



Dear President,

Executive Committee decisions - June 25, 2011 meeting

1. Substitute, at the 2012 London Olympic Games

Please find attached the procedure approved by the IOC.

At the express request of the FIE, the IOC has accepted to grant fencing the following: the tactical change may happen before the start **or during** a team match (cf. o.44.10.a). In any case, the substitution of a fencer is allowed only once during the competition, whether for injury or tactical reasons.

2. 2011 World Championships in Catania (ITA)

Please find attached the list of officials designated by the Executive Committee.

3. World Championships Handbook of Specifications

Chapters 4.4 and 5.4 have been modified.

4. Modifications of the Administrative Rules

Chapters 1 and 7 have been modified.

5. 2011-2012 Calendar

a) The final calendar has been approved.

b) Following the receipt of all candidacies, the junior back-up competition list (in case of cancellation of a competition) has been established as follows:

Women's Epee: Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA), Long Island (NY, USA)

Men's Epee: Nîmes (FRA), Reutlingen (GER), Long Island (NY, USA)

Women's Foil: Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA), Rochester (NY, USA)

Men's Foil: Rochester (NY, USA),

Women's Sabre: /

Men's Sabre: Plovdiv (BUL)

c) Following the receipt of all candidacies, the senior back-up competition list (in case of cancellation of a competition) has been established as follows:

Women's Epee: Rome (ITA)

Men's Epee: Budapest (HUN), Nanjing (CHN)

Women's Foil: Belgrade (SRB), Sharm El Sheikh (EGY)

Men's Foil: Budapest (HUN), Shanghai (CHN)

Women's Sabre: Budapest (HUN)

Men's Sabre: Tianjin (CHN)

6. Sabre: Hand and arm injuries

Several injuries have occurred when an unbroken blade has pierced gloves or penetrated through the hole for the body wire. Therefore, the Working Group presided by Mr Giorgio Scarso and composed of members of the Medical Commission, members of the SEMI Commission and fencing equipment manufacturers has been tasked to study the situation and make proposals.

1) The Working Group decided to adopt the following orientations:

- Glove: Incite the manufacturers to move or raise, by approximately 5 cm on the fore-arm, the hole for the body wire;
- Glove: Recommend the use of a velcro fastening, preferably with a double security system;
- Sabre blades: Consider making Maraging blades compulsory.

The Executive Committee asked that glove manufacturing standards be proposed, in order to submit them to the Congress, then include them in the Material Rules.

2) The Executive Committee confirmed the following immediate measures:

- at all FIE competitions, gloves will be checked during the initial equipment control, as well as in the call room, in order to ensure they are in very good condition (no tear and no wear), and a control mark will be affixed to the gloves.
- the athletes will have to cover the hole through which the body wire passes with a sturdy masking tape. The referee will check this cover at the beginning of each match.

3) Given the orientations taken by the Working Group, the Executive Committee decides to suspend the application of the Congress' decision regarding article m.23.2 ("*The edges of the folded-over tip or button must be chamfered to a radius of 0.5mm (minimum) so as to remove all sharp edges.*"), initially planned for the 2011-2012 season, until a subsequent proposal is made regarding the modification of sabre blades.

7. 2012 Congress

The organization of the 2012 Congress has been awarded to the Russian Fencing Federation, and the Congress will take place in Moscow.

8. Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be organized in Lausanne (SUI) on September 24, 2011.

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Président

