



Dear President,

Decisions of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met by video conference on 27 November 2020 to deal with several important points, including the situation of world fencing as regards Covid-19, the calendar and competitions counting for the Olympic qualification. The decisions are attached.

The fencing family wants to resume competitions as soon as possible and we are doing everything we can to implement a calendar, especially the competitions counting for the Olympic qualification.

However, protecting the health of our athletes and participants is paramount. Once again, we consulted the FIE Medical Commission. The latter unanimously recommended not to resume competitions in January 2021.

At present, the Covid-19 situation still implies significant, sometimes very stringent restrictions, and some federations are not yet able to confirm their ability to hold competitions or have already cancelled them.

The Executive Committee therefore decided to consider resuming competitions in February 2021, provided that conditions for health, participation and flights so permit. No-one should be penalised, no-one should be left behind and we must ensure protective protocols for the benefit of everyone.

We know that this wait for a resumption is difficult, and we still need to be patient. The efforts that you are making are tremendous and they will not be in vain. Rest assured that we are doing and will continue to do absolutely everything in our power to secure the resumption of our activities. We are working fully and actively with the IOC and Tokyo 2020 to contribute to memorable Olympic Games.

It is with optimism, confidence, and determination that we must look forward, even though our endurance is currently under severe strain. We will learn lessons for the future.

We are and always will be united and show solidarity. Fencing will overcome this hardship as it has overcome many others in the past. We will continue to reach new heights, but even stronger and even better.

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President