



Information Letter n°2-10
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2010-2011 Calendar

1) General principles

LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Dear President,

As you know, the competition calendar of the FIE was to undergo a profound, thorough revision, as was requested by the federations on several occasions. A working group was created within the Executive Committee in view of a complete review of the calendar.

The attached calendars and urgent decisions have been unanimously approved by the Executive Committee at its February 6, 2010 meeting in Lausanne.

We are aware that this calendar presents significant changes to which the federations will have to adapt. But this reform is essential for the athletes' health and the credibility of our calendar.

a) Junior and senior calendar

There are now only 8 competitions in total (instead of 14) in each junior and senior weapon of the calendars. This entails the cancellation of 40% of the competitions, and for some federations, the cancellation of their only competition.

Some "reserve competitions" have been established in each weapon. These "reserve competitions" will automatically substitute for the regular competitions in case one of the regular competitions is cancelled or if its organisation has not been satisfactory.

b) Senior calendar

- a maximum of 3 competitions per federation
- in each weapon, 5 World Cup competitions and 3 Grand Prix competitions
- the 5 team World Cup competitions are organised together with the 5 individual World Cup competitions
- the 3 Grand Prix competitions are no longer linked to a team competition.

c) Junior calendar

There is a maximum of 4 competitions per federation.

2) Dates

- a) Competitions are held at least every 15 days, i.e. twice a month.
- b) Competition dates are fixed and do not change. The Grand Prix competitions must be held Saturday-Sunday; The individual and team World Cup competitions must be held from Friday to Sunday (starting with the individual competition).
- c) The junior season (November to February) and senior season (February to June, with one-month rest in April) are more clearly separated, which will:
 - Allow Junior athletes to compete in the senior competitions
 - Make it easier to find observers and referees
 - Avoid federations having to divide their resources every weekend, in terms of technical officials (coaches, referees, doctors, heads of delegation, etc.).

3) Uniformity

In order that all senior competitions on the calendar benefit from the same conditions, Individual World Cups, Team World Cups and Grand Prix must have a refereeing delegate and referees nominated by the FIE, as well as use video refereeing.

To compensate for the expenses incurred, the registration fees will be modified (see information letter 1-10, financial item for the 2010 General Assembly).

4) Modifications of the Rules

Pursuant to the modifications made to the calendars, the Executive Committee has modified the following principles from the Rules:

- taking into account of the competitions in the junior, senior and team rankings;
- competition coefficient;
- referees for the competitions.

These modifications are reflected in the attached urgent decisions taken by the Executive Committee, which will be explained at the Calendar meeting planned for April 1, 2010 in Baku (AZE) .

5) Confirmations

The national federations are therefore kindly asked to please email the following address calendrier@fie.ch by 10 March 2010 to confirm:

- The competitions they will organise
- That they accept the dates of the competitions
- That they accept to organise the individual World Cup competition with the team World Cup competition
- That they accept to organise the Grand Prix competition(s) attributed to them, according to the FIE specifications for the Grand Prix.

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