SportAccord Combat Games: St-Petersburg (RUS) 24-26 October 2013

The national federations will have to confirm the qualification of their athletes before August 20, 2013 to

1. Reminder of qualification criteria

- maximum of 2 athletes per country in each of the 6 weapons.
- the first 12 athletes from the FIE ranking updated following the 2013 Senior World Championships.
- the best 4 athletes per FIE zone (1 from each of America, Africa, Asia/Oceania, Europe), from the FIE ranking updated following the 2013 Senior World Championships.

2. Reminder of competition format

Individual competitions only.

16 participants per weapon, i.e. 96 athletes.

Rules: The FIE rules are applicable, for a direct elimination table of 16 senior athletes. The table will be composed according to the updated FIE ranking.

The FIE's medical rules apply and anti-doping tests will be organised according to the WADA rules.

3. Reminder of Competition programme

24 October: men's sabre, women's foil 25 October: men's epée, women's sabre 26 October: women's epée, men's foil

4. Expenses

The following expenses will be paid by the organiser for each qualified athlete:

- support for obtaining a visa
- economy class air ticket
- transfer from and to the airport
- registration fees
- hotel (twin room), full board
- transport to and from the competition venue
- accreditation

5. Hotel

The athletes will arrive on 22 October. They will leave, as they choose: **either on 27 October 2013 or**, **at the earliest**, **the day after their respective competitions** they will be accommodated in twin rooms at the hotel: **"Park Inn by Radisson Pulkovskaya"**, 1, Pobedy Square – 196240 – St. Petersburg – Russia. Tel.: +7(812) 740 3900

6. Air ticket

An air ticket will be offered by the LOC (organiser) as soon as all of the information stated below in "Documents" has been provided. This ticket offer will be entered into SportAccord's online system. An e-mail will be sent to the athletes so that they can connect to the online system in order to: verify their air ticket, confirm this ticket, request its issue and download it. If the ticket offered must be modified, an e-mail must be sent to: accommodation@wcg2013.ru

7. Visa

A visa in the form of a "voucher" will be produced and sent by e-mail to anyone having correctly provided the information stated below in "Documents" before 31 August 2013. This "voucher", which must be printed out, replaces any formal visa request and must be presented (with the corresponding passport) at the departure and arrival airports.

8. Documents

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that if the information/documents mentioned below are sent after the deadline of 31 August 2013, the visas cannot be established in advance, but must be obtained by the individual athlete from the Russian Embassy closest to their home.

The national federations of qualified athletes must send the following information and documents, no later than 31 August 2013, to fie.worldcombatgames@sportaccord.com

- 8.1 The attached form "competitor commitment.doc", duly completed, dated and signed
- **8.2** The athlete's photograph according to the following standards:
- a. Colour photograph
- b. The photograph must be in format: jpg, jpeg
- c. Maximum file size: 512 kb
- d. Minimum size of image: 420 pixels wide by 525 pixels high
- e. The photograph must be less than 6 months old
- f. The name of the photograph file must be: photo_ SecondName_FirstName
- **8.3** A copy of the athlete's passport according to the following standards:
- a) File type: jpg
- b) File name: SecondName FirstName PassportNumber
- c) File size for main page of passport: maximum 200 kb and minimum 340 x 250 pixels
- d) The scanned image of the passport must be in colour and of excellent quality; the first and second names must be legible
- e) The date of the end of validity of passports must be at least 6 months after the event date.
- 8.4 The attached Excel file (Registration form NF-1.xlsx) in which all fileds marked with a red triangle must be fully completed: the online system will refuse any incomplete forms. The information provided will be used to establish a visa and accreditation for the athlete.

The columns of this file are numbered.

The columns numbered from 16 to 18 and from 28 to 32 are specific to Russian citizens.

The columns numbered 60 to 82 are specific to British, Canadian and American citizens.

You must enter the following in the columns stated below:

Column 1: "athlete" Column 2: "FIE"

Columns 4 and 5: leave empty if the person is an athlete Column 6: "inside quota" (if the person is an athlete)

Column 38: "Fencing" Column 39: "yes" Column 45: "tourist"

Column 47: "LOC" (if the person is an athlete)

Column 58: "Park Inn by Radisson Pulkovskaya, 1, Pobedy Square - 196240 - St.

Petersburg - Russia. +7(812) 740 3900"

Column 59: "yes" (for British, Canadian and American citizens). "No" for others.

Column 83: "yes"

Column 84: "October 22"

Column 85: as required or "October 27", or select a date after the athlete's competition date

Column 86: "no"

Column 87: "yes"

Column 90: "yes" Column 91: "October 22"

Column 92: "afternoon"

Column 93: "plane"

Column 96: as required or "October 27", or select a date after the athlete's competition date

Column 97: "morning"

Column 98: "plane"

Answers are not compulsory for columns: 44, 88.

9. Delegations accompanying the athletes

Expenses relating to persons accompanying athletes are not paid by the LOC.

Visas, accreditations and room bookings may be requested according to the procedure in point 8 above.

For column 45 of the Excel file, state: "individual"

10. Bonuses

The FIE will award a cash prize to the 8 best classified fencers for each weapon.