal championships are a direct path to World Championships and Olympic Games

SEMI Commission in favour and remove drawing from Annex C

- r) ~~M.60.4: This score board must, if possible, be used for A Grade finals as well.~~

**Proposal:** Eliminate “if possible.” If “A grade finals” are added to M.560.3, then this rule can be eliminated.

**Rationale:** Scoring apparatuses, as defined in M.60.3, are becoming cheaper and more readily available.

SEMI Commission in favour to delete

- s) **Additional Proposal: an addition to T.18.4**

**Proposal:** The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be a minimum of 1 meter where recommend where possible a distance of 1.5 meters.

**Rationale:** Currently, there is no specification for how far the scoring table is from the edge of the piste. Conventionally, the minimum distance has been 1.0 meter, a distance which does not allow a fencer to safely fleche, nor does it provide security for the scoring apparatus.

SEMI Commission in favour

#### ITEM 14 Experimental Licenses – Ted Li

During past SEMI administrations, “experimental licenses” were issued for innovative technologies (*e.g.*, metalized plastic mesh used in the Infinity conductive jackets; the “bikini cut” foil conductive jackets). Are these licenses still valid, and, if so, for how long do they last?

No longer issued and equipment must comply with current rules.

#### ITEM 15 Allocations of SEMI Delegates for 2019/2020 Season

OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO - JPN

Semen RIKHTMAN – Giandomenico VARALLO – Gudjon GESTSSON

SALT LAKE CITY – USA

Junior and Cadet World Championships

Gamil ELZEFTAWI – Maria Wilda EBERL LOPES - Juliana Hui Lee SEOW

POREC - CRO

VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Janet HUGGINS

## Report of meeting with the manufacturers of sabre blade

Torun, April 8th 2019

### Present:

- ✓ Emmanuel Katsiadakis, FIE Secretary General
- ✓ Jacek Bierkowski- FIE Comex Member, Chairman of Working Group
- ✓ Evgeny Tsoukhlo, FIE Sport and Technical Director
- ✓ Semen Rikhtman, President of the SEMI Commission
- ✓ Gamil Elzeftawi, SEMI Commission Member
- ✓ Pascal Tesch, FIE Comex Member – guest

### Absent

- ✓ Giandomenico Varallo - absent justified

COMPANY	NAME	COUNTRY
ALLSTAR	Frank Messemer	Germany
StM	Makarychenko Andrey + 2	Ukraine
FRANCHINI	Franchini Alberto	Italy
DYNAMO	Pavel Menikov +3	Ukraine
LP	Ben Paul	UK
BLAISE-FRERES	Martine MOULIN , Daniel CHEYNET	France
UHLMANN	Uwe GRETZINGER	Germany
PBT	Orsolya Kovacs	Hungary

### Absents

Gary Lu – ABSOLUTE FENCING, Michele Negrini – NEGRINI, (they were invited):

Presentation of the last accident with a broken sabre blade -Tashkent in November 2018 - expertise, tests, opinions, etc. SEMI commission presents the suggestions for consideration during this meeting: the flexibility of blades, the shape of the tip, the shape of the blade, type of steel, develop a sabre sensor.

Representatives of producers presented their opinions and proposals:

**(LP, Franchini)** Improvements at the test: Foucault currents (Eddy Current) and magnetic inspection. The Eddy current check only inspects the surface, not the blade in depth. To do that, a magnetic inspection should be carried out, that allows to see the blade inside till to 2-3 millimetres depth. An advantage of magnetic inspection is that it can be used to check every kind of blades, regardless if they are maraging or non-maraging. The Eddy current test is slightly more complicated compared to the magnetic inspection, but still it allows to easily see a line. The Eddy current test should be performed by the manufacturers. It is necessary to determine the tolerance and which is the minimum depth that can be accepted.

Leon Paul observes that the high cost is an imaginary problem because according to the statistics a carbon steel blade breaks every 20 matches, so if a fencer has to buy 50 blades in one year, he ends up spending more in carbon steel blades than if he/she buys a maraging blade. The use of maraging steel blades is not the perfect solution but the best that we have at the moment

**Franchini** proposes immediate actions - improving the checks with induced currents during the competitions weapon control by introducing degree of superficial defect size on the blade by special portal machine called DEFECTOMETR. He informed that a possible solution could be the adoption of a new material that has similar mechanical properties to maraging but it is much less expensive, as its cost is 8 € per kg rather than 40 €/kg. UNS S17400 steel could be an alternative to maraging steel presenting similar features, easier to find on the market and at much lower cost.

**(BF)** It is crucial to check the blade, but it is even more crucial to make blades that are less vulnerable as possible, that means that a blade must match a set of parameters, in order to be considered a good blade.

The way blades are designed makes them fragile as the minimum impact can lead to a break inside. A carbon steel blade is the most sensitive one and weakens easily. At a certain point Blaise Frères stopped the production of sabre blades (10 years ago) because the ones in carbon steel were too fragile and the market was not yet ready for the maraging.

Concerning the weapons' control, the position of Blaise Frères is aligned with the one expressed:

- The control with the Foucault current only inspects the surface of the blade.
- Flexibility must be increased as today e.g. to 8 cm (the blades are too hard today)
- The tip must be softened
- A slightly different shape for sabre blades is proposed. If it is decided to adopt maraging blades at sabre, the costs might be problematic as the maraging steel is by far more expensive than carbon-steel, but it has greater breakage strength.

**Frank Messemer** confirmed that when the decision was made, not to use maraging blades for sabre, the reason was precisely because sabre is supposed to be a cut weapon. Fencers make a lot of hits with the point, this is why there is an increase in the number of incidents and broken blades. To solve the situation there is possibility of change in the blades. In that case, the first step is adopting maraging steel for sabre blades. The statistics for foil and epee blade shows that it is possible to reduce from 60% to 80% the incidents as maraging blades break much later and up to 5 times less than carbon-steel blades.

We believe that the main question that needs answering is the time scale of any changes. Will any changes in the rules be made before the Tokyo Olympics? If not then the only options I can see for the next year are:

- Adding Magnetic Particle Inspection MPI of blades at some competitions. This could be done on suspect blades;
- Checking the blades respect the current rules in shape, dimension and stiffness.
- Education: Sending out safety information to the fencers and coaches about how to check the blades for security.
- Manufacturers to confirm blades are within regulation stiffness and shape and thickness.

It would be important to receive the opinion of the fencers concerning the impact and the feeling of the impact, so they should be involved in the discussion. We know that fencers prefer the carbon steel blade, but we have to prioritize safety.

One of the causes of accidents may be the fencing uniform. The question is: does 800 NW still fulfil FIE requirements in 2019? 800 NW uniform already applied 20 years ago. But with the speed & power of the existing actions, does still 800 NW fulfil the requirements? FIE and all manufactures to look ahead and check if 800 NW still matches our requirements despite the change of speed and force.

Last thing but important: if someone is injured during the fencing bout the lawyers could ask: why is maraging steel mandatory in foil and epee but not sabre.

We do not have the answer to that question and we are not sure that the FIE would want to expose itself to this risk.

Recapitulation. At the end of the meeting, the present producers and sellers were asked what is the best solution at the moment to ensure safety in using sabre blade. Companies: BF, Franchini, Leon Paul, Allstar, Uhlmann and PBT said that only steel maraging, at the same time testing a new type of steel, for example UNS S17400.

Jacek Bierkowski

FIE Comex Member, Chairman of Working Group

## **MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date: 28 JUNE - 29 JUNE 2019**

**Venue: Crowne Plaza Bucharest**

**Time: 9h 00 – 18 h 00**

### **1. WELCOME**

The President of the Coaching Council welcomes everybody at the FIE Coaches Council meeting. The agenda for the meeting was circulated. G. Tyshler thanked all members present for making it possible to meet during the preparation period for the World Championship in Budapest, Hungary.

### **1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

#### **Present:**

Coaches

TYSHLER Gennady – RSA

MARCELIN Stephane – FRA

BENCE SZABO – Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative

SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge – ARG

SZEPESI Laszlo – HUN

WANG Haibin – CHN

CIPRESSA Andrea – ITA

PAVLOVITCH Vladislav – RUS

#### **Apologies:**

LEE Hyun-Soo – KOR

MASSIALAS Gregory – USA

AOKI Yusuke – JPN

### 1.3 Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative,

BENCE SZABO, reported on the FIE executive committee meetings, during 2018 - 2019. Additionally, B. SZABO gave the report of his visit to FIE Coaching academy in Johannesburg. He was satisfied with the work of the academy and expressed his confidence in this FIE project. Johannesburg is a good placing for FIE Coaching Academy.

At the same time B. Szabo thinks that FIE needs to establish the coaching Academy in Asia and Central America. **Coaching council supports this idea.**

G. Tyshler gave a short report on the work of the coaching council. The Council had its last meeting a year ago in June 2018. Unfortunately, the council did not have meetings in Wuxi and Torun. There are two reasons for that. The first reason is that the coaches are busy during the competition and the second, is that Council did not have matters that needed urgent decisions.

### 1.4 FIE working groups

G. Tyshler gave the report on the work of FIE working groups for new wireless device and sabre rules proposed changes. Council members discussed the reports and watched the video presentation.

#### **Coaching council proposal.**

**Before new scoring boxes (wireless scoring boxes, scoring boxes with new regulations) will be approved by FIE for official competitions, manufactures should give 2 boxes to each top 5 fencing countries teams for testing.**

## 2. Proposals for the 2019 Congress

Couching Council has discussed the proposals and has stated its opinions on the matters. Separate document attached to the minutes with council opinions.

## 3. FIE fencing calendar

FIE Sport Director, Evgeny Tshlo presented to Coaching Council new structure for the fencing calendar. During the long discussion the following main points for creating the fencing calendar were established:

- **World championship should me organised in the middle to the end of July**



- **Zonal Championship should be organised 1 month before World championship, but must finished 30 days before the start of World championship.**
- **Men and Women International FIE competitions should be organised in one place during the period of 4 days**
- **Junior FIE competitions can start at the end of September and senior competitions can start at the end of October**

**4. Proposals of Vladislav Pavlovitch and Guillermo Sausedo.**

Proposals were connected with the different rules interpretation. Council had a discussion on a rules.

**Decision:**

**Coaching Council support the idea of creation of “Digital Rules”. Important points of fencing rules should be filmed and photographed to avoid different opinions and interpretations.**

**5. General discussion**

Coaching council support the motion on women representation in committees and councils but selection and appointment cannot happen automatically. Minimum qualification standards should be created for all members of FIE Committees and Councils.

Coaching Council will take part in selection of fencers and coaches for the FIE training camps.

Coaching Council proposing that special committee should be created for selecting the best referee of the year. Committee should consist of members of different FIE committees.

**CONCLUSION**

Dr. G. Tyshler thanked everybody for the work done. Draft 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.

29.06.2019





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## Proposals for the 2019 Congress

### Modifications of the Rules

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#### Article: t.50.3

#### Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

#### Motivation:

#### Proposal

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible. Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

#### Coaches Council:

**IN FAVOR**

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#### Article: t.55

#### Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

#### **Background:**

- a) Proposal of the Refereeing Commission in 2018:

**Annulment of a hit**

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**t.55**

1. The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

b) Proposal as amended by the Rules Commission in 2018 and voted by the Congress:

**t.55**

***Annulment of a hit***

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started before the word 'Play!' or after the word 'Halt!' (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object other than the opponent or his equipment.

2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.

c) **Article t.78 (foil), mentioned in the motivation:**

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf t.79).

**Proposal**

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Coaches Council:**

**IN FAVOUR**

**Article: t.62**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitration.

**Proposal:**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

**Coaches Council:**

## IN FAVOUR

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**Article: t.124**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**1 Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~

e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

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When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

b) ~~The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification.~~ In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

## IN FAVOUR

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**Article:** m.2

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**Proposal from:** Executive Committee

**Motivation:** This proposal is linked to the meeting of the SEMI Commission with the manufacturers following incidents at sabre.

**Proposal:**

*General description*

**m.2**

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

1. A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted). *At all three weapons, the use of maragen steel blades is obligatory.*

**Application:** TBD.

**Coaches Council:**

**IN GENERAL COACHING COUNCIL SUPPORT THE DECISION, BUT STATISTICS OF USE MARAGEN AND NOT MARAGEN BLADES SHOULD BE RECORDED AND ANALYSED. TESTING PROSEDURES AND REGULATIONS SHOULD BE CREATED.**

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**Article:** Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity

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**Proposal from:** Athletes Commission

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

**Coaches Council:**

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**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

4.4.4.

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission ~~who have obtained the most votes~~ do not include ~~at least two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender ~~who have obtained the greatest number of votes~~ and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as candidates~~ been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities ~~of the other gender~~ with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Coaches Council:**

## IN FAVOR

**BUT MINIMUM PROFFESIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE CREATED FOR NOMINATING THE CANDIDATES. FOR EXAMPLE – PROFFESIONAL DIPLOMA IN THE FIELD, 10 OR 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, ETC.**

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**Article: 9.1.2 b)**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris, MH**

**Motivation:** Licensing of Coaches. It is necessary to add coaches and other persons traveling to official FIE competitions for the purpose of security at events and for the accumulation of statistical data to support the development work of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.2 b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, ~~Councils and Ethics Committee~~ of the FIE;



- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~
- All A or B referees of the FIE; ~~and~~
- All coaches and other persons wishing to be permitted to be on the field of play at an official competition of the FIE.

**Coaches Council:**

## **NOT IN FAVOUR**

**EVERY PERSON AT THE COMPETITION GOT THE ACREDITATION. IF SOME OF THE COMPETITIONS RUN WITHOUT ACREDITATION, FIE SHOULD INCLUDE ACREDITATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL FIE COMPETITIONS**

# Minutes of the FAIR PLAY COUNCIL MEETING 28-29 June 2019

## Bucharest, Romania

Present:

Velichka Hristeva VH  
 Bert M.J. van de Flier BF  
 Kasymov Osmanzhan KO  
 Eyyad Maghayreh EM  
 Nigora K. Karimova NK  
 Zuleidis Ortiz Puente ZP

Absent:

Kyung Mi Han KMH  
 Jean Michel Lucenay JML  
 Ali Toumi Dhw ATD ( due to visa refusal)  
 David Munguia Payes  
 (DMP)

<p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening by the President</li> <li>2. Incoming mails</li> <li>3. Eventual adding additional points to agenda</li> <li>4. Minutes of last meeting</li> <li>5. Evaluation of candidates for Fair Play Award</li> <li>6. Discussion of the timing of Fair Play council meetings</li> <li>7. Differentiation of Fair Play awards</li> <li>8. Fair Play awareness: collaboration with PP commission</li> <li>9. Miscellaneous</li> </ol>	
<p><b>1. Opening by the President</b></p> <p>The 4th Fair Play Council meeting took place on 28-29.06.2019 in Bucharest, Romania whereas following was discussed:</p> <p>The meeting was opened at 11.30 am by BF.</p>	

<p><b>2. Incoming emails</b></p> <p>There were no incoming mails.</p>	
<p><b>3. Eventual adding of additional points to agenda.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to discuss with the PP commission on actions in order to create more exposure for Fair Play awareness. ( ref.p.9 in the agenda)</p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes of last year meeting</b></p> <p>Unanimously confirmed</p>	
<p><b>5. Discussion of the timing of Fair Play council meetings</b></p> <p>Given the fact, that annual Council and Commissions meetings take place before World Championships; it creates challenges for the Fair Play council to evaluate the Fair Play during World Championships.</p> <p>In this regard, the Fair Play council proposes to hold the Fair Play council meeting immediately after the last World Championship/Olympic Games, instead of before; which allows Fair Play council to evaluate the full range of candidates for the fencing year.( sept – sept )</p>	
<p><b>6. Fair Play awareness: collaboration with PP commission</b></p> <p>The council has the impression that it is possible to improve awareness for Fair Play activities by better use of social media, ie. FIE webpage, Facebook, Instagram, etc.</p> <p>In connection to that, a meeting with the PP Commission was arranged on 29.06.2019, whereas following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fair Play council shall have its own section on FIE.org, like Safe Sport, Referees, etc.</li> <li>- Fair Play activities, as example of acts of Fair Play , awards, etc shall be provided by the Council to the PP Commission for further publication on FIE.org, digital journal etc.</li> <li>- Fair Play Council shall provide the text to announce Fair Play activities during the World Championships in Budapest, July 2019, in order for the</li> </ul>	

<p>PP commission together with organisers to communicate this to the audience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The FIE official Facebook page can be used to promote Fair Play activities, as it gives broader exposure.</li> <li>- Fair Play Council shall provide a description of "What is Fair Play?"</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Miscellaneous: Action plans.</b> Regarding our activities at the World Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The CIFP President (Jeno Kamuti) agreed to have a CIFP stand during the whole period of the World Championships in Budapest free of charge.</li> <li>- The Council discussed the best way to obtain information about Fair Play acts during the World Championships, and following was decided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fair Play forms will be distributed to the fencing family</li> <li>b. There will be voting boxes for forms to collect</li> <li>c. KO shall collect all the forms and share them with members of the Council latest 28.07.2019</li> <li>d. A video conference to discuss possible candidates is planned for 09.08.2019 at 17.00 CET.</li> <li>e. The final list of nominees for Fair Play awards will be sent to the ComEx and the FIE office by 15.08.2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Proposal 4 by the Legal Commission: Fair Play Council: Was unanimously in favour in proposing to make the <u>gender representation in Commissions equal to those that are in use at the Executive Committee, Councils and Committees.</u></p>	

Bucharest June 30, 2019



Bert M.J. van de Flier  
President

**WOMEN & FENCING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 30 – August 1, 2019**  
**Bucharest, Romania**

**AGENDA & PROGRAM**

**Convened at** – 11:25 hours

**Present:** Stacey Johnson  
Helen Smith  
Therese Salvador  
Ahmed Gana  
Mirani Fernades  
Veena Gunput  
Evelyn Halls  
Yuko Kato  
Marilee Estampador

1. Introductions & taking the pulse from members – solicit from the Council any other key areas of focus/desired outcomes/agenda items for the meeting and prioritize with those items already prepared for in the agenda.
  - a. Update from Marilee about IOC Women’s meeting in Lausanne in April
    - Bottom line is that there is still not concrete change in the IFs. There are some statistics and programmes but still no marked improvements in the majority of the IFs on equality gains, especially in terms of governance.
    - Something to think about for 2024: influence IOC Exec Comm to actually increase women in governance in the IOC Charter
2. Updates on Key Actions
  - a. Increase women’s participation in FIE Commissions to 30% - Stacey presented the Legal Commission’s proposal in the Statutes, as follows:

**Proposal**

**4.4.4**

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least two members 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of either one of the genders has ~~offered herself/himself as candidates~~ been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

The Women and Fencing Council is **in favour** of the proposal.

- b. SafeSport – Georgina gave her update and insights on the Safeguarding programme
  - Georgina and Sam safeguarding officers during WJCFC: the approach was: wrote report on reports presented to them. Report covered specific incidents; recommendations on training competition staffs, etc.;
  - Supervisor cannot be safeguarding officer but must be aware of the procedures; exposes them to risks associated to that
  - Prepared an easy to use “Guide to Being Safeguarding Officer” – (knowing when/where/how to stop so as not to jeopardize the process) : important to know the procedures
  - Training on Sunday
  - Council’s role: change (improve) the culture of fencing - Advocate for more training; make recommendations to improve the FIE Code of Conduct; make all members of the FIE knowledgeable (IOC website); All World Cups need safeguarding officer; help ensure NFs have the information
  - Request Presidents of Confederations to actively push safeguarding in their Zones
  - Organizers should also include a Local Welfare Officer who has knowledge and understanding of the local laws (to become part of 2024 agenda)
- c. Leadership Training update: Based on Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Jan. 2019) letter to Stacey Johnson
  - Olympic Solidarity funding: Check for the possibility of working with French Federation (would need cooperation with NOC)
  - Find out if the IOC Women’s Commission can come up with funding for more Leadership Training for IF’s, Federations, etc.
  - Collective approach with other sports
  - Touch base with IOC on how to get funding for Leadership Training (few days before Congress) Stacey and Evelyn to go to Lausanne if possible a few days early to re-brand Leadership Training program. Stacey to find out if Evelyn can get funding for the trip to Lausanne
- 3. Maximize participation of women in all areas – updates about ***coaching, refereeing, and technical*** development updates- A. Gana; M. Estampador; H. Smith; G. Usher, E. Hall.

**Coaching:**

The Council will continue send letters to President and Secretary Generals to support FIE coaching courses for women:

Ahmed reported on the Coaches Academy in Algeria: 14 men and 4 women (2 Ivory Coast + 2 Algeria). The problem is that women find it difficult to allocate so much time. Coaching Courses are longer which makes it more difficult for women to participate for the training. As for the Coaching Academy in South Africa: 2 women out of 9 (1 Nigeria, 1 Trinidad and Tobago) .

Mirani reported that in Brazil there's been a change in the structure of delivery: 3-levels per weapon, it will take 2 years to do all weapons. Also trying to bring in more women.

Melissa though was absent sent a report on statistics on the Coaching Courses in Pan America:

2017 Epee and Sabre – 16 women out of 83

2018 Foil and Sabre - 15 out of 65

In Oceania: Coaching Course 2018-19 – 6 out of 28

Georgina mentioned that there's a Proposal for FIE Licensing to come up with a licensing system to monitor who coaches athletes in competitions. It was also suggested that funding be requested to send female coaches to FIE competitions to train (shadowing).

It has been observed that more female coaches are coming out:

In Europe both Estonia and Spain bring female coaches to World Cups, Austria has 1 female coach.

In Asia during the last Zonal Championships in Japan: Japan, China, Philippines, Singapore, Australia, Vietnam had female coaches.

In Budapest in 2018 there were 8 out of 22.

### **Refereeing:**

Therese presented the statistics on referees, which showed no significant growth in statistics in terms of female referees against male (see attached).

Therese will also look at the reports to the Exec Committee and go through the reports and the data generated from these.

Check annual report on referee assignments in FIE events over a period of time – possibly up to 12 years.

Hidden *systemic blocks* to licensing referees also will be explored. For example in the European Fencing Confederation, referees must be assessed in 5 competitions in a period of 2 years instead of 3 which it previously was.

### **Technical (D.T):**

In Pan American Games 3 out of 6 DT members were women  
In the 2018 Asian Games 2 out of 3 DT members were women  
World Junior and Senior Championships: in 2018-and 2019 only 1 woman DT member for each.

**It is notable to mention that in South America there are now 5 women federation Presidents.**

Some Council achievements: 2017-2018:

1. Increase quota of 30% in the Comex and Councils; improved governance
2. Helped move safe sport forward
3. Increased number of female Presidents
4. Appointment of Marilee to the IOC Communications Commission; submission of IOC Women and Sport Trophy submittal; IOC - AISOF meeting representation
5. In terms of Communication: Social media Aug 2017- Oct 2018 reached 50,000; Oct 2018-June 2019 reached 20,000

Concerns:

1. Women's image – more professional marketing imaging
4. Discussion about goals and objectives for 2024

### **2024 Objectives**

1. Influence IOC Executive Committee to support IOC Charter to increase from 20% to 30%
2. All World Cups to provide safeguarding officers (can be local organizers person)
3. Request confederations to appoint safeguarding officers at zonal events
4. Make recommendations to improve or enhance safeguarding obligations in FIE Code of Conduct
5. Rebrand leadership training program
6. Request funding for female coaches shadowing program at FIE major events
7. Explore hidden systemic barriers to licensing officials (referee pathways / EFC);
8. Identify candidates for IOC Women and Sports Trophy. Create a list in advanced.
9. Conduct an active research for equality survey
10. Engage more with Athletes Commission
11. Encourage education and training to help us achieve equity
12. Engage more with Communication, Marketing and Promotion Commission to clarify image and communication
  - A. social media messages engagement
  - B. materials / tools to communicate safeguarding in zonals
  - C. what it is and why we are introducing it?
13. Support sustainability efforts

Propaganda Commission came to visit the Council to ask how they can help in promoting what we want to communicate. No clear marketing/communication strategy from the FIE. Important to



agree on the language/tone/images to use in branding for our sport. Stacey suggested having support from Propaganda in changing to a new name.

Nina Lalovic from the FIE communications team mentioned that they would appreciate if we could send materials that we want published, whether about athletes, referees, etc. Make sure to provide complete information.

While brainstorming on the new name for the Council, the following keywords came about:

- more inclusion
- culture change
- empowering
- diversity
- equality
- acceptance
- equity
- globalization
- universality
- create a web
- respect
- integration
- transparency
- participation
- development
- welcoming
- communication
- embracing
- goal setting
- encouragement
- education
- solidarity
- leadership

Reasons given for the name change were the following:

- Too restrictive
- Pigeon holes us as women only focused
- Natural evolution / world has changed
- Don't want to exclude others
- Need for "social justice" and human rights

Some of the more compelling reasons were:

- Isolates women\*
- IOC advises IFs not to use "title of women..."\*
- Needs to be more inclusive\*

Names we've seen through our research:

- Diversity (invited to the party) and inclusion (asked to dance)\*\*
- Sense of belonging

Need to consider what might work best to prevail with FIE Congress audience  
Equity and Inclusion\*\*  
Equity and Development\*\*

What do we want to focus on?

1. Development of women
2. Emerging and under represented groups/people(?)\*\*\*
  - a. Governance\*
  - b. Development of referees/coaches/technical\*
  - c. Develop leadership

The meeting was adjourned by 5:15

**Saturday, June 29,**  
**9am – 10 a.m.**

Discussions started at 9:20

1. Continuation on the discussion about achievements, goals and objectives 2020-2024

Suggestions on the Council's name change:

Diversity and Inclusion

Recognition and Development

Equity Council – IOC\*\*\* (easier to sell and to understand)

Equity and Inclusion

Integration

Equity, Culture and Inclusion

Yuko suggested it might be better to discuss our objective/charge first to come up with a more appropriate name.

***Women's Council Charge:***

Preamble: Opening the door wider to opportunity for:

- Development of coaches, referees and technical
- Development of leaders for elective process

Evelyn mentioned that it might be good to think of our end goal to aid us in formulating our charge.

- Create a community that encourages the diverse fencing community where every person feels valued and has the opportunity to add value.
- Strive to foster a culture of respect in our sport that is diverse, inclusion and accessible
- To ensure equal opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Support safeguarding program
- Support education and training to help us achieve equity

With the charge better defined we asked ourselves this question:

Should we change the name from *Women & Fencing* to *FIE Equity Council*?

Elena Murdaca joined us and was briefed on the Council's proposal to change the name and 2024 Objectives for the next group.

Stacey asked Ahmed to think of anything that could strengthen the structure in the Coaching who said that he tried to contact all federation and encourage to send women and in the end 2 came.

**Therese gave her presentation on Sustainability.**

Elena is happy to learn about The Council's interest in sustainability as she feels very strongly about this issue and is happy that there are other councils interested in this. She even represented the FIE in IOC for on sustainability

Attached is material from Therese on a summary of the sustainability guide. The first of a series and proposals, a 10-step process.

According to Elena, the FIE has started having generic materials that can be used for multiple events which in turn also helps save on cost.

FIE has a general sustainability policy in its charge but is trying to update to suit present conditions. Example: accreditation in championships gives access to public transportations. No longer need to provide transportation. Unsold food can be distributed to people of need. Use of recyclable materials for food packaging, etc.

Stacey: Please include support of sustainability efforts as part of our objectives.

**Communications Goal - How is our communication platform going and how to improve? –**  
M. Fernandes lead the discussion with other members participating.

Mirani reported that in 2005 she started communication in fencing as a tool to introduce fencing in simple communication. Usually only the athletes on top are focused on but not the ones at the bottom. When she joined the South American Confederation, they focused on small clubs. Using icons as inspiration but there's a gap in terms of reality. Since they are more the exception than the rule. They determined to use as examples "ordinary" people. Eventually, this made people feel that they have a voice and a place in fencing. To put the women's movement forward, we show examples of the ordinary women who reached the top. Before it was based on "likes" now its about social engagement.

Stories that generated the 70,000 reach: IOC videos; interviews of FIE with women athletes; to find stories *we have to fish everyday*. Example US association has a lot of materials about professionals; kids; Examples that show "We can do it" or "It is possible"  
Add: wheelchair fencing as a focus in the future.

Partnership that is not focused on cooperation but more on sharing such as cooperating with other commissions to get other ideas on what they want to push forward, particularly in terms of women's advancement or men and women from developing nations.

Communication Goals for next quad:

Target: +100,000 reach

Continue to work with FIE but amplify

For next chair to send emails to major federation with PR to send any materials on development of women, wheelchair fencing, etc.

Bring our work out there (materials on the Council) other accomplishments of the Council that people may not know about.

Newsletter

Promote educational programs, etc.

Integrate other countries promotion materials better

Promotion Commission came and showed a presentation that agrees with our objective to change the name of the Council from Women's Council to Equity Council.

Results of the Council's discussion with Elena:

We feel we want to include the FIE staff more in our dialogues in the future to have more direct impact on our work about what is plausible and possible.

Elena shared that the FIE educational initiatives on safe sport, etc. which may not necessarily be initiative of the Women and Fencing Council (although we introduced the idea as part of our goals) but are spearheaded by women, is something the Council can use in its communication efforts.

***Closing Process to help share where we have been and what we see on the horizon as most important work***

### **1. What have I learned?**

- Collaboration as a group from different backgrounds, cultures and it has been a pleasure to work with.
- It has been a pleasure with the group because of the great synergy, complimentary characters. Created a dynamism in the group which is essential in the development of the group
- Getting different perspective from different people
- It has been an honor to work with the group though Ahmed, feels he hasn't fully contributed because of other concerns. He thinks everyone has contributed fully and hopes to be back, God willing, Will always have great memories working with the group. Thanks Stacey for being a great leader.
- Learned that the council is not just for women. There's a lot to deal with. It is necessary to have this kind of council that oversees and works with other commissions as well.

- We have different perspective and how to use the different perspective to come up with one common sense.

Stacey's Reflection: 8 years ago. It has been a difficult journey. We should give ourselves a round of applause. That is the strength of our group. We have this passion and energy and with the different perspective we can and should achieve more. It takes a long process to change things.

*Remember - the people are the work.* The people who make up the FIE are the work and we're bringing the evolution of a change in cultural awareness. Because in this Council our work is reflected in the work of other committees as well.

Didn't realize what a journey we've been on. Evolution and maturation in our thinking and experience. Surprised to learn the degree of work we've put in to achieve our goals

## **2. What is the most important work that the Council has achieved from your perspective?**

- Our most important achievement is that we've made people think and become aware of under represented groups, particularly women and that is reflected in the work of other commissions, particularly legal and promotion.
- We've created a culture to begin thinking of new and respectful ways of operating.
- Sense of conviction. We have discovered other cultures and important to propose change in the FIEs.
- We lost the vote. But perhaps this loss will help make the voting in the next Congress successful. We certainly hope so.
- Start of the culture of change through messaging and communications. People can no longer pretend that a change is not happening. Consciousness, reminder that there are under represented groups. We have started people thinking and changing.
- We have been the thorn in the side sometimes. We keep coming back and made people think. Beginning of the cultural change for the future.
- We've planted the seed. They can not avoid change and it's coming.
- Sense of direction for our group. Respected by the other groups for what we have achieved.
- We are influencers. Promoting a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion.

## **3. What must we keep laser focus on in the next quad?**

- Leadership training for men and women - this will bring about empowerment
- The next is to manifest the same will that this group has had. We need to lobby for a strong group next quad.
- Keep communicating the work that we do.

- Getting 30% is a very important goal. We have to lead to achieve this. To influence those who will be voting in the future.
- Maximizing the use of time to achieve the our goals.
- Promotion of the culture of change and keep the train moving. All about the people.
- Concerned we've just opened the door to Safeguarding. It may cause some convulsions, particularly from people who are executed against. Once penalties are happening it causes a lot of feeling in the organization. We should be ready for that and adjust. This Council needs to do what we need to do to support it. It was very helpful having one Women and Council member at each table to feel the temperature of folks and provide some deeper explanation.

*Adjourned at 5:40*

DISTRIBUTION REFEREES MEN / WOMEN REPARTITION ARBITRES HOMMES / FEMMES 2018

	Referees	Referees	%	Categorie B			Probatoire		
	Men	Women		epee	foil	sabre	epee	foil	sabre
CONFEDERATION									
Africa	132	26	16,45	17	16	7	1	0	1
America	249	22	8,12	34	21	23	2	0	2
Asia-Oceania	533	66	11,01	43	45	15	0	1	1
Europe	754	135	15,18	97	75	22	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1668</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>12,99</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

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CONFEDERATION									
Africa	124	25	16,77	16	14	8	1	0	,
America	251	24	8,72	36	19	23	2	0	2
Asia-Oceania	520	69	11,71	47	48	15	0	1	1
Europe	738	131	15,07	94	69	20	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>13,23</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

# *Ecologie et développement durable*

## *Ecology and sustainable development*

### *Ecología y desarrollo sustentable*

Le développement durable dans le sport fait désormais partie des préoccupations du CIO. Il est d'ailleurs partie intégrante de la Charte olympique.

Sustainable development in sport is now a concern of the IOC. It is an integral part of the Olympic Charter.

*El desarrollo sustentable en el deporte ahora es una preocupación del COI. Por otro lado, es una parte integrante de la Carta Olímpica.*

Le CIO a édité un guide de 83 pages -**SUSTAINABLE ESSENTIALS** -sur le développement durable (le premier d'une série) et propose un processus en **10 étapes** aux comités olympiques nationaux, aux fédérations sportives internationales et à d'autres organisations sportives, sous forme de conseils pratiques.

The IOC has published an 83 page guide – **SUSTAINABLE ESSENTIALS** -on sustainable development (the first of a series) and proposes a **10-step process** to the National Olympic Committees, to international sports federations and other sports organisations in the form of practical advice.

*El COI ha publicado una guía de 83 páginas -PUNTOS ESENCIALES SUSTENTABLES- sobre el desarrollo sustentable (el primero de una serie) y propone un proceso en **10 etapas** para los comités olímpicos nacionales, para las federaciones deportivas internacionales y otras organizaciones deportivas en forma de consejos prácticos.*

Les 10 principales étapes ont été décrites comme suit :

1. Évaluez votre point de départ
2. Définissez votre vision et votre stratégie
3. Faire preuve de leadership
4. Établir une gouvernance efficace
5. Mobiliser les intervenants
6. Déterminer les principaux enjeux et la portée
7. Fixer des objectifs et des cibles
8. Évaluer les progrès
9. Rapport
10. Communiquer

The 10 key steps have been outlined as :

1. Assess your starting point



2. Define your vision and strategy
3. Demonstrate leadership
4. Establish effective governance
5. Engage stakeholders
6. Identify key issues and scope
7. Set objectives and targets
8. Assess progress
9. Report
10. Communicate

*Las 10 etapas principales se han descrito así:*

- 1. Evalúa tu punto de partida*
- 2. Define tu visión y estrategia*
- 3. Demostrar liderazgo*
- 4. Establecer una gobernanza efectiva*
- 5. Involucrar a los interesados*
- 6. Identificar temas clave y su alcance*
- 7. Establecer objetivos y metas*
- 8. Evaluar el progreso*
- 9. Informe*
- 10. Comunicar*

Le guide précise : « La vraie durabilité va beaucoup plus loin que les projets individuels. Il s'agit d'examiner de près ce que vous faites en tant qu'organisation, la façon dont vous interagissez avec la société dans son ensemble et de veiller à ce que vous ayez en place des structures, des politiques et des processus de gouvernance appropriés qui vous assureront un avenir durable au bénéfice de votre organisation, de votre société et de l'environnement. »

The guide details how sport can play a key role in sustainability in a wider context, explaining that athletes, spectators and the world at large increasingly expects sport to adhere to the highest level of environmental practice, as well as positively affecting societal issues, including health and wellbeing, social inclusion, gender equality, governance, accountability, transparency and human rights.

La guía describe: «La verdadera durabilidad va mucho más allá de los proyectos individuales. Se trata de examinar de cerca lo que hacen como organización, la manera en cómo interactúan con la sociedad en su conjunto y vigilar que estén instauradas las estructuras, las políticas y los

procesos de gestión adecuados que les garantizarán un futuro duradero en beneficio de su organización, de su sociedad y del medio ambiente».

**Propositions :** Afin d'encourager les CNO, les FI et autres organisations, peut-être pouvons-nous nous limiter, dans un premier temps, à quelques points.

**Proposals :** In order to encourage NOC,IFs and other organizations, perhaps we can limit ourselves initially to a few points.

**Propuestas :** Con el fin de alentar a los CON, las FI y otras organizaciones, tal vez podamos limitarnos en un principio, a algunos puntos.

1. Bilan. Point sur les équipements utilisés
2. Points à améliorer = quels axes d'intervention
3. Objectifs : exemples
  - a. Maîtrise des déchets, tri, poubelles, supprimer (limiter) le plastic non recyclable
  - b. Information au public, des sportifs
  - c. Papier recyclé, énergie, eau, gobelets recyclables, couverts en carton,
  - d. Affiches, papier en-tête (2 couleurs), flyers, badges recyclables
  - e. Transformation du matériel ex : recyclage des housses d'escrime en sacs
  - f. Equipement des bénévoles, des officiels (vestes)
  - g. Nourriture
  - h. Etc.
4. Mise en place des actions et évaluation après un an et retour aux organisateurs.
5. Ensuite, évaluer les conditions de transport

1. Update on equipments used
2. Areas for improvement = which areas for action
3. Objectives : Examples
  - a. Waste Control, Sorting, Dumpsters, Remove (Limit) Non-Recyclable Plastic
  - b. Information to the public, athletes
  - c. Recycled paper, energy, water, recyclable cups, cardboard cutlery
  - d. Recycled posters, letterhead (2 colours), flyers, badges
  - e. Material conversion ex: recycling fencing bags in bags
  - f. Equipment for volunteers, officials (jackets)
  - g. Food
  - h. Etc.
4. Implementation of actions and evaluation after one year and return to organizers.
5. Next, assess conditions of transport

*1. Actualización sobre los equipos utilizados.*

*2. Áreas de mejora = qué áreas de acción*

*3. Objetivos: ejemplos.*

- a. Control de residuos, clasificación, basureros, suprimir (limitar) plástico no reciclable
  - b. Información al público, a los deportistas.
  - c. Papel reciclado, energía, agua, vasos reciclables, cubiertos de cartón.
  - d. Carteles reciclados, papel membretado (2 colores), volantes, insignias reciclables.
  - e. Transformación del material, ej.: reciclaje de bolsas de esgrima en bolsas.
  - f. Equipo de los voluntarios, de los oficiales (chaquetillas).
  - g. Comida
  - h. Etc.
4. Implementación de acciones y evaluación al cabo de un año e informe a los organizadores.
5. Después, evaluar las condiciones de transporte.

### ***Pour votre information /for your informations / Para su información***

En France, le ministère des sports et les fédérations, les organisateurs et les entreprises ont signé des conventions qui s'inscrivent dans le cadre du **RSE** (Responsabilité sociétale des Entreprises) et du **RSO** (Responsabilité sociétale des organisations).

In France, the Ministry of sports, the federations, the organizers et the entreprises have signed an agreement within the framework of **RSE** (Societal Responsibility of Entreprises) and **RSO** (Societal Responsibility of Organizations).

*En Francia, el Ministerio de deportes, las federaciones, los organizadores y las empresas han firmado un acuerdo en el marco de la **RSE** (Responsabilidad social de las empresas) y de la **RSO** (Responsabilidad social de las organizaciones).*

**R** = responsabilité/responsibility / *responsabilidad*

**S**= sociétale/societal / *social*

**E**= entreprises/corporates / *empresas*

**R** = responsabilité/responsibility / *responsabilidad*

**S**= sociétale/societal / *social*

**O**= organisations/organizations / *organizaciones*

- 1) Actualité : Le Parlement européen valide définitivement l'interdiction de certains plastiques à usage unique : assiettes, couverts ou encore pailles seront concernés par cette interdiction qui entrera en vigueur au plus tard en 2021.

News : The European Parliament has definitively approved the prohibition of single-use plastics : plates, cutlery or straws will be affected by this ban, which will enter into force no later than 2021.

*Noticias: El Parlamento Europeo ha aprobado definitivamente la prohibición de los plásticos de un solo uso: los platos, cubiertos o pajitas se verán afectadas por esta prohibición, que entrará en vigor a más tardar en el 2021.*

2) Et pour finir, un petit clin d'œil pour Yuko : trouvé dans la newsletter du ministère

*And finely a little wink for Yuko, find in the newsletter of the ministry :*

*Y para terminar, una información para Yuko: encontrada en la carta de información del Ministerio*

<https://www.olympic.org/news/tokyo-2020-reveals-progress-on-sustainability> 😊

**2019 FIE Veteran Counsel Meeting Minutes (Approved)**  
**Bucharest, Romania**  
**June 28 and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Members in attendance:

Dr. Celso Dayrit – FIE Congress Representative  
Francis Kwong – Hong Kong -President (elected at this meeting)  
Rita Comes – USA  
Marja-Liisa Someroja - Finland  
Leonardo Patti – Italy  
Mark Rakita – Russia  
Mark Rance – New Zealand  
Caryl Oliver – UK  
Benoit Pincemaille – France

Members not in attendance:

Ozden Ezinler - Turkey – absent but excused  
Gregorio Lima – Puerto Rico - absent

### **Welcome**

Welcome from Dr. Celso Dayrit:

Dr. Celso Dayrit welcomed the group and gave a special welcome to our newest member Caryl Oliver who has rejoined our Council by filling the opening that was made after the loss of our beloved member and President, Max Geuter. The excused absence of Ozden Ezinler of Turkey was noted and emails were sent to Mr. Lima to inquire about the status of his attendance at this meeting.

Dr. Celso gave an overall statement on how our Council was very hands on compared to the other Commissions and Councils. He noted that we act as supervisors at FIE World Championships, help the hosts set the schedule and are now doing site visits. He also noted that we have the FIE Veteran World Championships set for the next three years, Cairo in 2019, Porec in 2020 and the United States of America in 2021. With the three locations - the schedules have been set for 2019 and 2020, and it was noted that a seventh day was added to the 2019 and 2020 events due to the number of pistes that were available that would not have allowed the events to run smoothly in a six day schedule.

### **Election of the President**

With the absence of Max Geuter at our June 2018 meeting in Bucharest, we appointed Francis Kwong chair our last our Council for that meeting. Due to the untimely death of Max Geuter, we needed to elect a new President for the Council at the June 2019 FIE Veteran Council Meeting in Bucharest. Francis

Kwong, a member of the FIE Veteran Council, made the FIE aware that he would like to hold the position of President of the FIE Veteran Council till the end of the current four year term. There were no other suggestions or nominations for this position, Rita Comes made a second for Francis and he was elected unanimously, no abstentions and it was noted that there was an absence of two members of the Council.

### **Minute's discussion**

The 2018 Minutes and materials were discussed and reviewed. The group wanted to review the FIE Veteran Handbook that the group updated but it was unclear on the status and a question was put to Elena Murdaca from the FIE office. A reminder email will be sent to Elena and she will get back to the Council re the status of the document. The minutes had been reviewed and initially approved during the summer of 2018, the group unanimously, no abstentions and it was noted that there was an absence of two members of the Council.

Benoit Pincemaille wanted it noted in this write-up that last year that he stated that the Veteran Fencers can handle a full Team relay event that goes to forty-five touches. There were also questions made to Mark Rakita concerning the FIE Veteran Endowment Fund to see if it were still going and if he was still involved in the program.

### **Regional updates**

**USA – Rita**

**Europe and UK- Caryl, Leonardo, Benoit**

**Oceania, New Zealand- Mark Rance**

**Asia – Francis and Celso**

**Marja-Liisa – Finland**

**Mark Rakita - Russia**

### **USA – Report:**

#### **2019- USA – Prepared by Rita Comes – Member of the FIE Veteran Council**

The number of Veteran fencers in the United States (US) has continued to increase over the last few years. The US continues to hold Veteran National Events along with Senior National Events at the same time so that the Veteran participants can participate in several events during a competition and the Veterans are not stigmatized as separate from other USFA members. We are extremely excited to host the 2021 FIE Veteran World Championships in Fort Lauderdale, FL. We have secured sponsorship for the 2021 FIE Veteran World

Championships and we will simultaneously hold a North American Cup event at the same time to give the 2021 FIE Veteran World Championship participants and their fellow travelers, a chance to participate.

The United States Fencing Association (USFA) currently has about 39,000 members, 9% are foreign. 7,300 are identified as Veteran Fencers and of these, 477 are foreign. Note that only competitive members would have to identify their foreign status

**Recent Tournaments** – Trend shows that Veteran competitive numbers are increasing in the US

- Number of Veteran Fencers in each category at Cincinnati, Ohio NAC December 2018

	ME	MF	MS	WE	WF	WS
V40	29	16	10	23	13	11
V50	66	34	31	38	26	29
V60	59	38	29	28	20	21
V70+	29	21	14	13	13	9
V80+	7	4	5			
	190	113	89	102	72	70

- Number of Veteran Fencers that participated in NAC Salt Lake City, Utah April 2019

	ME	MF	MS	WE	WF	WS
V40	19	10	9	16	12	9
V50	57	19	23	32	23	27
V60	43	32	24	31	16	16
V70+	28	15	11	10	10	9
80+	5	4	4			
	152	80	71	89	61	61

- Number of Veteran Fencers that are registered for Summer Nationals 2019, Columbus, Ohio
- Overall and each category – 712 total Veteran entries (no foreign competitors at SN) in Veteran Events. Note that Veteran Fencers will be fencing in many others Individual, July Challenge, Senior Team and Veteran Team rated events at Summer Nationals and the total number may be much higher.

	ME	MF	MS	WE	WF	WS
V40	41	28	20	25	18	12
V50	79	42	44	45	29	30

V60	56	43	28	30	16	17
V70+	33	19	15	11	11	9
V80+	3	3	5			
	212	135	112	111	74	68

### **Team Participation**

Team events have increased over the year. Many competitions are adding Veteran Team Events to Local and Regional Events. This has been proved a successful addition marketing and profitability for competitions. The US will demo the FIE Veteran's Team format at a future event.

### **Veteran Camps and Competitions**

There has been a significant increase in Veteran workshops, Camps and Veteran Competitions across the United States with members traveling long distances to participate. Many Veteran Fencers are able to attend camps and competitions around the world and have appreciated the openness and help of the world fencing community. An increase of Regional (ROC) events in the US allowed for reduction of travel expenses and more participation of the fencers to compete and qualify for the US National Championships without having to participate in a National Event.

### **Strategies for promotion of "older fencers"**

Regarding the strategies for promotion to "older fencers" our largest initiative this year was including the V80 category at our North American Cup events for the December 2018 NAC and the April 2019 NAC. The inclusion of this category came about from countries requesting that the FIE Veteran Council add on a Veteran 80+ category to the FIE World Championships but we concluded that demos in the different counties that might project participation would be the first step – USFA performed demos in 2017 and 2018.

Women V80+ was added in the 2018 -2019 season but has not proved as successful as the Men's V80 Category. We believe that the Vet80+ women's participation will increase in the US in a few years. The participants of the 80+ Events are very grateful for the experience but more information will have to be gathered before proposing having it included as an event at The FIE Veteran World Championships. A USA Fencing Veterans Face Book page (1,029 Members) that was started last year has grown by thirty percent in the past year. This page is used so that official and fun information could be shared amongst the Veteran Fencers around the world, previous there was just a US Women's Veteran Face Book page (459 members).

In leading up to the 2021 FIE Veteran's World Championships, we hope to get information out to all of the Federations to encourage strong participation. We have a few World events that are scheduled in the US before the Ft Laurerdale, FL event and hope to use every opportunity to promote the event and Veteran Fencing overall.



A question arose regarding visa requirements for the participants of US events, all of the current information is posted in the registration area of the FIE events that are held in the US.

## **Europe and UK- Caryl, Leonardo, Benoit**

Caryl

Europe – 1800 fencers – veteran fencing at 2019 European Championship. The experiment w 75 plus category was a good experiment to try but decided to stick to the 70+ category and keep the other categories as is. Benoit suggests that there is an actual drop in 75+ men so it is easier to keep the categories as is for maximum participation.

Europe is introducing the creation of a European Veteran Circuit separate tournaments that are organized by one governing body. Potential problems of having to limit the size of these events—possibly limit entry to 2000

Leonardo also spoke about the European Circuit events. He stated that because of smaller federations not having opportunities for participation in Veteran categories and the desire to encourage participation throughout Europe, there would be Four events, 12 countries, one single weapon event for each country, referees provided by the organizers, refs can be local, entry fees defined by the organizers

The group discussed if the possible Veteran Circuit event leading an alternative to the European Championships for some areas. Rita mentioned how in the United States, there are Regional Events (ROCs) and other area events where fencers can accumulate points – information will be shared to help develop the Veteran Circuit programs.

Caryl discussed the success of the 2019 European Championships in Cognac – 1,654 participants. There was an increase in participation of people for all events. Everyone in Europe can attend the European Championships and perhaps there will need to be qualifying paths in the future to increase the quality of the competition.

Great event that was enjoyed by all of the participants, event is growing each time.

## **Veteran fencing in Finland**

Marja-Liise

In Finland veteran fencers have been active to participate World and European championships. More fencers would like to participate, but not possible, because too many interested fencers per weapon or per team and per age category.

Few more open veteran competitions have been organized yearly in Finland, also in other Nordic countries, but mainly in epee. Only very little in foil and sabre, but these we have had in Finnish championships in any case.

In September 2019 we'll organize European Veterans circuit in Turku Finland. The competition is open for all veteran fencers. Turku has been organizer of FIE satellite epee men and women tournament for years, also 2006 they organized European team championships. Also Lena Tallroth-Kock was the DT president successfully in Düsseldorf European senior championships 2019.

## **Oceania**

Mark Rance

The region continues to see a steady growth in male veteran fencer numbers. This growth is coming from fencers returning to the sport after a break and from fencers moving into the 40+-age bracket. Woman veteran numbers are steady particularly in Epee. This growth is having very positive result off the piste with a number of these fencers contributing as coaches or in other administration roles across the region. There is a well established veteran competition circuit in both Australia and New Zealand. The most recent Oceania Championships saw 129 entries with the largest event being men's Epee with 46. Fencers from the Oceania associate federations of New Caledonia and Tahiti took part.

Veteran fencers from Australia and New Zealand continue to compete in the Asian Zone and World Championships. It is expected around 35 from the region will compete in Cairo at the 2019 FIE Veteran World Championships. A large contingent will also take part in the Asian Veteran Championships to be held in Taiwan in August.

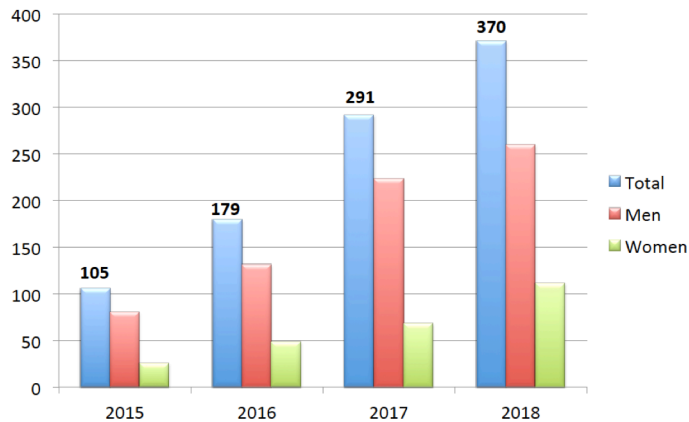
Increase in Vet numbers, well established in NZ, Australia and Oceania – increase. More people from New Caledonia. More people in 40+ category increase numbers of fencers traveling to more events and they can participate in the vet Asian event and appreciate being included.

New Zealand will have its very first competitor in the 70+ in the worlds in 2019.

## Asia – Francis and Celso

There has been an increase in participation all age categories for both male and females. Since 2015 to 2018, the increase is three fold for the number of participants in events.

**Asia Veteran Fencing Championships Entries Data  
2015-2018**



Celso has stated that more fencers have joined clubs and are competing. They have also started a Veteran Asian circuit, first one in Australia, second one in Singapore and Hong Kong will host the third circuit later this year. Age grouping, no licenses are needed to participate but those that have licenses will get ranking. All of the Veteran participants must register even if they don't have FCA.

## Latin America

Rita

Veteran fencing has increased in Latin America. Participant number have increased at the Pan American Events and the head of Federation for the Virgin Islands has been putting on a large Veteran event every few years and those numbers have been increasing with reflects interest. Puerto Rico is still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Maria but the US Fencing Federation and its constituents have continued to support them in many ways. With the 2021 FIE Veteran Fencing World Championships happening in Florida, we expect great numbers of participants from the geographic regions of the Caribbean, Latin America, and South America. Expect more participants in 2021

## Reports on Championships:

## **2018 FIE World Championships – Livorno, Italy**

During the 2018 meeting of commissions and councils in Bucharest, Romania upon reviewing the information for Livorno it was noted that the number of pistes and the locations of the pistes were unacceptable for a quality tournament to be held. The FIC veteran council contacted the organizers and also discussed the issue with Natalie Rodriguez. With Ms. Rodriguez encouragement the council worked with the organizers to rework some of the pistes.

Please see the attached file regarding the event but we had 58 nations represented and almost 900 fencers participating. There was an increase of fencers in all age categories. Several members of the FIE Veteran Council and Dr. Celso Dayrit were present at the FIE Veteran World Championships in Livorno. The FIE Council members worked closely with the organizers at the event and participated in the medal ceremonies when asked.

There was an issue concerning the availability of adequate amounts of drinking water in the venue being made available for the participants. Drinking water is not a requirement on the FIE bid sheets with selecting a location but it was noted that it is a standard request in other countries such as the US. The organizers supplied extra bottled drinking water to the participants that were fencing in areas that did not have potable water.

Please see the attached files regarding the 2018 FIE Veteran World Championships in Livorno and the site visits for 2019 FIE Veteran World Championships in Cairo, Egypt and the 2020 FIE Veteran World Championships in Porec, Croatia.

Things that were learned for the 2018 FIE Veteran World Championships in Livorno is that we might need to ask about air conditioning or ventilation in the venue and also ask about the availability of drinkable water. We will recommend to the FIE and to the event organizers that this be included in bid requests. We also recommend to the FIE that although Veteran events were not part of the Safe Guard presentation that was held during the meetings, FIE Veteran Championships should have a Supervisor that also does Safe Guard.

## **2019 FIE World Championships – Cairo, Egypt**

A site visit was performed by Benoit Pincemaille and Zied Feriani, the Council worked closely with the organizers to come up with a schedule and a piste set up that would work for the the venue, number of pistes and number of referees. The schedule for Cairo – will now be a 7-day format in order to have the schedule work smoothly. We are prepared that there may be less participation in Cairo but

were hopeful optimistic that there will be an increase in numbers. The website for the event is current. The site report is included.

### **2020 FIE World Championships –Porec, Croatia**

Benoit Pincemaille and Francis Kwong performed a site visit. The event was originally scheduled for Zagreb but due to unavailability of venue due to European Union business, the Council had to work closely with the organizers to come up with an alternative site, which include schedule and a piste set up that would work for the new venue, number of pistes and number of referees. The schedule for Porec is now set – it will also be a 7-day format in order to have the schedule working smoothly. There will be 21 pistes total – 17 in venue and four pistes in a tent connected with the main venue. There is an App that is being developed for this event that will help weapons check by the participants for checking in via barcode. The site report is included.

The venue will have digital Flags and a bag storage area away from the competition floor.

Celso had a question re the proposed dates -if we could do the dates sooner? A message was sent to the organizers and a response was returned. The proposed dates are currently October 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **2021 FIE World Championships – Florida, USA**

The USA was awarded the 2021 FIE Veteran World Championships at the Paris Congress Meeting 2018. For the first time in a long time, two proposals were presented to the Congress (Germany and USA) and USA won the vote. The USA has already secured sponsorship for the event and will be perusing more sponsorship. The US will plan to hold other tournaments during the same period to have the Veteran Fencers worldwide and their non Veteran Fencing friends, have a chance to participate in a US North America Cup event – this is something that many fencers have asked for in the past.

The council indicated that any associated competitions should not dilute the World Championships and will discuss the time scheduling of all the associated competitions with the host organization.

Thoughts re site visits:

Francis suggested that after his experience with Benoit in Porec accessing the facility, that we should try to always have two persons view a future venue since they may notice different aspects of a location. The next question that was discussed was, “how early should a visit be scheduled to view a site for Veteran World Championships?” we will look for guidance for this question from the FIE.

#### **FIE Proposal 4.4.4**

The Veteran Council supports the proposal.

#### **FIE Promotions Committee visit**

The FIE Promotions Committee visited our group. David Baker spoke of putting together the historic results into an assessable database and helps with marketing/promoting our future programs. We have had meeting with Promotions, officially and non-officially since the creation of our Council, we have not had much help from them in the past and look forward to the possibility of getting help with them with the database of past results and marketing/promotion help with the upcoming Veteran World Championships.

5:31 pm end of day 6/28/19 close

Upon closing for the first day of meeting, Dr. Celso Dayrit said “

Being together is a gift – working together is a blessing.”

#### **9:00am Start of day 2: 6/29/19**

##### **Continuation of Discussion**

##### **Follow up re Porec:**

Follow up re response from 2020 FIE Veteran Fencing Championships – Porec, Croatia organizers. Celso had a question as to what other dates were available for the Championships during September and October 2020. The response from the organizers:

Available dates

September 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

The group discussed the dates and the dates that will be proposed to the FIE for the 2020 FIE Veteran Fencing Championships – Porec, Croatia would be 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of October, the date is submitted to FIE for confirmation.

##### **Promotion of Veteran Fencing Worldwide.**

After meeting with the FIE Promotions Commission on the previous day, we gave some thought to “Why are we trying to promote veteran fencing?”

- Veteran fencing is the biggest movement in the world
- Veteran fencing is good for your physical health
- Veteran fencing is good for you mental health
- The Veteran fencing community is like a family, we compete against each other but the camaraderie is different than in cadet, junior and senior categories
- Fencers can spend more time in the Veteran category than any other

We will continue working on these ideas and work with the FIE Promotions Commission to see what we can do together. Rita made sort two minute videos of the FIE Veteran Council Members that were present asking a few fencing related questions; we will decide how we can use this tool for future marketing. We will work on having a flyer of the next three world championships sent to all of the federations as a “save the date.” The main target of flyers will be countries that have had low participation numbers at past FIE Veteran World Championships.

### **Rule Book and other Documents Etc.**

In 2018 during the FIE Commissions and Council Meetings in Bucharest, Romania, the FIE Veteran Council relined the FIE Veteran Handbook and submitted the suggested changes to the FIE. Leonardo Patti has is working on some suggested modification of the rules that will update the rulebook.

### **Visit from Natalie Rodriguez:**

The FIE Veteran Council was visited by Nathalie Rodriguez, the CEO of the FIE. After introductions, the Counsel asked Nathalie if a Supervisor for Safeguard was going to be appointed to the FIE Veteran World Championships in Cairo – Nathalie suggested that we should put in a request for this.

Information about the European Veteran Circuit was presented to Nathalie and she suggested the possibility of a World Cup in the future. Caryl will do a write up on this idea for the record.

Caryl – World Cup – re veteran world cup

### **Narrative:**

There was extensive discussion around the concept of introducing a World Cup Series and Ranking System for Veterans. Primary concerns lay with identifying the motivation for Veteran Fencers to invest in these events. It was generally agreed that a World Cup Series could arise out of the Regional Circuits currently in various stages of development. Given the timetable for approval of this move it was agreed that we had time to undertake further work within our Regions and in collaboration before delivering a firm proposal to the FIE for consideration at Congress.

### **Resolution:**

It was agreed by the FIE Veterans Council that it would undertake preparatory collaborative work within the Regions to develop a Veterans World Cup Series with a view to presenting a formal proposal and action plan to the FIE in February 2021 for consideration at the Congress and potential implementation in 2022.

### **Last thoughts:**

How to increase the number of fencers from small numbers of past championships

Flyer of the next three world championships sent to all of the federations

### **Any other Business**

The FIE Veteran Council appreciates the support of the FIE in the promotion of Veteran Fencing Worldwide. We also appreciate the dedication and vision of Mr. Max Gueter and of Dr. Celso Dayrit of continuing that vision.

Below photo of FIE Veteran Council Members at the FIE Commissions and Councils Meeting Bucharest, Romania 2019  
(From Left to Right: Benoit Princemaille, Leonardo Patti, Caryl Oliver, Celso Dayrit, Rita Comes, Mark Rance, Francis Kwong, Marja-Liise Someroja, Mark Rakita)







## HRVATSKI MAČEVALAČKI SAVEZ

Francis Kwong, PhD MBA  
Interim President, FIE Veterans Council

Zagreb, 2 July 2019.

Dear Mr. Kwong,

we kindly ask you to accept the proposal date of organisation of the 2020 World Veterans Championship – from October 24 to 30 in the City of Poreč.

With best regards



President of Croatian Fencing Federation  
Marko Kallay

# Visit report carried out in Porec, 26th June 2019

**Subject** : Preparation of the 2020 World Veterans Championships in Porec, Croatia

**Proposed date of Championships** : 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

**Representative from Local Organising Committee**

Bojan Mijatovic, Svetlana Volkova and Edgardo Baldo

**From Veteran Council**

Benoit Pincemaille and Francis Kwong

## 1) **RECAPITULATING KEY DATA**

These championships will take place from 24th to 30th of October 2020. Dates to be confirmed by FIE

Three weapons, three categories and both genders lead to 18 individual events. Three weapons and both genders lead to 6 team events.

Considering the previous championships, the participation can be estimated to be around 1000 to 1100 fencers at individual and 80 to 85 teams

## 2) **DETAILS OF THE PREMISES**

### 2.1. General presentation (*Annex 1, photo 1&2*)

The Zatika stadium has been built in 2008. Many areas on three levels enable the location of all the peripheral activities. Lifts (capacity 14 persons) and big stairs allow easy access to these levels.

### 2.2. Main Hall

At level 0, it's a huge gymnasium (surface: 48m x 52m). **17 pistes** will be set up (*see Annex 2*). The floor will be covered by plastic and carpet protections. The northern side is all-glass façade. It gives a very good brightness, without direct sunlight and glare.

### 2.3. Temporary structure

A tent (surface : 15m x 40m) will be placed close to the north side of the gymnasium. **4 or 5 pistes** will be set up

### 2.4. Annex spaces

- A location for accreditation and weapon control will be set up at level 0
- A room for referees and another one for ITstaff close to the DT area will make an ideally situated management area
- Two Medical rooms will provide medical care for male and female simultaneously.
- Eight nice and spacious showers and toilets
- Two or three fencing equipment sellers at level 2

- Catering at level 3 with direct access to outside
- VIP room
- FIE representative room
- Anti-doping room

### 3) TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

#### 3.1. Timetable

It will be the 7 days format.

#### 3.2. Corresponding needs

- The **weapon control** will be placed just after the **accreditation**. Sixteen experienced people will be in charge of this task, using two complete sets of gauges and control equipment
- 16 **pistes** (carpet 1.5 m wide) and a metallic one for finals (2m wide) will be set up in the main Hall. 4 or 5 metallic pistes will be set up inside the temporary structure. At level 1 and 2, several pistes will be set up for training.
- All the **scoring sets** will have both display of score and time, operated via remote control. They will display the last ten seconds of each bout with hundredths of a second. The scoring sets for the final pistes will also display names and countries of the fencers. Of course, spare devices and technicians for repair will permanently be available.
- **Refereeing** should require 32/34 referees. According to FIE rules, they will be appointed by the COMEX.

Referees will have a dedicated room, as well as an area close to the DT for a convenient distribution of matches sheets.

- The **Directoire Technique**, will be also appointed by the COMEX. Benoit Pincemaille volunteers for it.
- The **IT staff** will be managed by a very experienced person. The software will be « Fencing Time » whose results will be posted in real time the website and on **flat screens** : five in the level 0, five at the same level than catering and two within the tent.
- **Medical** will be supervised by two doctors appointed by the COMEX
- **Video refereeing** is not mandatory. On the other hand **live streaming** will be set up with the help of Kabcom
- **Wi-Fi** will be available throughout the venue.

*Note : **Many volunteers** will attend the championships, being busy with all the necessary tasks. A quick communication for all matters will be made by using **10 walkie-talkies**.*

### 4) MISCELLANEOUS

#### 4.1. Website

The three topics of interests to the veterans :

- Competition : programme, weapon control, results, rules, video.
- Logistics : location, transportation, accomodations, shuttles, practical recommendations)
- Entertainment : gala dinner, tourism excursions

The website may be broadcasted quite in advance (by the end of 2019). Its structure will be previously submitted to the Veterans Council to ensure that all is OK.

## 4.2. Shuttles

Airports pick up will be on demand and chargeable from selected airports near Porec, special offers for rent-a-car will be proposed on the website. Of course, free shuttles will be available between official hotels and the competition venue.

## 4.3. Hotels

Several hotels will be proposed on the website. We visited some of them, they are very comfortable and cheap. Valamar Crystal Hotel will provide an added convenience : a private gymnasium where 8 pistes will be set up for free training during all the competition.

## 4.4. Gala dinner

It's an important moment of the championships. 200 people could be expected. It would be reasonable not to exceed 40€.

## 4.5. Tourism excursions

Several formulas will be proposed on the website

## 4.6. Souvenirs

Veterans are used to buying souvenirs of their championships : posters, tee-shirts, towels, caps, mugs etc...This should be also a source of income.

## 5) CONCLUSION

Francis Kwong and myself warmly thank all the people that we met for their friendly welcome, their availability, and their involvement for the success of these Championships.

We did appreciate this meeting. Several key points – particularly the unity of location – have been objectively discussed and the best compromises have then been found, that likely wouldn't have been possible by email only. Such preliminary visit, followed by the endorsement of FIE Veterans Council, should become a request prior to the presentation for voting at FIE Congress.

Our conclusion is a **favourable report** for awarding to Porec the organisation of the FIE World Veterans Championships.

27/06/2019  
Benoit PINCEMAILLE  
FIE Veterans Council

**ANNEX 1 – Zatika Stadium (view from SW corner)**

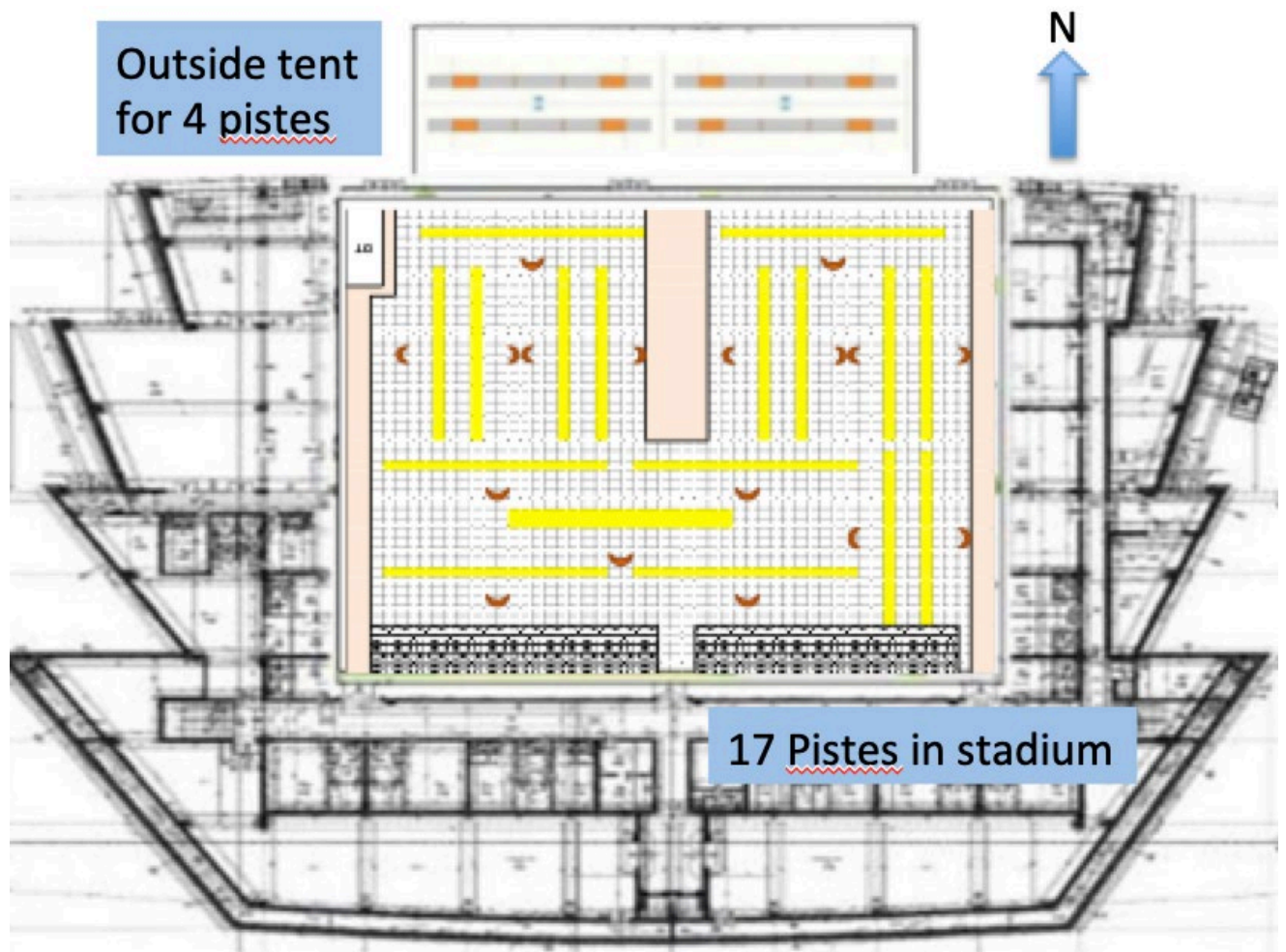


**View from NE corner**





ANNEX 2 - Layout of Zatika , 17+4 pistes



## Visit report carried out in Cairo, 10th March 2019

**Subject :** Preparation of the 2019 World Veterans Championships in Cairo

**People encountered** (*photo 1, annex*):

Abdelmoneim Elhusseiny	President of Egyptian Fencing Federation
Gamil Elzeftawi	President of organisation Committee
Amani Hassan Eissa	Secretary of organisation Committee
Ziad Feriany	Technical delegate of FIE
and several other people of the Cairo stadium	

### 1) RECAPITULATING KEY DATA

These championships will take place from 10-15-October 2019

Three weapons, three categories and both genders lead to 18 individual events. Three weapons and both genders lead to 6 team events.

Considering the previous championships, the participation can be estimated to be at 900/950 fencers at individual and 70/75 teams

### 2) DETAILS OF THE PREMISES

#### 2.1. General presentation

The Cairo Stadium Indoor Halls Complex consists of 4 Olympic-standard, multi-use indoor sporting arenas (*photo 2, annex*). It is a very big area. The entrance is under control of security personnel. All vehicles are inspected and identities are checked. All the following facilities are close to each other inside the building.

#### 2.2. Main Hall

This Hall is extremely wide. It could easily accommodate 16, and maybe 20 pistes. It would be outstanding in terms of unity of place allowing a friendly atmosphere and a smooth processing of the events. Unfortunately, this Hall is currently under maintenance (*photo 3, annex*). and it's not sure that it will be ready in time. If so, it would be a pity but the competition could correctly be held with the three other Halls

#### 2.3. Hall 2 and Hall 3 (*photo 4, 5, annex*).

These Halls have been used in previous International fencing competitions. They are fully suitable for both fencers and spectators. 10 pistes could be set up in each.

#### 2.4. Hall for finals and ceremonies (*photo 6,7 annex*).

This Hall is the same size as the other two. It had been very nicely decorated for the last Grand Prix. The organisers intend to do the same for our Championships. DT and IT staff area will be in this Hall.

The call room will be near the entrance in an area big enough to easily achieve weapon control.

## 2.5. Arms room *(photo 8, annex)*.

This hall, close to the others, will be very helpful for training. 8 pistes are permanently available.

## 2.6. Other rooms

A quite adequate meeting room *(photo 9, annex)*. will be ready for the different meetings (heads of delegation, DT, referees). It is equipped with a video-projector (HDMI connection) and a large screen.

A Press room *(photo 10, annex)*. will be at the disposal of the delegations. It could also be used for VIP's.

Of course there will be a special room for the FIE representative.

Two Medical rooms *(photo 11, annex)*. will provide medical care for male and female simultaneously.

Showers and toilets *(photo 12, annex)*. are « top-class »

## 2.6. Annex spaces

Under the stands of the main Hall, there is a very big public space, similar to the one in Livorno but Cairo is much bigger. So, there won't be any problem to conveniently arrange the different areas for :

- Welcome and accreditation
- Weapon control
- Fencing equipment sellers and repair
- Catering
- Souvenirs
- Tourism information

## 3) TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

In order to benefit from the experience of the last Championships in Livorno, I've given the staff the report of the DT as well as the timetable which has been implemented (attached).

### 3.1. Timetable

Normally, it should be the same than in Livorno, to be confirmed by the Veterans Council at the end of April at the latest. I strongly recommended not to precise the different starting times, which will depend of the number of participants. Just note that any event could begin at 9am. On the other hand, the schedule of the ceremonies will have to be defined. We should stay in touch about this.

### 3.2. Corresponding needs

- The **weapon control** will be managed by Gamil Elzeftawi (EGY). There will be an area in the premises but, in addition, the fencers will have the possibility of making their equipment controlled inside one or two of the official hotels. I think that it is a very interesting idea, quite convenient for the fencers
- 25 **pistes** (metallic, 1.5 m wide) will be set up, of which 4 coloured and one for finals. The piste for finals may not be on a podium, but if so, this podium must be 3 m. wide in order to avoid injuries in case of a fall



- All the **scoring sets** will have both display of score and time, operated via remote control. They will display the last ten seconds of each bout with hundredths of a second. The scoring sets for the final pistes will also display names and countries of the fencers. Of course, spare devices and technicians for repair will permanently be available.
- **Refereeing** will be managed by Alvarez Gil de Tejada Jose Luis (ESP). 32/34 referees should be sufficient. The organisers told me that they could provide many International and experienced referees from Egypt and neighbouring countries. According to FIE rules, they will be appointed by the COMEX, hopefully with consideration of this availability.

Referees will have a dedicated room, as well as an area close to the DT for a convenient distribution of matches sheets.

- The **Directoire Technique**, appointed by the COMEX, will likely be directed by Ziad Feriani (TUN). The person who belongs to the organising country could be Amr Kamel. Two other people will have to be nominated, I volunteer for being one of them.
- The **IT staff** should be the same as during the Grand Prix. The software will be « Fencing Time » whose results will be posted in real time on the **flat screens** in the venue and on the website. I pointed out the particular rules of the team event. It's possible, but not convenient, to use Excel files (like in Livorno). The organisers will shortly propose me a more adequate way.

*Note : DT and IT staff, next to each other, will be located in the Hall for finals.*

- **Medical** will be supervised by Jeremy Summers (USA) and Catherine Defoligny-Renault (FRA)
- **Video refereeing** is not mandatory but will probably be implemented, as well as **live streaming** for the finals and ceremonies.
- **Wi-Fi** will be available throughout the venue.

*Note : About **100 volunteers** will attend the championships, being busy with all the necessary tasks. A quick communication for all matters will be made by using **15 walkie-talkies**.*

## 4) MISCELLANEOUS

### 4.1. Website

Amani Hassan Eissa will manage its realisation. I recalled the three topics of interests to the veterans :

- Competition : programme, weapon control, results, rules, video.
- Logistics : location, transportation, accomodations, shuttles, practical recommendations)
- Entertainment : gala dinner, tourism excursions

*Note : don't miss the welcome speeches of Mr. Usmanov and other personalities. It could be also useful to give an email address to ask questions.*

The website should be broadcasted in mid-may. It will be previously submitted to the Veterans Council to ensure that all is OK.

### 4.2. Shuttles

Using rental cars is of course possible but driving in Cairo could be difficult (traffic, risk being lost). It is strongly recommended to use the shuttle system which will be described in detail on the website (particularly the schedules). The coaches will provide regular and reliable free transportation between airport, official hotels and gymnasium.

For information, when arriving at the airport, you have to buy a visa for your stay (25\$)

#### **4.3. Hotels**

I've visited the three official hotels, conveniently located and not very far from the gymnasium. One of them, close to the pedestrian center, was used by almost all the fencers of the last Grand Prix. These hotels are very nice and offer a large variety of reservation (single, twin, or up to three persons per room). Breakfast is generous. Special prices will be negotiated.

Note that everybody must go through security scanning stations, including luggage, before entering.

#### **4.4. Gala dinner**

I've visited the room in which it will take place. Very wide, about 600m<sup>2</sup>. I've informed the organisers that veterans do appreciate this moment (more than 200 persons last year) and are particularly fond of dancing. It's also the moment for the FIE representative to award the diplomas to the fencers concerned.

I've suggested to the organisers not exceed 40€ per person.

#### **4.5. Tourism excursions**

Egyptian sites are among the most famous in the world. It's very likely that many fencers will wish to take advantage of their stay to visit them. However, they will want to do it in convenient and secured conditions.

I've recommended to the organisers to present on the website several possibilities at affordable prices. It could also be relevant to set up a stand of presentation within the venue.

#### **4.6. Souvenirs**

Veterans are used to buying souvenirs of their championships : posters, tee-shirts, towels, caps, mugs etc... Last year in Livorno, the stand was sometimes crowded. For the organisers, it can be a substantial source of income.

### **5) CONCLUSION**

I'd like to thank for their warm welcome and full availability all the persons that I met. Particularly Mr. Elhusseiny, President of Egyptian Fencing Federation and Mr. Elzeftawi, President of organisation Committee who gave me all the information I needed

My main impression is their ambition for these championships. They don't want to be «one of the best», but indeed « the best ». They really intend to implement all means necessary to ensure a competition and a stay which will be memorable.

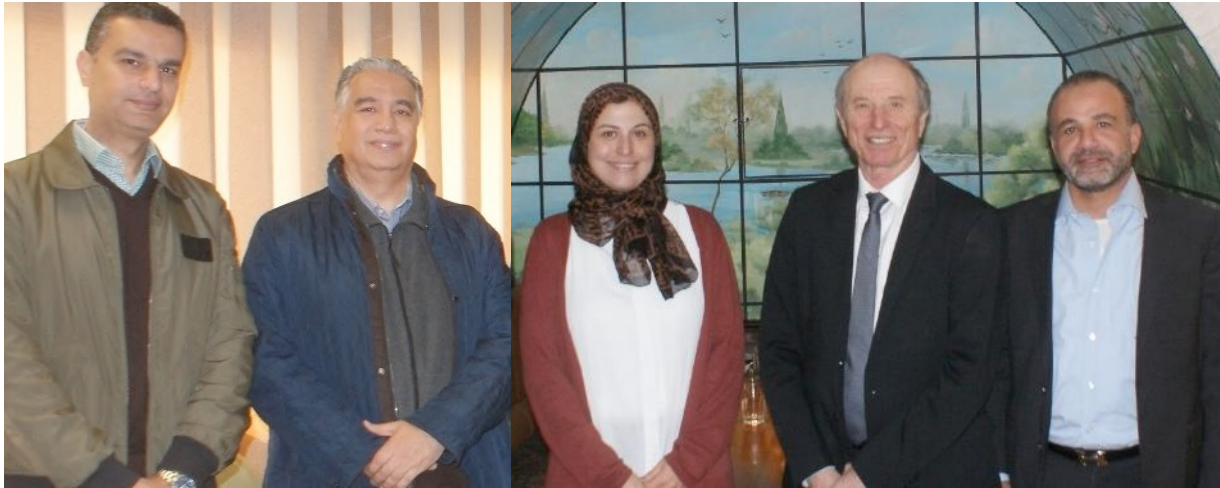
They have the assets for achieving such a goal : wonderful premises, experience in International events, taking into account of veterans'specificities.

I am truly confident in their success.

17/03/2019  
Benoit PINCEMAILLE  
FIE Veterans Council

## ANNEX

Photo 1



Gamil Elzeftawi

Ziad Feriani

Amani Hassan Eissa

Benoit Pincemaille

Abdelmoneim Elhusseiny

Photo 2



The Cairo Stadium Indoor Halls Complex (Photo from Internet)

Photo 3



The huge Main Hall, currently under maintenance. Mr. Elhusseiny on the left gives the scale



**Photo 4**



Hall 2 (Hall 3 is identical)

**Photo 5** (fish eye lens)



Hall 2 during Grand Prix

**Photo 6** (fish eye lens)



Hall for finals during Grand Prix. DT and ITstaff area on the right. Note the video refereeing and the giant screens.



Photo 7



Entrance to Podium during Grand Prix

Photo 8



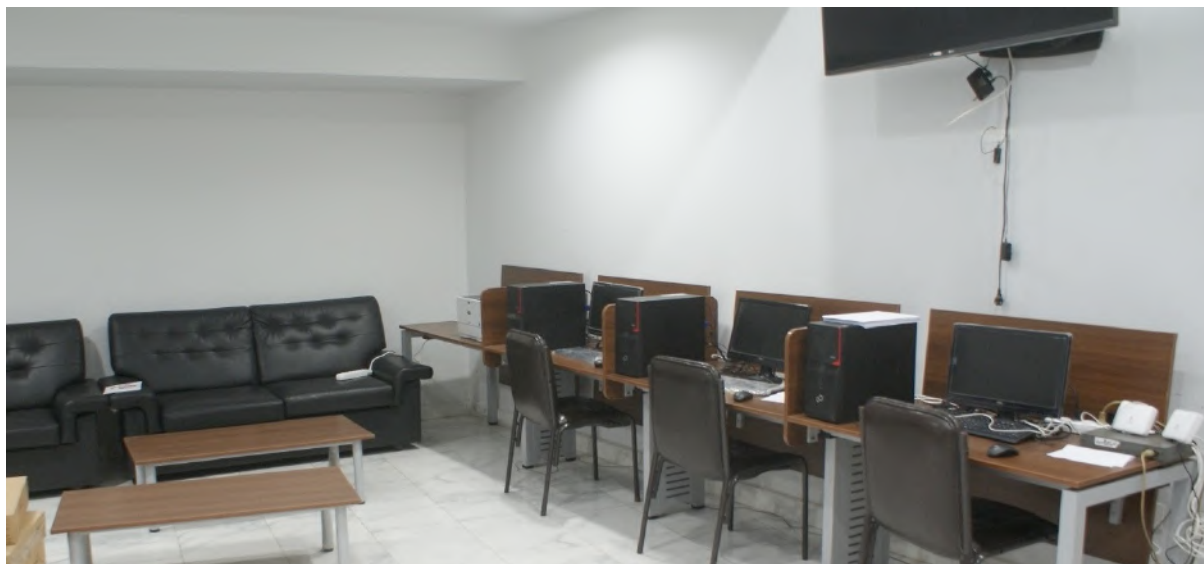
Arms room, 8 pistes for training

Photo 9



Meeting room

Photo 10



Press room

Photo 11



Medical room

Photo 12



Toilets and showers

## BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES

### Composition of the pools for Veteran individual championships

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

1 The FIE Veterans rankings ~~The 64 highest ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two 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.

## ***PART D: PROCEDURES AFTER THE COMPETITIONS***

### ***Chapter 1 RANKING***

#### **Official FIE individual ranking**

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#### **1 Principles**

- a) **The official Senior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best five results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.
- b) **The official Junior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.
- c) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is **rolling**.

The first Grand Prix event of the current year cancels out the first Grand Prix event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the Grand Prix events.



The first World Cup individual event of the current year cancels out the first World Cup individual event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup events in the season.

The first satellite competition of the current year cancels out the first satellite competition of the previous year and so forth for the other satellite competitions.

The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the corresponding competition in the previous season.

If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

**d) In the event of equal points**, the ranking is based on who has gained the most first places, then second places, etc.

If there is a complete tie, the fencers are ranked equal.

**e)** After each competition which is taken into account to establish the ranking, this is updated automatically after verification of the results by the FIE.

**f)** Except where special rules apply, the official up-to-date FIE ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, exemptions, etc.

## 2 Scale of points

**a)** The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

- 1st place 32 points
- 2nd place 26 points
- 3rd place *ex aequo* 20 points
- 5th–8th places 14 points
- 9th–16th places 8 points
- 17th–32nd places 4 points
- 33rd–64th places 2 points
- 65th–96th places 1 point
- 97th–128th 0.5 point
- 129th–256th 0.25 point

**b)** Points obtained in an **individual World Cup** competition **and a Zonal Championship** are multiplied by a factor of 1.

**c)** Points obtained in a **Grand Prix** competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

**d)** Points obtained in the individual events of the **Senior World Championships and in the Junior World Championships** are multiplied by a factor of 2.5.

**e)** Points obtained in the individual events of the **Olympic Games** are multiplied by a factor of 3.0. At the **Olympic Games**, **fourth** place is awarded 54 points.

**f)** Only fencers who have **actually participated** in a direct elimination table can receive any points.

## 3 Honours

**The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **senior** official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Senior World Championships or Olympic Games.

**The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **junior** official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

## 4 Veterans Ranking

**The official Veterans ranking of the FIE** are computed adding the results in the previous two years World Championships at the weapon in question irrespective of age category changes.



The Veterans ranking is based on the **following points system**:

1st place 80 points  
2nd place 65 points  
3rd place *ex aequo* 50 points  
5th place 38 points  
6th place 36 points  
7th place 34 points  
8th place 32 points  
9th place 30 points  
10th place 28 points  
11th place 26 points  
12th place 24 points  
13th place 22 points  
14th place 20 points  
15th place 18 points  
16th place 16 points  
17th place 14 points  
18th place 13,5 points  
19th place 13 points  
20th place 12,5 points  
21th place 12 points  
22th place 11,5 points  
23th place 11 points  
24th place 10,5 points  
25th place 10 points  
26th place 9,5 points  
27th place 9 points  
28th place 8,5 points  
29th place 8 points  
30th place 7,5 points  
31th place 7 points  
32th place 6,5 points  
33th place 6 points  
34th place 5,9 points  
35th place 5,8 points  
36th place 5,7 points  
37th place 5,6 points  
38th place 5,5 points  
39th place 5,4 points  
40th place 5,3 points  
41th place 5,2 points  
42th place 5,1 points  
43th place 5 points  
44th place 4,9 points  
45th place 4,8 points  
46th place 4,7 points  
47th place 4,6 points  
48th place 4,5 points  
49th place 4,4 points  
50th place 4,3 points  
51th place 4,2 points  
52th place 4,1 points  
53th place 4 points  
54th place 3,9 points  
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56th place 3,7 points  
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62th place 3,1 points  
63th place 3 points  
64th place 2,9 points  
65th place 2,8 points  
66th place 2,7 points  
67th place 2,6 points  
68th place 2,5 points  
69th place 2,4 points  
70th place 2,3 points  
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72th place 2,1 points  
73th place 2 points  
74th place 1,9 points  
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79th place 1,4 points  
80th place 1,3 points  
81th place 1,2 points  
82th place 1,1 points  
83th place 1 points  
84th place 0,9 points  
85th place 0,8 points  
86th place 0,7 points  
87th place 0,6 points  
88th place 0,5 points  
89th place 0,4 points  
90th place 0,3 points  
91th place 0,2 points  
92th place 0,1 points  
93th place and after 0 points

## **C. VETERANS**

### **Team championships**

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#### **1 Participation**

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

The teams shall be composed of fencers who participate in the individual competition of the relevant weapon.

#### **2 The rules for team competitions 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 from "B" and one from "C", with or without a 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 last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.
- c)** The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the team having the lowest total being ranked highest. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of the match.

**d)** Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or trauma duly recognized by the Medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

There can only be one substitution per team 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.). Exceptionally, a relay may end at more than 5,10,15 etc. if a fencer scores a valid last hit of the relay and is at the same time awarded an additional penalty hit: in this case both hits will be counted; 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 regulation 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 draw lots 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 the highest placed 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their ranking after the round of pools.

a) The order of fights in a pool of 4 is as follows:

- Match 1 : The team ranked 1 vs the team ranked 4
- Match 2 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3
- Match 3 : The winner of Match 1 vs the loser of Match 2
- Match 4 : The winner of Match 2 vs the loser of Match 1
- Match 5 and Match 6 : The two remaining matches.

b) The order of fights in a pool of 3 is as follows:

- Match 1 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3
- Match 2 : The team ranked 1 vs the loser of Match 1
- Match 3 : The team ranked 1 vs the winner of Match 1

The initial ranking on which the drawing of the pools is based is established from the results of the fencers in the individual events. (cf. o.103.2.c)

Using the results of the pools, an overall ranking is established, from which the top 16 (or 8 if there are fewer than 16 teams taking part) are promoted to a direct elimination tableau, in which the teams are placed according to this ranking. Should there be absolute equality in results between teams ranked 16 and 17 (or 8 and 9), the team ranked higher before the round of pools will be qualified.

However, teams which have already fenced each other in the pools should not meet again immediately in the direct elimination. To avoid this, the lower ranked of the two teams in question may be moved:

- in the case of a tableau of 16, the team ranked 9 may change places only with the team ranked 10, the team ranked 11 may change places only with the team ranked 12, the team ranked 13 may change places only with the team ranked 14 and the team ranked 15 may change places only with the team ranked 16. - in the case of a tableau of 8, the team ranked 5 may change places only with the team ranked 6 and the team ranked 7 may change places only with the team ranked 8.

**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.

**9** The places in the final ranking table from 5<sup>th</sup> onwards are not fought for and teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their ranking after the poules



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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

**4.4.4.**

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as candidates~~ been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Veterans Council:**

The Veteran Council supports the proposal.