



**Athletes' Commission Report**  
**Proposals for the 2022 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Rules**

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2023, unless mentioned otherwise.

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**Article:** o.67

P. 6

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** Experience has highlighted the problems when you end up with pools of 6 and the absence of fencers on call. In order to ensure the fairness of the pools, the Rules Commission proposes the following text:

**o.67**

1. In all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools, these pools consist of 7 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. Otherwise, the pools are of 7 and 6. In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.

If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the DT **organisers** must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers in the same round of pools, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

Depending on the number of participants, the pool round may take place over several rounds. The DT must then provide for each pool round, pools of 7 and 6 (if applicable) in order to balance one or more pools in the event of fencers absent at roll call in pools of 6.

**Athletes' Commission:** In favour

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**Article:** o.108.1

P. 8

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** Supplementing o.108.1 c). The cancellation of many competitions during the 2020/2021 season has caused points allocation problems.

**o.108.1**

c) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is rolling.  
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~~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.~~

The competitions are numbered in order of the dates provided in the calendar and by competition category (World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite events).

The points awarded in event 1 of the current season replace the points awarded in event 1 of the previous season and so on.

If an event is cancelled during the current season, the points acquired during the corresponding event of the previous season will be deleted on the date assigned to this event in the calendar of the current season.

**Athletes' Commission: In favour**

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**Article:** o.108.2

P. 9

**Proposal from:** Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Senegal, Algeria,

**Motivation:** The continental competition (zone championship) is the 2nd most important competition after the world championships it is a great continental gathering very important for the fencers it allows to improve their FIE ranking, to have more chance to qualify to the Olympics, unfortunately by reducing the coefficient of the zone championship and make it at the level of a world cup has limited the chances to qualify to the Olympics for America, Asia, Oceania and Africa to the detriment of other continents which organize more than 75% of the competitions.

For all these reasons we propose to return to 1,5 coefficient of zone championship.

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o.108.2

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 ~~and a Zonal Championship~~ competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

**Athletes' Commission: Not in favour**

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**Article:** t.56

P. 13

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** to make clear that a hit made during or after a fall must be annulled in any case regardless it was intentional or accidental

t.56

10. Hit made during or after a fall must be annulled

**Athletes' Commission:** In favour

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**Article:** t.63

P. 14

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** hand signals are not up to date

1. Add pictures for:

- "changing decision" after video-analysing

- "technical touch" for crossing rear line

2. Change:

- "No hit or warning" to "No hit or abstention"

**Athletes' Commission:** In favour

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**Article:** t.124

P. 17

**Proposal from:** Executive Committee

**Motivation:**

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## Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

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~~In the event of unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' as a decision of "fact" (cf.t.136.2).

### 1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-yellow cards and P-red Cards are awarded ~~to each fencer separately~~ to both fencers simultaneously, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red card ~~s.and finally by a~~ The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

a) 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.~~

b) 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:~~

~~If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.~~

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

c) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~ third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows: ~~one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card~~

ie) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores~~ are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

iif) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores~~ are not equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower score with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

### 2 Team events

P-Yellow, ~~and~~ P-Red cards are awarded to ~~the two each~~ teams ~~separately~~ simultaneously, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded ~~to the fencer.~~ as described in 2c) below.

a) 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.~~

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

~~e) 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.~~

c) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-Black card is awarded as follows: ~~a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.~~

i) If the scores for the two teams are equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

ii) If the scores for the two teams are not equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-Black card. The team with the higher score wins the match.

~~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 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.~~

~~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.~~

~~f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste 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 the fencers on the piste 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.~~

### **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), 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. 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) 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, each penalty hit and at the beginning of each period or relay.

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.

**Athletes' Commission:** In favour



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**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

**Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

**P. 8**

**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

**Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

[A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#) Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

**Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement
- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

[A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#)

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics Committee.

A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms (12 years).

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**Athletes' Commission:** Not in favour.



## COMITE D'ETHIQUE DE LA FIE

### FIE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion :	24 juin 2022 – 13h00 CET – online meeting
Date, place and time of the meeting:	24 June 2022 – 13h00 CET – online meeting
Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	

### COMITÉ DE ETICA DE LA FIE

## PROCES VERBAL / MINUTES

*Membres présents :* Olivier CARRARD  
ABOLILA Mohamed  
MARCIL Lorrie  
SZABO Reka  
ZOGHLAMI Dalia (présente mais avec des difficultés de connexion / present but with connection difficulties)  
Ana Irene DELGADO GUERRA – COMEX FIE

#### I. Session plénière avec la FIE / Plenary session with the FIE

Le Comité d'Ethique a été connecté à la session plénière de la FIE et a entendu le mot de bienvenue du Président ad interim, M. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS.

The Ethics Committee was connected to the FIE plenary session and was welcomed by the President ad interim, Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS.

#### II. Session Comité d'Ethique / Session Ethics Committee

##### 1. Introduction et retour sur la séance du 22 janvier 2022 / Introduction and review of the meeting of 22 January 2022

Il n'y a rien de particulier à relever à la suite de la séance du 22 janvier 2022.

There was nothing special to report following the meeting on 22 January 2022.

2. Discussions en vue de l'organisation d'un séminaire/workshop sur l'éthique par comparaison avec d'autres fédérations / Discussions for the organisation of a seminar/workshop on ethics in comparison with other federations

a. Séminaire/workshop en principe à Lausanne et pas virtuel / Seminar/workshop in principle in Lausanne and not virtual

Ce point n'est pas abordé de manière détaillée car il dépend de la décision d'organiser ou non un séminaire/workshop.

This point is not discussed in detail as it depends on the decision to organise a seminar/workshop or not.

b. Participation des responsables éthiques d'autres fédérations internationales (ex : FIG, UCI, IWF)  
Participation of ethics officers from other international federations (e.g. FIG, UCI, IWF)

OC présente l'idée d'organiser ce séminaire workshop fin 2022 / début 2023 avec, comme idée, de partager certaines vues sur l'éthique avec les membres de la Commission juridique, du Comité disciplinaire, du COMEX et du Comité d'Ethique.

OC presented the idea of organising this workshop seminar at the end of 2022 / beginning of 2023 with the idea of sharing some views on ethics with the members of the Legal Commission, the Disciplinary Panel, the Executive Committee and the Ethics Committee.

Des personnes intervenant dans les comités d'Ethique d'autres fédérations internationales pourraient être invitées, comme certaines personnes de la Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (ci-après FIG) qui a mis en place un concept très original avec la création d'une fondation suisse totalement indépendante de la Fédération internationale et disposant d'un pouvoir de sanction très important.

People involved in the Ethics Committees of other international federations could be invited, such as some people from the International Gymnastics Federation (hereafter FIG) which has set up a very original concept with the creation of a Swiss foundation totally independent from the International Federation and with a very important power of sanction.

D'autres fédérations internationales comme la FIFA ont un système avec une chambre d'investigation puis une chambre de jugement.

Other international federations such as FIFA have a system with an investigation chamber and then a judgment chamber.

Tout comme la FIG, le Comité d'Ethique de la FIFA dispose d'un pouvoir de sanction propre.

Like the FIG, the FIFA Ethics Committee has its own power of sanction.

D'autres fédérations, comme l'Union Cycliste Internationale (ci-après UCI), ont également un système différent.

Other federations, such as the International Cycling Union (hereinafter UCI), also have a different system.

OC fait toutefois observer que ces fédérations sont d'une autre dimension que la FIE et, pour certaines, ont rencontré des problèmes majeurs sur le plan de l'éthique comme au sein de la FIG ou de la FIFA par exemple, alors que, du côté de l'escrime, la situation est beaucoup plus calme et il n'est peut-être pas nécessaire d'aller vers des systèmes trop complexes.

OC points out, however, that these federations are of a different size than the FIE and some of them have had major ethical problems, for example in the FIG or FIFA, whereas in fencing the situation is much calmer and there is perhaps no need to go into overly complex systems.

Néanmoins, il y a certainement des améliorations qui peuvent être apportées aux systèmes prévus actuellement par la FIE.

Nevertheless, there are certainly improvements that can be made to the systems currently provided by the FIE.

Après discussion au sein du Comité d'Ethique, il est décidé que cette idée est intéressante mais qu'il convient peut-être d'attendre de voir ce qui sera décidé et exécuté concernant le point 3 de l'ordre du jour qui est la rédaction d'un Code de procédure pour guider le Comité d'Ethique dans son fonctionnement.

After discussion within the Ethics Committee, it was decided that this idea was interesting but that it was perhaps appropriate to wait and see what would be decided and implemented concerning point 3 of the agenda, which was the drafting of a Code of Procedure to guide the Ethics Committee in its operation.

En effet, l'organisation d'un séminaire/workshop pourrait servir de support au travail futur ou, dans un autre contexte, pourrait être une manière de présenter, une fois rédigé, un nouveau Code de procédure en matière d'éthique à un panel plus large dans le milieu de l'escrime.

Indeed, the organisation of a seminar/workshop could serve as a support for future work or, in another context, could be a way to present a new Code of Procedure in the context of ethics to a wider panel in the fencing community once it has been drafted.

De ce fait, cette question de séminaire/workshop est pour l'instant mise en attente.

Therefore, this seminar/workshop issue is on hold for the time being.

**c. Participation ouverte à d'autres personnes de la FIE / Participation open to other FIE members**

Il n'est pas nécessaire de développer ce point vu la réponse au point b. ci-dessus.

There is no need to elaborate on this point in view of the answer to point b. above.

**d. Budget de cette manifestation à demander à la FIE (frais de voyage, locations de salles, etc.) / Budget for this event to be requested from the FIE (travel costs, room booking, etc.)**

Il n'est pas nécessaire de développer ce point vu la réponse au point b. ci-dessus.

There is no need to elaborate on this point in view of the answer to point b. above.

**e. Dates possibles : octobre / novembre 2022 ou fin janvier 2023/début février 2023 / Possible dates: October/November 2022 or late January 2023/early February 2023**

Il n'est pas nécessaire de développer ce point vu la réponse au point b. ci-dessus.

There is no need to elaborate on this point in view of the answer to point b. above.

**3. Discussions et réflexions sur la rédaction d'un Code de procédure pour guider le Comité d'Ethique dans son fonctionnement lorsqu'il est saisi d'un dossier / Discussions and reflexions on the drafting of a Code of Procedure to guide the Ethics Committee in its activities when a case is referred to it**

OC fait observer que, même si le Comité d'Ethique au eu peu de travail, à chaque fois il doit créer ses propres règles pour gérer une situation.

OC pointed out that, although the Ethics Committee had little work, each time it has to create its own rules to deal with a situation.

Ces règles touchent à différents niveaux :

These rules affect different levels:

- Comment démarrer une procédure et qui doit en être informé ?
- Les 5 membres du Comité d'Ethique doivent-ils participer à chaque cas ou faut-il sélectionner un panel de 3 membres pour gérer le cas ?
- Si une sélection est faite, comment se fait-elle ? Selon quelles règles ?
- Comment procéder par rapport aux parties concernées : respect du droit d'être entendu, donner la possibilité à chacune des parties de s'exprimer par écrit, quels sont les délais qu'il faut impartir, les délais peuvent-ils être prolongés une fois ou plusieurs fois ?
- Chaque partie peut produire des pièces mais peut-elle en produire dans un stade plus avancé de la procédure ou y a-t-il un délai limite à partir duquel plus aucune pièce ne peut être produite ? Ceci pour respecter l'égalité des chances entre les personnes
- Faut-il, dans certains cas, organiser une audience ? Dans l'affirmative, comment l'audience doit se dérouler ? Des témoins peuvent-ils être entendus ? Des experts peuvent-ils être requis ?
- Comment procéder en cas d'urgence ?
- Dans quelle langue faut-il procéder ?
- Une fois le cas terminé, un rapport doit-il être rédigé pour décider de référer le cas au Comité disciplinaire ou non ?
- Si le cas est référé au Comité disciplinaire, sous quelle forme doit-il intervenir ? En d'autres termes, le Comité d'Ethique peut-il rédiger un rapport avec une recommandation de sanction tel que le ferait un procureur, ou simplement rédiger un rapport et laisser ensuite le Comité disciplinaire agir par lui-même ?
- Etc...
- How to start a procedure and who should be informed?
- Should all 5 members of the Ethics Committee participate in each case or should a panel of 3 members be selected to handle the case?
- If a selection is made, how is it done? According to which rules?
- How to proceed with regard to the parties concerned: respect for the right to be heard, giving each party the opportunity to express itself in writing, what deadlines should be set, can the deadlines be extended once or several times?
- Can each party produce documents, but can they produce them at a later stage of the procedure or is there a time limit after which no more documents can be produced? This is to respect equal opportunities between people
- Is it necessary to hold a hearing in certain cases? If so, how should the hearing be conducted? Can witnesses be heard? Can experts be called in?
- How should a hearing be conducted in an emergency?
- What language should be used?
- Once the case is over, should a report be written to decide whether to refer the case to the Disciplinary Panel or not?
- If the case is referred to the Disciplinary Panel, what form should it take? In other words, can the Ethics Committee write a report with a recommendation for a sanction as a prosecutor would do, or simply write a report and then let the Disciplinary Panel act on its own?
- Etc.

**a. Mandat à confier à un bureau d'avocats externe ou au Comité Juridique de la FIE / Mandate to be given to an external law firm or to the FIE Legal Commission**

Après discussion concernant l'ensemble des points mentionnés ci-dessus dont la liste n'est pas exhaustive, le Comité d'Ethique est d'avis qu'un mandat doit être confié à un avocat externe, spécialiste en droit du sport, afin qu'il rédige un Code de procédure tenant compte de toutes ces réflexions et en prenant les avis des membres de la Commission juridique ainsi que du Comité d'Ethique, voire du Comité disciplinaire.

After discussion of all the above-mentioned points, the Ethics Committee is of the opinion that a mandate should be given to an external lawyer, specialised in sports law, to draft a Code of Procedure taking into account all these considerations and taking into account the opinions of the members of the Legal Commission as well as of the Ethics Committee, and even the Disciplinary Panel.

Une autre manière de procéder consisterait à ce que la Commission juridique rédige ce code.

Another way of proceeding would be for the Legal Commission to draft this code.

Le Comité d'Ethique est d'avis que ce n'est pas son rôle que de rédiger ses propres règles de fonctionnement.

The Ethics Committee is of the opinion that it is not its role to draft its own rules of operation.

La discussion s'arrête à ce stade dans l'attente de la session conjointe avec la Commission juridique de la FIE pour en parler de manière concrète (point 5 de l'ordre du jour).

The discussion stops at this stage pending the joint session with the FIE Legal Commission to discuss this in a concrete manner (point 5 of the agenda).

**b. Budget à obtenir de la FIE / Budget to be obtained from the FIE**

Ce point n'est pas abordé.

This point is not discussed.

**4. Session conjointe avec le Comité disciplinaire de la FIE / Joint session with the FIE Disciplinary Panel**

Après avoir établi d'ordre du jour de la présente réunion, OC a appris de la part de la FIE que le Comité disciplinaire ne se réunissait pas et que, au surplus, il n'avait pas de président attribué avec lequel une discussion aurait pu intervenir.

After setting the agenda for this meeting, OC was informed by the FIE that the Disciplinary Panel was not meeting and, moreover, that it did not have a designated chairperson with whom a discussion could have taken place.

En conséquence, ce point de l'ordre du jour est annulé.

Consequently, this agenda item is cancelled.

**5. Session conjointe avec le Comité juridique de la FIE / Joint session with the FIE Legal Commission**

Le Comité d'Ethique rejoint la Commission juridique de la FIE pour une session conjointe avec, comme points de discussion :

The Ethics Committee joins the FIE Legal Commission for a joint session with, as discussion points

a. La question de la rédaction du Code de procédure du Comité d'Ethique

a. The issue of drafting the Code of Procedure for the Ethics Committee

b. L'organisation d'un workshop/séminaire sur l'éthique

b. The organisation of a workshop/seminar on ethics



c. Les raisons de la proposition de la Commission juridique d'étendre le nombre de membres du Comité d'Ethique de 5 à 10 dans le futur.

c. The reasons for the Legal Commission's proposal to extend the number of members of the Ethics Committee from 5 to 10 in the future.

Le point de vue de la Commission juridique sur la proposition suédoise d'avoir des mandats limités à 3, c'est-à-dire 12 ans pour l'ensemble des participants à la Présidence Comex, commissions, etc.

The Legal Commission's view on the Swedish proposal to have limited terms of office of 3, i.e. 12 years for all participants in the Presidium, committees, etc.

#### a. Rédaction du Code de procédure / Drafting of the Procedural Code

Une discussion a lieu concernant la rédaction du Code de procédure du Comité d'Ethique.

A discussion took place regarding the drafting of the Code of Procedure of the Ethics Committee.

Certains membres de la Commission juridique pensent que ce Code pourrait être rédigé par le Comité d'Ethique lui-même ou par la Commission juridique ou par un groupe de travail issu de ces deux comités et, qu'ensuite, ce travail pourrait être relu et corrigé par un avocat externe.

Some members of the Legal Commission thought that this Code could be drafted by the Ethics Committee itself or by the Legal Commission or by a working group from these two committees and that this work could then be reviewed and corrected by an external lawyer.

OC, au nom du Comité d'Ethique, pense qu'il est préférable de confier ce mandat à un avocat externe car il s'agit d'un gros travail et qu'il convient d'avoir un service professionnel pour cela.

OC, on behalf of the Ethics Committee, thinks that it is better to give this mandate to an external lawyer because it is a big job and it is necessary to have a professional service for this.

Le Comité d'Ethique craint aussi que, si un texte était rédigé par un groupe de travail de la Commission juridique et du Comité d'Ethique pour le faire relire ensuite par un avocat externe, cela aboutisse à des complications car l'avocat externe serait enclin à refaire une partie du travail dans tous les cas de figure.

The Ethics Committee is also concerned that if a text is drafted by a working group of the Legal Commission and the Ethics Committee and then proofread by an external lawyer, this could lead to complications because the external lawyer would be inclined to redo some of the work in any case.

Il est ainsi préférable de mettre en place un petit groupe de travail composé de 1 ou 2 membres maximum de la Commission juridique, du Comité d'Ethique et, éventuellement du Comité disciplinaire pouvant émettre des idées afin de guider l'avocat externe qui serait mandaté.

It is therefore preferable to set up a small working group consisting of no more than one or two members of the Legal Committee, the Ethics Committee and, possibly, the Disciplinary Panel, who could put forward ideas to guide the external lawyer who would be appointed.

Ledit avocat pourrait, au fur et à mesure de son travail, consulter ce groupe afin d'arriver avec un projet abouti qui ne soit pas remis en question par la Commission juridique, le Comité d'Ethique ou le Comité disciplinaire.

The said lawyer could, as he or she worked, consult this group in order to come up with a finished project that would not be called into question by the Legal Committee, the Ethics Committee or the Disciplinary Panel.

Après avoir quitté la session conjointe avec la Commission juridique, le Comité d'Ethique a décidé de faire la proposition suivante au COMEX de la FIE qui se tiendra le 17 juillet 2022 pendant les Championnats du monde au Caire, à savoir :

- Un mandat est confié à un avocat externe pour rédiger ce Code : la proposition est de travailler avec Me Jorge IBARROLA, à Lausanne, spécialiste en droit du sport, qui a déjà travaillé avec la FIE et commence à bien connaître les problématiques de l'escrime.
- Un budget doit être établi préalablement avec cet avocat afin que la FIE puisse prendre des décisions en connaissance de cause.
- Un groupe de travail est mis sur pied en parallèle avec des représentants de la Commission juridique, du Comité d'Ethique, éventuellement du Comité disciplinaire qui sera l'interface pour l'avocat externe au cours de son travail.
- L'objectif est d'avoir un Code de procédure rédigé d'ici à fin 2022, voire avant le congrès qui se tiendra cette année.

Toutefois, l'acceptation de ce Code de procédure ne pourrait se faire sans doute qu'en 2023.

**b. L'organisation d'un workshop/séminaire sur l'éthique / The organisation of a workshop/seminar on ethics**

La Commission juridique n'est pas opposée à participer à l'organisation d'un tel évènement.

Après discussion au sein du Comité d'Ethique, il est toutefois décidé de mettre cette idée entre parenthèses jusqu'à la décision du Comité Exécutif quant à la rédaction du Code de procédure et du mandat qui pourrait être donné à un avocat externe.

En effet, si nous avançons dans cette direction, l'idée du séminaire/workshop pourrait être reprise ultérieurement afin de présenter le nouveau Code de procédure aux acteurs de la FIE.

After leaving the joint session with the Legal Commission, the Ethics Committee decided to make the following proposal to the Executive Committee of the FIE to be held on 17 July 2022 during the World Championships in Cairo, namely:

- A mandate is given to an external lawyer to draft this Code: the proposal is to work with Me Jorge IBARROLA, in Lausanne, specialist in sports law, who has already worked with the FIE and is beginning to know the problems of fencing well.
- A budget must be drawn up in advance with this lawyer so that the FIE can make informed decisions.
- A working group is set up in parallel with representatives of the Legal Commission, the Ethics Committee and possibly the Disciplinary Panel, which will be the interface for the external lawyer during his work.
- The aim is to have a Code of Procedure drafted by the end of 2022, or even before the Congress to be held this year.

However, the acceptance of this Code of Procedure could probably only be done in 2023.

The Legal Commission was not opposed to participating in the organisation of such an event.

However, after discussion within the Ethics Committee, it was decided to put this idea on hold until the Executive Committee decides on the drafting of the Code of Procedure and the mandate that could be given to an external lawyer.

Indeed, if we move in this direction, the idea of the seminar/workshop could be taken up again at a later date in order to present the new Code of Procedure to the FIE's stakeholders.

**c. Augmentation du nombre de membres du Comité d'Ethique de 5 à 10 / Increase in the number of members of the Ethics Committee from 5 to 10**

OC explique que cette augmentation serait prématurée à l'heure actuelle dans la mesure où il convient d'abord de rédiger un Code de procédure.

En effet, s'il y a 10 membres participants au Comité d'Ethique, des règles de procédure devront être fixées pour savoir quels membres interviendront dans un cas dont le Comité d'Ethique sera saisi, comment les choisir, selon quelles règles.

Sur ce point, Sam CHERIS rassure le Comité d'Ethique en expliquant que, si la règle d'augmenter le Comité d'Ethique de 5 à 10 membres était acceptée lors du prochain congrès 2022, elle ne serait applicable qu'à partir du congrès 2024 lorsque les mandats des membres du Comité d'Ethique seront renouvelés.

Cela laisserait ainsi le temps de mettre sur pied le Code de procédure.

Le Comité d'Ethique est ainsi satisfait par cette réponse.

Il ne voit toutefois pas l'utilité de procéder à ce changement en 2022 alors qu'il ne s'appliquerait qu'à partir de 2024 et que la rédaction du Code de procédure pourrait encore apporter une vision différente du nombre de membres à prévoir.

Enfin, il ne semble pas utile d'aligner le nombre de membres sur celui des commissions car il s'agit de deux structures totalement différentes, le Comité d'Ethique ayant un rôle juridictionnel, ce qui n'est pas le cas des commissions.

En conclusion, sans être opposé à cette augmentation du nombre de membres, le Comité d'Ethique est d'avis de reporter cette question au Congrès qui se tiendra à fin 2023.

OC explained that this increase would be premature at this time as a Code of Procedure would first have to be drafted.

Indeed, if there are 10 members participating in the Ethics Committee, rules of procedure will have to be established to know which members will intervene in a case before the Ethics Committee, how to choose them, according to which rules.

On this point, Sam CHERIS reassured the Ethics Committee by explaining that, if the rule to increase the Ethics Committee from 5 to 10 members was accepted at the next 2022 Congress, it would only be applicable from the 2024 Congress when the mandates of the members of the Ethics Committee would be renewed.

This would give time to set up the Code of Procedure.

The Ethics Committee is therefore satisfied with this answer.

However, it does not see the point of making this change in 2022 when it would only apply from 2024 and when the drafting of the Code of Procedure could still provide a different view of the number of members to be provided for.

Finally, it does not seem useful to align the number of members with that of the commissions, as these are two completely different structures, the Ethics Committee having a jurisdictional role, which is not the case with the commissions.

In conclusion, without being opposed to this increase in the number of members, the Ethics Committee is of the opinion that this question should be postponed until the Congress to be held at the end of 2023.



d. Limitation des mandats de président, de membre du COMEX, de membres de Commissions ou de Comité à 3 au maximum, soit 12 ans selon proposition de la Suède/ Limitation of the terms of office of the President, COMEX members, Commission or Committee members to a maximum of 3, i.e. 12 years as proposed by Sweden

Un échange de vues a lieu à ce sujet dont il ressort, selon le Comité d'Ethique, que la proposition suédoise n'est pas suffisamment précise ni élaborée.

An exchange of views took place on this subject from which it emerged, according to the Ethics Committee, that the Swedish proposal was not sufficiently precise or elaborate.

En effet, il n'est pas clair de savoir si cette règle s'appliquera immédiatement et si les années passées par certains membres dans des commissions ou au COMEX vont compter.

It was not clear whether this rule would apply immediately and whether the years spent by certain members in committees or on the Executive Committee would count.

L'exemple serait que des membres d'une commission depuis plus de 12 ans ou du COMEX pourraient devoir se retirer si cette règle était appliquée avec effet immédiat.

The example would be that members of a committee for more than 12 years or of the COMEX might have to withdraw if this rule were applied with immediate effect.

Sur cette question, la Commission juridique considère que la règle ne pourra s'appliquer que pour le futur.

On this issue, the Legal Commission considers that the rule can only be applied for the future.

Le Comité d'Ethique, de son côté, mentionne qu'il est à craindre que certains membres qui n'auraient pas été élus dans le passé demandent à ce que des personnes démissionnent car elles auraient déjà accompli des mandats de 12 ans ou plus.

The Ethics Committee, for its part, mentions that it is feared that some members who have not been elected in the past may request that people resign because they have already served 12 years or more.

De même, la règle ne prévoit pas ce qu'il en est pour les personnes qui sont élues en cours de mandat lorsqu'il faut remplacer une personne décédée ou démissionnaire ou exclue.

Similarly, the rule does not provide for those who are elected during their term of office when a person who has died or resigned or been excluded has to be replaced.

Dans ce cas, une personne qui aurait été réélue plusieurs fois pourrait être contrainte, lors de son dernier mandat, après avoir été élue pour 4 ans, de devoir démissionner après 2 ans compte-tenu de la règle des 12 ans.

In this case, a person who has been re-elected several times could be obliged, during his or her last term of office, after having been elected for 4 years, to resign after 2 years in view of the 12-year Rule.

Enfin, s'agit-il de 3 mandats consécutifs ?

Finally, are we talking about 3 consecutive terms?

Pour ces diverses raisons, le Comité d'Ethique est d'avis, en l'état, de ne pas recommander l'acceptation de cette modification.

For these various reasons, the Ethics Committee is of the opinion, as it stands, not to recommend acceptance of this amendment.

- e. **Position du Comité d'Ethique au sujet de la proposition n° 9 de la Commission juridique de modifier l'article 4.3 des statuts, plus précisément l'article 4.3.1 4<sup>ème</sup> paragraphe / Position of the Ethics Committee on the Legal Commission's proposal No. 9 to amend Article 4.3 of the Statutes, more specifically Article 4.3.1 4th paragraph**

Cette proposition vise à préciser le fait que les membres du Comité d'Ethique ne peuvent pas être membres du COMEX ou d'autres commissions de la FIE et inversement.

This proposal aims to clarify the fact that members of the Ethics Committee cannot be members of the Executive Committee or other FIE commissions and vice versa.

Le Comité d'Ethique estime cette proposition judicieuse et il l'approuve.

The Ethics Committee considers this proposition judicious and approves it.

## 6. **Point de situation sur un dossier en cours / Update on a current case**

Le dossier en cours est pour l'instant suspendu, dans l'attente de voir si un recours est décidé contre une décision d'un congrès.

The current case is suspended for the time being, waiting to see if an appeal is decided against a congress decision.

Si aucun recours n'est déposé contre la décision d'un congrès, il est probable que les personnes qui ont saisi le Comité d'Ethique retirent leur procédure.

If no appeal is lodged against a decision of a congress, it is likely that the persons who have referred the case to the Ethics Committee will withdraw their proceedings.

Il convient ainsi d'attendre le mois de juillet 2023.

It is therefore necessary to wait until July 2023

## 7. **Divers / Miscellaneous**

Sur ce point, il peut être résumé le point de vue du Comité d'Ethique concernant les deux propositions de modification de statuts qui sont proposés :

On this point, it can be summarised the point of view of the Ethics Committee concerning the two proposed amendments to the statutes:

- a. Limitation à 3 mandats/12 ans : pour les raisons exposées ci-dessus, le Comité d'Ethique ne recommande pas l'acceptation de cette proposition.
- b. Extension du nombre de membres du Comité d'Ethique de 5 à 10 : le Comité d'Ethique recommande de reporter cette question au Congrès 2023 lorsqu'un Code de procédure pour le fonctionnement du Comité d'Ethique aura été rédigé.

- a. Limitation to 3 terms of office/12 years: for the reasons set out above, the Ethics Committee does not recommend acceptance of this proposal.
- b. Extension of the number of members of the Ethics Committee from 5 to 10: the Ethics Committee recommends to postpone this issue to the 2023 Congress when a Code of Procedure for the functioning of the Ethics Committee will have been drafted.

En outre, l'acceptation de cette proposition est motivée par le fait que le Comité d'Ethique pourrait disposer d'une marge de manœuvre plus grande en ce qui concerne les problèmes de conflits d'intérêts ou de récusation liés à la nationalité de certains membres ou à des problèmes de langue.

Furthermore, the acceptance of this proposal is motivated by the fact that the Ethics Committee could have more room for manoeuvre with regard to problems of conflict of interest or recusal related to the nationality of certain members or language problems.

8. Fixation d'une prochaine réunion du Comité d'Ethique / Fixing a next meeting of the Ethics Committee

Cette question sera décidée lorsque le Comité d'Ethique aura eu une réponse du COMEX de la FIE au sujet de la question de la rédaction du Code de procédure.

This issue will be decided once the Ethics Committee has had a response from the COMEX of the FIE on the issue of drafting the Code of Procedure.

12 July 2022

Olivier CARRARD  
President





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**Report of the Legal Commission**

**Regarding**

**Proposals Submitted for the 2022 Congress Re:**

**Modifications of the Statutes and other Matters**

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**Friday 24 June 2022**

The Zoom meeting of the Legal Commission was called to order at 1305 CET (500 MT). All Members of the Commission were present, except Murat Atali, who informed us of a conflict prior to the meeting. Also present were Novak Perovic, the representative of the Executive Committee. The Ethics Committee joined the legal commission for a discussion.

**STATUTES**

**Proposal number 1 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

Re: Section 1.2.7

The Commission would like to add “or” the following in the first line:

Expulsions **or** disqualifications

**Proposal number 2 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

No comments or corrections.

**Proposal number 3 from the Swedish Federation**

Unanimously against the proposal

Expulsion and suspensions of a Member Federation is covered in the Disciplinary Code through an adjudicatory process and should not be made a political process with the vote being handled by the

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Executive Committee. Additionally, the reason for expulsions and suspensions are overly broad and, in many cases, have nothing to do with the behaviour of the Member Federation. The issues of the consequences of the expulsion or suspension of a Member Federation are already covered in the Disciplinary Code.

### **Proposal number 4 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

No comments or corrections.

### **Proposal number 5 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

The Commission would like to add Candidates for the Executive Committee so the change would read:

In addition, candidates for the Executive Committee, the Commissions (other than the Athletes Commission) and for the Ethics Committee have the right to take part in Elective Congresses.

It is understood that the additional number of participants may be a burden on staff and would like them to propose fixes, such as moving up the date by which candidates must be nominated. The Legal Commission would be willing to delay this proposal until the 2023 Congress to evaluate means of preventing the organisation of the Congress from becoming unmanageable.

### **Proposal number 6 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

No comments or corrections

### **Proposal number 7 from the Legal Commission**

In favour of the proposal by a vote of 8-1.

The Commission would like to modify the text to permit Commission, Council or Committee members could speak with the agreement of the president of the Commission, Council or Committee so, the change would read:

3.4.4 At Congresses, for each point under discussion ~~the~~ each president of a Member Federation~~s~~ or his/her representative, ~~the Honorary Members~~ each Member of honour and each member of the Executive Committee may express their opinion no more than twice, and for a maximum of ~~three~~ two minutes on each occasion. In addition, members of commissions, councils and committees concerned with the particular point under discussion may express their opinion once through that body's president or his/her representative or with the agreement of that body's president. This restriction does not apply to the presentation of commissions' reports, nor to the replies to questions addressed from the podium to any of the above persons, nor to the right to reply to an accusation.

### **Proposal number 8 from the Swedish Federation**

Unanimously opposed to the proposal.

The Commission feels that this artifice is undemocratic and is not in line with good governance. The Congress has the right to vote for whichever candidates it feels will best support the Vision and Mission

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of the FIE. It appears to be an attempt to prevent certain candidates from being available to the Congress and has nothing to do with good governance.

It should be noted that this proposal has been made and defeated twice previously. Since retroactive provisions are improper, this would mean that current office holders could only have three additional terms starting with the elections at the 2024 Congress. It also does not deal with the issue of persons who take over in the middle of a quadrennium for an officeholder who resigns and whether that counts as a term or not.

### **Proposal number 9 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

No comments or corrections

### **Proposal number 10 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

This proposal should be effective as of the 2024 Congress.

### **Proposal number 11 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

This proposal should be effective as of the 2024 Congress.

### **Proposal number 12 from the Swedish Federation**

Unanimously opposed to the proposal.

The issues raised here are handled effectively by Proposal number 4 from the Legal Commission.

This proposal is totally unworkable. One cannot come to a Congress with no agenda and then adopt one at the meeting for which appropriate documents may not be available and could not be provided to those attending the Congress for them to be able to study in advance. If additional items needed to be added to the agenda there are procedures for handling items that are not part of the agenda provided by the Executive Committee.

### **Proposal number 13 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

The Commission would like to modify the text to add Grand Prix in the last sentence so it will read as follows:

In addition, the members of the Bureau may not undertake the role of Supervisor at FIE World Cup or Grand Prix competitions.

### **Proposal number 14 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

The Commission would like to add '!' after bullets 4 through 8.

**Proposal number 15 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

The Commission would like to correct the spelling of the first word in 6B.1(3) so that phrase reads as follows: **(it concerns English version only):**

(3) **s** spurred by a proposal or idea presented by a Member Federation to the Executive Committee.

**Proposal number 16 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

No comments or corrections

**Proposal number 17 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

No comments or correction

**Proposal number 18 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal

The Commission would like to amend 9.2.2 (c) to give a person getting married at least 30 days to change their nationality if they so desire. It should read as follows:

**c)** The fencer who acquires a new nationality as a result of marriage may fence for that new country immediately, without waiting three years and without the approval of the national federation of the prior country s/he represented. Such application to fence for the new country must be filed with the FIE Head Office no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of August immediately following the date of receiving the new nationality through the marriage. **However, if the person receives the new nationality through marriage in July, they shall have thirty (30) days from the date of such receipt to file their application.**

**Proposal number 19 from the Legal Commission**

Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

No comments or corrections

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**Proposal number 3 from the Legal Commission (linked to the proposal number 13 of Modification of the Statutes)**

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Unanimously in favour of the proposal

#### **Proposal number 4 from the Swedish Federation**

Unanimously opposed to the proposal.

The Statutes clearly note that purview of the Refereeing Commission. As with all Commission, the Refereeing Commission is advisory to the Executive Committee or the Congress. It may not issue decisions on its own. This function of the Refereeing Commission could only be made by changing the Statutes.

#### **OTHER ACTIONS**

##### **Supervisor's Report**

Edina Czegledy presented her suggested revisions to the Supervisor's report to make it more useful. The revisions were reviewed and additional suggestions were made. The Supervisor's report will be updated and then send to staff and the Executive Committee. Once approved, a webinar for the use of the new Report will be scheduled.

##### **Composition and Election/Selection of the Referees' Commission**

Marco Rioja presented a report on ways to improve the composition and election/selection of the members of the Referee Commission. The Commission discussed the issues presented and the possible improvements. M. Rioja will incorporate the comments and then the draft will be forwarded to the CEO and the Bureau to determine next steps.

##### **Joint Meeting with the Ethics Committee**

The Legal Commission spoke with the members of the Ethics committee regarding the increase in the size of the Committee from 5 to 10 members starting with the election at the 2024 Congress and what the process would be to define the procedures that the Committee would have to develop to handle cases by panel rather than en banc. The Committee would also like to develop an ethics webinar and invite members of the Legal Commission to speak at it.

##### **Miscellaneous**

The Commission members discussed the items to be worked on for next year and agreed to have draft proposals circulated by 15 November in order that we could discuss while at the Congress and then finalize for submission for the 2023 Congress.

The meeting was adjourned at 1715 CET (900 MT)

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel David Chervis

President, FIE Legal Commission



**RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION MEDICALE DE LA FIE**  
**FIE MEDICAL COMMISSION REPORT**  
**INFORME DE LA COMISIÓN MEDICA DE LA FIE**

<b>Date, lieu et heure de la réunion :</b> <b>Date, place and time of the meeting:</b> <b>Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:</b>	June 24th & 25th, 2022
<b>Participants:</b> <b>Participants:</b> <b>Participantes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SUMMERS, Jeremy</li> <li>2. ABED, Hazem</li> <li>3. FERJANI, Jameleddine</li> <li>4. FIORE, Antonio</li> <li>5. HALAIMIA, Sabrina Imene</li> <li>6. HUZEL, Lisa</li> <li>7. <del>KAMUTI, Jeno</del></li> <li>8. MAKSIMOVA, Anastasiia</li> <li>9. MUSTAFA MOURAD, Maha</li> <li>10. SHAFFAT, Davood Reza</li> <li>11. AZE, Erika</li> </ol>
<b>Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) :</b> <b>Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced):</b> <b>Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. KAMUTI, Jeno</li> </ol>

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Welcome distinguished members of the medical commission. Straight to our working agenda.

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**Proposals –**

**Articles : o.21; o.61; o.101; o.103; t.45; t.170; index. – Please see the attached proposed revisions to proposal. – Please see point 7 for discussion.**

Medical commission has reviewed proposed changes and has provided comments and revisions to consider.

Rationale: term “injury” is necessary for inclusion regarding t.45 rule as this is the primary reason for medical evaluation within competition. Other medical reason “only” opens the rule to interpretation that any medical reason could warrant a medical timeout. Rule t.45 is a safety precaution to allow athletes the opportunity to have medical attention for injury or other medical reasons during a bout.

**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

Swedish proposal on term limits : Discussion around term limits: Most group members thought that limiting the time spent on the Medical Commission to a maximum of 12 years would risk the loss of

valuable experience and knowledge. Some thought that there may be benefit in having a maximum number of terms (possibly 5 terms or 20 years) or with having a cutoff age (similar to how FIE referees have a cutoff age)

Maha agreed with the 3 term limit proposal - her rationale was 1) that it is important to get new people with new ideas and new perspectives onto the Commission and 2) the physical demands of acting as a Medical Delegate are quite significant.

Unfortunately Jenö has not been able to act as Medical Delegate in the last 3 Championships that he has volunteered to work at due to illness.

Jeremy: Given that the commission has to provide 8 Medical Delegates, 2 or 3 Antidoping Education Delegates and 3 reserve Delegates, it may be necessary to consider increasing the size of the Commission

Sabrina: The number of Commission Members is regulated by the IOC; it is probably not possible to increase the size of one Commission without similarly changing the others.

Lisa: There may need to be a change in the rules which will allow a member of the Local Medical staff to fulfill the role of a Medical Delegate (either on their own or under the supervision of one of the FIE Medical Delegates) - because many venues are set up with pistes in multiple locations, there are times that the 3 (or 2) delegates cannot provide adequate cover. The ability to do this would also allow for last minute need to cover delegates due to illness or unexpected unavailability.

**Article 4.2.1 – A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms (12 years).**

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Article 4.3.1 - A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms (12 years).**

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Article 4.4.1 - A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms (12 years).**

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Article 4.7.1 - A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).**

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Comments: expertise within related fields may push out long term strategies and leave gaps within commission and councils. Term limits on presidents may be considered; implementing a term limit of 12 years, however, after a cycle out the individual may be allowed for re-election into the same or different commission and council where their expertise may be needed.**

#### **Point 1 / Item 1 / Punto 1:**

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Medical Commission meeting minutes approved.**

- Approved by Maha
- Seconded by Lisa
- All members approved

#### **Point 2 / Item 2 / Punto 2:**

**Review and Discussion: IOC Framework on Fairness, Discrimination, and Inclusion**

a) safety; potential increase in risk of injury to cis female fencers due to high likelihood that transgender female fencers would have greater power/strength/size

b) fairness: due to physiologic advantages that would not be eliminated by hormonal therapy during transition, trans females could end up dominating the female category. There may be a potential that some men may choose to transition to female specifically for the purposes of excelling in women's events.

- Sabrina: the % of the population that is transgender is approximately 0.05% Currently there is one USA transgender female fencer. The commission members were unaware of any other transgender fencers competing in FIE events.
- Jeremy: Decision will have to be made based on fairness, because there is no actual safety data of the risks to cis female fencers when fencing males or transgender females. Males fencing females is very common worldwide in training, less so in some local/national events (generally youth/veteran) Having a mechanism which would allow anonymous reporting of injuries to the FIE would be beneficial. There was some discussion regarding issues around collection of data such as privacy, whether the data should be collected by the FIE or NFs
- Maha: It is important that the FIE have a robust process for collection of data
- Sabrina: a pyramid approach of data collection (local, NF, FIE involvement)

#### **Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3:**

##### **Lindsay Bottoms presentation - UK Transgender Study Proposal**

#### **Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4:**

##### **FIE Medical Commission Q&A on UK Study Proposal**

Questions/Comments:

- Caitin: Would there be an open tender process once the study design was finalized? What definition of "Elite Athlete" will be used? How will subject selection verify that the athletes studies mirror that diverse population that is involved in FIE events?
- Lisa: Data analysis should include correlation with FIE ranking to determine which variables have a significant effect on this specific performance rating.
- Georgina: Other sports are currently close to announcing their own policies regarding transgender athletes. This puts an onus on the FIE to begin data collection quickly; April 2023 may be too late.
- Iris: We should look at other combat sports to determine what data they used to make their decisions. Also, how many different countries should subjects in the planned study come from?
- Caitlin: A small pilot project would be appropriate before applying for IOC funds for a larger study.
- Sabrina: what would the number of subjects be in order to have adequate representation
- There was discussion regarding the feasibility of portable testing done at competitions - suggestion was made to speak to the Athletes Commission regarding whether this would be something that athletes would be willing/able to undertake during their usual travel/training plans for a major competition

#### **Point 5 / Item 5 / Punto**

**Medical Commission met with the Veterans Council to discuss the Veterans Council Proposal to add a 40-49 year old category to the Veteran World Championships and to run 2 separate team events: one for 40-59 age category and the second for 60+ age category.**

- a. There were no specific health concerns raised by the Medical Commission regarding these proposed changes
- b. It was pointed out that an increase in the total number of events would require an increase in the number of Medical Delegates required to provide adequate coverage for the event.
- c. There was some discussion regarding whether or not it would be appropriate for fencers who compete in Senior events to also compete at the Veteran World Championships. The suggestion was made that fencers must take 2 years off of Senior FIE events before being allowed to fence at the Veteran World Championships. This was felt to be contrary to the intention of adding the 40-49 year old category in order to allow fencers to remain in fencing as they age.
- d. Volunteers were sought to act as delegates at the three 2023 World Championships:

**Point 6 / Item 6 / Punto 6:**

**2023 Medical Delegate appointments to**

- a. **Cadet/Jr** – Plovdiv, Bulgaria: Hazem and Jemaladdine, Anti Doping Education: Lisa and Sabrina, Reserve: Jeremy
- b. **Sr. Worlds** – Antonio, Maha, Davood, Lisa, Sabrina, (Antidoping Education), Reserve: Hazem
- c. **Veteran Worlds** – Jeremy, Reserve Lisa

**Point 7 / Item 7 / Punto 7:**

**Rules commission proposal – Cramp, injury, illness with medical issue – please see attached adjustments to proposal.**

- There was concern that this change in language would increase the number of athletes who would try to abuse the Medical Break allowance in order to rest or interrupt the flow of the match.
- Antonio: it is necessary to have objective signs that can be assessed.
- Jeremy: even if the Medical Delegate feels that there is no need for a medical break it could lead to a significant slowdown in tournaments. Unlike other sports, the rules of fencing allow for a pause in the competition if a participant is injured or ill; in most other sports an injured or sick athlete must either continue competing, or withdraw.
- As information was provided that there might be a further amendment on the wording by the Rules Commission, the decision was made to wait to see what terminology would be proposed.

Further discussion re: rules proposal:

- the wording “injury or medical issue” should be used throughout the relevant articles regarding medical breaks/medical withdrawals. Concern raised regarding fencers requesting medical breaks for “medical issues” that cannot be objectively assessed by the Medical Delegate/Event Medical staff. Rules should clarify that the break allowed by the referee is for the purpose of treatment. As rest may be considered a treatment, the terms “Intervention” or “recognized therapy” should be considered. If a fencer requests medical assessment due to a non-injury medical issue for which a specific treatment/appropriate assessment would be feasible on the strip, the athlete would have to decide whether to continue (unless the Medical staff feel this would not be safe - ie complaint of chest pain in a Veteran Fencer) or to withdraw from the tournament.

**Point 8 / Item 8 / Punto 8:**

**Women's and Fencing Council Joint Session – Discussion on Medical Commission views on IOC Framework on Fairness, Discrimination, and Inclusion.**

- Jeremy: The medical Commission does not have data which would allow commentary to be made regarding safety. All FIE injury data is derived from FIE events, which are not mixed. The focus of Med Comm's discussion has been on the issue of fairness related to potential physical/physiologic advantages that transgender women would have related to pre-transition exposure to testosterone levels. The study proposed by Dr Bottoms would provide fencing-specific data regarding physical/physiologic advantage.
- Melissa: one of the Pan Am federations has announced that their fencers are allowed to compete in events based on their self-identified gender. Melissa has been contacted (in her role with CPE) by fencers who have expressed concerns. What can the FIE/CPE do to support fencers?
- Mirani: Austrian athlete in skiing transitioned in the 80s, has spoken about everything that she needed to do in order to be allowed to participate in women's competition (including medical interventions). Is there a current process for transgender female fencers who wish to compete in women's events?
- Lisa: FIE Medical Commission is responsible for FIE events specifically, not clear what our role is regarding competitions run by National Federations. The FIE is currently following the 2015(?) IOC guidelines on transgender participation which include a threshold serum testosterone level which the athlete must maintain. When deciding on rules/regulations re: transgender female participation in female fencing events, it will be important to consider whether athletes who transition before/during puberty are subject to the same rules/regulations.
- Mike: South Africa had an experience with a transgender female athlete competing in a Senior Championship event. The South African Medical Commission provided guidance on the appropriate Medical documentation required to allow the athlete to fence (based on current FIE rules). However, there were concerns raised by fencers and parents of junior fencers at the event. The Doping Control Team were unprepared for sample collection from the fencer in terms of Chaperones/ location (Men's area vs Women's area) for sample collection.
- Caitlin: Proposed that the FIE test mixed events as a trial as well as to allow collection of data re: injury rates/patterns when men fence women. Unrelated: has any research been done which could provide guidance to fencers who are returning to training/competition post pregnancy?
- Helen: in the case of the CPE federation who has changed the rules - before admission into the FIE, a national Federation must demonstrate that their rules/statutes are in compliance with those of the FIE. Confederations/NFs should review their own rules/statutes regularly. The Executive Committee are looking for guidance from MedComm which is based on a scientific approach; there is no desire to make decisions quickly, but it will be important to provide ComEx with a plan for how to establish a scientific process/obtain data to assist in decision making.
- Georgina: suggest that no change be made to the current rules at this time, as a hasty decision without adequate rationale would lead to complaints and possible legal action
- Jeremy: the review paper written by Dr. Bottoms' associate contains a description of several studies looking at physiologic advantages (ie fairness), the FIE should start with survey work to determine the opinions of fencers/NFs regarding transgender fencers(inclusivity)

**Point 9 / Item 9 / Punto 9:**

**Liaison Updates:**

**i) Liaison Appointments and Updates:**

- (1) SEMI -**
- (2) Update - WADA Antidoping & Education (Sabrina) –**
- (3) Safeguarding (Antonio, Lisa) –**
- (4) Environmental (Maha) –**
- (5) Handbooks –**

- WADA: Sabrina gave an update on participation in education seminars prior to the Junior/Cadet and Senior World Championships.
- Environment Working Group: Maha discussed goals of the WG to reduce plastic use and decrease CO2 emissions associated with fencing. It is important to educate fencers/raise awareness. Some measures need to be thought out - for example providing reusable water bottles at a competition may not be beneficial if drinking water isn't also available at the venue. There is some interest in Athletes doing advertisements about environmental issues, plans to establish an annual "Fencing Environment Day". Sabrina suggested the WG use the IOC sustainability guidelines as a resource. The FIE gives hints to Organizing Committees regarding waste reduction tactics to lessen the volume of waste generated at FIE events.
- Safeguarding: Antonio has acted as a Safeguarding Officer at previous FIE events. Some of the MedComm members participated in the "Safeguarding for Supervisors training session June 23". Lisa suggested that at future seminars the Safeguarding Liasons may be able to act as resources during the "breakout sessions". There are no other education initiatives to report on.
- Medical Handbook: this was updated in 2021; Jeremy will distribute to medComm members. Hazem volunteered to do any ongoing work on Medical Handbooks; Clare may be able to assist him with this.
- SEMI: there is currently no member of the Commission who is acting in this role. Hazem volunteered to fulfill this role

**Point 10 / Item 10 / Punto 10:**

**Medical Delegates Roles and Responsibilities**

- i) Strip documentation protocol - Lisa**
- ii) Strip assessment protocol - Jeremy**
  - (1) Concussion strip protocol - Jeremy**
- iii) Documentation of Medical Consultation Protocol – Lisa/Jeremy**
- iv) Documentation of medical Withdrawal – Jeremy/Lisa**
  - (1) Review of current policy and protocols for supervisors and medical delegates**
  - (2) Review best practices**

- Jeremy: Work regarding the survey of the organizational structure has been put on hold due to deadlines for submission of injury data to the IOC in preparation for LA2028. The goal of this working group is to collect information on the organizational structure of other International Federations' Medical Commissions. There would be benefit in using this information to determine the roles/expectations of the Commission President. Antonio is a member of the Interfederal Commission of the International Federation of Sports Medicine and Hazem is a member of the Asian Fencing Confederation Medical Commission; both are happy to be part of this Working Group.
- Continuing Education:
  - a) Sabrina: discussed the IOC Sport Health/Sport Santé initiative. Specific areas include risk prevention, targeting obesity, Cardiovascular fitness through sport.
  - b) Antonio: there is value in using storytelling via the FIE Social Media outlets, as well as the publication of medical articles in the FIE newsletter. Antonio has a specific interest in



promotion of sports training for veterans with a goal of injury prevention. Unlike Senior athletes, many veteran fencers do fencing training only, with no sports/strength training.

Discussion re: strip call documentation.

- Jeremy explained that the IOC requested injury data from the FIE dating back to (2012?), and unfortunately only a small percentage of data regarding injuries at events is available to the FIE. Longitudinal tracking of time loss injuries has not been done for several years. This makes it very difficult to provide the IOC with the requested information. The injury reporting system must be improved to make the data collected more complete and more robust.
- Lisa presented a preliminary analysis of data from the 2022 World Junior/Cadet Fencing Championships in Dubai. Forms based on the IOC Injury/Illness Surveillance framework were used to document strip calls as well as medical withdrawals. By standardizing the injury descriptions, it was possible to enter the data into a spreadsheet. In Dubai this was done using pen and paper; and electronic format would be more user-friendly. The forms used did not capture handedness and which limb was affected, which is important as fencing is an asymmetrical sport. Other data collected could be modified to provide more useful data (specifying if contact with the opponent's weapon was the cause of the injury, as well as what part of the weapon - blade, tip, bell)
- Antonio: he developed a form used during the 2017 World junior/Cadet Championships which documented the times for the medical delegate to arrive on the strip, the time for assessment of the athlete etc (the factors that determine the time from when the referee requested the Medical Delegate to the time the fencers were able to resume the bout). Emailed to Jeremy for distribution to MedComm members
- Erika: are injuries that occurred during warmup documented?
- Jeremy: the local medical team would generally deal with these injuries. The Medical Delegate would only be aware of them if they led to medical withdrawal, or if during a strip call the athlete disclosed that the initial injury occurred during warmup. Local Medical teams are required to submit a record of all injuries and medical consultation during the event. Having the local medical team use forms based on the IOC surveillance framework would allow easier collation of data. The Medical Withdrawal form includes all the data required to complete the "IOC form". Key is to obtain contact information for the athlete in order to obtain follow up on loss of time injuries.
- Antonio: can the information be sent directly to the medical Commission (from Supervisor/DT/Local medical team)?
- Lisa: is it possible for a specific email address to be established for MedComm (would be accessible by the President of MedComm)
- Elena: can look into email address, but privacy concerns regarding emails containing personal health information, etc

### **Head injuries :**

- Jeremy: discussion regarding head injury assessment/concussion protocol - SCAT 5 should be used for a complete assessment. On the strip a quick "Mini-mental" exam plus gross assessment of balance can be done. Glasgow Coma Scale not sensitive enough to pick up mild deficits caused by minor head injury. Delegates should be familiar with the SCAT 5 assessment
- Sabrina: several IFs/NFs have programmes for monitoring athletes who have experienced head injuries. These include management/ return to sport protocols.
- Jameledine: who's responsible for the assessment of a fencer with a head injury. Assessment should be done by skilled practitioners who are aware of the appropriate precautions to take (for example cervical collar should be applied if there was loss of consciousness associated with the injury)

**Point 11 / Item 11 / Punto 11:**

**Review of FIE Medical Documentation – (Jeremy, Ferjani, Halaimia)**

- i) FIE World Championships Data Collection review 2022 Jr/Cadet World Championships – Lisa**
- ii) Proposal - Adoption of IOC Recommendations of best practices to be used in 2023 – approved by medical commission.**
- iii) Inclusion of Zonal Medical Commission for Data Collection – Approval by the medical commission**
- iv) FIE Sports Injury Epidemiology Proposal(s) – Approval by the medical commission**
- v) 2023-2024 Season Prospective Study of World and Zonal Championships – Approval by the medical commission**
- vi) UK and FIE Bureau reported injuries – proposal for FIE to implement a injury reporting system.**





## Proposals for the 2022 Congress

### Modifications of the Rules

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2023, unless mentioned otherwise.

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**Articles :** o.21; o.61; o.101; o.103; t.45; t.170; index.

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** The current organization rules only list injuries and medical reasons such as cramp, illness, trauma. The term **medical reason** should take into account all the possibilities.

#### **o.21**

1 The functions of the medical delegates include the strict and complete organization of the medical aspect. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2 Hence, medical delegates:

- a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
- b) Supervise the anti-doping control.
- c) Evaluate the medical situation and supervise the **intervention or recognized** treatment of any injury or **other medical reason** ~~cramp~~ in accordance with t.45

#### **o.61**

1 The entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time).

For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, up to the day before the competition, at the latest at the end of the quarter finals of the individual competition. However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or **other medical reason** ~~illness~~ duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for **reasons of, injury,** **other medical reason** or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.

**o.101**

If a team does not begin a match they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any World Team Cup points, unless this is because of an injury or **any other medical reason** ~~illness~~, duly attested by the duty doctor

**o.103.**

2 d) Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or **other medical reason** ~~trauma~~ duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

3 A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury **or other medical reason** 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.

**Injuries and other medical reason**, withdrawal of a competitor

**Injury or ~~cramp~~ or other medical reason**, withdrawal of a competitor

**t.45**

- For **a any sport trauma/injury or ~~cramp or other acute medical incident~~ other medical reason** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in **his/her** absence, by the doctor **and/or medical provider** 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 FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion. This break should 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/she** will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b). **If the athlete retires and a medical withdrawal is determined, the FIE Medical delegate or, in his/her absence, the doctor or medical provider on duty must fully complete and submit the FIE Medical Withdrawal form to the DT for its inclusion into the FIE supervisor's final report.**

All breaks for a **sport trauma, ~~cramp, or an acute medical incident~~ medical reason** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

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

**t.170**

2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	t.29.1. t.30	R W D	R W D
2.2	Demanding a break for <del>claimed injury/cramp</del> <b>medical reason</b> deemed unjustified by doctor	t.45.3		
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks (*)	t.73.1.a		
2.4	-			
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	t.55.3		

2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	<b>t.121.2 ; t.147 ; t.149.1</b>			
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Medical delegate: o.48, o.99

Medical reason: o.21, o.61, o101, o 103

### **Medical Commission:**

Medical commission has reviewed proposed changes and has provided comments and revisions to consider.

Rationale: term "injury" is necessary for inclusion regarding t.45 rule as this is the primary reason for medical evaluation within competition. Other medical reason "only" opens the rule to interpretation that any medical reason could warrant a medical timeout. Rule t.45 is a safety precaution to allow athletes the opportunity to have medical attention for injury or other medical reasons during a bout.



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**Proposals for the 2022 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

**Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

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**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

**Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

[A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#) Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

**Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement
- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

[A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#)

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics Committee.

A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms (12 years).

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).

#### **Medical Commission:**

**Article 4.2.1** – A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Article 4.3.1** - A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Article 4.4.1** - A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Article 4.7.1** - A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**Vote – NO – 9, Yes – 0**

**Not in favour.**

**Comments: expertise within related fields may push out long term strategies and leave gaps within commission and councils. Term limits on presidents may be considered; implementing a term limit of 12 years, however, after a cycle out the individual may be allowed for re-election into the same or different commission and council where their expertise may be needed.**

**Minutes of the meeting of the PCM Commission  
Online Zoom Meeting June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**Date: June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendees:**

- Nikolay Mateev (President)
- Yuki Ota (Representative of the FIE Executive Committee)
- Ekaterina Mashina (FIE Project Manager)
- Serge Timacheff (FIE Press Officer)
- Carl Borack
- David Baker
- Gulnora Saidova
- Joyce Bolanos
- Laura FLESSEL COLOVIC
- Mohamed Sofiane CHAOUACHI

**Absent:**

- Jose Luis Abajo Gómez
- Shunsuke Saka
- Youssef Fathi
- Maria Ntanou (FIE Digital Communication Manager)

**1. Introduction**

- Nikolay Mateev welcomed members of the Commission to the meeting and introduced Ekaterina Mashina, FIE Project Manager.
- Yuki Ota welcomed the members of the Commission to the meeting on behalf of the FIE Executive Committee
- Presentation and Validation of the Agenda

## 2. Presentation from CMTV

The Commission received and reviewed thoroughly the following reports (please see Dropbox [link](#)):

- 2021\_08 Fencing\_Social Media Listening\_Olympic Games
- Analytics\_FIE\_Olympics website
- CNNi x FIE digital - Campaign final report
- Digital Media - Tokyo 2020
- FIE & EUROSPOORT - Report 2021
- Media Evaluation\_Olympic Fencing Tokyo\_2021
- Tokyo 2020\_Media\_Overview

PCM Commission thoughts/questions:

- How can we increase the number of viewers to the streamed and broadcasted events? What can we do to raise awareness of the ability?
- How can we get journalists and broadcasters to view the available videos? How can we give them story ideas for their publications and media?
- What is the consensus on the quality of the announcers of the broadcasts? Updated on-screen graphics?

## 3. FIE Sponsorship

PCM commission meeting 21.05.2022

### Introduction

The FIE had several sponsors in the past and the sponsorships deals came to an end (e.g Tissot).

The FIE can offer overall sponsorship of the federation, or sponsorship of specific competitions such as World Championships, World Cups, and the Grand Prix Circuit. However, the FIE is restricted from promoting certain brands, e.g. alcohol, tobacco, gambling and betting.

### Main Selling Points

What are the key points that could sell Fencing and the FIE to a potential sponsor?

### A Strong History

- Fencing has been in every modern Olympic Games since 1896.
- Sport dates back hundreds of years, but modernized with electric scoring and video replay.

### The ideal sport for a cornerstone sponsor

- A global reach with 155 member countries.
- 12 Medals at stake in the Olympic Games, with gender equality.



- Growing interest in broadcast, commercial and digital. Opportunities with the Olympic Channel.
- High marks by the IOC for the Olympic broadcast coverage.
- Signage opportunities in the competition venue, billboards, posters, and on the website and in the broadcast.

#### **Athletes are already strong brands**

- Many athletes already have strong branding and material external sponsorship (e.g., Max Heinzer, Olga Kharlan).
- Significant regular live content means a lot of brand exposure.

#### **A unique sport**

- Fencing is known to be the fastest martial art or “the elegant martial art”.
- An evolution of duelling, how to settle a dispute or determine a winner in a structured, rules-based environment
- Sportsmanship is a key tenet of our sport

#### **A platform for growth**

- Established in some countries, fencing is both France and Italy’s most successful Olympic sport
- Opportunity for other countries, e.g., Venezuela’s 2nd ever gold medal in London 2012, Estonia’s 4th gold medal since independence won in Tokyo 2020
- A significant growth sport across all age groups, sponsorship opportunities available at Cadet and Junior World Championships and World Cups

#### **A sport for life**

- Growing Veteran sport, with clear physical and cognitive benefits.
- Veteran fencing features highly successful people and an important market to certain sectors e.g., finance, banking, insurance, auto, travel, health, investment.
- This target group is financially strong and increasingly demanding.

#### **Precision**

- Fencing rewards accuracy and skill, good decision making and anticipation, timekeeping

#### **Diversity and Equality**

- Fencing and fencers are on 5 continents
- Everyone is equal behind the mask
- Gender equity (same number of events, equal opportunities for men and women)

#### **Cuts through to popular culture**

- Major film franchises have elements of swordsmanship

### Next Steps

- Review other sports for their current sponsorship  
Responsibility – David Baker
- Collect statistics on broadcasts and social media  
Responsibility – FIE Communication, Marketing, Tv. department
- Review broadcasting arrangements, discuss possible new channels  
Responsibility – TBC
- Assess types of sponsorship, for example branding/naming rights, wearables, media presence, collaboration with influencers  
Responsibility – TBC
- Assign responsibility for creating marketing materials, central point of contact for sponsorship  
Responsibility – TBC
- Create a list of potential sponsors, most importantly identify contacts or former fencers with decision making ability to support the FIE sponsorship proposal  
Responsibility – TBC
- Collaborate with a group of National Federations that can help to look for the sponsors in their countries  
Responsibility – TBC

### 4. Working Groups

- **Broadcasting Working Group (name and members TBC on our next meeting)**

Members of the Broadcasting Working Group will look at action points related to competition broadcasting, from both online and traditional media.

- **Outreach and Marketing Working Group (name and members TBC on our next meeting)**

Members of the Outreach and Marketing Working Group will look at action points relating to marketing, social media and communication with both fencers and non-fencers

- **Protocol Working Group (name and members TBC on our next meeting)**

Members of the Protocol Working Group will look at action points related to Ceremonies, Competitions, Branding and Other Events

PCM Commission thoughts/proposals:

For major events (World Championships and GP) 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.

The commission would like to increase dramatically the attendance, and after the final at the Medal Ceremony. Many different ideas have been tried in the past. Lottery system to be trialed. Include LOC engagement with the community.

Updated on-screen graphics.

The commission would like to see athlete statistical and biographical data, incorporating and expanding the existing web data.

Data could include, for example:

- The track record between 2 fencers, their favorite hits, natural and personal trainers, hometown and club, number of penalties, etc.
- Short biographical elements could be screened immediately before the start of finals fights, possibly including some footage from a previous bout.
- A reference could also come up on screen to show the FIE website and FIE sponsors

The commission will engage with the FIE CMTV department to improve the quality of the commentary on the FIE live broadcast.

## 5. World Fencing Day

Proposal 1: FENCING – UNIVERSALITY & SPORTMENSHIPS

Universality => Lifelong sport, disciplines across generations: youth, cadet, junior, senior, veteran.

We need to emphasize our universality and to take advantage of our strengths - a lifelong sport, disciplines across generations: youth, cadet, junior, senior, veteran.

On one side we have our historical roots, our place in IOC history in every modern Olympic Games. On the other hand, we need to show how truly global and modern fencing has become.

FENCING IS ---)----- UNIVERSALITY

FENCING IS ---)----- SPORTMENSHIPS & SOLIDARITY

FENCING IS ---)----- RESPECT & DISCIPLINE

To save money, we could use some of the previous promotion videos (just to be updated).

[Fencers and Fencing are our future III](#)

Proposal 2: FENCING IS OUR FUTURE

Proposal 3: FENCING – A TOUCH OF CLASS AND A LOT OF FUN

Proposal 4: FENCING TOGETHER WE CAN

Proposal 5: INCLUSION WITH FENCING

#### 6. Zonal Fencing Confederations and Zonal Championships

- Update from Zonal Championships
- Websites and social media
- Promotion and Publicity Commissions/Committees/Councils

#### 7. Fencing and Environment working group

- Update

#### 8. Proposals for the Congress

- See Appendix 1

#### 9. Meeting with the Veteran Council

- Discussed how to implement ideas from the Commission and the Council
- Proposed ideas to promote Veteran Fencing
- Focus on the Veteran World Championships, to be held in Zadar, CRO on October 6-12. Discussed promotion strategies

[OG Paris 1924](#) (Please see YouTube link)





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**Modifications of the Rules**

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**Article:** o.108.2

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**Proposal from:** Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Senegal, Algeria

**Motivation:** The continental competition (zone championship) is the 2nd most important competition after the world championships it is a great continental gathering very important for the fencers it allows to improve their FIE ranking, to have more chance to qualify to the Olympics, unfortunately by reducing the coefficient of the zone championship and make it at the level of a world cup has limited the chances to qualify to the Olympics for America, Asia, Oceania and Africa to the detriment of other continents which organize more than 75% of the competitions.

For all these reasons we propose to return to 1,5 coefficient of zone championship.

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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 ~~and a Zonal Championship~~ competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

**PCM Commission:** In favour.

Article: **t.124**

Proposal from: Executive Committee

Motivation:

### Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

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~~In the event of unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' as a decision of "fact" (cf.t.136.2).

#### 1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-yellow cards and P-red Cards are awarded ~~to each fencer separately~~ to both fencers simultaneously, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards ~~s.and finally by a~~ The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

a) 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.~~

b) 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:~~

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

c) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~ third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows: ~~one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card~~

ie) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores~~ are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

ii) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores~~ are not equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower score with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

#### 2 Team events

P-Yellow, ~~and~~ P-Red cards are awarded to ~~the two each~~ teams ~~separately simultaneously~~, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded ~~to the fencer.~~ as described in 2c) below.

a) 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:~~

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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.~~

b) 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.~~

c) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-Black card is awarded as follows: ~~a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.~~

i) If the scores for the two teams are equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

ii) If the scores for the two teams are not equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-Black card. The team with the higher score wins the match.

~~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 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.~~

~~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.~~

~~f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste 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 the fencers on the piste 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.~~

### **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), 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. 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) 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, each penalty hit and at the beginning of each period or relay.

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.

**PCM Commission:** In favour.

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**Art:** m.25.3.g)

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**For Rapid decision**

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** Remove the inconsistency between t.74 and m.25.3 g). Propose an urgent decision for May 2022, as the decision only impacts juniors.

**m.25.3**

g) ~~For the following events~~ For all official FIE competitions., the wearing of national strips (logos) is **compulsory** on both legs, optional on the arm(s) ~~(cf. t.45.4):~~ (cf. t.74). They must be identical for all the fencers of the same federation.

~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~

~~ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination bouts;~~

~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

~~They must be **identical** for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions i) and iii) above.~~

**PCM Commission:** In favour.

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**Article:** m.25.3

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**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** contradicts t.74

t.74 For all official FIE competitions, every fencer must appear on the piste with clothing conforming to the rules as follows:

- 1 Name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket.
- 2 Wearing his national uniform and logo (cf. m.25.3).



**m.25.3.g)** ~~For the following events,~~ For all official FIE competitions the wearing of national strips (logos) is compulsory on both legs, optional on the arm(s) ~~(cf. t.45.4)~~. All the logos worn by any one fencer must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions.

~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~

~~ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination bouts;~~

~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

~~They must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions i) and iii) above~~

**PCM Commission: In favour.**



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**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

**Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

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**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

**Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

[A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#) Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

**Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement
- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

[A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#)

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics Committee.

A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms (12 years).

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**PCM Commission: Not in favour.**



Nikolay Mateev &lt;nikolay.mateev@gmail.com&gt;

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**RE: PCM Commission // FIE Sponsorship meeting follow-up 21.05.2022**

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**Ekaterina Mashina** <ekaterina.mashina@fie.ch>

Mon, May 23, 2022 at 4:17 PM

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Dear Members of the PCM Commission,

Thank you for your participation in the meeting last Saturday.

Please see below the list of participating members:

1. MATEEV Nikolay Ivanov
2. BAKER David
3. BORACK (MH) Carl
4. CHAOUACHI Mohamed Soufiane
5. FLESSEL-COLOVIC Laura
6. SAKA Shunsuke
7. RODRIGUEZ Nathalie
8. MASHINA Ekaterina

Didn't participate:

1. ABAJO Jose Luis
2. BOLANOS Joyce
3. FATHI Youssef
4. OTA Yuki
5. SAIDOVA Gulnora(Gulya)

The recording of the meeting is available by the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/jktzip490ifvqxz/FIE%20PCM%20Commission%20Sponsorship%20Meeting%2021.05.2022.mp4?dl=0>

For the next steps, the following was agreed upon:

1. Create a draft description of the FIE strong point/theme for potential sponsors – David Baker
2. Collect statistics on broadcasts and social media – Nathalie Rodriguez
3. Create a list of the potential sponsors per category and identify former fencers who work in the companies and in which position with the view that they can facilitate the FIE Sponsorship proposal – to be assigned
4. Create a group of 5-10 strong National Federations that can help to look for the sponsors in their countries – to be assigned

If someone would like to contribute to the above next steps or has any other ideas, please let us know.

Please don't hesitate to contact me in case of any questions or comments.

Best regards,

Ekaterina

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**From:** Ekaterina Mashina  
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**Cc:** Nathalie Rodriguez <[nr@fie.ch](mailto:nr@fie.ch)>  
**Subject:** RE: PCM Commission // FIE Sponsorship - zoom link

Dear All,

Hope this email finds you well.

Following the email from Mr Mateev please find below a link to join the Zoom this Saturday and also the Outlook invitation attached:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89811860222?pwd=S0Z2em5YTitBQXpaV3pwRDI1bWQ5UT09>

Meeting ID: 898 1186 0222

Passcode: 438232

I wish you a great week ahead and looking forward to meeting you all later this week!

Best regards,

Ekaterina

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**From:** Nikolay Mateev <[nikolay.mateev@gmail.com](mailto:nikolay.mateev@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** PCM Commission // FIE Sponsorship

Dear Colleagues,

During the FIE Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that the FIE should facilitate the search for sponsors to improve the promotion of our sport.

As the internal FIE resources are limited, it was decided that our commission would be involved in the process.

I hope that our commission has all the resources to deal with this task.

Ms. Ekaterina Mashina will send an invitation for the meeting.

**Please confirm your participation and check if your local time is correct.**

**Invitation: Meeting of the FIE PCM Commission**

**Date: 21st of May**

**Duration: 16:00 – 17:30 CET**

Yuki OTA 23:00 – 00:30 JST

Nikolay MATEEV 14:00 – 15:30 GMT

Carl BORACK 07:00 – 08:30 PDT

David BAKER 15:00 – 16:30 BST

Gulnora SAIDOVA 19:00 – 20:30 UZT

Jose Luis ABAJO GÓMEZ 16:00 – 17:30 CET

Joyce BOLANOS 10:00 – 11:30 EDT

Laura FLESSEL COLOVIC 16:00 – 17:30 CET

Mohamed Sofiane CHAOUACHI 16:00 – 17:30 CET

Shunsuke SAKA 16:00 – 17:30 CET

Youssef FATHI 15:00 – 16:30 WEST

**Location: Online Zoom Meeting**

**Draft Agenda**

- Sponsorship portfolio for the key FIE competitions
- Creation of the sponsorship package
- Suggested approach to the sponsors

Kveðja / Regards,

**Nikolay Ivanov Mateev**

*Icelandic Fencing Federation - President*

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## RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION D'ARBITRAGE DE LA FIE FIE REFEREEING COMMISSION REPORT

<b>Date, lieu et heure de la réunion :</b> <b>Date, place and time of the meeting:</b> <b>Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:</b>	<b>Online Zoom meeting</b> <b>24 June 2022 13.00-17.00</b> <b>25 June 2022 13.00-17.00</b>
<b>Participants:</b> <b>Participants:</b> <b>Participantes:</b>	Irina Knysch Aida Khasanova Olga Cojocari Amgad Badawi Chang Gon Kim Jean-Marc Genuet Marius Florea Khassoum Papa Toure Salah Ferjani Guest: Emmanuel Katsiadakis
<b>Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) :</b> <b>Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced):</b> <b>Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):</b>	Vladislav Shamis

**RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION  
MEETING REPORT  
INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN**

1. Discussing of Congress proposals of commissions and councils
  
2. Clarification and explanation by President of the refereeing commission about:
  - Responsibilities and duty of RC delegates at FIE competitions
  - Correct draw procedure according to FIE rules at FIE-events
  - Evaluation of referees
  
3. The list of referees for Veterans World Championships 2022 was finalised
  
4. The problems of refereeing in conventional weapons have been clarified and videos for discussion will be prepared for the next meeting.

5. Refereeing commission discussed about uniform procedure of C-license for Europe and Asia and suggestions will be considered at the next meeting.

6. FIE-examination procedure was explained to the new commission's members.

Working groups as below were made by weapons and will revise old and prepare new questions and videos for FIE examination by weapon for the next meeting in Cairo.

**Sabre:**

Chang Gon Kim

Marius Florea

Khassoum Papa Toure

**Foil:**

Irina Knysch

Olga Cojocari

Jean-Marc Guenet

**Epee:**

Aida Khasanova

Amgad Badawi

Salah Ferjani

7. Meetings with other commissions and councils

- 24.06.22 15:45-16:30 Women and Fencing council

Discussions and exchange of ideas how to increase number and level in refereeing of women

- 25.06.22 13:00-14:00 Rules commission

Discussions about Congress proposals

8. Report to the colleagues of representative of refereeing commission Mr.Badawi at seminar of "Safeguarding"

9. Deleting and adding of referees on the Master list for the next season and made ready for discussions at the next meeting.





Proposals for the 2022 Congress  
Modifications of the Rules

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2023, unless mentioned otherwise.

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**Article:** o.18.4

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** The growing number of participants and up to 5 events per day make difficult to serve competitions for one Refereeing delegate

o.18.4 Veterans World Championships

~~One~~ ~~Two~~ Refereeing delegate, one SEMI delegate and two Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

**Refereeing Commission:** IN FAVOUR

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**Articles :** o.21; o.61; o.101; o.103; t.45; t.170; index.

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** The current organization rules only list injuries and medical reasons such as cramp, illness, trauma. The term **medical reason** should take into account all the possibilities.

**o.21**

1 The functions of the medical delegates include the strict and complete organization of the medical aspect. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2Hence, medical delegates:

- a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
- b) Supervise the anti-doping control.

c) Evaluate the medical situation and supervise the treatment of any injury or **other medical reason** ~~cramp~~ in accordance with t.45

#### **o.61**

1 The entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time).

For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, up to the day before the competition, at the latest at the end of the quarter finals of the individual competition. However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or **other medical reason** ~~illness~~ duly certified ~~by the~~ competition medical doctor.

2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for ~~reasons of injury,~~ **medical reason** or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.

#### **o.101**

If a team does not begin a match they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any World Team Cup points, unless this is because of an injury or any **medical reason** ~~illness~~, duly attested by the duty doctor

#### **o.103.**

2 d) Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or **other medical reason** ~~trauma~~ duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

3 A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury **or other medical reason** 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.

~~Injuries~~ **Medical reason**, withdrawal of a competitor

~~Injury or cramp~~ **Medical reason**, withdrawal of a competitor

#### **t.45**

1. For ~~a any~~ sport ~~trauma/injury or cramp or other acute medical incident~~ **medical reason** 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 FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion. This break should 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 a sport ~~trauma, cramp, or an acute medical incident~~ **medical reason** 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~~ **medical reason**.

**t.170**

2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	t.29.1. t.30	RED	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for <del>claimed injury/cramp</del> medical reason deemed unjustified by doctor	t.45.3		
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks (*)	t.73.1.a		
2.4	-			
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	t.55.3		
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.121.2 ; t.147 ; t.149.1		

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Match: o.33,o.97, o.99

Medical delegate: o.48, o.99

Medical reason: o.21, o.61, o101, o 103

**Refereeing Commission: IN FAVOUR**

**Articles:** o.24; o.26.1 and 2; o.50.2.f) ; o.54.4.

**Proposal from:** Swedish Fencing Federation

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**Motivation:** It is very important that the process of selecting referees to Olympic Games and World Championships is clear and that the principle of accountability is followed. The Refereeing Commission is responsible for ensuring “good refereeing in the competitions of the FIE” according to the Statutes of the FIE (o.6.5.3 a)). According to the principles of good governance this commission should also be responsible for the designations. The Executive Committee members are not required to be experts on refereeing.

**o.24**

**Refereeing** at World Championships is carried out by referees chosen by ~~the Executive Committee of the FIE at the proposal of~~ the Refereeing Commission.

**o.26.1**

Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by ~~the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by~~ the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans

FIE Refereeing Commission

Council.

Referees must attend the refereeing meeting that takes place the day before the World Championships.

**o.26.2**

For **Senior World Cup, Grands Prix and World Cup team competitions**, 8 referees, ~~proposed by the Refereeing Commission~~, will be designated by the ~~Executive Committee~~ Refereeing Commission and delegations will not have to provide any referees. The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee. **All the referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees.**

**o.50.2 f)**

The referees appointed by the ~~Executive Committee~~ Refereeing Commission of the FIE.

**o.54.4 Neutral referees:** At least two international referees from countries outside the region of the Games, appointed by ~~the Executive Committee of the FIE at the proposal of~~ the Refereeing Commission.

**Refereeing Commission:** NOT IN FAVOUR as all commissions incl. RC commission are technical and advisory bodies which have the right to make proposals and recommendations which must be approved by COMEX who takes the final decision and responsibility of it.

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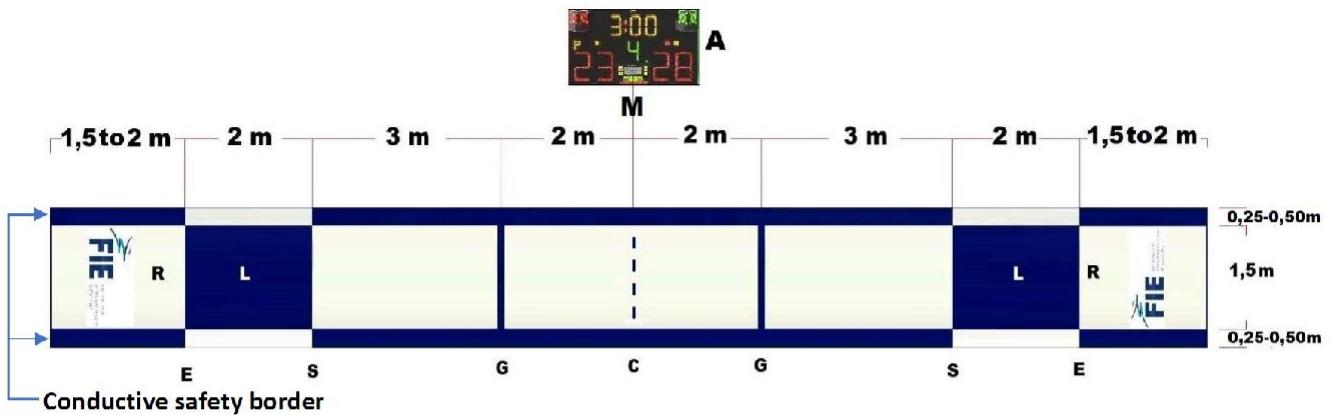
**Art.:** t.18;

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** drawing

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Figure 1 - Piste for semi-finals and finals (maximum height 50 cm)



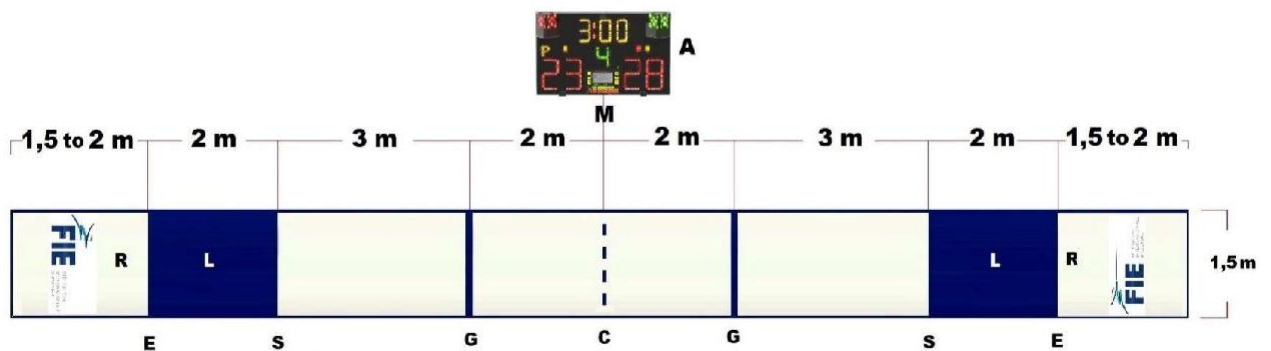
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| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 à 1,5 m of the piste    |
| C- Centre line                    | L- Last 2 m of piste         |
| G- On-guard lines                 | E- End of piste (rear limit) |
| R- Run back (extension of piste)  | S- Start of 2 m signal area  |

For foil and epee the conductive surface must cover whole of the length and breadth of piste, including its extension (run back) (Cf. Article t.18, m.57)



- 2 Appareil de Signalisation  
3 Lampes de répétition des touches

Figure 2 - Standard piste for all three weapons



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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 à 1,5 m of the piste    |
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| R- Run back (extension of piste)  | S- Start of 2 m signal area  |

**Refereeing Commission:** IN FAVOUR with modification: "M – 1 a 5 m" as per P.11 of SEMI commission

**Article: t.18.4****Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Change the second measure from 1.5 meters to 5 meters. The original proposal of the SEMI Commission was:” The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be a minimum of 1 metre”.

Rationale: The amendment giving a second distance of 1.5 meters could be read as a maximum, this could be a problem when setting up finals for major competitions, anyway makes sense to have also a maximum distance.

**t.18.4**

The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be between 1 meter and ~~1.5~~ 5 meters.

Application: season 2022-2023

**Refereeing Commission: IN FAVOUR**

**Article: t.47****Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:** discrimination of other genders

2 ~~The Referee has many~~ duties of referees:

- a) ~~He~~ The Referee calls the roll of the competitors (cf. t.114, t.118, t.119).
- b) ~~He~~ The Referee directs the bout.
- c) Before each bout, ~~he~~ the Referee must check the weapons, clothes and equipment of the fencers, according to the regulations below.
- d) ~~He~~ The Referee superintends the proper functioning of the electrical apparatus. Either on ~~his~~ own initiative or when asked to do so by a team captain or competitor, ~~he~~ the Referee implements tests necessary to check the apparatus and locate any faults which may be found. ~~He~~ the Referee will prevent the competitors from hindering the tests by unplugging or changing their equipment prematurely.
- e) ~~He~~ The Referee directs the judges, time-keepers, scorers, etc.
- f) ~~He~~ The Referee positions himself and moves in such a way as to be able to follow the bout while always being able to see the illumination of the signal lamps.
- g) ~~He~~ The Referee penalises faults (cf. t.164).
- h) ~~He~~ The Referee awards the hits (cf. t. 54ss).
- i) ~~He~~ The Referee maintains order (cf. t.137).
- j) Whenever ~~he~~ Referee considers it necessary, ~~he~~ the Referee should consult the experts concerning the electrical apparatus (cf. o.28).

k) The Referee should also supervise the state of the conductive piste; ~~he~~ must not allow the bout to commence or to continue if the conductive piste has holes in it which might affect the proper registering of hits.

**Refereeing Commission:** IN FAVOUR

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**Article:** t.56

P. 13

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** to make clear that a hit made during or after a fall must be annulled in any case regardless it was intentional or accidental

t.56

10. Hit made during or after a fall must be annulled

**Refereeing Commission:** IN FAVOUR

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**Article:** t.63

P. 14

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** hand signals are not up to date

1. Add pictures for:

- “changing decision” after video-analysing
- “technical touch” for crossing rear line

2. Change:

- “No hit or warning” to “No hit or abstention”

**Refereeing Commission:** IN FAVOUR

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**Article:** t.121

P. 15

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** complete t.121.2

t.121.2 sanctions also falls that occur as a result of an accident and does not distinguish between an intentional and an accidental fall. A fall can be a result of an accident like a twisted ankle or an accidental glide on a piste.

t.121

2 All bouts must preserve the character of a courteous and frank encounter. All irregular actions (fleche attack which finishes with a collision jostling the opponent, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits achieved with violence, blows struck with the guard, hits made during or after an intentional fall) or anti-sporting behaviour are strictly forbidden (cf. t.158-162, t.170). Should such an offence occur, any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

**Refereeing Commission: IN FAVOUR**

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**Article:** t.121.2

P. 16

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** only an intentional fall down to avoid the touch must be penalised but not by accidental cause (injury, pushing of opponent, loosing balance, etc.)

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**Refereeing Commission:** Irrelevant as P.16 is similar to P.15 , agree with expression in P.15

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**Article:** t.124

P. 17

**Proposal from:** Executive Committee

**Motivation:**

### Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

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~~In the event of unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' as a decision of "fact" (cf.t.136.2).

### 1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-yellow cards and P-red Cards are awarded ~~to each fencer separately to both fencers simultaneously~~, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by ~~two a P-Red cards~~ and finally by a The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

a) 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.~~



b) 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:~~

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

e) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~ third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows: ~~one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card~~

ie) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores~~ are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. ~~The~~ fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

ii) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores~~ are not equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower score with a P-Black card. ~~The~~ fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow, ~~and~~ P-Red cards are awarded to the two ~~each~~ teams ~~separately simultaneously~~, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded ~~to the fencer. as described in 2c)~~ below.

a) 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.~~

b) 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.~~

c) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~ third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-Black card is awarded as follows: ~~a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.~~

i) If the scores for the two teams are equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

ii) If the scores for the two teams are not equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-Black card. The team with the higher score wins the match.

~~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 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.~~

~~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-Blackcard and the team in question loses the match.~~

~~f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste 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 the fencers on the piste 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.~~

### 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), 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. 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) 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, each penalty hit and at the beginning of each period or relay.

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: IN FAVOUR**

**Art:** m.25.3.g)

**P. 18**

#### **For Rapid decision**

#### **Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** Remove the inconsistency between t.74 and m.25.3 g). Propose an urgent decision for May 2022, as the decision only impacts juniors.

#### **m.25.3**

**g) ~~For the following events~~ For all official FIE competitions., the wearing of national strips (logos) is compulsory on both legs, optional on the arm(s) (cf. t.45.4). (cf. t.74). They must be identical for all the fencers of the same federation.**

~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~

~~ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination bouts;~~

~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

~~They must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions i) and iii) above.~~

**Refereeing Commission: IN FAVOUR**

**Article: m.25.3**

**P. 19**

**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation: contradicts t.74**

**t.74** For all official FIE competitions, every fencer must appear on the piste with clothing conforming to the rules as follows:

1 Name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket.

2 Wearing his national uniform and logo (cf. m.25.3).

**m.25.3.g)** ~~For the following events;~~ For all official FIE competitions the wearing of national strips (logos) is compulsory on both legs, optional on the arm(s) (cf. t.45.4). All the logos worn by any one fencer must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions.

~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~

~~ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination bouts;~~

~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

~~They must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions i) and iii) above~~

**Refereeing Commission: Irrelevant as P.19 is similar to P.18 ,**



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**Proposals for the 2022 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

**Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

**P. 8**

**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

**Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

[A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms \(12 years\)](#). Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

**Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement
- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

[A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms \(12 years\)](#).

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics

Committee. A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms

(12 years).

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**Refereeing Commission** NOT IN FAVOUR

**RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION DES REGLEMENTS DE LA FIE  
FIE RULES COMMISSION REPORT  
INFORME DE LA COMISIÓN DE LOS REGLAMENTOS DE LA FIE**

<b>Date, lieu et heure de la réunion :</b> <b>Date, place and time of the meeting:</b> <b>Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:</b>	<b>24-25 June 2022, 13.00 CET</b> <b>Virtual meeting</b>
<b>Participants:</b> <b>Participants:</b> <b>Participantes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FERIANI Ziad (TUN) President</li> <li>2. BARLADEANU, Roxana – Mariana (ROU)</li> <li>3. CAFIERO Giuseppe (ITA)</li> <li>4. CRUZ Alberto (CRC)</li> <li>5. FARYABI Abbas Ali (IRI)</li> <li>6. KHDER Ahmed (EGY)</li> <li>7. KOEHLER Kelly (USA)</li> <li>8. LAMMER Dieter (GER)</li> <li>9. LAMON Janine (SUI)</li> <li>10. RODRIGUEZ Nathalie, CEO</li> </ol>
<b>Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) :</b> <b>Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced):</b> <b>Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GARES Bruno (FRA) Representative of the Executive Committee in the Rules Commission</li> <li>2. BELMONTE Manuel (CAN), absence had been announced</li> </ol>

**INTRODUCTION  
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INTRODUCCIÓN**

The President of the Commission welcomed all the members and moved to the agenda.

**RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION  
MEETING REPORT  
INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN**

**Point 1 / Item 1 / Punto 1: Urgent decisions (in annex 1 attached)**

**Urgent decision 1**, Article m.25.3, Proposal from the Rules Commission and from the Refereeing Commission

**Opinion:** In favour.

**Urgent decision 2**, Articles o.41 and o.109, Proposal from the Executive Committee

**Opinion:** In favour of the proposal. Delete “of a maximum” in o.41.2 a) for senior world cups, for language consistency.

## Point 2 /Item 2 / Punto 2: Proposals for the Congress regarding the Rules

### Proposal 1, Article: o.18.4, Proposal from the Refereeing Commission

**Opinion:** In favour. The text should be: “Two Refereeing delegates...”.

### Proposal 2, Articles o.21; o.61; o.101; o.103; t.45; t.170; index, Proposal from the Rules Commission

**Opinion:** In favour with the following revised text:

#### **o.21**

1 The functions of the medical delegates include the strict and complete organization of the medical aspect. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2 Hence, medical delegates:

- a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
- b) Supervise the anti-doping control.
- c) Evaluate the medical situation and supervise the treatment of any injury or other medical reason ~~cramp~~ in accordance with t.45

#### **o.61**

1 The entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time).

For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, up to the day before the competition, at the latest at the end of the quarter finals of the individual competition. However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or other medical reason ~~illness~~ duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for reasons of injury or other medical reason or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.

#### **o.101**

If a team does not begin a match they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any World Team Cup points, unless this is because of an injury or any other medical reason ~~illness~~, duly attested by the duty doctor

#### **o.103.**

2 d) Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or other medical reason ~~trauma~~ duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

3 A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury or other medical reason 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.

Injuries or other Medical reason, withdrawal of a competitor  
 Injury or ~~cramp~~ other Medical reason, withdrawal of a competitor

**t.45**

1. For a any sport trauma, injury or ~~cramp or other acute medical incident~~ or other medical reason 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 FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion. This break should 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 a sport trauma, ~~cramp, or an acute medical incident~~ medical reason 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~~ other medical reason.

**t.170**

2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	t.29.1. t.30	RED	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for <del>claimed injury/cramp</del> or other medical reason deemed unjustified by doctor	t.45.3		
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks (*)	t.73.1.a		
2.4	-			
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	t.55.3		
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.121.2 ; t.147 ; t.149.1		

**INDEX TO ARTICLES**

Numbers refer to articles of the Rules.

Match: o.33, o.97, o.99

Medical delegate: o.48, o.99

Medical reason: o.21, o.61, o101, o 103

In the Spanish version, for “injury” use the term “lesión”:



**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 4, Articles o.24; o.26.1 and 2; o.50.2.f) ; o.54.4, Proposals from the Swedish Fencing Federation**

**Opinion:** Not in favour as Commissions are not decision-making bodies and their function is to make proposals.

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**Proposal 5, Articles o.29; o.39; o.103, Proposals from the Veterans' Council**

**Opinion:** In favour, but applicable in 2025 as organisers have already been appointed for 2023 and 2024.

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**Proposal 6, Article o.67, Proposal from the Rules Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 7, Article o.87, Proposal from the Rules Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 8, Article o.108.1, Proposal from the Rules Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 9, Article o.108.2, Proposal from Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Senegal, Algeria**

**Opinion:** Not in favour as there are guaranteed quotas for each zone in the qualification system for the Olympic Games (for individual qualification). If the aim is to have guaranteed quotas also for team qualification, then the qualification system for teams might have to be revised (currently it is necessary to be ranked within the first 16).

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**Proposal 10, Article t.18, Proposal from the Rules Commission**

**Opinion:** As the Commission is in favour of proposal 11, the design in proposal 10 must be changed in order to reflect the new distance (up to 5 m).

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**Proposal 11, Article: t.18.4, Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

**Proposal 12, Article t.47, Proposal from the Refereeing Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour, and in favour of revisions in j) and k). For the future, it will be necessary to verify all the modifications related to gender for all kinds of officials and all rules books:

j) Whenever **he considers it** necessary, **he the Referee** should consult the experts concerning the electrical apparatus (cf. o.28).

k) The Referee **should must** also supervise the state of the conductive piste; **he and must** not allow the bout to commence or to continue if the conductive piste has holes in it which might affect the proper registering of hits.

**Proposal 13, Article t.56, Proposal from the Refereeing Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

**Proposal 14, Article t.63, Proposal from the Refereeing Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour of introducing additional drawings to be supplied by the Refereeing Commission.

**Proposal 15, Article t.121, Proposal from Rules Commission**

**Opinion:** The proposal is no longer necessary because of proposal 16 from the Refereeing Commission.

**Proposal 16, Article t.121.2, Proposal from the Refereeing Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

**Proposal 17, Article t.124, Proposal from the Executive Committee**

**Opinion:** In favour. In addition, the sentence below in yellow should be added, and t.170 should be updated:

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

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~~In the event of **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' **as a decision of "fact"** (cf.t.136.2).

**Unwillingness to fight is sanctioned as follows:**

0.5	Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P- cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b> P-Yellow	2 <sup>nd</sup> <del>and 3<sup>rd</sup></del> times P-Red	<del>From 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup></del> time Penalisation
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**Proposal 18, Article m.25.3.g), Proposal from the Rules Commission for urgent decision**

**Opinion:** In favour of the following revised text:

For all official FIE competitions, ~~For the following events,~~ the wearing of national strips (logos) is **compulsory** on both legs, optional on the arm(s) ~~(cf. t.45.4) (cf. t.74), and All the logos worn by any one fencer~~ must be identical.

- ~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~
- ~~ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination bouts;~~
- ~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

The logos ~~They~~ must be **identical** for all fencers of the same federation. ~~for the competitions i) and iii) above.~~

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**Proposal 19, Article m.25.3, Proposal from the Refereeing Commission for urgent decision**

**Opinion:** In favour of the above text.

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**Proposal 20, Article m.28; m.34, Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 21, Article m.34, Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 22, Annex A 4 Label of quality, Material Rules (see Urgent letter 2/2022), Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour but in case a solution cannot be found on time for 01.01.2023, the Executive Committee might decide a new deadline, based on a proposal from the SEMI Commission.

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**Proposal 23, Annex A 4 Label of Quality and Chip, Material Rules, due to the amendment by the Rules Commission. Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 24, Annex A 4 Label of quality, Material Rules, Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 25, Annex A page 61 art. 3.1, Material Rules, Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

**Opinion:** In favour.

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**Proposal 26, Material Rules, Proposal from the SEMI Commission**

- Annexe A, 1 weapons, 6.4
- Annexe A, 1 weapons, 3.1, Table I
- Annexe A, 1 weapons, 2
- Annexe A, 1 weapons 6.8

**Opinion:** In favour, and in agreement with the SEMI Commission, the names of the specialized institutes stated in the paragraph below will not appear in the rules but in a separate document, which will be updated regularly and communicated to the Executive Committee:

3) The Manufacturer and the independent Institute of his choice should both send the laboratory compliancy test results to the President of the SEMI Commission, together with the request for homologation. The list of ~~only~~-specialized institutes approved by the SEMI will be updated regularly and communicated to the Executive Committee. ~~are CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for clothing (jackets, breeches and under-plastrons) and masks; and CRITT, RTM-BREDA, Sofranel and Visti for blades.~~

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**Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3: Proposals for the Congress regarding the Statutes**

**Proposal 8, Articles 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1, Proposal from the Swedish Fencing Federation**

**Opinion:** Not in favour.

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**Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4:**

- 1) In o.105.1, move senior zonal championships to o.105.4, and in o.105.5 (table for video-refereeing), zonal championships: "T64" should be replaced by "T32".
- 2) Title of o.97, remove Zonal championships.

## Urgent decisions

### Urgent decision 1, proposal from the Rules Commission and the Refereeing Commission:

**Motivation:** Remove the inconsistency and contradiction between t.74 and m.25.3 g). Propose an urgent decision for May 2022, as the decision only impacts juniors.

For all official FIE competitions, ~~For the following events,~~ the wearing of national strips (logos) is **compulsory** on both legs, optional on the arm(s) ~~(cf. t.45.4) (cf. t.74), and All~~ the logos ~~worn by any one fencer~~ must be identical.

- ~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~
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- ~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

The logos ~~They~~ must be **identical** for all fencers of the same federation. ~~for the competitions i) and iii) above.~~

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### Urgent decision 2, proposal from the Executive Committee, after the proposals of the working group on the calendar and the modifications of the Administrative Rules:

**Motivation:** When the Junior Team World Cup was created, the number of four events was proposed as a starting point. However, the success of this event with organisers and young people makes its development necessary. In addition, the Junior Team World Cups allow the preparation of the team events of the Junior World Championships.

Currently, only four out of eight individual junior competitions are associated with a Junior Team World Cup. This situation is disadvantageous to organizers which do not have a Junior Team World Cup and restricts the participation of athletes and teams to certain competitions.

Increasing the number of Junior Team World Cups will provide more choice for athletes, level the conditions of organizers, but will not increase the number of competitions taken into account in the rankings or the costs for delegations.

It should be noted that Article o.41.2 a) duplicates the provisions of the Administrative Rules for Junior and Senior Team Events in the Calendar section. This duplication does not exist for individual events.

## TEAM WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

### o.41

#### 2 Principles

a) The Senior Team World Cup tournament is composed ~~of a maximum~~ of five integral competitions (through to the first place) spread, if possible, across all continents. Points will be allocated at the end of each competition.

The Junior Team World Cup tournament is composed of ~~four~~ **eight** integral competitions and points will be awarded at the end of each competition.

### o.109

#### 1 Official team ranking of the FIE

##### Principle

a) The official Senior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best four results** in the Senior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Senior World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

The official Junior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best four results** in the Junior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Junior World Championships and the Zonal Championships.

NB : The English version of this article does not need a modification as it already mentions "best four results" for the junior team ranking, while it is not the case in the French and Spanish versions.

## TEAM COMPETITIONS

### A. SENIOR AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, ~~ZONAL~~ ~~CHAMPIONSHIPS~~

#### o.97

At each weapon teams consist of **three fencers**, with or without a reserve.

A team may begin a match only **if it is complete**.

#### Video Refereeing

#### o.105

Video-refereeing is compulsory at all three weapons at Grand Prix, Senior World Cup individual and team competitions, the Junior and Cadet World Championships, the World Championships and Olympic Games, Zonal Championships and qualification events for the Olympic Games. It is optional at the Veteran World Championships.

- 1 For World Cup individual, Grand Prix competitions, ~~Zone—Championships~~ and qualification events for the Olympic Games, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on 4 pistes or 8 pistes, and in any case, **from the table of 64**.
- 2 For World Cup team competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory **as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes** including the match for 3rd place, but excluding the other ranking matches.
- 3 For individual and team competitions of the Senior World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory **as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing**, including ranking matches table 5-8.
- 4 For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships ~~and Zonal Championships~~ video-refereeing is compulsory as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing and in any case, **from the table of 32**.

For team competitions in the conventional weapons, video-refereeing is compulsory **from the table of 16**, including ranking matches table 5-8.

In epee, video-refereeing is compulsory **from** the table of 8, including ranking matches table 5-8.

- 5** For individual and team events at the Olympic Games, the video-refereeing system is mandatory **in all three weapons, at all stages of the competition.**

Competitions	Individual event VIDEO, from	Team event VIDEO, from	Number of pistes equipped with VIDEO	Teams and ranking matches
Senior World Cup	T 64	T16	4 or 8	T 1-8
Junior World Cup	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory
Grand-Prix	T 64	-----	4 or 8	-----
Senior World Championships	T 64	T16	4 or 8	T 1-8
Junior/Cadet World Championships	T 32	T 16 (juniors)	8	T 1-8
Senior Zonal Championship	T 64-32	T 16	4	T 1-8
Junior Zonal Championship	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory
Veteran World Championships	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory
Zonal qualifying events for the Olympic Games	Pools	----- -	All pistes	-----
Olympic Games	Mandatory for all phases of the Olympic competition			



**RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION SEMI DE LA FIE**  
**FIE SEMI COMMISSION REPORT**  
**INFORME DE LA COMISI3N SEMI DE LA FIE**

**INTRODUCTION**

<b>Date, lieu et heure de la r3union :</b> <b>Date, place and time of the meeting:</b> <b>Fecha, lugar y horario de la reuni3n:</b>	<b>24 &amp; 25 June 2022</b> <b>12.00 CET</b> <b>Meeting by ZOOM</b>
<b>Participants:</b> <b>Participants:</b> <b>Participantes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ANTHONY JR. Donald</li> <li>2. VARALLO Giadomenico</li> <li>3. BRANDULE Baiba</li> <li>4. CRUZ MELENDEZ Luis Alberto</li> <li>5. EBERL LOPEZ Maria Wilda</li> <li>6. HADI Islam Bilel</li> <li>7. HASEM Samer</li> <li>8. HOU Zhingang</li> <li>9. HUGGINS Janet</li> <li>10. SALEEM Zeyad</li> <li>11. GESTSSON Gudjon Ing (Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> only)</li> </ol>
<b>Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait 3t3 annonc3e) :</b> <b>Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced):</b> <b>Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GESTSSON Gudjon Ing (Friday 24<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>2.</li> </ol>

**INTRODUCTION**  
**INTRODUCCI3N**

Giandomenico Varallo welcomed old and new members of the Commission and outlined the items for discussion.

**RAPPORT DE LA R3UNION**  
**MEETING REPORT**  
**INFORME DE LA REUNI3N**

**Point 1 / Item1 / Punto 1:**

Examination of the proposals for the 2022 Congress

The proposals were discussed and the result of the SEMI Commission votes is recorded on the proposals document.

**Point 2 /Item 2 / Punto 2:**

Joint Proposal SEMI/RULES Commissions Re-organisation and renumbering of the Material Rule Book

A joint meeting with the RULES Commission was held to discuss the progress of the re-organising of the Material rules. It was decided that the complete reorganization proposal should be presented to the 2023 Congress. A joint meeting will be arranged in the September to finish the documentation, so that the documents can be translated and ready for March 2023

JH has sent out the documents showing the work achieved so far to all the members of the SEMI Commission

### **Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3:**

Joint meeting SEMI and VETERANS Council

Veterans Council is putting a proposal to include the 40's age group to the World Championships. This would greatly increase the number of fencers for weapon control to a possible 200 per day.

Discussion followed concerning the number of Armourers and volunteers that would be needed to provide both Weapon Control and Call Room, also if call room for veterans could be limited to the finals and semi-finals.

### **Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4:**

Report of the Junior and Cadet World Championships Dubai

BB Explained that problems occurred at the Junior and Cadet World Championships in Dubai

Weapon Control problems included

- When SEMI Delegates arrive Weapon Control had already started.  
(SEMI Delegate Janet Huggins was scheduled to arrive earlier but had to cancel due to Covid)
- Weapon Control room not big enough
- Insufficient staff
- Insufficient testing equipment
- Inadequate items for marking passed equipment. (ink not permanent, no engraver for blades)  
Use of ordinary yellow cable ties (easily transferable, copied or confused with ones from previous competitions)
- No tags or labels for marking failed equipment
- Gabarits not accurate
- Staff and volunteers not trained and changed day by day
- Weapon Control software did not work and paper system had to be used (Provider said laptop was broken)
- Information for statistics was not available

CALL Room problems included

1. Testing from L32 Insufficient testing equipment (weapon control was still running and the testing equipment had to be shared) this improved when DT decided to use Call Room from L16
2. Insufficient staff or untrained volunteers, so much of the testing was done by the SEMI Delegates themselves

a) A discussion about the improvement of the preparation of weapon control and call room came to the following conclusions

- Weapon Control Software or written systems, must be able to input the fencers equipment, providing receipt for fencer, either paper or electronic information for weapon controllers and complete a printed report on failures for the fencer
- Usage of weapon control software to speed up and organize the process and should be able to provide statistical information.
- Existing systems to be validated
- Training for Weapon Control staff should be given especially if the federation does not have a technician training program. Any such training should be included in the SEMI report.

- Use of suitable items for marking passed equipment (~~tamperproof cable ties or with a unique marking~~ (use of plastic ties discouraged unless unique and tamperproof as it is not environmentally friendly, paper stickers can be used as an alternative) permanent ink for clothing)
- Information on ~~competition IT systems, networks topology and equipment used gathered and~~ should be included in the SEMI Commission report
- President of SEMI and or Senior Delegate should be in contact with the competition organisers to confirm requirements for Weapon Control and Call Room
- International team for Weapon Control perhaps linked to FIE Volunteer program
- Weapon Control systems document Author Peter Huggins was on FIE website is no longer on website
- Video compiled by Gamil Elysaid (weapon control) guide for fencers
- Guidelines 7 years old and require updating - BB & JH

GV Is compiling a document of requirements to be sent to competition organisers

JH Has a training DVD compiled by the British Guild of Armourers that has recently been updated and will forward it to the Commission members

b) Discussion about minimum standards for weapon control software etc

System must be able to

- Input the equipment and provide a receipt for the fencers
- Track through the testing process with either a paper sheet or electronic data
- Print out of passed and failed equipment for the fencer
- Collect statistics on failed equipment.

#### Point 5 / Item 5 / Punto 5:

Proposals for Congress 2023

GV Asked commission members to submit any proposals they have for 2023 Congress and suggested a meeting in September to discuss them.

The main proposal for 2023 Congress will be the reorganizing of FIE Material Rules

#### Point 6 / Item 6/ Punto 6:

RFID Alternative solutions

GV Suggested a temporary suspension of the Russian Chipping system

Any new system the Data Base must be the property of the FIE

GV Is trying to source an alternative supplier and had been in contact with a Swiss company who manufacture a similar RFID currently being used by the sport of Water Polo.

GV/JH To contact Alex Paul of Leon Paul about the repositioning of the RFID chips from the bib to possibly in the label material in the top of the mask shell of the contour fit mask

#### Point 7/ Item 7/ Punto 7:

Homologation of new technical lab technical rule EN 13568 for homologation of blades, gloves and white clothing

GV Presented documents from SMT Mechanical Test Laboratory based in Italy. They are applying for homologation as an approved test house for fencing equipment.

**Point 8/ Item 8/ Punto 8:**

Foil Guards in composite material

GV showed the meeting a prototype foil guard consisting of a carbon fiber shell with a 1mm aluminum coating, electrical conductivity between guard and blade is achieved by use of rivets.

**Point 9/ Item 9 /Punto9:**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a)
  - JH Has received information that there are excessively stiff foil blades being used.
  - GV To contact the manufacturer concerned to remind them that blades should only be made in accordance with of the rules for flexibility (m.8.5) and failure to do so could result in the suspension of homologation.
  
- b) GV Allocation of SEMI Delegates for World Championships, Junior and Cadet World Championships and Veteran World Championships would be deferred until the FIE Calendar is agreed.
  
- c) GV/JH To contact Alex Paul of Leon Paul about the repositioning of the RFID chips possibly in the label material in the top of the mask shell.
  
- d) GV During the tests for maraging sabre the blades from two manufacturers proved to be more prone to breakage near to the point. This may be due to the process of manufacturing of the curl of the tip. The two manufacturers have been contacted and their feedback is still awaited.
  
- e) WIRELESS SYSTEMS  
At present there are no viable new systems available
  
- f) SENSOR FOR SABRE  
At present there are no viable new systems available but further versions are undergoing tests

**COMMISSION SEMI DE LA FIE**  
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<b>Date, lieu et heure de la réunion :</b> <b>Date, place and time of the meeting:</b> <b>Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:</b>	<b>By videoconference June 24th and 25th 2022</b>
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**1. Item 1 Examination of the proposals for the 2022 Congress**

**Point 1 Examen des propositions pour le Congrès 2022**

**Punto 1 Examen de las propuestas para el Congreso de 2022**

**2. Item 2 Examination of the joint proposal SEMI/RULES Commission Re-organisation and renumbering of the Material Rulebook**

**Point 2 Examen de la proposition conjointe Commission SEMI/Règlements**

**Réorganisation et renumérotation du règlement du matériel**

**Punto 2 Examen de la propuesta conjunta Comisión SEMI/Reglamentos**

**Reorganización y renumeración del Reglamento de Material**

**3. Item 3 Report of the Junior and Cadet World Championships Dubai**

**a) Discussion about the improvement of the preparation of weapon control and call room.**

**b) Discussion about minimum standards for weapon control software**

**Point 3. Rapport sur les Championnats du Monde Junior et Cadet de Dubaï**

**a) Discussion sur l'amélioration de la préparation du contrôle des armes et de la salle d'appel.**

**b) Discussion sur les normes minimales pour le logiciel de contrôle des armes.**

**Punto 3 Informe de los Campeonatos del Mundo Junior y Cadete de Dubai**

- a) Discusión sobre la mejora de la preparación del control de armas y de la sala de llamadas.
- b) Discusión sobre las normas mínimas para el software de control de armas

4. **Item 4** Proposal for Congress 2023

**Point 4** Proposition pour le Congrès 2023

**Punto 4** Propuesta para el Congreso 2023

5. **Item 5** RFID / Alternative solutions

**Point 5.** RFID / Solutions alternatives

**Punto 5** RFID / Soluciones alternativas

6. **Item 6** Homologation of new lab technical rule EN 13567 for homologation of blades, masks, gloves and white clothing

**Point 6** Homologation de la nouvelle règle technique de laboratoire EN 13567 pour l'homologation des lames, masques, gants et vêtements blancs

**Punto 6** Homologación de la nueva norma técnica de laboratorio EN 13567 para la homologación de cuchillas, máscaras, guantes y ropa blanca

7. **Item 7** Foil Guards in composite material

**Point 7** : Coquilles au fleuret en matériaux composites

**Punto 7** Cazoletas de florete de material compuesto

8. **Item 8** Any other business

**Point 8.** Points divers

**Punto 8** Otros asuntos



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Rules

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2023, unless mentioned otherwise.

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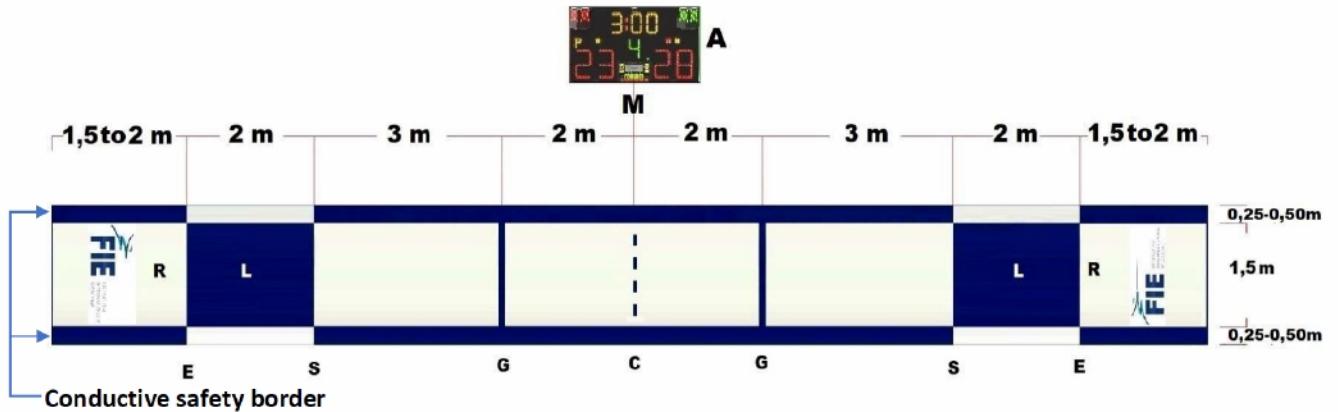
**Art.: t.18;**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation: drawing**

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Figure 1 - Piste for semi-finals and finals (maximum height 50 cm)



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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 à 1,5 m of the piste    |
| C- Centre line                    | L- Last 2 m of piste         |
| G- On-guard lines                 | E- End of piste (rear limit) |
| R- Run back (extension of piste)  | S- Start of 2 m signal area  |

For foil and epee the conductive surface must cover whole of the length and breadth of piste, including its extension (run back) (Cf. Article t.18, m.57)

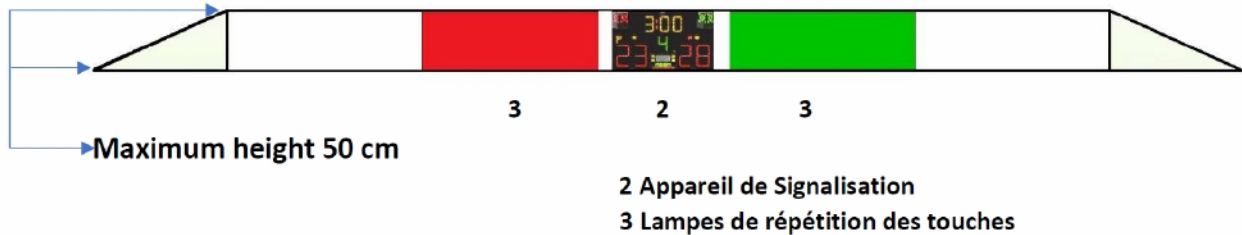
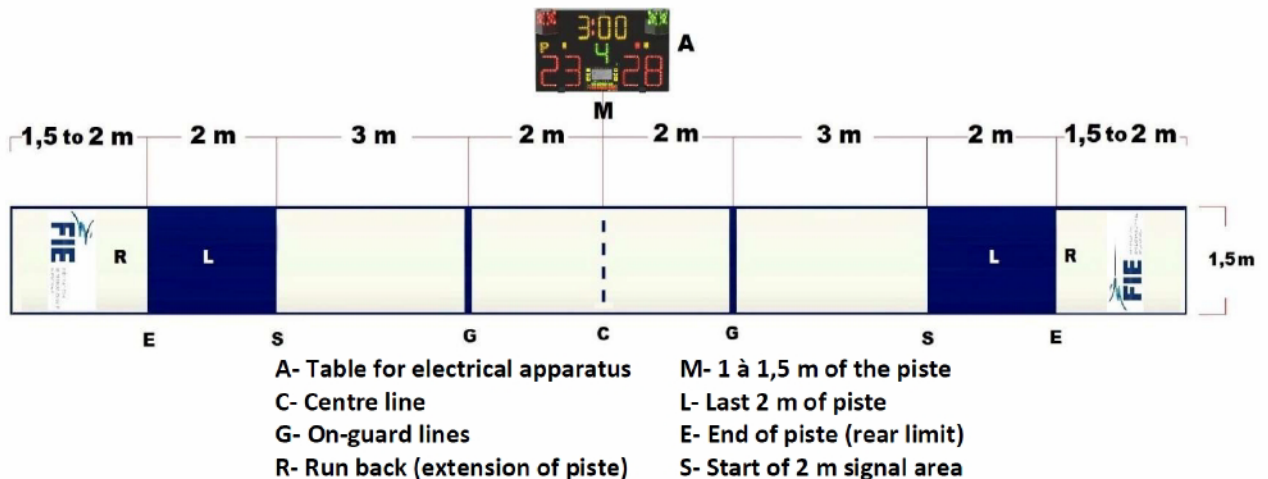


Figure 2 - Standard piste for all three weapons



**SEMI Commission:**  
**IN FAVOUR**



**Article: t.18.4****Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Change the second measure from 1.5 meters to 5 meters. The original proposal of the SEMI Commission was: "The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be a minimum of 1 metre".

Rationale: The amendment giving a second distance of 1.5 meters could be read as a maximum, this could be a problem when setting up finals for major competitions, anyway makes sense to have also a maximum distance.

**t.18.4**

The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be between 1 meter and 4.5-5 meters. **Any slave score machine must not be placed nearer than 5 meters from the edge of the runback area.**

Application: season 2022-2023

**SEMI Commission: IN FAVOUR with the additional wording regarding slave scoring machines**

**Article: m.28; m.34****Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Conductive T-shirt is no longer mentioned in the text.

m.28 and m.34. Delete from the title conductive T-shirt

Delete also from the Summary page. 2 and the Index page. 91 and 93.

**m.28; m.34**

Conductive jacket ~~and conductive T-shirt.~~

**SEMI Commission: IN FAVOUR**

**Article: m.34****Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Delete from the article m.34 the text concerning the T-shirt.

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. Deleted rule m.28.8 foil already deleted m.34.8 sabre already deleted but both to be add instead to StM Requirements document

**m.34.1**

The fencer must wear, over his jacket, a **conductive over-jacket**, the conductive surface of which must cover entirely and without omission the valid surface of the body above a horizontal line which, when the FIE SEMI Commission

fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer's trunk, the tops of the two hip bones. ~~At wireless sabre the fencer must wear a conductive t-shirt. The conductive part is made of a conductive fabric: the maximum electrical resistance between any two points of the electrically conductive t-shirt fabric (including both flaps for crocodile clip connections) must be not more than 15 Ohms. These checks must be carried out by a wireless equipment manufacturer.~~

**SEMI Commission** **IN FAVOUR**

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**Article:** Annex A 4 Label of quality, Material Rules (see Urgent letter 2/2022)

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**Proposal from:** SEMI Commission

**Motivation:** The installation of this RFID into the fencing clothing (mask, under plastron, jacket and breeches) is suspended until further notice.

Therefore, the manufacturers will be allowed to use for 2022 (is yearly dated) the old technical FIE mark (round). It will also be necessary to postpone the final date at which all the equipment must have the RFID and the new quality seal, from the season 2026/2027 to the season 2027/2028.

Due to the current situation, the orders to the company and deliveries of RFID are currently suspended. In the meantime, we are trying to find other companies that can produce and deliver these chips.

#### 4. LABEL OF QUALITY

2. Chip and label installation requirements.  
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From 01.03.2021, the **obligatory** chipping of new fencing equipment (jacket, trousers, plastron mask) has been introduced. **It will be mandatory from 01.01.2023.**

Both variants of the FIE seal of quality are acceptable up to and including the **2026/2027 2025/2026** season. For the **2027/2028 2026/2027** season, masks, jackets, breeches and plastrons must have the new quality seal with a chip securely located underneath.

**SEMI Commission:** **IN FAVOUR** suggest additional wording **These dates may be subject to further changes if required**

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**Article:** Annex A 4 Label of Quality and Chip, Material Rules, due to the amendment by the Rules Commission.

**Proposal from:** SEMI Commission

**Motivation:** To avoid misunderstanding with manufacturers and weapon controllers.

FIE SEMI Commission

**Annex A 4 Label of Quality**

In the LOGO zone, the name brand of the equipment manufacturer is indicated in a label with the dimensions allowed from the Publicity code art. p.10.

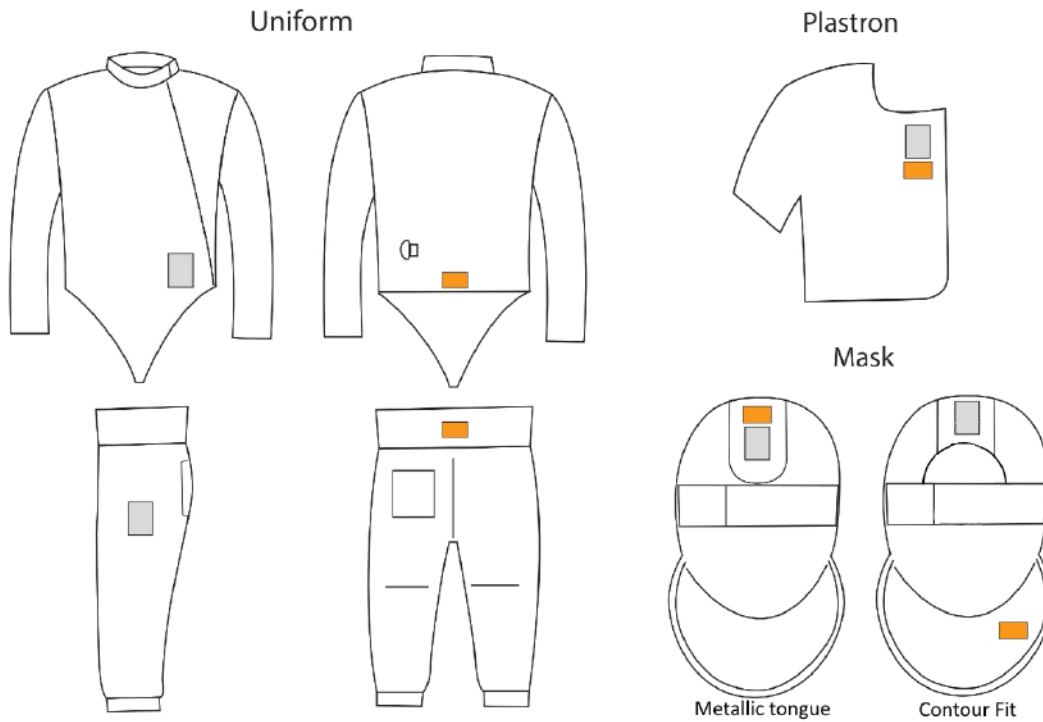
**SEMI Commission:**  
**IN FAVOUR**

**Article:** Annex A 4 Label of quality, Material Rules

**Proposal from:** SEMI Commission

**Motivation:** Annex 4 Figure 3 Add an alternative position of the chip on the metallic tongue on the back.

*In the actual position the chip is located in a position that is too subject to blows or to be constantly subject to bending when the fencer takes off the mask. Original positioning on bib can be used for masks without metal tongue.*



**SEMI Commission:** **IN FAVOUR**

**Article:** Annex A page 61 art. 3.1, Material Rules

**Proposal from:** SEMI Commission

**Motivation:** not coherent indication, the correct technical indication is minor or equal to 0.05

## Annex A page 61 3.1 table II Chemical composition

Element Al (aluminium)

<del>Al</del>	<del>0.05-0</del>
Al	<= 0.05

## SEMI Commission: IN FAVOUR

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### Articles : Material Rules :

- Annexe A, 1, weapons, 6.4
- Annexe A, 1, weapons, 3.1, Table I
- Annexe A, 1, weapons, 2
- Annexe A, 1, weapons, 6.8
- Annexe A, 1, weapons, 6.9
- Annexe A, 1, weapons, 4.4 and 6.4

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### Proposal from : SEMI Commission

#### Motivation :

#### MARAGING BLADES IN SABER

The work started at the beginning of July 2020 with 20 sabre blade samples collected from 6 brands. To have a comparison 2 normal blades StM and Dynamo (branded Allstar) were purchased.

The tests were carried out by Franchini Blades in Brescia under the supervision of Alberto Franchini, Giandomenico Varallo e Giovanni Rivolta.

Alberto Franchini is a blade manufacturer, past good foilist, owner of one of the well-known steel forges in Europe (see <https://www.franchiniacciai.com/>)

Giovanni Rivolta is the former chief of the Breda Laboratory for steel, he worked by the US and Italian Army long time and is one of the best experts in Maraging Steel in Italy, and now is an independent consultant.

All the blades have been weighed, measured, checked in their flexibility and in the shape of the curl of the tip according to the rules of the materials rulebook.

2 brand-new Sofranel machines were used for the fatigue test and the calibration. Each test needs about 8/9 hours and the constant assistance from a person when the machine is running.

The machine is stopped after a fixed number of cycles to measure if the resistance point (the maximum of the bending) is changed from the normal condition.

After the first attempts we decided to cease the measuring because the table shows that, the results are not significant.

As per rules, the distance of the fracture from the tip was detected.

Some abnormal breakage in the blade were registered.

A letter should be sent to all manufacturers asking for the process concerning the curl of the point, because,

as above, some abnormal breakages were found in blades done by Leon Paul and Blaise Freres. The breakage is to near to the curl and can be very dangerous for the fencers. It is strongly suspected that they do make the curl on the finish blade with another thermic treatment that can change the quality of the heated steel.

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During the investigations some mistakes in the Rulebook were found, probably due to later and sometimes misunderstood transcripts, so some corrections are needed.  
 In order to better understand the changes for fencers, for the moment we are not considering the changing of the flexibility of the blade.

See the table below for the result of the tests:

FIE SEMI PROTOTYPES OF MARAGING SABER BLADES												
Inventory ID	Manufacturer	Date of test	Blade					Distance of fracture from tip				
			Weight (g)	0 cycles	at 2000 cycles	at 5000 cycles	at 7000 cycles	Number of cycles to blade fracture	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Flexibility
IN0001	Blaise Freres	14/07/2020	160,20	42,44	42,55	42,58	42,71	45.724	865	878	6,5	S
IN0002	Blaise Freres	23/07/2020	160,00	44,88	-	-	-	26.224	693	877	6,5	S
IN0003	Blaise Freres	25/08/2020	164,00	-	-	-	-	10.774	866	878	6,0	S
IN0004	Elsior	08/07/2020	178,10	42,03	42,33	42,48	42,59	23.749	735	877	6,0	S
IN0005	Elsior	29/07/2020	181,00	-	-	-	-	25.123	742	877,5	6,0	S
IN0006	Elsior	21/07/2020	181,00	47,40	-	-	-	23.192	720	877,8	6,0	S
IN0007	Lammet	08/07/2020	152,70	42,34	42,45	42,56	42,59	26.250	632	876/879	7,0	S
IN0008	Lammet	22/07/2020	162,00	46,95	-	-	-	26.627	665	877,5	6,5	S
IN0009	Lammet	30/07/2020	162,00	-	-	-	-	17.178	702	877,5	7,0	S
IN0010	Franchini	09/07/2020	159,00	42,56	42,58	42,60	42,66	23.718	722	878	6,0	S
IN0011	Franchini	27/07/2020	159,00	43,65	-	-	-	26.042	664	878	6,0	S
IN0012	Franchini	12/08/2020	159,00	-	-	-	-	23.850	707	878	6,0	S
IN0013	Leon Paul	14/07/2020	163,00	43,45	45,52	45,67	45,76	16.938	864	(877) 878	7,0	S
IN0014	Leon Paul	20/07/2020	164,00	44,78	-	-	-	46.290	865	878	7,0	S
IN0015	Leon Paul		160,00	-	-	-	-	> 50.000		877,7	7,5	S
IN0016	STM	02/09/2020	169,00	-	-	-	-	28.804	629	878,8	6,5	S
IN0017	STM	03/09/2020	168,00	-	-	-	-	11.641	526	877,30	6,50	S
IN0018	STM	07/09/2020	169,00	-	-	-	-	23.140	645	878.50	6,50	S

CYCLES	
Average Total	23.626
Average Central Value	28.250
Minimum	10.774
Maximum	>50.000
Standard deviance of the population	9.724
HARMONIC MEDIA	21.755

BREAKAGE DISTANCE (mm)	
Average Total	725
Average Central Value	739
Minimum	526
Maximum	865
Standard deviance of the population	98
HARMONIC MEDIA	712

IN0019	ALLSTAR NO MARAGING	08/09/2020	170,00	-	-	-	-	-	11.225	648	879,8	5,5	S
IN0020	STM NO MARAGING	08/09/2020	167,00	-	-	-	-	-	11.431	685	880	6,0	S

Last year the Congress already approved the following proposal that it was included in the project done the first voice of the checkbox

To insert the Periodical test into the Rulebook as follows: **ALREADY DONE LAST YEAR**

Pag 65 Annex A second paragraph: (new text added)

The blades, after the first homologation remain valid, under the condition that the manufacturers send the blades for a periodical test at least once every two years. One of these tests should be made between 9 – 6 months before the Olympic Games. These periodical tests have to be carried out at least once every two years in simplified mode: 3 blades will be tested for the following:

- Fatigue resistance (by bending) quality of the steel
- Chemical test
- Traction test
- Tensile test
- Test of fracture resistance (K1°C)

If the periodical tests are not done for 4 years, the blade will be scratched from the FIE official blades list. The manufacturer can ask for a new complete homologation process.

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This requirement is only found at the beginning of the list of the blades, official FIE document, but not expressly into the Rulebook and with a strange formulation that can be ambiguous (2 times in 5 years).

We resume below the remaining suggestions for the changing of the rules:

- To correct the tensile test from K1°D to K1°C (for all weapons)
  - To write in the rules the reference STM (European standard ISO) of the quality of steel.
  - To fix the number of cycles for the characterization test in 20.000 cycles.
  - To fix a minimum distance of the fracture from the tip of the sabre in 12 cm.
  - To correct in the table of our rulebook the name KCU in KV and to reduce the value to 27 joule/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - To ask for the characterization a square little bar f 25mm by side and with the length of 350mm, deleting the drawing in the rules.
  - To forbidden completely the manipulation on the blade (for the 3 weapons) as, for sample, heating to bend the thread, the grinding of the groove (common practice for the armours to facilitate gluing of the wire).
  - We need to add the name of the Breda Laboratory into the rulebook
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- To correct the tensile test from K1°D to K1°C (for all weapons)

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Bottom of page 3rd row — Test of fracture toughness, **Kid K1C**

#### Test of strength at the fracture point, Kid

**The *Kid K1C* value must be established by testing on the traction test samples. with a groove in the form of a 'Charpy V', with dimensions as indicated at the end of this annexe (Table VIII).**

**Motivation:** text no more needed.

Pag 58 Table I. Mechanical characteristics of steel

We need to correct the value of K1C from **120** to **70** (MPa not **Mpay m**)

**Motivation:** This kind of test is a tensile test very similar to the K1°D that we have in the rules for the other weapons but is actually more used from the stealers to judge the quality of the steel. The test K1°D is fall into disuse actually, so it can be also difficult to find labs that carry on this test. The addition of this new test into the periodical check, it would prevent some manufacturers from changing the quality of steel after the first homologation, as we suspect has happened in the past in some cases.

- To write in the rules the reference STM (European standard ISO) of the quality of steel.

Page 58 Annex A #2

#### 2. General conditions

The steel used for the manufacture of fencing blades must have the ability to withstand high levels of exertion, a high degree of resistance to breaking and a low susceptibility to corrosion. [Please refers to the Standard table STM \(European standard ISO \) about the quality.](#)

**Motivation:** the STM Standard table is the actual table of the quality of the different steels currently produced.

To fix the number of cycles for the characterization test in 20.000 cycles.

Pag. 65 # 6.8

Add at the end: — not suitable for saber blades

**Motivation:** this kind of test is not possible for the saber blade because of his different shape

Pag. 65 # 6.9

Add at the end: — 20,000 cycles for sabre blades

**Motivation:** at the end of all the tests it seems reasonable to fix this quantity of cycles to have a saber blade of

good quality.

To fix a minimum distance of the fracture from the tip of the sabre in 12 cm.

Pag. 65 # 6.9

Add at the end:

For the test to be considered positive it is necessary that at least 8 blades exceed the given values.

For sabre blades, it's mandatory that at least 8 blades break at  $\geq$  of 120 mm from the tip.

**Motivation:** The breakage is too near to the curl and can be very dangerous for the fencers. We have the strong suspicion that they do the curl on the finish blade with another thermic treatment that can change the quality of the heated steel. It can be good to write a letter to all manufacturers asking for the process concerning the curl.

To correct in the table of our rulebook the name KCU in KV and to reduce the value to 27 joule/cm<sup>2</sup>

Pag 60 #3.1 Table I. Mechanical characteristics of steel

We need to correct the label ~~KCU~~ into KV and to correct the value of KV from  $\geq 30$  to 27 Joule/cm<sup>2</sup>

Table I. Mechanical characteristics of steel

Rp 0.2	Rm	A	Z
<del>KCU</del> KV		KIC	
HV			
N/mm <sup>2</sup>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	%	%
Joule/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mpa y m		
$\geq 1900$	$\geq 2000$	$\geq 7$	$\geq 35$
$\geq 30-27$	$\geq 120$		$\geq 500$

**Motivation:** Range of value incompatible

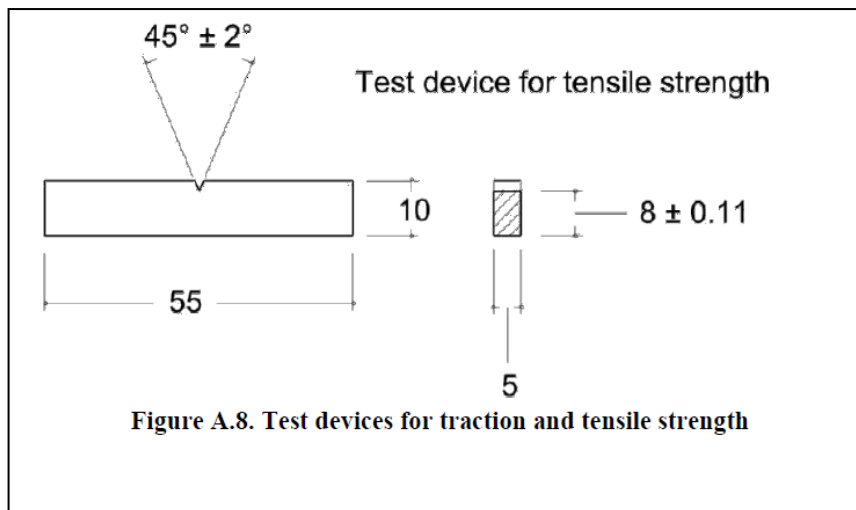
To ask for the characterization a square little bar f 25mm by side and with the length of 350mm, deleting the drawing in the rules.

Pag 62 Annex A 2 #4. (new text to add at the end of paragraph):

The manufacturers have to send to the Laboratories also a square bar of 25mm by side and with the length of 350mm.

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deleting the drawing A.8 at page 83:



~~Test device for tensile strength~~

deleting the sentence: "~~The test must be conducted on ductility samples with a groove in the form of a 'Charpy-V', with dimensions as indicated at the end of his annexe (Table VIII).~~"

**Motivation:** no more necessary.

- To forbidden completely the manipulation on the blade (for the 3 weapons) as, for sample, heating to bend the thread, the grinding of the groove (common practice for the armours to facilitate gluing of the wire).

See Art. 1.1.3 already in the Rules but add:

**3.** The weapon should be so constructed that it cannot normally injure either the user or his opponent. All methods of treating a blade between the guard and the tip (button) including the groove, by grinding, filing, heating or other methods, are forbidden.

**Motivation:** This kind of manipulation removes the aged surface layer of the maraging and discovers the softer core.

We need to add the name of the Breda Laboratory into the rulebook

Pag. 55 # 3 to add:

3) The Manufacturer and the independent Institute of his choice should both send the laboratory compliancy test results to the President of the SEMI Commission, together with the request for homologation. The list of only specialized institutes approved by the SEMI will be updated regularly and communicated to the Executive Committee. ~~are CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for clothing (jackets, breeches and under-plastrons) and masks; and CRITT, RTM-BREDA, Sofranol and Visti for blades.~~

**Motivation:** CRITT is no more interested in steel characterization, RTM Breda has been approved 1 year ago from the SEMI commission



SEMI Commission: **IN FAVOUR**.

With the following amendments to paragraphs

re Page 65 Annex A

**One of these tests should be made between 9 – 6 months before the Olympic Games**

re Page 58 Annex A #2

add **(European standard ISO.)**

Pag. 55 # 3 to add: Pag. 55 # 3 to add:

The **list of ~~only~~** specialized institutes approved by the SEMI **will be updated regularly and communicated to the Executive Committee.**

## **Figure A.8. Test devices for traction and tensile strength**

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**Proposals for the 2022 Congress**  
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**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

**Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

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**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

**Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

**A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms (12 years).**

Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

**Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement
- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

**A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms (12 years).**

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics Committee.

A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms (12 years).

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms (12 years).

**SEMI Commission** NO OPINION FOR OR AGAINST BUT INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. ARE THE TERMS CONSECUTIVE OR CUMULATIVE
2. IS THIS RETROSPECTIVE



## **MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING**

- **DATE:** 24 -25 June 2022
- **Venue:** ON LINE MEETING ZOOM
- **TIME:** 13:00 CET TO 17:00 CET

### **1. WELCOME**

The member of FIE COMEX, Mr. HAIBIN WANG, welcomes everybody to the FIE Coaches Council meeting.

### **1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

#### **Present:**

HAIBIN WANG - Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative/  
Coaches

TYSHLER GENNADY - RSA

LEI SHENG - CHI

NATALIA CONRAD - UKR

AOKI YUSUKI - JPN

MASSIALAS GREGORY - USA

SOMLAI BELA - HUN

#### **Apologies:**

GUICHOT PIERRE - FRA

SAUCEDO GUILLERMO - ARG

DMITRII GLOTOV - RUS

LEE HYUN-SOO - KOR

## **2. DR. GENNADY TYSHLER, PRESIDENT OF COACHING COUNCIL REPORT.**

Dr. Gennady Tyshler has delivered the report regarding the Council work in 2022.

It is a pity that we do not meet in person. It is nice to meet with the colleagues to discuss all matters related to our profession. But we do the best we can under the circumstances. The agenda was circulated before the meeting. I did not receive many proposals from the council members, but I included points that needed to be discussed and that I thought were important to discuss. I encourage the members of the council to be more active and send their proposals and comments to the Council.

The Coaching Council had a small meeting in Dubai, during the Junior World Championship. The Minutes of the meeting were sent to all council members.

Questions regarding the report were discussed.

## **3. MR. HAIBIN WANG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT.**

Mr. Haibin Wang, appreciates the efforts of the coaches, taking part in this meeting during the preparations for the World Championship in Cairo. He informed the members about matters discussed at COMEX meetings. Special thanks to Greg Marssialas who took part in the work of the FIE calendar working group. It was not easy work. There is special concern about fencers and coaches from Russia. It is a difficult situation and nobody knows what will happen in the future.

## **4. Mr. GREG MASSIALAS REPORT ON THE FIE CALENDAR WORKING GROUP**

We had three meetings. Different members represent different parts of the world, athletes, coaches, referees. Everybody agreed that fencing events, 8 world cups/Grand Prix of men and women of one weapon should be held together.

Problems with future competitions are expected because even those competitions are in the calendar, different countries have different Covid regulations and vaccine approvals.

FIE ranking has a problem.

Due to Covid each weapon has had very different number of WC, GP, or total events that would count for World Rankings making it a big mess. It's a rather simple way to clean up the current mess with all the weapons.

This proposal simplifies and keeps the same number of events to count for World Rankings as it has always done. Currently, the number of GP/WC events that are counted for each weapon varies from 5 (MF) to 8 (ME), and the other weapons vary in between. This proposal simplifies and includes the last 3 GP's and 5 WC's (plus Olympic Games and Zonals) for all the individual events. The same is done for the Team events that also vary between 3-5 WC Team events depending on the weapon. This way all weapons would use the best 4 out of the last 5 WC Team events plus the Olympics and Zonals.

I'm writing up the proposal but the data is listed below as to what events should be counted going into the World Championships. This makes the World Rankings fair, equal, and with the same number of World Cups/Grand Prix events across the board with all the 6 weapons (Individual and Team) going into 2022 Worlds.

It maintains the best 5 results out of the most current 3 GP and 5 WC, plus the Olympic Games and Zonals standard that has always been used for individual rankings. For teams it's the best 4 out the past 5 WC Team results, plus Olympic Games and Zonals.

Sr. ME Individual World Rankings		Sr. ME Team	
2021 Olympic Games		2021 Olympic Games	
2022 Zonal Championships		2022 Zonal Championships	
Best 5 results from last: 3 Grand Prix, 5 World Cups		Best 4 results from last 5 World Cup Team events	
World Cup Individual results			
2022 May - Tbilisi WC		2022 May - Tbilisi WC Team	
2022 May - Heidenheim WC		2022 May - Heidenheim WC Team	
2022 April - Paris WC		2022 April - Paris WC Team	
2022 Feb - Sochi WC		2022 Feb - Sochi WC Team	
2021 Nov - Berne WC		2021 Nov - Berne WC Team	
Grand Prix			
2022 April - Cairo GP			
2022 March - Budapest GP			
2022 Jan - Doha GP			
Plus any Satellite events in 2021-2022			

Sr. WE Individual World Rankings		Sr. WE Team	
2021 Olympic Games		2021 Olympic Games	
2022 Zonal Championships		2022 Zonal Championships	
Best 5 results from last: 3 Grand Prix, 5 World Cups		Best 4 results from last 5 World Cup Team events	
World Cup Individual results			
2022 May - Katowici WC		2022 May - Katowici WC Team	
2022 April - Cairo WC		2022 April - Cairo WC Team	
2022 Feb - Barcelona WC		2022 Feb - Barcelona WC Team	
2021 Nov - Tallin WC		2021 Nov - Tallin WC Team	
2021 March - Kazan WC		2021 March - Kazan WC Team	
Grand Prix			
2022 April - Cairo GP			
2022 March - Budapest GP			
2022 Jan - Doha GP			
Plus any Satellite events in 2021-2022			

Sr. MF Individual World Rankings		Sr. MF Team	
2021 Olympic Games		2021 Olympic Games	
2022 Zonal Championships		2022 Zonal Championships	
Best 5 results from last: 3 Grand Prix, 5 World Cups		Best 4 results from last 5 World Cup Team events	
World Cup Individual results			
2022 May - Plovdiv WC		2022 May - Plovdiv WC Team	
2022 April - Belgrade WC		2022 April - Belgrade WC Team	
2022 Feb - Cairo WC		2022 Feb - Cairo WC Team	
2022 Jan - Paris WC		2022 Jan - Paris WC Team	
2020 Feb - Cairo WC		2020 Feb - Cairo WC Team	
Grand Prix			
2022 May - Seoul GP			
2021 March - Doha GP			
2020 Feb - Turin GP			
Plus any Satellite events in 2021-2022			

Sr. WF Individual World Rankings		Sr. WF Team	
2021 Olympic Games		2021 Olympic Games	
2022 Zonal Championships		2022 Zonal Championships	
Best 5 results from last: 3 Grand Prix, 5 World Cups		Best 4 results from last 5 World Cup Team events	
World Cup Individual results			
2022 April - Tauberbischofsheim		2022 April - Tauberbischofsheim WC Team	
2022 April - Belgrade		2022 April - Belgrade WC Team	
2022 Feb - Guadalajara		2022 Feb - Guadalajara WC Team	
2022 Jan - Poznan		2022 Jan - Poznan WC Team	
2021 Dec - St. Maur		2021 Dec - St. Maur WC Team	
Grand Prix			
2022 May - Seoul GP			
2021 March - Doha GP			
2020 Feb - Turin GP			
Plus any Satellite events in 2021-2022			

Sr. MS Individual World Rankings		Sr. MS Team	
2021 Olympic Games		2021 Olympic Games	
2022 Zonal Championships		2022 Zonal Championships	
Best 5 results from last: 3 Grand Prix, 5 World Cups			
World Cup Individual results		Best 4 results from last 5 World Cup Team events	
2022 May - Madrid		2022 May - Madrid WC Team	
2022 March - Budapest		2022 March - Budapest WC Team	
2022 Jan - Tbilisi		2022 Jan - Tbilisi WC Team	
2021 March - Budapest		2021 March - Budapest WC Team	
2020 March - Luxumberg		2020 March - Luxemburg WC Team	
Grand Prix			
2022 May - Luxardo			
2021 Nov. - Orleans			
2020 Jan. - Montreal			
Plus any Satellite events in 2021-2022			

Sr. WS Individual World Rankings		Sr. WS Team	
2021 Olympic Games		2021 Olympic Games	
2022 Zonal Championships		2022 Zonal Championships	
Best 5 results from last: 3 Grand Prix, 5 World Cups			
World Cup Individual results		Best 4 results from last 5 World Cup Team events	
2022 May - Hammamet		2022 May - Hammamet WC Team	
2022 March - Istambul		2022 March - Istanbul WC Team	
2022 Jan - Plovdiv		2022 Jan - Plovdiv WC Team	
2020 March - Athens		2020 March - Athens WC Team	
2019 Dec - Salt Lake City		2019 Dec - Salt Lake City WC Team	
Grand Prix			
2022 May - Luxardo			
2021 Nov. - Orleans			
2020 Jan. - Montreal			
Plus any Satellite events in 2021-2022			

This proposal was sent to the FIE office by Mr. Don Anthony, to be discussed as an urgent item for the last COMEX meeting in May. It addressed the current problem of World Rankings that we discussed earlier today. The FIE Sport Director, Mr. Tsuhklo, had rejected it, so I don't believe that it was ever presented at the COMEX meeting. It seems like a logical proposal that reflects what FIE rankings should be, rather than what we now have going into the Cairo World Championships. For individual events, in addition to the Olympic Games and Zonal championships, I included the most recent 8 events (3 Grand Prix and 5 World Cup events). For Team events, the Olympic Games, Zonals, and the most recent 5 World Cup Team events.

Proposals of the working group:

- In all weapons men and women competitions should be held together at the same place
- Competitions for the year 6 world cups with team events and 2 Grand Prix
- Junior world cups will be 7, men and women together, all 7 with team events.



- Locations. 3 Europe, 2 Asia, 2 Americas, 1 Africa for seniors. 2 Europe, 2 Asia, 2 Americas, 1 Africa for juniors

Working Group finished the work, proposals been sent to COMEX. COMEX decided to come back to this matter after Paris Olympics. It is disappointing as this group was created in order to make calendar for Olympic qualification circle.

Mr. Bela Somlai mention that FIE should have the solutions for the competitions that can possibly be canceled before it can happen.

## **5. PROPOSALS FOR FIE CONGRESS**

Proposals were discussed. Coaches opinions on the proposals are attached in a separate document.

## **6. FIE WORKING GROUPS**

The Council discussed the situation with different working groups that were created for the last few years. The Council needs to approach the FIE to clarify the situation with the groups.

## **7. THE AGE OF PARTICIPANTS AT CADETS AND JUNIOR EVENTS**

The age of participants at Junior and Cadet competitions during the Junior and Cadet season was discussed. All coaches have the same vision on the cadets and junior participation. The rule o.30 should be strictly applied. The Council decided to approach the rules commission and legal commission to clarify the definition of the Junior and Cadets season.

“It is unfortunate, but every few years we have a problem with the age of participants at the junior and cadet local competitions in different countries.

Age of participants: o.29, o.30

We discussed the matter at the coaching council meeting and all coaches agree with the rule o.30

However, we have parents and fencing officials who have never fenced and interpret the rules differently.

Please help with correcting the interpretation of the rules or help us to find the place in the rules that clarifies the situation.

Maybe we need to add a definition for Junior fencing season to the rules. From Junior WC to the next Junior WC, or from April to April, or that the junior fencing season starts from the first Junior competition after the World championship.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.”

“First of all I want to thank everybody who is taking part in this discussion. Special thanks to Bruno Gares for the time he spent on putting together all pieces of the “Age of participants” matter from different parts of the rules into one document.

The FIE is not a closed corporation or business. The FIE is a Sports Federation and the main aim of the FIE is “to promote the development of fencing in the world” and “to improve the practice of our sport in every way”. The Federation should look not only after fencers who have paid the license, but for all fencers in the world including those, who are between 13 and 15 years old, with parents as their representatives.

Dear Nathalie, you are absolutely right in what you’ve written, taking extracts from the FIE rules. But this is the problem that we are talking about.

- Request to look at this matter is not coming from the amateurs or volunteers, but from the FIE Coaching Council, the FIE experts committee, that represents the fencing community from professionals at the international level and coaches working with the fencers on the ground. We have discussed the matter with other coaches from different countries and discussed it during the FIE Coaching Council meeting in June 2022. All members of the Council have the same opinion on the matter.
- Sport season. I am not going to talk about other sports, but in fencing, season is the period from one main FIE competition of the year, World Championships (Olympic Games) to the next one the following year. From July of one year to July of the next year, for example. A Sport season is divided into periods. The transitional period (in our case it is August), the preparation period, the pre competition period and the competition period. Periods are divided in to macro cycles and then micro cycles. The Senior fencing season is from July to July. The Junior and Cadet fencing season is from April to April. Please do not mix the competitions Calendar with the fencing season.
- Calendar. Junior FIE competitions calendar is from November to April. This does not mean that juniors do nothing for the rest of the year. Fencers are training, having training camps, different kinds of competitions and other events. Cadets FIE competitions calendar has only one competition. But it does not mean that

fencers, cadets, do not fence during the year or do not have a fencing season. Cadets and Juniors can take part in Senior competitions as well.

- The most serious cheating in the sport is doping and manipulating with age. This is absolutely clear to anybody who fenced as a cadet and a junior, or fencers and their representatives (coaches, parents of fencers) who took part in “ranking” and “selection” competitions. It is especially important in fencing, where we have direct elimination system, seeding before competitions and after the pools.
- Dear Nathalie, you are absolutely right o.30 rule is correct. o.30. Only fencers who are of an age to qualify for the next Junior World Championships may fence in the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, of the current season. This is exactly what we’re all talking about, but we need to clarify this rule clause for the WORLD FENCING community, especially for people who learned fencing “from the book” and have never fenced cadet or junior competitions themselves, that we have a Senior season AND a Junior and Cadets season, And that the fencer, who moved to the senior category after his last Junior World Championship in April, should not take part in any Junior ranking and selection competitions any more. New cadets and junior age groups should start training and competing together, preparing for the next major event.
- The Current situation is unfair for the younger kids and does not meet safeguarding requirements. The situation is opening possibilities for “manipulation of results“ and “corrupt conduct”. As participants who are “over age” (not eligible for selection for the next world championship) can manipulate the ranking, results and selection. To make it straight forward, they can sell their bout to fencers who need the ranking and selection.

We need to and can help Confederations, Federations, THE WORLD of fencing by putting a few words in the FIE rules to make this absolutely clear. This will not have any impact on the current FIE procedures and will not harm anybody. I think that the FIE rules and legal committees can find the right way to address the problem.

Example:

o.30. Only fencers who are of an age to qualify for the next Junior World Championships may fence in the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, of the current JUNIOR season (1st May to 31st of April next year).

## **8. JUNIOR AND CADETS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION PROGRAM**

Coaches discussed the program for the Cadets and Junior World Championships. All agreed that the Cadets event should be organized before the Junior event.

## **9. HALL SET UP AT MAJOR FIE EVENT**

The most important person in sports is the athlete. During competitions everything should be done to help the fencers compete comfortably and achieve the best possible results. It has come to our attention that at the last few competitions, organizers, during the preliminary stage of the competition, blocked all competition areas with a fence, not allowing fencers access to their coaches between the bouts during preliminary pools stages. This situation is unacceptable. Fencers should have easy access to their coaches advice between their bouts during pools. Additionally, the blocked area was very big and the lights on the scoring apparatus were not visible from all directions. We want to mention that pools are the preliminary stage of the event and the official competition will start only after the opening ceremony with direct elimination and spectators.

A coach usually has 4 fencers competing in the pools. Easy passage should be organized from one side of the arena to another.

We think that the matter is clear, competitions should be organized according to the rules, handbook of regulations and traditions of our sport.

Another solution may be to allow the coach at the piste during the bout of his fencer as is during direct elimination.

## **10. JOINT MEETING WITH THE FIE WOMEN AND FENCING COUNCIL**

Meeting went very well. Many issues were discussed in friendly conversations.

- Coaching mentoring programs should be established for the women coaches
- Coaching shadow programs should be established for women coaches
- Coaches education programs should include the safeguarding subjects
- Interviews should be organized with famous women coaches and athletes to promote women in fencing
- FIE should help women to find jobs as fencing coaches

- Women coaches should be included in FIE training camps as part of the mentoring program

Both Councils agree to have more cooperation in the future.

***Decisions:***

- ***Mr. Haibin Wang and Dr. Gennady Tyshler will communicate decisions and information on the Council Meeting to FIE COMEX and relevant FIE commissions.***

**CONCLUSION**

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

25.06.2022



## Proposals for the 2022 Congress

### Modifications of the Rules

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2023, unless mentioned otherwise.

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**Article:** o.67

P. 6

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** Experience has highlighted the problems when you end up with pools of 6 and the absence of fencers on call. In order to ensure the fairness of the pools, the Rules Commission proposes the following text:

**o.67**

1. In all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools, these pools consist of 7 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. Otherwise, the pools are of 7 and 6. In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.

If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the DT organisers must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers in the same round of pools, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

Depending on the number of participants, the pool round may take place over several rounds.

The DT must then provide for each pool round, pools of 7 and 6 (if applicable) in order to balance one or more pools in the event of fencers absent at roll call in pools of 6.

**Coaches Council:** In favor.

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**Article:** o.108.1

P. 8

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** Supplementing o.108.1 c). The cancellation of many competitions during the 2020/2021 season has caused points allocation problems.

**o.108.1**

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.~~

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~~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.~~

The competitions are numbered in order of the dates provided in the calendar and by competition category (World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite events).

The points awarded in event 1 of the current season replace the points awarded in event 1 of the previous season and so on.

If an event is cancelled during the current season, the points acquired during the corresponding event of the previous season will be deleted on the date assigned to this event in the calendar of the current season.

**Coaches Council:** In favor, but it should be always the correct number of the competitions in the rolling system.

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**Article:** o.108.2

P. 9

**Proposal from:** Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Senegal, Algeria,

**Motivation:** The continental competition (zone championship) is the 2nd most important competition after the world championships it is a great continental gathering very important for the fencers it allows to improve their FIE ranking, to have more chance to qualify to the Olympics, unfortunately by reducing the coefficient of the zone championship and make it at the level of a world cup has limited the chances to qualify to the Olympics for America, Asia, Oceania and Africa to the detriment of other continents which organize more than 75% of the competitions.

For all these reasons we propose to return to 1,5 coefficient of zone championship.

Organization  
Rules

o.108.2

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 ~~and a Zonal Championship~~ competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

**Coaches Council:** Not in favour.

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**Article:** t.56

P. 13

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** to make clear that a hit made during or after a fall must be annulled in any case regardless it was intentional or accidental

t.56

10. Hit made during or after a fall must be annulled

**Coaches Council:** Not in favor.

Only hits made after the fall must be annulled.

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**Article:** t.63

P. 14

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** hand signals are not up to date

1. Add pictures for:

- “changing decision” after video-analysing
- “technical touch” for crossing rear line

2. Change:

- “No hit or warning” to “No hit or abstention”

**Coaches Council:** In favor.

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**Article:** t.121

P. 15

**Proposal from:** Rules Commission

**Motivation:** complete t.121.2

t.121.2 sanctions also falls that occur as a result of an accident and does not distinguish between an intentional and an accidental fall. A fall can be a result of an accident like a twisted ankle or an accidental glide on a piste.

**t.121**

- 2 All bouts must preserve the character of a courteous and frank encounter. All irregular actions (fleche attack which finishes with a collision jostling the opponent, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits achieved with violence, blows struck with the guard, hits made during or after an intentional fall) or anti-sporting behaviour are strictly forbidden (cf. t.158-162, t.170). Should such an offence occur, any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

**Coaches Council:** In favor.



**Motivation:** only an intentional fall down to avoid the touch must be penalised but not by accidental cause (injury, pushing of opponent, loosing balance, etc.)

- 2 All bouts must preserve the character of a courteous and frank encounter. All irregular actions (fleche attack which finishes with a collision jostling the opponent, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits achieved with violence, blows struck with the guard, ~~hits made during or after an intentional fall down to avoid the touch~~) or anti-sporting behaviour are strictly forbidden (cf. t.158-162, t.170). Should such an offence occur, any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

**Coaches Council:** In favor.

**Motivation:**

### Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

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~~In the event of **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' ~~as a decision of "fact"~~ (cf.t.136.2).

#### 1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-yellow cards and P-red Cards are awarded ~~to each fencer separately to both fencers simultaneously,~~ starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by ~~two a P-Red cards and finally by a~~ The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

a) 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.~~

b) 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:~~

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

c) When, ~~for~~ ~~from~~ the ~~fourth~~ ~~third~~ time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows: ~~one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card~~

ie) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores~~ are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

ii) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores~~ are not equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower score with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow, ~~and~~ P-Red cards are awarded to the two ~~each~~ teams ~~separately~~ ~~simultaneously~~, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded ~~to the fencer. as described in 2c)~~ below.

a) 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.~~

b) 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.~~

c) When, ~~for~~ ~~from~~ the ~~fourth~~ ~~third~~ time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-Black card is awarded as follows: ~~a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.~~

i) If the scores for the two teams are equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

ii) If the scores for the two teams are not equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-Black card. The team with the higher score wins the match.

~~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 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.~~

~~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.~~

~~f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste 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 the fencers on the piste 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.~~

### 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), 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. 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) 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, each penalty hit and at the beginning of each period or relay.

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.

**Coaches Council:** not in favor.

NON – COMBATIVITY rule was discussed by different FIE commissions and councils for 2 years. Special working group was established to help making the correct decision, from top epeeist. If we give P cards to both fencers, then we can just cancel the P – cards. No changes should be made to this rule without new working group be established.



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**Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

**P. 8**

**Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

**Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

[A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#) Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

**Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement
- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

[A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#)

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics Committee.

[A person can be elected member of a Commission a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#)

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

[A person can be selected to be member of a Council a maximum of three terms \(12 years\).](#)

**Coaches Council:** Not in favor.

Only President of the FIE, the Presidents of Confederations, and the chairpersons and the Presidents of the commissions and councils can serve not more than 12 years.

The technical specialists and professionals should be able to serve in the commissions and councils without of time limit.

# FIE. FAIR PLAY COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meetings on June 24,25 and July 29.

Special thanks go to Hilary Philbin and Jennifer Yamin who made the notes and drafted these minutes.

SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022, AT 14:00 CET

## ATTENDANCE

### Present

- Oleg Peskov, KAZ – ComEx Representative
- Bert van de Flier (MH), NED – President of the Council
- Alejandra Benitez Romero, VEN
- Osmonzhan Kasymov, KGZ
- Eyyad Maghayreh, JOR
- Hilary Philbin, GBR
- Jennifer Yamin, USA
- Elena Murdaca – FIE office representative

### Absent and excused

- Marcel Amougou, CMR

### Meeting minutes

1. Opening by the president. Bert van de Flier opens the meeting with greetings.
2. Bert van de Flier asked if anyone has objections or comments with regards to the last meeting. – No objections or comments from the members.
3. Bert van de Flier announced that there are no changes to the previous meeting agenda & minutes.
4. FIE ComEx reaction regarding our first meeting
  - Oleg Peskov informed the council that their educational/video program is in need of additional funds. Due to the current budgetary restrictions, it will be difficult to add the program to the CoMex agenda. However, we can continue the conversation with other commissions such as the Promotion, communication, and marketing commission. The next step is to also create a proposal with detailed costs, type of film, length of the video, etc.
    - Bert van de Flier will reach out to Carl Borack (FIE Promotion) to discuss the idea and ask for their input.
  - Oleg Peskov continued with the Olympic Oath proposal. He asked Elana Murdaca for questions from the FIE office.
  - Elena Murdaca wanted a more specific proposal regarding the Olympic/Championship Oath. The number of participants, how to choose the candidates, duration, and to which manual/administrative the proposal should be added.

- Bert van de Flier will modify the proposal from the previous meeting and he will email everyone before the meeting on June 25, 2022. He asks everyone to review the proposal before the meeting.
  - Type of Diploma for some non-winning Fair Play Trophy candidates was discussed, and Elena showed the sample of Diploma/certificate that FIE currently uses for other events such as official diplomas and donating fencing gear. All agreed to use the same diploma for continuity.
5. Report and evaluation of Dubai Junior Cadet World Championships. The stand was active with Hilary Philbin and Bert van de Flier as well as 2 volunteers from (and at the expense of) the International Fair Play Committee. There were a few problems like the competition organizer taking all the chairs away, but in the end it all worked out relatively well. The stand was well visited, but due to Covid restrictions we were not allowed to use the educational/motivational games, which would definitely have lead to even more visitors.
  6. World Championships Cairo check for Fair Play
    - Bert van de Flier asked who will be attending the Cairo World Championships.
      - Alejandra Benitez, Hilary Philbin, Oleg Peskov and Jennifer Yamin will attend. They will observe the event to identify any potential new Fair Play candidates
  7. Setting date for meeting after Cairo
    - A date was set for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 16:00 CET
  8. Fair Play Awareness Program
    - Eyyad Maghayreh proposed a Fair Play awareness program engaging up to forty Cadet and Junior fencers, one from each nation. Each delegation can be contacted to select the forty fencers. Elena Murdaca suggested providing the Fair Play programming to the group of campers in the pre-championships training camp who have already been selected by their countries.
  9. Fair Play Games are owned by CIFP
    - Elena Murdaca asked for the budget and cost breakdown. Hilary Philbin suggested utilizing the manufacturers for support. Bert van de Flier will send photos of games to the group, such as table tennis. A film was suggested again. Jennifer Yamin suggested that after watching the IOC 's educational film, the Fair Play film should be 5-10 minutes and could include a collage of photos or a short interview.
  10. Proposal to expand the number of council members to 10.
    - After a lengthy discussion the majority of the members was in favour of this expansion. The main counter argument was the extra costs. The wish of some council members was that if the Congress decided to approve this expansion, one of the new members should be an athlete.
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This concludes the first day of the meeting.

## **MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM STARTING SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022 AT 15.00 CET**

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Present**

- Oleg Peskov, KAZ – ComEx Representative
- Bert van de Flier (MH), NED – President
- Osmonzhan Kasymov, KGZ

- Eyyad Maghayreh, JOR
- Hilary Philbin, GBR
- Alejandra Benitez Romero, VEN
- Jennifer Yamin, USA

**Absent and excused**

- Marcel Amougou, CMR

**CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF FAIR PLAY AWARENESS PROGRAM – INCLUSION OF FAIR PLAY OATH IN OPENING CEREMONY**

There was a follow-up discussion regarding Jennifer Yamin’s earlier proposal (January 2022 meeting) that a Fair Play Oath should be included in the Opening Ceremony of the FIE’s major championships.

Bert van de Flier had circulated a draft the previous evening, but not everyone had had the chance to look at it.

It was agreed in principle that the taking of a Fair Play Oath should be promoted by the committee, and also agreed that it would be beneficial to align our procedures to those adopted by the IOC.

It was agreed that the current draft of the document would be fine-tuned, and re-circulated prior to our next meeting for final agreement. The committee will then send a letter with a detailed proposal to Emmanuel Katsiadakis and Nathalie Rodriguez.

**PROPOSAL BY SWEDEN RE A LIMITATION OF 3 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE FIE PRESIDENT, THE COMEX AND MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS & COMMITTEES**

After a brief discussion in which a number of views were put forward, Bert van de Flier suggested that council members should think carefully about the implications of this proposal and come to our next meeting ready to state their views and arrive at a conclusion.

**SETTING A DATE FOR MEETING AFTER CAIRO**

It was noted that the next meeting should be as soon as possible after the Cairo championships. It was agreed that this will be by Zoom on Saturday 29 July 2022 starting at 16.00 CET.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 16.15 CET.**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON SATURDAY 29 JULY 2022 AT 16.00 CET**

**ATTENDANCE**



## **Council members present**

- Bert van de Flier (MH), NED – President
- Hilary Philbin, GBR
- Jennifer Yamin, USA
- Eyad Maghayreh, JOR

## **Also in attendance**

- Ekaterina Mashina, FIE – until 17.00 CET
- Nigora Karimova (as a point of liaison with Osmonzhan Kasymov) – for the later part of the meeting, since Osmonzhan had trouble to connect. Ms. Karimova managed a telephone connection with Mr. Kasymov while being logged in with our meeting.

## **Absent**

- Oleg Peskov, KAZ – ComEx Representative

Alejandra Benitez Romero, VEN

- Marcel Amougou, CMR

This meeting was a follow-on from the 2 earlier meetings held by Zoom on 24 & 25 June 2022.

Some minor adjustments were agreed to the previous minutes (which have since been re- circulated).

## **PROPOSAL BY SWEDEN RE A LIMITATION OF 3 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE FIE PRESIDENT, THE COMEX AND MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS & COMMITTEES**

The Council continued their discussion from the previous meeting. A number of points were raised, identifying both advantages and disadvantages of the proposal in its current form.

For most council members the fact that the “council memory” should be preserved, which in general is most present with the longest serving member was the deciding factor. This is combination with the fact that a member that does not live up to the expectations can and should be replaced by the electoral process. It was agreed by all that the disadvantages outweighed the advantages, and there was a unanimous vote **against** the proposal in its current form.

## **FAIR PLAY AWARENESS PROGRAM**

### **a) Inclusion of Fair Play Oath in Opening Ceremony**

The finalising of the wording of this proposal was postponed until the next meeting, as several Council members were not present.

#### **b) Proposal by Eyad Maghayreh for an Ambassador programme**

Eyad had previously circulated an outline proposal which was discussed at length. The proposal is based on creating an Ambassador group from those fencers attending the training camp leading up to the Junior & Cadet World Championships.

The idea was approved in principle. Hilary Philbin and Jennifer Yamin had a number of questions about how the programme would work in practice. These topics included (but are not limited to):

- How to involve national federations and acquire their approval and support
- What budget is required, and where it would come from
- How to source the items needed (eg – centrally, or independently in each athlete's own nation)

It was recognised that there is a lot of preparation to be done, and that a detailed proposal needs to be developed step by step, with each significant phase being put to the Council members for approval.

Nigora Karimova said that she and Osmonzhan Kasymov would be happy to work with Eyad on preparing the next document, which would be circulated to the Council. A Zoom meeting would then be arranged to take it further forward.

Bert van de Flier said that we should aim for implementation at the Junior & Cadet World Championships in 2024. 2023 would be too soon, as related budget requests would need to be submitted the previous September (ie – next month).

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 17.15 CET.**

Amsterdam August 9, 2022

Bert van de Flier (MH)  
President



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**Fair Play Council:** Unanimous vote against the proposal in its current form.

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#### **Article: 4.7; 6A.2**

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

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**Motivation:** To bring the Fair Play Council into line with the other Councils and to increase its availability to carry out its functions.

#### **4.7 SELECTION OF THE COUNCILS ~~AND COMMITTEES~~**

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#### **6A.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCILS**

6A.2.1 Each Council is made up of ten voting members selected by the Executive Committee. ~~except the Fair Play Council, which shall consists of seven members selected by the Executive Committee.~~

**Fair Play Council:** In favour.

**RAPPORT DU CONSEIL DES VETERANS DE LA FIE**  
**FIE VETERANS' COUNCIL REPORT**  
**INFORME DEL CONSEJO DE LOS VETERANOS DE LA FIE**

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**INTRODUCTION**  
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**INTRODUCCIÓN**

Benoit welcomed everybody and started to follow the agenda.

First, he reports about the schedule of meetings with SEMI and Medical Commission on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and those with Rules Commission, Women and Fencing Council and Promotion, Communication and Marketing on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

**RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION**  
**MEETING REPORT**  
**INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN**

**Point 1 / Item1 / Punto 1: The „new“ Council**

- Presentation of the new member Peter Brigola  
The new member, Peter Brigola, introduced himself and expressed his happiness to work with the group.
- Discussion on general working methods (email, zoom meeting,...), meeting reports  
After the question who writes the minutes, Benoit determines Peter. Reports will be sent out via email. Peter suggested short-term zoom meetings to make more flexible decisions – will be organized according to Benoit 's instructions  
Marja-Liisa will install a WhatsApp Group for the Council to have a quicker communication.

### **Point 2 / Item 2 / Punto 2: World Veterans Championships in Zadar Oct 5th to 12th 2022**

- Comments on website <https://fencingzadar.com/>  
All participants find the website comfortable and clear. Even the version for the mobiles is clearly arranged and good usable for veterans
- Confirmation of DT members, IT staff, referees  
Benoit already sent to the Council members the names of the people in charge of the DT, IT, Medical, SEMI as well as the names of the referees. It has been considered as a quite efficient team.
- Who from the Council will be attending? Dates?
  - × Velichka will be present and involved in protocol
  - × Benoit will be present as member of DT
  - × Mirna is rep. of the organizer and will join the DT to gain experience (was agreed with the president of DT Ziad Feriani)
  - × Peter is there as chief of delegation from AUT
  - × Rita will be there doing the protocol
  - × Kovacs and Marja-Liisa will be present, but not the whole time
  - × Jie doubts if he can come because of pandemic
  - × Mohamed, El Houssine, and Luis need to be asked separately (not present at that time)
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  - ×
  - ×

It is agreed to hold an unofficial council meeting as part of the gala dinner. Mirna confirmed the date of the dinner. It is on Saturday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Who wants to have a special function (as Francis and Rita in Kairo)?  
See above
- How to promote the participation, particularly of North of Africa, close to Croatia?  
Benoit simulations of participation to Zadar, leading to a forecast of 800/900 individuals and 50/60 teams shows that the event is doable and easy to manage. This competition will be held on 7 days and will require 21 pistes.  
There had been a good participation of Nations from North Africa during the former Championships in Cairo. It would be good to continue this growth.

### **Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3: Main recent activities of veterans in the Confederations**

- European Team Championships (Power Point presentation of Benoit)  
Benoit made a brief report about the ECH Team Hamburg. More than 100 teams and 500 fencers out of 20 Nations were attending. He emphasizes that the relay format did not cause any restrictions. There were no complaints from the fencers and organizers. As a conclusion, this format seems well accepted by Veterans. According to his simulation the possibility of a significant increasing of the number of teams at the WCH is quite possible. Benoit pointed out that this format is only introduced in Europe and recommends the other confederations to follow this example.
- Other activities in America, Asia, Africa  
Rita reported about the activities in America on the upcoming summer nationals were the fencers have the possibility to qualify for Zadar. She also talks about the habit of women fencers to meet weekly via zoom and exchange ideas. The group of 80-year-olds has grown and is viewed more in the younger groups due to the zoom activities. The Canadian and South American groups are also very active.  
Kovacs tells that due to the pandemic, there have been very big problems, and this has mainly affected the veteran fencers. Especially CHN, JPN, THA and HKG could not travel. The Asian Committee decided not to host any veteran competition this year. But in 2023 the Asian championships will be in Dubai and in 2024 in

Hong Kong. There are also no qualifying tournaments in Asia. Except for JPN, obviously no other nation will participate in Zadar. He also reports on the huge cost for Asian veterans to come to Zadar.

Mohamed reported that Veterans are not seriously considered yet in North Africa. So, it's difficult at the moment to get some help from federations or sponsors.

Out of meeting: Luis reported from the 2017 Pan American Championships in Veteran Fencing held in the Virgin Islands, where 112 fencers from 33 nations participated. This shows the very positive development in this region. From August 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> the same tournament will take place in Lima / Peru.

#### **Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4: The introduction of the 40's**

- "Road map" to present the project at the Congress at the end of November

As a matter of fact, the introduction of the 40's would lead to a significant increase in participation, of course in individual, but also in team due to the creation of two sub-categories. In total, there could be a total of about 1300 fencers in the individual and 160 teams. This seems high, but according to the simulations Benoit made and sent to the COMEX, this would require a total of 25 pistes and about 35/40 referees in a 7-day format. This is finally rather close to what currently exists.

To get further approval from the Congress, the Council proposed to make a short presentation of the project before their vote. This presentation must be submitted to the COMEX for approval during its mid-September meeting. Thereafter it has to be sent to the national federations for information.

- Discussion requested with the Rules, Medical, and SEMI Commission

Benoit explained the possibility of getting the 40+ motion approved at Congress. That's why he arranged meetings with the rules, women, medical, SEMI and promotion commission to convince them of the usefulness of the application and to discuss possible objections.

- Meeting with the SEMI Commission (Pres. Giandomenico VARALLO)

Introducing the 40's implies that about 200 fencers per day would have their equipment to be controlled. This should not be a problem while using computerized systems (barcode, QR code), Varallo said. This would require 20/30 volunteers.

Benoit asked if it's necessary to make controls in the call room at the beginning of the tableau, like for the seniors. Varallo answered: maybe not, but at least for the finals. In conclusion, SEMI is in favor of the introductions of the 40's

- Meeting with the Medical Commission (Pres. Jeremy SUMMERS)

The Council mainly asked if the Medical Commission felt that the 45-hit relay could be risky. When asked by Jeremy Summers whether the formula had been tested, Benoit confirmed that it had already been used at 2 events. There was not a single serious injury in Hamburg with more than 100 teams and over 300 matches. Furthermore, the possibility was discussed whether fencers may continue to compete in senior competitions after receiving the veteran license and if it's necessary to have an additional Medical Delegate. Both topics need to be clarified separately.

In conclusion, the Medical Commission is in favor of the introductions of the 40's.

- Meeting with the Rules Commission (Pres. Ziad FERIANI)

Note: Nathalie RODRIGUEZ was present during this meeting Rules/Veterans.

Benoit explained the 40+ project and answered the questions of the participants of the Rules Commission. The Rules Commission has doubts as to whether the 7-day format is sufficient for the additional categories. Giuseppe Cafiero suggested a test event. Nathalie thinks that the introduction of the new rules after the bid means big problems for the organizers and for the FIE. Daytona 2023 has only planned 6 days due to the current rules and cannot extend that.

The Veteran's Handbook does not provide for a pre-visit. Benoit proposes to change this after submission of the other handbooks. Nathalie suggests 2 changes in the handbook - regulating the pre-visits and setting



the tournament days (7 or 8). By the end of July, the Veterans Council will provide a proposal of changes to the handbook.

After lengthy discussion, it was finally concluded that the Rules Commission is in favor of the introduction of the 40's but will not come into effect until 2025. Nathalie agrees with this conclusion.

- Meeting with the Woman and Fencing Council (Pres. Georgina USHER)

Rita asked how to increase the number of women veteran fencers. She reports on the increasing number in US and the situation in Egypt. Georgina Usher takes the UK as an example, where the veterans are in their own group and organize themselves. Furthermore, programs are running to convey the health effects of fencing in old age. Interviews by older women fencers published on social media can encourage people to practice the sport in old age.

Mirani Fernandes suggests doing interviews in Zadar to show female fencers that the veteran's group has fun and desire with fencing. In addition, a small catalog of questions can be used to analyze what national federations need to increase the number of veteran fencers. One possibility is to organize more tournaments.

- Meeting with the Commission for Promotion, Communication and Marketing (Pres. Nikolay MATEEV)

Benoit asks the Promotion Commission what to do to encourage veterans to attend tournaments. Using Zadar as an example, he explains that three quarters of the fencers come from Europe. On the other hand, only a few come from Asia and Africa.

Mateev says that not only national federations but also confederations should promote veteran fencing. In addition, there must also be more advertising on the official FIE channels. Mateev also proposes an "International Veterans Fencing Day". The idea of generating sponsorship based on published photos also came up. These photos must come from the national federations or from tournament organizers.

Mohamed tells of the situation that veteran fencers in Africa are not taken seriously and in addition have hardly any material at their disposal. David Baker thinks a charity like FIE's can help. Mirna will install a "Donate your Equipment" option in Zadar to help selected countries.

Mateev will prepare a "joint statement" together with the Veterans Council.

**Point 5 / Item 5 / Punto 5: World Veterans Championships in Daytona October 2023**

- Preliminary visit: Who? When?

After much discussion, members agreed that Benoit should have an additional visit to Daytona if necessary and agreed with Nathalie Rodriguez.

**Point 6 / Item 6 / Punto 6: Miscellaneous**

Peter proposes changing the name from Veteran to Master. After some discussion it was decided not to consider this proposal as a top priority.

Peter Brigola  
FIE Veteran Council  
Secretary



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### Modifications of the Rules

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2023, unless mentioned otherwise.

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P. 1

**Article:** o.18.4

**Proposal from:** Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** The growing number of participants and up to 5 events per day make difficult to serve competitions for one Refereeing delegate

**o.18.4** Veterans World Championships

~~One~~ Two Refereeing delegate, one SEMI delegate and two Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

**Veterans' Council :** In favour.

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P. 5

**Articles:** o.29; o.39; o.103;

**Proposal from:** Veterans' Council

**Motivation:**

The Council considers that **the time is now right to make some bold and exciting changes to the Veteran World Championships** that will respond to what the **fencers are seeking** but that will also invigorate the event itself. Introducing **the 40-49 age category and changing the team format are two things that deliver this solution** and which the Council has considered in detail.

**Individuals**

Introducing the new age category significantly increases the number of participating fencers. The attached documents demonstrate how these might be incorporated **without requiring huge numbers of pistes**. This is an important criteria to enable maximum flexibility to **attract potential host nations**.

**The Criterium de Paris taking place in July 2022 will provide an opportunity for observers to see and even experience this level of competition for all categories from 40 upwards.**

**Teams**

FIE Veterans' Council

**The current team format** at the World Championships, while hard fought, **is not particularly popular with fencers** who feel that it does not provide the best representation of team fencing.

The introduction of the new age category means that each Nation will be able to enter a Veteran Team (40+50) and a Grand Veteran Team (60+70), **using the 45 hits relay format**. This, more realistic format, while increasing the number of team matches delivers less haphazard strategy and spectacle. It also enables **participation from those nations who may not have the full range of age groups for current teams**.

This format has worked very successfully at the European Championships and the forthcoming **European Team Championships in Hamburg in May will provide an opportunity for observers to see** and even experience competition in this format.

### Conclusion

**The inclusion of 40 year olds in the Veterans ranks is overdue, desirable and reasonable** to implement. Fencers, organisers and **the FIE will profit** from it and the sport will be in step globally.

### Rule changes required in the World Veteran Fencing Championships Handbook

#### o.29

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#### o.39

1 The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises ~~twenty-four~~ **thirty-six** events, ~~eighteen~~ **twenty-four** individual – ~~three~~ **four** categories for each weapon - and ~~six~~ **twelve** team — male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre (**two categories for each weapon and gender**). The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the ~~three~~ **corresponding two individual** categories of each weapon

2.No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.

3 Each competition must be held in one single day, **except for team events for which the round of poules may be achieved the day before direct elimination** avoiding long periods of inactivity

#### o.103

1 Participation

Each country may enter one team **per category (Veterans and Grand Veterans)** per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of ~~6~~ **twelve** competitions.

The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon, but c.f. o.103.2 b below.

#### o.103

2.The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:

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**Veterans** : teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 40-49 or to age group 50-59, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 50-59, plus up to two reserves

**Grand Veterans** : teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 60-69 or to age group 70 and over, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 70 and over, plus up to two reserves

Fencing mode is 45 hits relay described in o.99 with application of passivity rule at any bout.

The competition begins with a round of poules of 3 and 4 teams -established according to o.103 c) - and followed by a direct elimination phase according to o.103 7

Particular cases depending on the number of teams :

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- 2 teams: only one match between these two teams.
- 3 teams: one poule of three followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 4.
- 4 teams: one poule of four followed by D.E. from a tableau of 4.
- 5 teams: one poule of five followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 8.

The losers of the semi-finals have to fence for the Bronze medal

#### **o.103**

d) ~~There can only be one substitution per team per match.~~ There can be up to two substitutions of reserves per match but must maintain compliance with the age category representation requirement

~~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.~~

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**Veterans' Council:** in favour of the proposal on condition that point of application will start at the forthcoming Congress (2024). If it would be retroactive, then the Council won't agree.

**RAPPORT DU CONSEIL FEMME ET ESCRIME DE LA FIE  
FIE WOMAN AND FENCING COUNCIL REPORT  
INFORME DEL CONSEJO MUJER Y ESGRIMA DE LA FIE**

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**INTRODUCTION  
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Member welcome and introductions.

Arising themes to discuss further in meeting:

- importance of continued communication
- opportunities regarding development of female referees and coaches,
- aim to bringing more balance/diversity to executive composition, leadership development courses
- move towards inclusion/diversity as part of the focus of the group

The Council members expressed thanks to Stacey Johnson and Helen Smith – their contribution to establishing the Council has been paramount to the opportunities available now.

**RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION  
MEETING REPORT  
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**Point 1 / Item1 / Punto 1: Council Strategy and Work Plan Review**

The Council reviewed status of the 2024 Strategic initiatives and updated the Council's shared work plan in the following areas:

- A. Communication Plan based on Inspiring Content
- B. Collaborate with identified Commissions/Councils/Exec to ensure that equal opportunities and inclusive environments exist across all areas.  
Leads assigned:
  - Coaching – Ahmed
  - Refereeing – Mike
  - Athletes – Svetlana
  - Medical – Caitlin
  - P&P - Mirani
- C. Collaborate with other (NF, Zonal) Women and Fencing Councils.  
Leads assigned:
  - Asia - Huda
  - Africa - Mike
  - America - Melissa
  - Europe - Iris
- D. Provide access to Education & Training
- E. Supporting Initiative - Safeguarding - creating inclusive environments
- F. Supporting Initiative - Research, Data, Evaluation
- G. Supporting Initiative - Investigating the possibility to broaden remit of council to reflect broader remit of equality, diversity and inclusion.

### **Point 2 /Item 2 / Punto 2: Review of Commission and Council Proposals**

**Articles: o.29; o.39; o.103; Proposal from: Veterans' Council** – Agree in principle to support. More opportunities for more people to fence is always welcomed but note concerns over practicalities for competition organisers, particularly those that have already bid to host events.

#### **Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1 P. 8 ; Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

The Council noted:

- This proposal related to improving governance practice.
- Some members of the council had a conflict, under the proposal they would not be able to re-stand.
- Common in many countries to have term limits for elected/appointed positions across different sectors not just sport, although options to re-stand after a break
- Issue with small number of available people with suitable expertise for positions – limiting their involvement can be a hindrance. Council and Commission members undertake work for the FIE therefore this proposal could place a burden on FIE executive. Other alternative structures/methods to include volunteers would need to be considered
- Decision to support proposal with amendments on re-standing.
- Drafting to be continued offline following meeting.

#### **Article: Chapter XIII, Proposal from: Legal Commission**

Motivation: To coordinate procedures between Disciplinary Code and Safeguarding Policy

Agreed



### **Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3: Meeting with Medical Commission**

#### **IOC Framework for Transgender Inclusion**

- Medical commission has been asked to review IOC framework and provide a recommendation
- Working toward a solution for transgender athlete inclusion
- Presentation from Dr Lindsay Bottoms covering the latest research on fairness accompanied by a comprehensive narrative review of existing research looking at data relating to physical components of fencing performance: *which concludes “there is a 17-30% difference between physical components related to fencing performance between genders. In addition, the literature highlights that once males have gone through puberty testosterone suppression does not reduce all the physiological advantages such as lean mass, strength, power and stature. Therefore, the literature suggests that there is an unfair physiological advantage of transwomen participating in women’s fencing”*.
- Discussion on potential further research opportunities specifically focusing on fencing. Noted consideration of diversity to ensure performance factors are fully evaluated across performance athlete community.
- Discussion on athlete safety, current reporting of injury and suggested improvements.
- Agreed to set up a joint cross Commission/Council working group (including representatives from Legal and Athlete) to review the existing/proposed further research in detail and prepare a full response to the FIE regarding the IOC framework.

#### **Other**

- Commence discussions with the Athletes' Commission and Media to discuss opportunities to facilitate and encourage safe return to sport post-partum

### **Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4: Meeting with Referees Commission**

Discussion on shared objective to increase opportunities, diversity and quality of refereeing in fencing:

- 30% threshold for female referees is now a requirement at FIE events that Referee Commission has to uphold
- Work together to identify long-term solutions (not online seminars) with intensive opportunities with real-time feedback
- Explore opportunities for active involvement (vs. reviewing video) on the piste to learn at Grand Prix, World Cups alongside Junior events. Consult with NFs to see whether they would financially support opportunities for developing referees to receive mentoring/shadowing opportunities at major events. Agreement to jointly prepare communication to NFs.
- Potentially opportunities to run more referee training/seminars in conjunction with NFs

### **Point 5 / Item 5 / Punto 5: Meeting with Coaches Council**

- Discussion of a mentorship program (supported by national federations) for female coaches to be exposed to high level coaching at major events, agreement to jointly prepare communication to NFs.
- Agreement to jointly develop content to use for the coaching academy regarding safeguarding, coaches are best placed to create welcoming and inclusive environments for all fencers.

- Agreement to work together on a social media content (possibly a podcast) interviewing high level female coaches to inspire others.

#### **Point 6 / Item 6 / Punto 6: Meeting with Veterans Council**

- Previous Veterans meeting ran over, therefore meeting postponed.
- Informal conversation took place following end of Women and Fencing Council meeting between Veteran Council Meeting and Georgina & Mirani
- Agreement to work together on social media content to promote inspirational women involved in veterans fencing.

### **P.5 o.28, o.39, o.103**

Agree in principle - but this should not be forced on organisers who have already bid under previous rules. Recommend that a pilot is run in agreement with organisers to assess practicality and impact.

### **P. 8 - Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1**

#### **Agreed subject to amendments in yellow**

#### **Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation**

**Motivation:** The FIE should be in line with the principles of good governance. It has been made very clear that it is not beneficial to any organisation to allow individuals to stay for a very long time in office. This is a clear recommendation in all guidelines for good governance in sport organisations. Already at the FIE Congress in 2007, there was a proposal for introducing time limits which did not pass. It is time that the FIE adopts this principle.

#### **Article 4.2.1**

To be candidate for the presidency a person must hold a licence from his Member Federation, except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

*A person can be elected to be president a maximum of three terms (12 years).*

Besides, a candidate for the Presidency must speak one of three working languages of the FIE fluently and it would be desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages.

The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation or in any Zonal Confederation.

#### **Article 4.3.1**

To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must: - hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour - be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections - enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs - be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages - Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement

- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

*A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three terms (12 years).*

It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation. Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.

Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.

#### **Article 4.4.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one permanent commission plus the Ethics Committee.

*A person can be elected as a member of a Commission or the Ethics Committee for a maximum of three consecutive terms (12 years).*

#### **Article 4.7.1**

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

*A person can be selected to be a member of a Council for a maximum of three consecutive terms (12 years).*

**Proposed new Article:**

Following three consecutive terms as a member of a Commission, the Ethics Committee or a Council, a person can stand for election or appointment to:

- a different Commission or Council or the Ethics Committee
- the Commission or Council or the Ethics Committee of which the person was previously a member, following one elapsed term (4 years).

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Following three consecutive terms as President, a member can stand for election to the position of President, following one elapsed term (4 years).

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- Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.

A person can be elected member of the Executive Committee a maximum of three consecutive terms (12 years).

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Agreed