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First International Virtual Basic Seminar on FIE Referee Rules for National Referees from the Pan American Continent in Spanish.

In these difficult times, when the whole world is experiencing a pandemic, all international fencing competitions and events have been canceled. The Pan American Confederation is always striving to find interesting interactive forms to attract fencers, coaches, and referees for active work and association.

Previously, we organized a series of Virtual Interactive Cups online, which gained great popularity on all continents. The next third Virtual Foil Cup is planned to be held from 12 to 18 September 2020.

Yesterday, August 20, the first international virtual online seminar on the rules of refereeing of the FIE competitions on the Pan American continent was successfully launched.

98 national referees from our continent are taking part in the seminar.

Most of the Spanish-speaking national federations have delegated their referees to participate in the seminar, showing great interest in improving the quality of refereeing in our continent.

We congratulate and thank all the national fencing federations from our continent for their active work and consolidation in these difficult times. Together we will win.
During three days, the participants of the seminar will listen to three lectures on refereeing (1st Epee, 2nd Foil, and 3rd Sabre), receiving new knowledge from one of the best referees of the FIE Juan Carlos Rios. The participants will watch various videos of difficult situations on arbitration, take part in debates, and discuss difficult refereeing situations and cases in at FIE international competitions.

Soon we will open the registration of referees to participate in the Virtual Basic Seminar on the FIE Referee Rules in English, which will be held from 10 to 13 September 2020.

Our main goal in this difficult time is unity, unfortunately, at present, this is only possible in a virtual online format, but we are confident that in the near future, our athletes will again be able to participate in real fencing competitions, and the referees will be able to provide them with high-quality refereeing.

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