



Dear President,

Decisions of the Executive Committee

Further to the Executive Committee meeting held by video conference on 17 September 2021, please find below and attached the decisions taken:

1. Calendar and rankings

As some organisers were unable to organise the competitions scheduled in the calendar, the FIE looked for possible options with other organisers, particularly when several cancellations or requests for postponements were recorded. Some solutions have been found so that the women's and men's competitions can take place, and we will continue our efforts to avoid as much as possible that competitions are not held. The federations will be informed immediately and updates to the calendar will also be available on the FIE website

In 2020 and 2021, following the lack of competitions due to the pandemic, rankings and points were frozen, but then some competitions could take place and the Olympic qualification could be finalised.

The 2021-2022 season has begun and despite some tournament cancellations, competitions are resuming. Consequently, the rankings and points will be progressively normalised and updated, in application of the corresponding articles o.108 and o.109 of the rules.

As we have found ourselves in an unprecedented context in 2020 and 2021 and the ranking situation has become quite complex, tables for each junior and senior weapon will be sent to you by the Sport Department, in order to clearly indicate how tournaments and points will be replaced or cancelled when a competition does not take place.

Particular attention will be paid to the situation so that, in the event of difficulties, additional decisions can be taken, after consultation with the Rules Commission.

2. Support for the resumption of competitions

2.1 FIE Risk Mitigation Requirements Plan

In order to take into account the global situation of the pandemic, which remains very different from one continent or area to another, the Covid-19 Task Force has worked on easing the measures, in particular for competition organisers, while ensuring that this reduction is not to the detriment of the safety of participants.

Please find attached a summary of the revised requirements plan (for organisers and participants).

The revised outline of the risk mitigation plan is available on the FIE website at:

<https://fie.org/fie/documents/other-documents>

Translation into Spanish is underway and will be posted quickly.



2.2 Support for organisers

A subsidy will be provided to each competition organiser to pay for rapid tests to be carried out on-site, on arrival of all participants.

This subsidy is part of an overall plan to support organisers for the 2021-2022 season to facilitate the resumption of competitions. It will be communicated as soon as possible.

2.3 Grand Prix, season 2021-2022

For this season, it has been decided that wireless will be optional at Grand Prix events.

In addition, the equipment supplied in the past for the Grand Prix events (similar to the former contract with Tissot) will be taken over by the FIE. A call for tenders from fencing equipment manufacturers will be made for the Grand Prix events to be held from February 2022.

3. World Veterans' Championships 2021

The FIE, USA Fencing and the President and some members of the FIE Veterans Council met virtually on September 8, 2021, in order to discuss the Veteran World Championships, after the decision of the FIE Executive Committee not to hold them in October 2021 and to consider either a postponement to January 2022 or a cancellation. The final decision was to be taken by the Executive Committee on September 17, as announced by Information letter 11-21, of August 30, 2021.

During the meeting of September 8, the FIE, USA Fencing and the FIE Veterans Council reflected on the ongoing spread of COVID-19 around the world and the borders and flights restrictions, causing difficulty or inability to travel.

In addition, as participants from certain countries cannot afford to stay in quarantine from 10 to 21 days after their travel, and/or to pay such quarantine costs, these participants are not able or willing to attend. Besides, because of the spread of the new variants of the virus, a number of participants and their families are not comfortable for their members to travel.

We know that veteran fencers around the world have been training for the opportunity to compete for gold and come together as a community again, and they deserve a championship with all the competitive and social facets of past successful events, such as the one in Cairo. But taking into account the fact that many countries would not be able to attend, I was considered that it would not be fair to hold an event with significantly less participants.

Considering all the parameters and information available, and the unpredictability of the world situation, restrictions, and conditions to be in force in January 2022, it was felt that a postponement to January was not viable. Therefore, it was unfortunately necessary to make the decision to cancel the upcoming Veteran World Championships.

The FIE and the Veterans Council sincerely appreciate and thank the USA Fencing Federation for all the efforts to hold the Veteran World Championships this season, despite numerous challenges.

4. 2022 World Veterans' Championships

At the request of the Croatian Fencing Federation, the 2022 Veteran World Championships will be held in Zadar, from 6 to 12 October 2022.

5. Best referees 2021

The Executive Committee has appointed, on the basis of the proposal of the Refereeing Commission, the following best referees for 2021:

Foil: 1. GHEORGHE Florin Sebastian (ROU); 2. ZHURAVLEVA Natalia (RUS); 3. SUH Sangwon (KOR).

Epee: 1. PAGHIEV Mihail (MDA); 2. KOVRIJNYKH Andrei (RSA); 3. RIOS RIVERA Juan Carlos (MEX).

Sabre: 1. MILENCHEV Vasil (BUL); 2. FLOREA Marius (ROU); 3. TOURE Papa Khassoum (SEN).

6. Environmental Working Group

In order to continue the actions already taken and to contribute in a coordinated way to respecting the environment, and based on a request from the Medical Commission, the Executive Committee decided to create a working group in charge of formulating proposals and an action plan.

7. Medical handbook for FIE competitions

The medical handbook revised by the Medical Commission and approved by the Executive Committee will be published shortly. It will apply during the 2022-2023 season.

8. 2021 Congress documents

The Congress documents will be the subject of a separate information letter, which will be sent to you in the next few days.

Alisher Usmanov
President

