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Attendance

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

Took place at the tribune:

Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (MH, GRE)
Mrs. Ferial Nadira SALHI (ALG)
Mrs. Ana Irene DELGADO GUERRA (PAN)
Mr. Abdelmoneim ELHUSSEINY (EGY)
Mrs. Erika AZE (LAT)
Mrs. Nathalie RODRIGUEZ M.-H.
Mr. Dieter LAMMER

Interim President
Secretary-Treasurer
Vice-President
Vice-President
Vice-President
CEO
Sports and Technical Director

Members of the Executive Committee:

Ms. Velichka HRISTEVA (BUL)
Mr. Novak PEROVIC (RSA)
Mr. Oleg PESKOV (KAZ)
Ms. Rusni ABU HASSAN (MAS)
Mr. Donald ANTHONY JR (USA)
Mr. Paolo AZZI (ITA)
Mr. Yuki OTA (JPN)
Mr. Bruno GARES (FRA)

Presidents of the Confederations:

Mr. Giorgio SCARSO (ITA)
Mrs. Helen SMITH (MH, AUS)
HH. Engr. Sheikh Salem Sultan S. AL QASIMI (UAE)
Mr. Mbagnick NDIAYE (SEN)
Mr. Vitaly LOGVIN (MEX)
Mr. Ruben LIMARDO (VEN)

President of the European Confederation
President of the Oceanian Confederation
President of the Asian Confederation
President of the African Confederation
President of Pan-American Confederation
President of the Athletes Commission

Absent with apologies:

Mr. Vadym GUTTSAIT (UKR)
Mr. Haibin WANG (CHN)

Member of the Executive Committee
Member of the Executive Committee

Members of Honor:

Mrs. Helen SMITH (AUS)
Mr. Peter JACOBS (GBR)
Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE)
Mr. Carl BORACK (USA)
Mr Sam CHERIS (USA)

Present or Represented Federations

AFGHANISTAN	Represented by Kazakhstan
ALGERIA	Moussa HAMMACHE
AMERICAN SAMOA	Represented by Australia
ANGOLA	Aida PEREIRA Meven PEREIRA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	Ileathea CABRAL
ARGENTINA	Victor Sergio GROUPIERRE
ARMENIA	Armen GRIGORYAN Samvel ABRAHAMYAN
ARUBA	Migalda Marieta JANSEN DE CUBA Ezzedean VROLIJK
AUSTRALIA	Vincent ELIAS
AUSTRIA	Ursula HINTERSEER Peter BRIGOLA
AZERBAIJAN	Vasif MAMMADOV
BAHRAIN	Ebrahim ALKHALIFA
BARBADOS	Ralph YORK
BELARUS	Vitali SOKOLOVSKI Nataliya TSERAKHAVA
BELGIUM	Piet WAUTERS
BELIZE	Represented by Costa Rica
BENIN	Tamegnon Jacques OKOUMASSOUN Charles Ulrich DJOSSA
BOLIVIA	Solange HERRERA CLAROS
BOTSWANA	Represented by Angola
BRAZIL	Mirani FERNANDES Arno PERILLIER SCHNEIDER
BRUNEI	Represented by Mongolia
BULGARIA	Velichka HRISTEVA
BURKINA FASO	Represented by Mali
CAMBODIA	Chhay DUONG
CAMEROON	Marcel AMOUGOU Marie Gabrielle Elodie NKODO ETENDE
CANADA	Ping (Michelle) WANG Yann BERNARD Lisa HUZEL Jessica Zi Jia GUO
CAPE VERDE	Maria RAMOS SILVA
CHILE	Maria EBERL
CHINA	Represented by Kyrgyzstan
COLOMBIA	Afranio Luis RESTREPO VILLAROEEL
COSTA RICA	Luis Alberto CRUZ MELENDEZ

CROATIA	Antonio TRCIN Irena SULJIC
CUBA	Alhajadis Ricardo BANDERA MIRANDA
CZECH REPUBLIC	Jirí BERAN Vilem MADR
CYPRUS	Antonis FOURNARIS Constantinos TALLOTIS
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	Pitchou BOLENGE YOMA
DENMARK	Jan SYLVEST JENSEN
DOMINICA	Cody MORRIS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Luis Bernardo CIPRIAN SARO
ECUADOR	Lorena ARROYO Carlos ECHEVERRIA CORDOBA
EGYPT	Abdelmoneim Elhamy ELHUSSEINY
EL SALVADOR	Melissa Elizabeth ALVARENGA RAMIREZ Juan Jose Roberto GÓMEZ
ESTONIA	Aivar PAALBERG
FINLAND	Joonas LYYTINEN
FRANCE	Sylvie LE MAUX Jean Marc GUENET Laura FLESSEL COLOVIC Yannick BOREL Benoit PINCEMAILLE Julien RICHET COOPER
GEORGIA	Represented by Armenia
GHANA	Mohammed MAHADI
GERMANY	Claudia BOKEL Alexander BÖHM Reka SZABO
GREECE	Ioannis LIGNOS
GREAT BRITAIN	Hilary PHILBIN Patricia AIYENURO Janet HUGGINS Georgina USHER Peter JACOBS (MH)
GUAM	Represented by Great Britain
GUATEMALA	Otto Rene VALLADARES BALDERRAMOS
GUINEA	Represented by Senegal
GUYANA	Avinash SOMIR
HAITI	Dukerns Louis JOSEPH
HONDURAS	Marco Antonio IZAGUIRRE RODRIGUEZ
HONG KONG, CHINA	Kyle CHAN
HUNGARY	Zsolt CSAMPA Henriette Brigitte TAMAS
ICELAND	Nikolay Ivanov MATEEV

INDONESIA	Reni HAMZULIDA
INDIA	Satej Dnyandeo PATIL
IRAN	Alireza POURSALEMANI
IRAQ	Zeyad SALEEM Atheer IDEN
IRELAND	Ursula KAPPUS Nuala MCGARRITY
ISRAEL	Gregory GROSS Alexander IVANOV
ITALY	Giuseppe CAFIERO Giandomenico VARALLO Alberto ANCARANI Maurizio RANDAZZO
IVORY COAST	Zadi Theodore GOGOUA
JAMAICA	James MCBEAN Kevin JACKSON
JAPAN	Shunsuke SAKA Yusuke AOKI
JORDAN	Khaled ATIYAT Naim DAHBOUR
KAZAKHSTAN	Mirbulat ABUOV
KENYA	Alexandra MALIKA Fred KAMAU
KYRGYZSTAN	Osmonzhan KASYMOV Bermet ALYBAKOVA Nigora KARIMOVA
KOREA	Kiyoung KWON Jong Hyung CHO
KUWAIT	Rashed ALSHAMALI
LATVIA	Baiba BRANDULE
LEBANON	Georges ZEIDAN Jihad SALAMEH
LIBYA	Dhw TOUMI
LITHUANIA	Vytautas POLUJANSKAS
LUXEMBOURG	Pascal TESCH
NORTH MACEDONIA	Zoran STOJANOVIC Biljana KUZMANOVSKA NIKOLOVSKA
MADAGASCAR	Harinelina Mickael RAKOTONDRAMANANA
MALAYSIA	Rusni ABU HASSAN
MALI	Wahabou ZOROME
MAURITANIA	Represented by Morocco
MAURITIUS	Jennifer ISRAM Veena GUNPUT
MEXICO	Jorge CASTRO Ana Elizabeth GONZALEZ

MOLDOVA	Olga COJOCARI
MONGOLIA	Ganbaatar DORJSUREN
MOROCCO	Youssef FATHI Adil CHAIB
MYANMAR	Kyaw Moe NAING
NAMIBIA	Dillon KOTZÉ
NEPAL	Sunil Kumar SHRESTHA
NETHERLANDS	Leon PIJNAPPEL Etienne VAN CANN
NEW ZEALAND	David ELDER
NICARAGUA	William CALDERON
NIGER	Halilou SANI
NIGERIA	Adeyinka SAMUEL
NORWAY	Bjørn FAYE
OMAN	Samira ALSHUKAILI Rumaitha AL BUSAIDI
PAKISTAN	Usman AHMED
PALESTINE	Dawoud MITWALI
PANAMA	Jorge VALDES
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Represented by New Zealand
PARAGUAY	Guido Manuel INSFRAN MAYANS
PERU	Represented by Paraguay
PHILIPPINES	Maria Cristina BATE Leah GONZALEZ
POLAND	Tadeusz TOMASZEWSKI Jacek SLUPSKI Jacek BIERKOWSKI
PORTUGAL	Frederico VALARINHO Clausó NEVES
PUERTO RICO	Juan Carlos RAMIREZ CONCEPCION Hipolito Antonio VAZQUEZ CORIANO
QATAR	Fahad AL-MULLA Abdulla AL-MAADEED
ROMANIA	Marius Cristian BARLADEANU Anca Ioana Ileana IONESCU Roxana BARLADEANU Marius FLOREA
RUSSIA	Ilgar MAMEDOV Mariia SERENKO
RWANDA	Represented by Niger
SAMOA	Represented by Canada
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	Ahmed ALSABBAN Abdullah ALSUNAID
SENEGAL	Mamadou SY Oumar MAIGA

SERBIA	Dejan RUSKI Vukasin STOSIC
SINGAPORE	Represented by Hong Kong, China
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Represented by Czech Republic
SLOVENIA	Rok PONIKVAR
SOUTH AFRICA	Louise LOMBARD Michael STAFFORD
SPAIN	Jose Luis ABAJO GOMEZ Jose Luis ALVAREZ GIL DE TEJADA Antonio GARCIA HERNANDEZ
SRI LANKA	Ajith SIYAMBALAPITIYA Percy FONSEKA
SWITZERLAND	Olivier CARRARD Janine LAMON Christian BAROZZI Lars Henrik FRAUCHIGER
SWEDEN	Otto DRAKENBERG Ana VALERO-COLLANTES
SYRIA	Ahmad ALREFAAI Hussain SHAKER
CHINESE TAIPEI	Kovacs LIN
TAJIKISTAN	Turai ABDURAKHMOM
TURKMENISTAN	Represented by Uzbekistan
THAILAND	Chanchai YOSSUNDARA Arnon KLUENSUWAN
TOGO	Represented by Ghana
TUNISIA	Ziad FERIANI Salah FERJANI Mohamed Sofiane CHAOUACHI
TÜRKIYE	Murat ATALI Mehmet Onursal CIN
UGANDA	Represented by Kenya
UKRAINE	Olga KHARLAN Sergii MISHCHENKO Nataliia CONRAD
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Mousa ALBLOOSHI
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Samuel David CHERIS (MH) Rita COMES Carl BORACK (MH) Jennifer YAMIN
URUGUAY	Luis FILARDI
UZBEKISTAN	Gulnora SAIDOVA
VENEZUELA	Francisco Rafael MARÍN ALVAREZ
VIETNAM	Le Quang PHUNG
VIRGIN ISLANDS	Represented by Uruguay
YEMEN	Mohammed AL-SALEHI

Agenda

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1. Validation of attendance and proxies

Nathalie Rodriguez: Good morning, everyone. Please take your seats. We are going to start the Congress. We are going to start with the Validation of attendance and proxies. When I call your federation, please raise your hand, and a voting device will be given to you. After the attendance, we will move to the proxies.

Algeria	Germany	Nicaragua
Angola	Ghana	Netherlands
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Nepal
Argentina	Guatemala	Nigeria
Armenia	Guyana	Niger
Aruba	Haiti	Norway
Australia	Hong Kong, China	New Zealand
Austria	Honduras	Oman
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Pakistan
Bahamas - Bahamas is not here.	Indonesia	Panama
Barbados	India	Paraguay
Belgium	Iran	Philippines
Benin	Ireland	Palestine
Belarus	Iraq	Poland
Bolivia	Iceland	Portugal
Brazil	Israel	Puerto Rico
Canada	Italy	Qatar
Bahrain	Jamaica	South Africa
Bulgaria	Jordan	Romania
Cambodia	Japan	Russia
Congo - Congo is not here.	Kazakhstan	Senegal
Chile	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Ivory Coast	Kyrgyzstan	- Sierra Leone is not here.
Cameroon	Korea	Serbia
Colombia	Saudi Arabia	Slovenia
Democratic Republic of Congo	Kuwait	Switzerland
Cape Verde	Latvia	Sweden
Costa Rica	Libya	Syria
Croatia	Lebanon	Thailand
Cuba	Lithuania	Tajikistan
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Chinese Taipei
Denmark	Madagascar	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Morocco	Türkiye
Dominica	Malaysia	United Arab Emirates
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Ukraine
Spain	Mexico	Uruguay
Egypt	Mongolia	USA
Estonia	North Macedonia	Uzbekistan
El Salvador	Mali	Venezuela
Finland	Mauritius	Vietnam
France	Myanmar	Yemen
Great Britain	Namibia	

Is there any Federation that I did not call? Sorry, which country? Ecuador.

Any other Federation? Yes? Sorry? China is not here and has given a proxy. We will move to the proxies after I have finished with the federations present. So, is there any Federation that is present that I should have called?

Nathalie Rodriguez: I will now move to the proxies.

- Afghanistan has given a proxy to Kazakhstan. Does Kazakhstan accept? Yes.
- American Samoa has given a proxy to Australia. Does Australia accept? Thank you.
- Belize has given a proxy to Costa Rica. Does Costa Rica accept? Here.
- Botswana has given a proxy to Angola. Does Angola accept?
- Brunei Darussalam has given a proxy to Mongolia. Does Mongolia accept? Yes, there.
- Burkina Faso has given a proxy to Mali. Does Mali accept? Yes.
- China has given a proxy to Kyrgyzstan. Does Kyrgyzstan accept?
- Georgia has given a proxy to Armenia. Does Armenia accept?
- Guinea has given a proxy to Senegal. Does Senegal accept? Senegal, where is Senegal? Yes.
- Guam has given a proxy to Great Britain. Does Great Britain accept?
- Virgin Islands has given a proxy to Uruguay. Does Uruguay accept? Yes.
- Mauritania has given a proxy to Morocco. Does Morocco accept? Where is Morocco? Yes.
- Peru has given a proxy to Paraguay. Does Paraguay accept?
- Papua New Guinea has given a proxy to New Zealand. Does New Zealand accept? Yes.
- Rwanda has given a proxy to Niger. Does Niger accept? Where is Niger?
- Samoa has given a proxy to Canada. Does Canada accept?
- Singapore has given a proxy to Hong Kong. Does Hong Kong accept? Hong Kong? Yes.
- Sri Lanka has given a proxy to Nepal. Does Nepal accept? Yes.
- Slovakia has given a proxy to the Czech Republic. Does the Czech Republic accept? Thank you.
- Turkmenistan has given a proxy to Uzbekistan. Does Uzbekistan accept? Thank you.
- Togo has given a proxy to Ghana. Does Ghana accept? Where is Ghana?
- Uganda has given a proxy to Kenya. Does Kenya accept? Accepted.

So, we have one hundred twenty-three Federations present and twenty-two represented, totaling one hundred forty-five.

2. Addresses

Nathalie Rodriguez: We now move to the second item of the agenda, The Addresses to the Congress, and I invite the President of the Swiss Federation to come to the tribune.

Lars Frauchiger (SUI): Dear Mr President, Dear members of the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils, Dear delegates, fencing family, FIE personnel, Dear friends, It is a pleasure to meet here in Lausanne for an Annual Congress. I wish to welcome all of you here in Switzerland.

It is a great honour for me to address Congress again. Last year we were still struggling with a lot of Covid issues. The competitions had just resumed at the international level. A lot of efforts had been made in terms of security and measures against Covid. The organisers of the competitions had a great responsibility. For the athletes and the delegations, it was not always easy. But we stood together, and fencing became possible again at the international level. On top of that, we all had to work for the number of fencers in our Federations to rise again. We had to fight against the problem of losing the number of fencers who no longer came to training. We had to do everything to bring them back. We had to fight for our members. It took us a lot of work, and I think we all succeeded. For this, I am also proud of our fencing family.

Today, Covid is still present. We see it right here, but we face other, maybe bigger problems. We suffer from the energy crisis, inflation, and war – problems we did not see coming one year ago. We also do not know how this will develop in the future. But nevertheless, our sport, sport in general, still exists. We love our sport, and we want to be joyful. We want to be able to meet, to train, to compete. But can we close our eyes to the world around us? This Congress will discuss this matter later. I sincerely hope for the right decision.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the office of the FIE for organizing this Congress one more time. Dear Madame Rodriguez, dear Nathalie! Many thanks to you and your team for this effort and big work. And thank you for the work for the FIE and our sport in general. I know the last years were not easy at all. Your team and you did an amazing job.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much.

Lars Frauchiger (SUI): I wish you, I wish us a good Congress. Let's work for our sport. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The floor is to the Interim President.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH): Dear Friends and Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, On behalf of the International Fencing Federation, I welcome you all in Lausanne for the 2022 Congress.

This Congress is an historical Congress because it is the 100th Congress in the history of the International Fencing Federation.

Applause.

It is such a great pleasure to be with you again, in person, and to enjoy this gathering of people from all parts of the world. Our agenda is very heavy today and contains various very important items.

So my speech will be short because we have a lot of work. I am certain that our Congress will conduct its work on that basis and will do its best to ensure the smooth continuation of the FIE and our sport, leading to its further development in the future. I understand that the FIE constitutes a global family made up of many different cultures, points of view, of course, and backgrounds. But above all, a family, we are a family. Always say this because we need it. And it is this diversity that creates our strength. It comes from an understanding of combining each other's best qualities and collaborating with each other, always in the spirit of solidarity, respect, and unity.

Standing united will allow us to face any obstacle and move forward, always protecting the interest of our Federation and our sport, of course.

I am convinced of the strong foundation on which our fencing community is based and confident that fencing will reach new heights in the future. I wish us a very successful Congress. Thank you very much.

Applause.

3. Ratification of the New Federations

Nathalie Rodriguez: We move to the next item, which is the Ratification of the New Federations. We will skip this point because though we received some applications this year, they are still in process. So, we have no new Federations to ratify.

Just a reminder, the voting will be done electronically, and you have received on your table the explanation on the voting device, which you know perfectly by now.

The Congress participants who want to speak must announce their Federation and name and then come to the microphones installed in each alley.

The Commission of Honours, which is made of all the Members of Honour present at the Congress will meet just after the photo of the Congress during the lunch break.

4. Ratification of the Executive Committee's decisions regarding the appointment of the Interim President

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item on the agenda is the Ratification of the Executive Committee's Decisions Regarding the Appointment of the Interim President. You all have received the urgent letter regarding this item, and if you do not have any questions, we are going... Yes?

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Good morning, everyone. Good morning, Mr. President, and Fellow Fencers and Friends of Fencing. On this point, I would like to ask, as the President of the Swedish Fencing Federation, why, since the self-suspension of Mr. Usmanov was enforced earlier this year, why has there not been an appointment of a new Secretary-General knowing, that our current President, Mr. Katsiadakis or Interim President, if you will, has then stepped down from the position as Secretary-General and assumed the Interim Presidency? We are currently missing a Secretary-General. Why has there not been an appointment for such a position?

Nathalie Rodriguez: Because the Interim President also assumes the role of Secretary-General.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Assuming you would answer that, and interpreting the Statutes of the FIE, we in Sweden interpret them in a way that we cannot have two Presidents at one time. There is no part of the Statutes of the FIE that enables someone to self-suspend oneself. Therefore, according to us, we only have one President now, and the President now of the FIE is Mr. Katsiadakis, who started off as Secretary-General and then took over as President when President Usmanov took his self-suspension, and therefore, we are missing a Secretary-General at the moment.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Not exactly.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): That is exactly how we interpret it. I would be very surprised if all of you would agree with me because you have never agreed with me. But that is how we interpret the Statutes, and we are allowed to make interpretations, Madam.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I sometimes agree with you, not always, I agree.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): No, I was not referring to you, Madam, to the audience.

Nathalie Rodriguez: No, but there is a gap in the FIE Statutes on that issue, and an interpretation is not a clear text. We do not have it, Congress and the FIE did not plan for that situation. So we can interpret it, that's clear. What we are asking now is the Congress to ratify the decision of the Executive Committee, which was sent to all Federations at the beginning of March.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): And then my reply to that is that the Swedish Federation is absolutely against that, and we think that Mr. Katsiadakis should be appointed the real President, if you will, not Interim, until the next presidential elections in 2024, and swiftly a new Secretary-General should be appointed.

Nathalie Rodriguez: This is, again, an interpretation because Alisher Usmanov has been elected by the Congress; he self-suspended himself. And the Executive Committee made the decision to appoint the Secretary-General of the FIE as Interim President.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): We believe that is against the Statutes. And we also know that from the past when similar situations have occurred in the Executive Committee, for instance, a number of years ago when there was a change in political leadership in China, at the same time, there was an Executive Committee member from China who then suddenly could not travel and meet up in the Executive Committee meetings for a repeated or prolonged period of time, then that person was removed from the Executive Committee because of no show, and currently, we can conclude that the former President, Mr. Usmanov, is not showing up at the meetings, and therefore, cannot be the President of the Executive Committee and the FIE.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Not exactly. It is true that in the past, one Chinese member of the Executive Committee was absent. The Statutes say that in case of absence after two years, two years, then that person is considered as having resigned. And this is why, at that moment, the next member non-elected of the Executive Committee came into the Executive Committee. It was after two years, and this is what the Statutes say, two years.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Then we can agree on that part of the Statutes. That at least leaves me with the problem that there is no definition that there is no such thing as self-suspension with the right to come back. And that is why Mr. Katsiadakis must be appointed President of the FIE until the next elections.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I think it is up to Congress to decide if they want to ratify the decision of the Executive Committee or not.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Absolutely. So now I have made my voice heard. It is all being recorded. And I can just encourage all of you; I remember a year ago I was here talking about Olympic qualifications, it is not the topic I will mention now, again. But I was speaking in extreme silence. You could hear needles fall. I just remind you that in a few years, things might be different in the world, and things might be different in the FIE. This is always good to think ahead on which side you want to end up with. So, there with those words, I do not rest my case, but I will stand down. Okay, thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to remind you of the decision of the Executive Committee, which you received on March 2nd. "The Executive Committee accepted and ratified the decision of Mr. Alisher Usmanov to suspend the exercise of his duties as President of the FIE. Pursuant to the FIE Statutes, the Executive Committee unanimously appointed the Secretary-General of the FIE, Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis, as Interim President. Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis has accepted and will therefore assume all the duties provided for in the FIE Statutes and Rules." We are going to open the vote. If you agree with the decision of the Executive Committee, you will vote yes. If you disagree, you will vote no.

The vote will open.

[Exclamations in the audience]

Please open the vote.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The vote is open. I can confirm.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis: Nathalie, can you confirm?

Nathalie Rodriguez: It is working. I can confirm. If you have two voting devices, you vote with both because you have a proxy.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Just a second. We stop the vote. We are going to make a test to make sure that all is working. So, we are going to make a test and check that you don't have any problem. So, the test vote is open. Is everything working? Do you have any problem with the voting device? Nobody has any problem? So, we close the vote, and we will see the results. It is interesting that for a test vote, we have 17 no.

(Laughter)

Okay. So, it looks like it works. And some people didn't want to vote, which was fine for a test. So now we will return to the real vote, and you have to vote this time.

We open the vote on item 4. If you agree with the decision of the Executive Committee, you vote yes; if you do not agree, you vote no.

I wish to remind you that the decisions of the Congress are reached by a simple majority vote cast. And that the total number of votes cast must be at least equal to the majority of all the Federations present or represented at the Congress.

The vote is closed. Item 4 is ratified. I think we can congratulate Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

Applause.

5. 2021 Annual Report of the Executive Committee

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item on the agenda is the 2021 Annual Report of the Executive Committee, which you all have received, and the floor is to Mr. Katsiadakis.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH): During this year, we lost a few people from our fencing family. I would like to ask you to stand up for a few minutes, for a few moments, in memory of these friends who passed away.

(Movie and minute of silence)

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH): Thank you very much.

Nathalie Rodriguez: You have already received the Annual Report of The Executive Committee, and if you do not have any questions, we will open the vote on the Annual Report 2021.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The Annual Report 2021 is approved.

6. 2021 Financial report, auditors' report, approval of the accounts, discharge of the Executive Committee and of the auditors.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item on the agenda is the 2021 Financial report, the auditors' report, the approval of the accounts, and the discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors, and the floor is to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Ferial Salhi (ALG): Good morning everyone. What should be noted about 2021 is that we came out positive because we had a revenue surplus. Our receipts were 20,753,629 CHF, and expenses were 8,123,611 CHF. We also ended up with a capital of 37,018,011 Swiss francs.

There is an error in the transcription and translation into English, as there was actually a profit of 12 million. Do you have any questions to ask?

Nathalie Rodriguez: If you do not have any questions, we are going to open the vote on this item.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Item 6 is approved.

7. 2023 Budget

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Budget for 2023, and the floor is to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Ferial Salhi (ALG): For 2023, we had to reduce the budget because we no longer have the same resources. So, it is a budget that is reduced, but essentially on the CMTV part and the part of the employees, because the employees who left the International Federation have been replaced by service providers. These are the major changes. Do you have any questions?

Nathalie Rodriguez: If you do not have any questions... yes. You should maybe keep the microphone, Mr. Drakenberg.

(Laughter)

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Budget 2023, background information. We have over the past years in FIE, we have run an expense budget in a non-Olympic year of about 10 million Swiss francs while receiving annual donations of a single individual of about 5 million Swiss francs. The FIE appears to have reserves of around 20 million Swiss francs. The benefactor is Mr. Usmanov, whose status in the FIE is unclear, at least to me. He has suspended himself from exercising his duties as President of the FIE and has been subject to severe restrictions and sanctions issued by at least ten nations in the free world since February 2022. He is now being investigated by countries prosecutors' offices in various countries for tax evasion and money laundering. This puts the FIE in dire financial straits if all funds are associated with Mr. Usmanov and are frozen.

I have a couple of questions that I would like answers on, and if I cannot get those answers today, I will return and request those answers. These questions are addressed to the Treasurer of the FIE, and I ask that they be recorded in the minutes of the Congress. And as I said, if any of the information is not readily available today, which I, of course, have respect for, I ask that the Treasurer submit the requested information in writing no later than ten calendar days after the closing of today's FIE Congress.

First, question - As of today, November 2022, how many bank accounts and how much does the FIE have, and in which bank and country are they located? And who are the signatories on the accounts?

Question #2 - Who has control and discretion in the use of these funds?

Question #3 - Are reserve funds part of Mr. Usmanov's frozen assets, and if so, how far back do restrictions on these funds apply?

Question #4 - There is no doubt that as of March 2022, sanctions are in place that cannot be circumvented until the sanctions against Mr. Usmanov are lifted. What measures has the FIE Executive Committee proposed or adopted to deal with the sudden freezing of these funds and a possible international investigation for tax evasion and money laundering led by the German Federal Prosecutor's Office?

Question #5 - What about the fiscal and financial responsibility of an association that depends almost exclusively on the generosity of a single individual?

Question #6 - What are the immediate plans to face the cash flow crisis in the medium term and long term?

Question #7 - What is the role of Mr. Usmanov and his associates in the FIE? Is it acceptable to maintain indirect links of FIE Management with one or more persons subject to international sanctions, and especially if in a state of self-suspension?

Question #8 - This is the final question. Right now, the most urgent issue is to establish where the reserves are. Who controls them for the distribution? What about funds already dispersed from such accounts after March 2022?

Do you want me to repeat any of the eight questions?

Nathalie Rodriguez: No, as you did not send us your questions in advance, we will have to gather the information and provide it at a later stage. But I can already provide you with some information.

The FIE currently has three banks: one in Switzerland, one in Africa, in Egypt, one in Asia, in the United Arab Emirates. And we are possibly searching for a bank for the Pan American continent, this to avoid the rising bank charges and taxes when we are making payments.

The amounts that are in the FIE bank accounts are currently 30 million Swiss francs. This money is actually the reserve that the FIE constituted with the subsidies we had received from the International Olympic Committee: 15.1 million after the Olympic Games in Tokyo and 15.1 million from the Rio Olympic Games. This money belongs to the FIE completely.

The persons who, according to the Statutes can handle these assets are the Interim President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and I am authorized to make payments for the daily expenses.

These are the main answers that we can provide so far. None of our assets belong to anyone else than the FIE, and none of our assets are frozen.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Thank you, Madam.

Nathalie Rodriguez: You are welcome.

Applause.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Will you commit to providing the answers within ten days, or what do you think is a reasonable time for coming back to Congress?

Nathalie Rodriguez: We will do it as quickly as possible, as usual.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): With that, I say thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: You are welcome. So, if you have no more questions on the budget, we are opening the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The budget is approved.

8. Appointment of auditors

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item, item 8, is the nomination, the Appointment of the auditors, and we propose to renew Ernst and Young, which for years have audited our accounts.

We open the vote on item 8.

The vote is closed.

Ernst and Young are re-conducted for another year.

9. Vote to award the World Championships

2024 Juniors/Cadets, candidature of KSA

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Vote to award the World Championships. So, this year we have the candidature of the Federation of Saudi Arabia for the Junior and Cadet World Championships 2024, and I invite the Federation to come to the tribune to make a presentation on its candidature.

I would also like to precise that the Executive Committee has received a letter from the Federation mentioning and they have the full support of the government on their candidature, that all participants will be granted a visa and a lot of them will even receive an e-visa on arrival. And that all Federations, male and female, will be able to participate. So, the floor is to the Federation.

Abdullah AlSunaid (KSA): Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. President, Dear FIE members, It is a great pleasure and honour to be with you here today.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FIE for giving us, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the opportunity to represent our capital city Riyadh as a candidate city to host the Cadet and Junior World Championships. Words cannot describe what you might expect if Saudi Arabia could host this prestigious and important event. Therefore, may I present this video, which I hope will catch the essence of what you might expect from our nation.

[Video presentation]
Applause.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are conscious that article 10.4.1 of the Statutes mentions that the Junior and Cadet World Championships should be held during the first two weeks of April. However, due to a month-long worldwide and national celebration ending just after the first week of April, we will be able to start the competition on Friday, the 12th of April, through Saturday, the 20th of April. As a result of these days, we are kindly requesting approval from Congress on our proposed calendar, changing from the 12th to the 20th of April 2024. I will leave the microphone now to Mr. President of the Saudi Fencing Federation, Mr. Ahmed AlSabban. Thank you.

Applause.

Ahmed AlSabban (KSA): Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. President and Dear fellow FIE members, It is a great pleasure to be with you tonight, representing my country Saudi Arabia.

I would like to thank you for giving us this amazing opportunity. I look forward to seeing you in Saudi Arabia in 2024 and experience the beauty of this yourself. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are going to open the vote on this item, even if we have only one candid... Sorry, yes. Shall I install a microphone at your table?

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): I need to talk about this point before the Congress goes to vote, and the severity of what I am saying forces me to take the podium again, although it feels very much now as a one-man show, but I do not take that blame on myself.

So after recent events inside and outside of fencing, the FIE needs to take care and not to further damage the image of fencing in the world. Saudi Arabia is a country at war. Furthermore, the country has a poor reputation when it comes to human rights. The international organization...

[Exclamations in the audience]

the international organization, Human Rights Watch, is explicit, and I quote. "Saudi Arabia spends billions of dollars hosting major entertainment, cultural and sporting events as a deliberate strategy to deflect from the country's image as a pervasive human rights violator."

In the presentation of the Federation of Saudi Arabia, there was no mention of the critical human rights questions that needs an answer. For example, how welcome will LGBTQ fencers be? What restrictions...

[Exclamations, noise in the audience]

What rest ...?

[Exclamations, noise in the audience]

My plane leaves tomorrow afternoon, so if you want to continue to be undemocratic, take your time.

Someone in the audience: Excuse me, excuse me. ...to send to your place.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): What restric...?

[Exclamations, noise in the audience]

Someone in the audience: Excuse me. We want to stop. Excuse me, please stop.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): What restrictions will be ap...? What restrictions will be applied for female participants? How will the security situation be during the course of the Championships, in view of the fact that the country is at war?

Abdelmoneim Elhamy ElHusseiny (EGY): Excuse me, excuse me, now we are here to speak on the sport. Nothing to do with what you are going to say now. Please stop it immediately.

Applause.

Someone in the audience: Yes.

Applause.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): We ...

Abdelmoneim Elhamy ElHusseiny (EGY): Mr. President, please...

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): The Swe...

Abdelmoneim Elhamy ElHusseiny (EGY): You should stop immediately.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): No. You should know who you are talking to Mr. Elhamy, then you would not say that to me because I will never refrain from speaking my word in a democratic world.

[Exclamations, noise in the audience]

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): We, in the Swedish Federation...

[Exclamations, noise in the audience]

Abdelmoneim Elhamy ElHusseiny (EGY): Mr. President...

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): We urge the Congress not to take a decision before the questions I just raised are answered. Therefore, the Swedish Federation suggests that the decision on this proposal is transferred by the Congress to the Executive Comex, which should be responsible for taking an informed decision or finding a replacement for the organiser of these Championships.

Upon taking the decision, the Comex must communicate to all member Federations its assessment of the risks that participating LGBTQ fencers or female fencers will be subject to emotional suffering due to the legislation of the country where the Championships are held and the risks and threats to the brand of fencing that the choice of organizing Federation will cause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, to answer Mr. Drakenberg. Visas will be provided to all participants from all Federations, male and female. We have that letter.

If the Congress wants to award the World Championships to the Federation, the member Federation of Saudi Arabia, you will vote yes. If you do not want to do it, you will vote no.

Applause.

We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The 2024 Junior and Cadet World Championships are awarded to the Federation of Saudi Arabia.

Applause.

10. Call for candidatures for the organisation of the World Championships:

- Juniors/Cadets 2025, 2026
- Seniors 2025, 2026
- Veterans 2025, 2026

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the Call for candidatures for the organization of the World Championships 2025 and 2026 for the Junior and Cadets, the Seniors, and the Veterans. Is there any Federation which would be interested by a candidature for these events.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Sweden?

(Laughter) Applause.

Aivar Paalberg (EST): Hello. The Estonian Fencing Federation would like to organise the Junior and Cadet World Championship in 2025.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Estonia, 2025. Thank you, we will send you the candidature form for this, but you have time.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes.

Kyle Chan (HKG): Hi. Hong Kong would like to organise the 2026 World Championship for Seniors.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: You still have time. Yes?

Mohamed Soufiane Chaouchi (TUN): The Tunisian Fencing Federation would like to organise the 2026 World Championship for the Veterans in the Island of Djerba.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Any other announcements? You still have time to do it until the end of the Congress and also in the coming days. Thank you. Yes.

Arno Perillier Schneider (BRA): Brazil wants to propose for 2026, using the legacy from the Games.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Which one, Junior, Senior, or Veterans?

Arno Perillier Schneider (BRA): Junior and Cadets.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you.

Jorge Castro (MEX): Mexico would like to propose its candidature to organise the 2025 World Championship for the Junior and Cadets in Cancun.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Excellent. I suggest now having a few minutes for the coffee break.

(Coffee Break)

11. Proposals submitted to Congress, reports from the Commissions, Councils, and Ethics Committee. Urgent decisions regarding the Rules. Progress reports from working groups

Nathalie Rodriguez: Please take your seats; we are going to resume the meeting. Can you please take your seats? We are moving to the next item of the agenda, which is Proposals submitted to Congress, reports of the Commissions, Councils, and Ethics Committee, and urgent decisions regarding the Rules. I would like to remind you that you have a voting device, and you must use it and vote.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are starting with the modifications to the Statutes.

Proposal #1 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission; if you have no comments, then we can move to the vote.

The vote is open.

Please remember that for the Statutes, two-thirds of the votes are needed for the proposal to pass. The number of the Proposal is #1, as written on the screen, article 1.2.7.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #2 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. We are opening the vote on Proposal #2.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #3 from Sweden.

The Legal Commission was against, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal. Sweden is asking for the floor.

Ana Valero-Collantes (SWE): The aim of this proposal is to have a clarification for the Statutes article that we already have. This is the aim of this proposal, and we think because it is not regulated the process of expulsion or suspension in the article, so this is a proposal. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, as I said, the Legal Commission was against the proposal, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal. We open the vote on this proposal. So, if you agree with the proposal, you vote yes. If you disagree with the proposal, you vote no.

The vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass.

Proposal #4 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal, and we are going to open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #5 from the Legal Commission. The Legal Commission proposed that we think again about this proposal to make Congress manageable, and it suggested delaying this proposal until 2023. The Executive Committee agreed with the Legal Commission and would like to postpone this proposal to the next year in order to discuss how Congress could be managed. So, we will have to wait to vote on this proposal. We will move directly to Proposal #6.

Proposal #6 from the Legal Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.
We move to the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #7 from the Legal Commission, which has revised its proposal, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.
We open the vote on this proposal. The vote is open.

The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #8 from Sweden. There were various comments on this proposal, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal. So, we are... yes, Sweden.

Ana Valero-Collantes (SWE): Thank you very much for the opportunity. In sports organizations, term limits are increasingly used at the national and international levels today. Why is it not valid for the FIE? The IOC has 12 years of term limits. Several International Sports Federations have introduced term limits, among them important players like FIFA, International Athletics, International Tennis Federation, International Cycling Union, and International Ice Hockey Federation. The use of term limits is highly recommended by organizations in modern sports' good governance like IPACS and organisations like Play the Games and numerous others.

Both Associations of Summer and Winter Olympic International Federations have recommended that all Olympic International Federations should introduce term limits for their Presidents or other key positions. It promotes better governance and avoids monopoly of power around a few individuals. The perceptions and problems with the comments from all the Commissions having an opinion can be perceived as a conflict of interest for some individuals. Therefore, it is up to the Congress today to decide how to implement this decision for the reason we suggest. Our suggestion is to start counting the time limit from the 2024 elections. Thank you very much.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you. So, the Legal Commission, the Ethics Committee, and the Executive Committee were not in favour of this proposal. We are opening the vote on this proposal. If you agree with the proposal, you vote yes; if you don't agree with the proposal, you vote no.

The vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal did not pass.

Proposal #9 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.
We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #10 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as it would potentially allow a larger representation of zones and genders. The Ethics Committee had proposed to postpone this proposal until 2023, when the Code of Procedure will be established. We are not going to vote on Proposal #10, which will be postponed until Congress 2023. We move to Proposal #11.

Proposal #11 from the Legal Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

The vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #12 from the Swedish Federation. From Sweden, sorry. The Legal Commission was against the proposal, and the Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal. Yes, please.

Ana Valero-Collantes (SWE): Thank you very much. We had a similar proposal before that the Congress approved. For that reason, we withdraw our proposal. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, Proposal #12 is withdrawn.

We move to Proposal #13 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

We move to the vote, and the vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #14 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

We move to the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #15 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

We move to the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #16 from the Legal Commission, the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #17 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #18 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

We move to the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open. The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #19 from the Legal Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

And we have finished with the proposals regarding the Statutes.

We are now moving to the proposals regarding the Rules.

Proposal #1 from the Refereeing Commission. The Commissions were in favour, and the Executive Committee was also in favour.

We move to the vote on this proposal.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #2 from the Rules Commission, which has been revised by the Medical Commission. Both the Refereeing Commission and the Executive Committee favour the proposal as revised by the Medical Commission, except that in article t.170, the word injury should not be scratched.

We are opening the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #3 from the Legal Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #4 from Sweden. The Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal. Sweden, please.

Ana Valero-Collantes (SWE): Thank you very much. The aim of our proposal is that we believe that the Executive Committee should not be in place to change the selection of referees. For this issue, we do have the experts in the Refereeing Commission since there is no expertise in these matters among the 28 members. However, we appreciate and accept the arguments of the Legal Commission and the Executive Committee. We will return with a new proposal for coming Congresses. Therefore we will withdraw our Proposal #4. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, the proposal is withdrawn.

Proposal #5 from the Veterans Council. The Executive Committee, in principle, is in favour of the proposal. However, as this proposal may involve some changes, which have to be tested, the Executive Committee proposes that a test be done in 2025 during the Veteran World Championship to assess the implementation consequences and impact on the organisers. And then, if no major problems are noted, it will become final. However, if some adjustments have to be made based on the experience of 2025, then we will come back with an adapted proposal. The proposal is to make a test on that new text and new proposal in 2025 during the Veterans World Championships and then to see if nothing has to be changed. We vote on conducting a test in 2025, being in principle in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #6 from the Rules Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #7 from the Rules Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #8 from the Rules Commission, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #9 from the Federations of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Senegal. The Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal as the qualification system provides compulsory quotas for all FIE zones with one specification for team qualification. Therefore, increasing the coefficient for the zonal championships would not offer more qualifications to each zone. So, if you are in favour of the proposal, you vote yes; if you are not in favour of the proposal, you vote no.

The vote is open on this proposal. Yes? We stop the vote, please.

Wahabou Zorome (MLI): Hello, Everybody. I am the President of the Malian Fencing Federation. I would like to try to explain the motivations that led us to make this proposal. In fact, the zonal competitions, the zonal Championships, are the most important after the World Cup and the others. So, we think it is a better platform for the continents of Africa, Asia, and America to be able to benefit from specific points and to qualify for a major tournament like the Olympics. That said, we know that other continents organise 75% more tournaments than us. So we make a plea for these points to be brought to what is in the request that we made. Thank you for everything. Thanks very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are going to reopen the vote on this proposal. If you agree with the proposal, you vote yes; if you do not agree, you vote no.

The vote is open. Please remember that for the Rules, the proposals pass with a simple majority.
The vote is closed.

Applause.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #10 from the Rules Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal and of the modification to the drawing.

We open the vote on this proposal.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #11 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal with the addition made by the SEMI Commission.

We move to the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #12 from the Refereeing Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal with the revisions from the Rules Commission.

We move to the vote, and the vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #13 from the Refereeing Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.
The vote is closed.
The proposal passed.

Proposal #14 from the Refereeing Commission. The drawings have been redesigned and were appended at the end of the proposals. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #15 is a duplication of Proposal #16. We will not vote on Proposal #15 but move directly to Proposal #16 from the Refereeing Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #17 is a proposal from the Executive Committee on non-combativity. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, the Athletes Commission was in favour, and the Promotion Commission was in favour. The Rules Commission was in favour with some corrections, and the Executive Committee was in favour with the additions from the Rules Commission.

We move to the vote and open the vote for this proposal.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #18 from the Rules Commission. This proposal is actually an Urgent Decision made with the Rules Commission. Therefore, we are not going to vote on Proposal #18 as we will vote on the Urgent Decision.

We move to Proposal #19 from the Refereeing Commission. This proposal is also an Urgent Decision, so we are not going to vote on this proposal. We will vote on the Urgent Decision. We move to Proposal #20.

Proposal #20 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #21 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #22 from the SEMI Commission. As we still have not found a suitable solution, we discussed with the SEMI Commission on the chipping issue. We are searching for a cheaper solution for the manufacturers. Therefore, if you do not mind, we will put a hold on this proposal and on the current text in the Rules until the Congress 2023. We will work with the SEMI Commission on a suitable proposal for 2023. So, if you do not mind, this proposal remains on hold, and the current text of the Rules remains on hold also until we have found a better and cheaper solution for the manufacturers in 2023.

Do you have any objection to this? Thank you.

Proposal #23 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote. The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed. Proposal #23 passed.

We move to Proposal #24 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal.

We open the vote, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #25 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal with the revisions from the SEMI and Rules Commissions.

We vote on this proposal, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Proposal #26 from the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal with the revisions from the SEMI and Rules Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed on Proposal #26.

The proposal passed.

We now move to the Urgent decisions regarding the Rules.

Urgent Decision #1 is a proposal from the Rules Commission and the Refereeing Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal and urgent decision. Yes. Sorry, yes.

We open the vote on Urgent Decision #1, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

Urgent Decision #2 is a proposal from the Executive Committee on the calendar.

We open the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

The last urgent decision from the SEMI Commission has already been dealt with, with the relevant proposal. We have finished with the Proposals regarding the Rules.

It's time now for the photo and lunch. Please follow the FIE photographer, Augusto Bizzi, who will show you where the photo of the Congress will be taken. Then, we will have lunch. After the photo, Members of Honour should please come back here to discuss the nominations of Members of Honour to be proposed to the Congress.

Thank you very much.
Have a very good lunch.

Applause.

(Lunch)

Nathalie Rodriguez: Please take your seats. We will resume the meeting, and we are now dealing with the Progress reports from the working groups.

The working groups met online several times during the year, and they established a progress report of their work. However, the work is still ongoing. There were meetings after the reports were issued, and new meetings will be held at the beginning of next year.

We believe we will be able to present to the next Congress final proposals for your consideration. Do you have any questions on this? Thank you.

I would like to inform you that Sri Lanka has arrived. Sri Lanka had given a proxy to Nepal. So, Nepal now will no longer vote for Sri Lanka. Thank you.

12. Decisions regarding athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus

Nathalie Rodriguez: We move to item #12 of the agenda, Decisions regarding athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus, and the floor is to Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH): So, as a preamble, let me remind you the following. The FIE is a non-governmental and autonomous organisation, and its role is to manage and rule the sport of fencing worldwide.

The FIE ethical code states that the FIE family members will work to maintain harmonious relations with the authorities of the countries of the member Federations in accordance with the principles of universality and political neutrality. The FIE family shall take all necessary measures to ensure security on the premises where the competitions are held, primarily considering the physical and moral well-being of everyone involved in this event.

The FIE Statutory aims include:

- to ensure that international competitions open to member Federations are organised with the FIE rules, and
- to establish rules and appropriate measures to protect athletes' health and prevent any abuse.

Therefore, it is the duty of the FIE Executive Committee to protect the integrity of FIE competitions and to ensure the security of athletes and participants. After the incidents that occurred in various competitions at the end of February, and following the IOC recommendation, the Executive Committee initiated, with a heavy heart, the following decision that was published on the FIE website. "On March 2nd, and following the IOC recommendation, the FIE Executive Committee decided not to invite or allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in FIE competitions until further notice."

The Executive Committee's decision was not a sanction; it aimed and allowed to protect the integrity of FIE competitions and to ensure the security of all athletes and participants. As of today, the IOC recommendation is still in place. However, we all know that we will start the Olympic qualification in four months. The Olympic Games are within the jurisdiction of the IOC, and it belongs to the IOC to decide on the participation in the Games, and the qualification path is within the responsibility of the FIE to be approved by the IOC.

The Executive Committee does not want to exclude the Russian and Belarusian athletes from the Olympic qualification. Therefore, the Executive Committee unanimously decided during its meeting of 25 November 2022, to organize an online extraordinary Congress at the beginning of March 2023, to make decisions regarding the possible options for the Olympic qualification.

The Executive Committee will meet in January 2023 to establish proposals that will be submitted to the online Extraordinary Congress.

And finally, the Executive Committee unanimously submits to the Congress the following motion: "Do you accept that the Executive Committee continues with its decision of March 2, 2022, for the time being, while reviewing and reconsidering the situation in case of any new circumstances?" Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I assume that some Federations wish to express their opinions. In case there are a lot of Federations, we will have to make a list so that they can speak in turn.

So, for a better understanding of Congress, let me clarify once again. There will be an extraordinary virtual Congress at the beginning of March in order to discuss the Olympic qualification of the Russian and Belarusian athletes. It is a decision of the Executive Committee, which was made unanimously yesterday.

As of today, the Executive Committee unanimously submits to Congress the following motion: "Do you accept that the Executive Committee continues with its decision of March 2, 2022, for the time being, while reviewing and reconsidering the situation in case of any new circumstances?"

Please say your name if you wish to take the floor. I cannot see very well because of the lighting.

[Remarks in the audience]

No. First, I am going to make a list of all the Federations that want to take the floor. So, Ukraine is wishing.

Sergii Mishchenko (UKR): Hello. Ukraine, Sergii Mishchenko, Vice-President.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes.

Sergii Mishchenko (UKR): Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Who else would like to take the floor? Can you please say your name? I cannot see very well because of the lighting.

Olga Kharlan (UKR): I am sorry. Olga Kharlan, Ukrainian fencer.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you. Your name, please, and Federation. Niger. Sweden. Ghana. Belarus. Venezuela. Russia.

Nobody else? Sorry? The USA. Great Britain. Member of Honour Peter Jacobs.

Anyone else would like to take the floor? Nobody else? Fine.

Senegal. Is that all? Yes. Finland. Nobody else? So, we will start with Ukraine.

Sergii Mishchenko (UKR): May I take the microphone?

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes, of course.

Sergii Mishchenko (UKR): Your Honour Interim President, Dear Members of FIE, National Federations. First of all, I asked for a word to thank all the Federations, international organizations, and individuals who, in this difficult time for Ukraine, extended their help to our fencers. To their families during a very difficult period for Ukraine. Many thanks to FIE, many thanks to European Fencing Confederation, National Federations, and all those who extended help and provided roofs, shelter, training facilities, and the ability to travel and participate in international competitions.

Why the Ukrainian Federation and Ukrainian fencers needed this and are still in need? They needed it because of the war, which was waged against Ukraine. It is a vicious, aggressive war, and Ukrainian fencers are suffering a lot. There is no safe place in Ukraine now. Fencers who would like to train often have to break the training lessons because of the signals of the air attack warning. The places are cold because there is no electricity. And

because of all that, it is very difficult to continue any serious regular training in our country.

That's why we were fully supporting the International Olympic Committee Executive Board's recommendation regarding banning Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials from international competitions. This is a true and just decision. It is not only for the sake and because of what happened in Ukraine. It is also in the interest of the Olympic community and in accordance with the Olympic principles to be helped and to be respected. There are many arguments now that, for example, what has been proposed and implemented by the International Olympic Committee Executive Board is inefficient and is not working, but it's not true.

There are wars. Historically, there have been many wars, and during those wars, no one in the Olympic movement took such a decision. But there is a straightforward answer to it. First of all, are we happy that there are many wars, and do we want to have more wars? No. The answer is no. The question is can we do something as an Olympic community to try to stop the wars and prevent more wars? The answer is yes. And the actions which now taken by the Olympic community, by the International Olympic Committee, are a small step to prevent wars, to bring the end of the war maybe ten minutes closer to us or ten days closer to us.

The second argument is that these actions, which have already been taken, have very little effect. But I believe it is not true because, first of all, dozens of International Federations who follow the International Olympic Committee's recommendations are already a very important force in the world sport. Secondly, you probably don't even imagine how helpful it is to Ukrainian people, to Ukraine, that we feel the solidarity of the Olympic movement.

That is why I strongly urge you, ask you, appeal to you to continue with the application of the recommendations of the International Olympic Committee as it is now proposed by our Board. I believe that following this recommendation at the moment and closely monitoring the situation will help us a lot. So please keep with the recommendations of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board until the war ends, until the decision will be fully satisfying to world peace, to the Ukrainian people, and to the fencing community. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Ms Kharlan.

Olga Kharlan (UKR): Dear Olympic Fencing Family, Thank you for giving me the floor. I can be emotional, I will be short, so please let me finish. Many of you know me for many years. I am Olga Kharlan, and I am Ukrainian. I am from Ukraine. Taking the floor, I would like to thank the National Federations for your generous support provided to the national team of Ukraine. Today's life is essential for us. Your help is the true value of the Olympic solidarity and Olympic principles and actions, which our Federation is guided by in its activity to. I am here to make a voice and appeal of Ukrainian fencers and fencers from all over the world to be heard.

Athletes are the core of the Olympic-centered system and the heart of the peaceful world for sports development. What does the athlete feel coming to compete? Everyone knows that mental balance is fragile, but it is not only the key to win. For us Ukrainians, it is a key to survive; nine months of war, nine months of missile attacks, nine months of ruins of cities, civil and sports infrastructure, and the loss of sports friends and their family members. My Beijing 2018 teammate, an Olympic champion, Elena Komarova's father, was killed by this war in Mykolaiv city. Dying kids, athletes, and coaches, nine months of forced immigration, away from home, months of electricity shutdowns causing lights to go off, hitting the Internet, and even a war lockdown.

Now ask yourself a question. What is fair play in the sport today? Which Olympic values weigh more: friendship,

excellence, respect, or friendship to those who keep silent and shelter their tyrant head at state and public events? Do we have to pay respect to them? Do we have to let show them excellence in competitions to promote the power of terrorist state recognized so by international institutions such as NATO and the European Union Council? What is the highest value, the right to live or the right to compete? When the Ukrainians were standing it all, where were the Russian and Belarusian athletes all these nine months, and what did they do while we felt touching support from all the Europe and the world fencing family and friends?

Nine months ago, Russia violated the Olympic Truce, not for the first time, and Belarus also by providing its borders for the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Does the Olympic Charter have a selective approach to some countries or personal responsibility? I think not.

The quote that Russian and Belarusian athletes are not responsible for their government does not help when the social polls show that 80% of the Russian Federation citizens support their government and the war as a tool, as genocide in Ukraine. Did you see what Russian Federation did in Bucha, Izyum, Irpin, Mariupol, and Mykolaiv, my motherland? Will you be able to shake hands with the Russian Federation or Belarusian athletes, then?

As you may know, many Russian and Belarusian athletes are army or police, or state border service contractors. They are still there for all these nine months. What will happen if they receive an order? Mr. Pozdnyakov, the Chairman of the Russian Olympic Committee and Olympic champion fencer, is a colonel of the Russian army that is shelling every day my native city Mykolaiv. Sofya Velikaya is a ruling party athlete and Putin's representative. It is not a secret that Russian athletes are the propaganda tools for whitening and keeping the face of Russian government crimes. Should we, the fencing world, provide the stage for this face? I think not. Fencing is a noble sport based on respect and fair play, observing its history's rules and Olympic values.

Together we are able to stop the aggressors' countries' politics and their state propaganda through the sport of international stages. I think, yes. Sport is a place for people who bring peace, unconditional peace without twisted values. Stand with Ukraine. Thank you for your attention.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Niger.

Halilou Sani (NIG): Hello. Thank you for giving me the floor. Really, I understand everything that happens in the world. Niger is also a victim. I have the right to remind you that in the Sahel, many people are killed. In Yemen, many people are killed. In Eritrea, many people are killed. In Ethiopia, many more people are killed. Do you think we should bring political issues into this room? If so, then let's do it. Thanks.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Sweden.

Otto Drakenberg (SWE): Sweden thinks it is a very wise idea of the Executive Committee to postpone the decision regarding athletes and officials from Russia and Belorussia. And we insist that once the postponement has been done, the decision whether to include again or continue to exclude these athletes should be taken either by the Executive Committee or by an extraordinary physical Congress, the reason being that the extraordinary virtual Congress would not be the best and most democratic way of taking this kind of decision. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you. Ghana.

Mohammed Mahadi (GHA): Dear Delegates, I would like to call attention to a few things. I would recall in one of the series of Olympic Games, there was a situation whereby an Algerian fencer was banned for ten years for refusing to shake hands with one of our brothers, who is also, I think, an Israeli fencer. Sorry, Israeli judoka. He was banned because the IOC, sorry, the IJF, that is, the International Judo Federation, said that his actions were introducing politics into sports. That issue was taken to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Therefore, if today we are also turning the line from politics to sports, we are undermining the autonomy of sports. The autonomy of sports separates politics from sports. In any decision we are going to take, we should stick to the autonomy of sports, which is the pride and the milestone we have achieved as an organisation.

I think it is about time to call the Russian and Belarusian fencers and officials back to the stage, to come and compete as a family because we are not politicians, we do not influence, and we do not have any influence in politics. And I want to remind you of the situation that happened between CONI and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Italy. I just read this article regarding the case with the law they are introducing that nearly led to Italy being banned from Tokyo 2020. But it was clear that the Minister mentioned that sports and politics are definitely two different things. So, my humble appeal is to let's get our athletes back because we cannot manage it if we keep them longer outside the competition arena; we will end up introducing the situation that happened in IJF. My humble appeal is, let's get them back. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Belarus.

Vitali Sokolovski (BLR): Dear President, Dear Officials, and Members of the International Fencing Federation. On behalf of the Belarusian Fencing Federation, let me convey the official position of our Federation on the current situation in Ukraine, as well as on the participation of Belarusian athletes and officials in events under the auspices of the FIE.

The Belarusian Fencing Federation is a public organisation whose task is exclusively to develop and popularize fencing. Members and officials of our Federation do not take any part in political decisions and do not have the opportunity to influence them in any way. We do not support war anywhere and in any form. Athletes of Belarus, coaches, and the entire fencing community of our country want just one thing, peace and unity in the world. We have never had and do not have any conflict with the Ukrainian Fencing Federation, Ukrainian athletes, coaches, and officials, as well as with other countries in the world. On the contrary, we respect all these people very much and wish the military conflict on their territory to end as soon as possible.

There is no doubt that people in Ukraine should be given all kinds of help. Still, the question remains, how does the non-participation of Belarusian athletes contribute to helping the Ukrainian people? The answer is that the isolation of the Belarusian and Russian fencers does not contribute to this assistance in any way. I think everyone has been convinced for more than nine months that the isolation of Belarusian and Russian athletes in no way affected the events taking place in Ukraine.

The International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach made a comment during a keynote speech at the

Oceania National Olympic Committees' General Assembly in Fiji. "We will only sanction those people that are responsible for something. We will not sanction a National Olympic Committee for the actions of its government as long as the NOCs' leading individuals do not support their actions. None of you, none of you should be held responsible for the actions of your government."

We fully and completely share this position and do not consider it right in this situation to isolate innocent Belarusian fencers, coaches, and officials solely on a national basis. We believe that any decision on non-admission should be personalized and imposed taking into account the actions committed by a particular person. Once again, I would like to emphasize the fact that Belarusian athletes, coaches, and the Fencing Federation in no way influence and will not be able to influence political and military issues. Just try to answer the questions for yourself. Do you seriously consider it fair and right to apply any sanctions to athletes and coaches solely on a national basis, only because they were born in Belarus, live in Belarus, or abroad, but have a Belarusian passport?

We urge the entire international fencing community to unite and truly remain an FIE family in the most difficult times. It is necessary to prevent the incitement of discord, anger, and hatred within the sports community and be an example of solidarity and tolerance for politicians in all countries. Of course, we will respect any decision you make. However, I urge all of you not to mix sports with politics but to make decisions solely in the interests of the development of world fencing. Thank you for your attention.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Venezuela.

Francisco Rafael Marín Alvarez (VEN): Good afternoon to the Executive Committee and to all Brother Federations. I want to reflect on what my previous colleagues have said about not mixing politics with sports. Venezuela has been economically isolated and blocked for more than four years, and we have experienced firsthand discrimination and xenophobia. Our athletes and coaches have stopped attending competitions because the governments of other countries have denied us visas, even though the Federations have always been ready to help us. But for being a small country in South America, we go unnoticed. We have experienced what it means to want to attend competitions and not be able to participate in them due to political problems.

Every April 6th is celebrated as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. Hopefully, on April 6th of next year, we can all celebrate that day for sport and peace, with the participation of athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus, because we want to change the world. Let's do it from here, and let's demonstrate unity. Nobody agrees with wars. We also suffered power outages. Our kids also have a hard time training. We also have feeding problems. We also have issues that sometimes no one knows about. The comrade from Africa said it. There are military interventions in many parts of the world, but we are not in the UN. We are at the International Fencing Federation, and here we have to discuss sport and unity and send the world a message that we can contribute to peace through sport. If we can contribute to the brotherhood, the teammates from South Africa are a great example of how violence can be changed with a game of rugby. They can teach us a lesson about that.

So, from Venezuela, we call on everyone to unite, to solidarity, to teamwork. I repeat, hopefully, on April 6th, we can all reject any kind of war and always open our arms to peace. But I repeat, nobody, nobody remembered that Venezuela has been blocked for four years, that Venezuela has been facing xenophobia for four years, that our athletes have been attacked at airports, that I, as a Federation, have been attacked at airports due to our problems with migration, due to our displacement problems.

So, we all have to deal with world problems. Politics is not the way to solve it in this space because we are not the ones who make the political decisions of our countries. We make sports decisions, and I invite you to make a decision for the sport.

I express my solidarity with the Ukrainian comrades; we have experienced it. We have experienced those power outages also under another style, but we have lived through them. We have experienced discrimination; we have also experienced attacks.

We are going to work together as we want to change the world. Let's start the change from here. Let's change it with sport and send a message that it is possible to work in peace and unity. In the same way, we will abide by the decisions issued by the International Olympic Committee, which is our rector, and we owe it to it.

Thanks to the fellow interpreters for carrying my voice, thanks to the Executive Committee for giving me the right to speak. We want to make peace. Let's do it together. Thanks.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Russia.

Ilgar Mamedov (RUS): Dear Friends, Dear Colleagues, Dear Nathalie. In addition to the COVID test, it is necessary to conduct a test for mental sanity. The behaviour of some Members of Congress is unacceptable. If you remember, Mr. Khrushchev, from the Soviet Union, made this gesture, and he was a leader. We must respect each other, even if we have a difficult time here in the FIE. The FIE Congress is a chance to elevate global understanding about the threat posed by the division of the fencing community. This situation is the most dangerous crisis our fencing family has ever faced.

Olga Kharlan is a young athlete. And if you know, I was born in Baku, and I moved from Baku to Moscow because we had a war between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Here is the President of the Armenian Fencing Federation, and we have very good relations, even though we had a war in the 90s as well as two years ago. These are human relations; we must respect each other, and we are a sports family. We never talk about politics because we are not politicians.

No one has ever connected American athletes with their country's military operations. What is the difference between American athletes from the USA and athletes from Russia? Or, you do not know the history? No one urged them to protest against the decisions of their State Department and White House.

How does the non-participation of Russian sportsmen help Ukraine athletes? If politicians cannot do something to make peace, we, as a sports family, must do something. Therefore, I want to make an offer to the Ukrainian Fencing Federation. I would like to provide training and participation of their teams in competitions in the next six months. I understand that it is difficult directly, but through any intermediary, if it is possible, I can organise everything for your team. I already wanted to arrange this before the World Championships in Cairo, but unfortunately, it was dangerous for the Ukrainian side.

Our athletes have already suffered if you know. For example, the women's sabre team was the first in the ranking. Now, I just checked it on the FIE website; they have 43rd or 42nd place in the ranking. It means one more competition, and we no longer exist in the fencing. And it was the number-one team after the Olympic Games. What else can we do to not participate in competitions?

Six months ago, we had a meeting here in Lausanne when I arrived for the court hearing. We had with Manolis Katsiadakis a court meeting. It was not a real court hearing but a meeting to analyze the situation, find a solution, and a compromise. It was the first of June, and I told Manolis, "You always say that all athletes are your kids." And that was International Children's Day. "Let our kids participate in competitions." Because what I told you before, non-participation does not stop the war. Unfortunately, unfortunately does not stop. They have their plans, and we have our plans to be in the fencing family. Dear Delegates, we all remember the address of Mr. Thomas Bach, "Give peace a chance." Only sport can help us to unite people. Only through a peaceful competition, we can show the world our unity. Only if sports remain neutral, if sports stay out of politics, we have a chance to build a bright and strong future. Together. Together with you, my colleagues, thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: USA.

Samuel Cheris (USA, MH): Mr. President, Madam CEO, Members of the Bureau, Members of the Executive Committee, Congressists. The Russian-Belarusian war has not only attacked the country of Ukraine, has not only attacked the armed forces of Ukraine, but it also attacked Ukraine's civilian population, it has attacked the athletes of Ukraine. How can we permit a country that is preventing civilian life, including the training of athletes, to come in and say we are entitled to compete because we are peaceful fencers when our country is demoralizing the athletes of another country and preventing them from training? Many of the members of the Russian and Belarusian teams are members and officers of their military. How can we allow those who personally are part of the aggression to be permitted to compete as if they were not complicit? Have they resigned from their military commissions? Have they protested against the war?

It was talked about the U.S. protest, yes. I mean, U.S. athletes, if they do not like what their government is doing, they protest. Have the Russian athletes protested? If this was merely a philosophical issue, why has a representative of the foundation for the Future of Russian Fencing been going around the world, giving out money? Allegedly to administrators to be able to attend competitions and meetings, but with the quid pro quo, here is the speech I want you to give at the Congress, here is the vote I want you to take, and here is the money that I have provided you. Will it help? Will it help to stop them from competing? I do not know. The FIE and the IOC banned South Africa from competing because of apartheid and isolated them from the sporting community. And it was one of the elements that finally caused the apartheid to end. So yes, it can have an effect. We can vote with our conscience and say if you want to join the family, be part of the family, and do not be going around killing the family. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Peter Jacobs.

Peter Jacobs (GBR, MH): Mr. Interim President, Members of the Executive Committee, Fencing Friends. I want to put a stiff, slightly different slant on what I want to say. I want to talk about the IOC and our relationship with it because we are indeed an independent sports organisation. But we are also affiliated and members of the IOC. Do not forget that our Statutes state right at the beginning that any new Federation must be accredited with their National Olympic Committee as the sole representatives of fencing in their country.

Why do I stand up and speak in front of you? I think because maybe, in some vanity, I am the most senior FIE person here. I was first elected to a Commission 45 years ago. I have been in the Executive for 24 years and

the Treasurer; and also fenced into the Olympics and been accredited to ten others. So, I hope that my advice may, by some, be taken as useful.

And what do I see as the first priority, therefore, of the FIE? It is to be an Olympic sport. And what do I see as our second priority? To remain an Olympic sport. And what do I see as our third priority? It is not to do anything that endangers our position with the IOC and endangers our being an Olympic sport. End of story, because every one of your Federations also relies on the IOC directly or indirectly.

Not only does the FIE finances are underwritten by the IOC with its money from each Games every four years, and that is the most stable support that the FIE has. There may well be sponsors at the moment who support fencing, and there may be in the future. But who, in the end, would want to spend their energies and money supporting a sport that is not an Olympic sport and is not that well known? Who will find sponsors, and who will support the Federations? Each of your Federations relies on your National Olympic Committee, and it relies on your sport, our sport, fencing, being an Olympic sport and therefore having standing and status, and attraction. Do not endanger it.

Thomas Bach said in March that he wanted every International Olympic Federation to support the IOC in its current activities, and no more, and no less. I understand that the IOC has said exactly the same thing to the FIE in the last few weeks. So why would we attempt to risk committing a fencing suicide by going against the IOC now? Rather than supporting the Executive Committee in their decision to continue supporting the IOC as they wish, at least until March. And personally, I hope that then as well, we will continue to support the IOC in whatever they do, whether it is to maintain the current situation or to welcome the Russians and Belarusians back into fencing. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Senegal.

Mbagnick Ndiaye (SEN): Thank you so much. Mr. Interim President, Madam Executive Director of the FIE, Ladies and Gentlemen Members of the Executive Committee, Ladies and Gentlemen Delegates, Dear Congressists, The problem opposing us and that concerns us today is a problem of extreme sensitivity. It is speaking or making decisions according to a situation that is born out of politics. The war in Ukraine was started by politicians and not by sportsmen. This war has terrible consequences. Athletes cannot train. In Africa, the consequences are disastrous for the populations. The cost of living has increased, like it or not.

But pose here, today, this problem of exclusion of athletes who were not at the root of this situation, athletes who are strangers to the current events, insisting on their exclusion today in 2022, is for us, who have been here for several years, a novelty.

When Afghanistan was invaded, did you make the decision to punish the invader? When Syria was invaded, did we make the decision to punish the invader? When Armenia and Azerbaijan were in conflict, did we care who was wrong, who invaded, and who did not invade? I think we are mixing two domains: politics and sports. Our goal must be to defend sports so that war does not create hatred between athletes. The sportsmen must be at the base of the reconciliation, after the catastrophes of the political decisions made.

Yes, there is war, and its consequences, on athletes but also on populations. That is what I want to say. This is why we must try to find a solution to this problem; it is not by excluding the athletes that we will find the best

solution. I honestly think as a President of a Federation and not as a Member of an Executive Committee, I think we have to know how to be reasonable. To know how to be reasonable is to ensure that we try to find the appropriate solutions to this problem. By doing what? By following the decision of the FIE Executive Committee, which is looking for ways and means, to ensure that our family is united, that our family goes in the direction wanted by the athletes and not in the direction wanted by the politicians. This is why, as a free and independent federation, free and independent, free and independent, we follow the decision of the Executive Committee of the International Federation.

Certainly, we are not here to see the fencing family divided into two, those who are for and those who are against. Wars will always take place in this world. People will always take positions, dramatic ones for some. Are we going to spend all our time at the International Federation saying, yes, there is war here, we sanction, yes, there is war here, we sanction, yes, there is war here, we sanction? Why did not we do it when Afghanistan was invaded? Why did not you, you from the FIE?

And in Africa, these undeclared invasions, these invasions that are not officially declared, harm us by creating prejudice. Why do not you look for these European countries that are invading us, these European countries, which are creating problems for us Africans?

Applause.

Why do not you want to talk about it? And because a country has invaded another country in Europe, in Europe, in Europe, you raise to say no, no, and no. Why do not you say it for Africa? Why, my dear delegates, do you not say it for Africa? Why? Do you want to divide us? Because on one side, there are those who suffer, and on the other side, there are those who invade.

I think that Senegal, as an independent country, a responsible country, follows the decision of the Committee and asks all those who have the same thought, orientation, and vision to follow the Executive Committee of the International Federation. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Finland.

Joonas Lyytinen (FIN): Mr. President, Dear Friends, It is very true that the international community has failed many times before, it has made mistakes, and it has not made decisions when decisions should have been made, especially related to Africa, but also to other places, and Europe has had a big part in this. But the way to respond to past mistakes is not to make the same mistakes again and fail again in the same way we have failed in the past. We have heard many pleas about not mixing sports and politics in this room. I would remind everybody that in Russia, President Putin is parading the Olympic medalists in pro-war rallies, and Mr. Pozdnyakov, who is the President of the National Committee of Russia, is publicly supporting the war.

So, we may ask, who is the party mixing sports and politics here? Is it us or the parties guilty of starting this war of aggression? It is also true that Russian athletes and officials are victims. They are victims because they cannot participate in the sport they love, and they have trained for years. They are victims like the million young men who have fled Russia in order not to be mobilized and sent to fight an illegal war in Ukraine and die. They are victims like the 100,000 Russian men who have already been killed and wounded in the war in Ukraine.

But they are not victims of the decisions we have made, or the IOC has made, or the international community has made, or the United States has made, or any other party you might name. They are the victims of the decisions made by the Russian and Belarusian governments and not victims of our decisions. We have here pleas that we have to be independent, and we have to make our own decisions and not mix sports with politics. I would like to remind everybody that by excluding the Russian and Belarusian athletes for at least until March, we are not following the orders of any other external party. We are following the recommendation of the International Olympic Committee, which is the highest governing body of sports in the world. So, we, as a sports community, are making these decisions following the recommendation of the IOC. I would strongly recommend that we follow the IOC and vote for the proposition made by the Executive Committee to continue the exclusion until March and make the decision then in an extraordinary Executive Committee. Thank you very much.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, the motion that is presented to the Congress, I repeat, is the following: “Do you accept that the Executive Committee continues with its decision of 2nd March, 2022, for the time being, while reviewing and reconsidering the situation in case of any new circumstances?”

We are going to open the vote on this motion.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Applause.

The motion of the Executive Committee passed.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The decisions were already read. We said that the Executive Committee does not want to exclude the Russian and Belarusian athletes from the Olympic qualification. Therefore, the Executive Committee unanimously decided during its meeting on 25 November, 2022, to organise an extraordinary virtual Congress at the beginning of March 2023 to make decisions regarding the possible options for the Olympic qualification. The Executive Committee will meet in January 2023 to establish proposals that will be submitted to the extraordinary Congress.

And the decision that you have just voted is that you accept that the Executive Committee continues with its decision of 2nd March, 2022, for the time being, while reviewing and reconsidering the situation in case of any new circumstances.

Applause.

The next part of the Congress will be the awards for items #13, #14, and #15, but meanwhile, there will a coffee break.

(Coffee Break)

13. Nominations of Members of Honour

Nathalie Rodriguez: Please take your seats. We are moving to the last parts of Congress. Please take your seats.

We will start the awards part with some music.

[Music is played]

This music belongs to the FIE. If you wish to have it, you are welcome. We will provide it to you. It has been composed as a tribute to all fencers in the world.

Applause.

Item #13 is Nomination of the Members of Honour. The floor is to Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH): Dear Friends, following the proposition of the FIE Executive Board, the Honours Commission has met and unanimously approved the following candidates for the title of Member of Honour. Mr. Jacek Bierkowski and Mr. Victor Sergio Grouppierre.

[Exclamations in the audience]

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Jacek and Victor, please come. I know I had to lie to you, Jacek, to have you here. I apologize for this lie, but it was for the good of fencing.

[Awards are given]

Applause.

13. 2022 Fair-Play Trophy

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next item is the 2022 Fair-Play Trophy award. Based on the proposal of the Fair-Play Council, the Executive Committee has nominated Sheila Liliana Tejeda of Mexico and Zsombor Keszthelyi from Hungary.

Applause.

[Awards are given]

Applause.

14. Winners of the 2022 official rankings and Nations Cups

Nathalie Rodriguez: For the next item, Winners of the official rankings and of the Nations Cups 2022, I request all members of the Executive Committee to move up to the award wall to present the medals to the athletes and teams. All the members of the Executive Committee, please, there are a lot of people who will receive medals. By the way, I would like to congratulate Yuki Ota, whose birthday was yesterday.

Applause.

Individual Junior Rankings

Women's Épée – Hadley Husisian from the USA

Applause.

Men's Épée – Zsombor Keszthelyi from Hungary

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The next athlete who should prepare is Lauren Scruggs, the USA.

Women's Foil – Lauren Scruggs from the USA

Applause.

Men's Foil – Chase Emmer from the USA

Applause.

Women's Sabre – Sugar Katinka Battai from Hungary

Men's Sabre – Colin Heathcock who is now from the USA (Note: he was fencing for Germany when he won the ranking)

Applause.

Junior Team Ranking Winners

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now the Junior Teams.

Women's Épée – Israel

Applause.

Men's Épée – Egypt

Applause.

Women's Foil – USA

Applause.

Men's Foil – Italy
Applause.

Women's Sabre – France
Applause.

Men's Sabre – Egypt
Applause.

Individual Senior Rankings

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now the Individual Senior Rankings.

Women's Épée – Injeong Choi from Korea
Applause.

Men's Épée – Romain Cannone from France
Applause.

Women's Foil – Lee Kiefer from the USA
Applause.

Men's Foil – Tommaso Marini from Italy
Applause.

Women's Sabre – Anna Bashta from Azerbaijan
Applause.

Men's Sabre – Áron Szilágyi from Hungary

Nathalie Rodriguez: Áron is not here. Can we ask the Federation to receive his medal?
Applause.

Senior Team Ranking Winners

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now the Senior Teams.

Women's Épée – Korea
Applause.

Men's Épée – France
Applause.

Women's Foil – Italy
Applause.

Men's Foil – Italy

Applause.

Women's Sabre – France

Applause.

Men's Sabre – Korea

Applause.

Nations Grand Prix

Nathalie Rodriguez: The winner of the Grand Prix of the Nations for Juniors, Cadets, and Veterans is the USA.

USA, please come to receive the three medals.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The Senior Grand Prix of the Nations goes to France.

Applause.

Thank you very much.

15. Any other business

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much. So, we move to the last item on the agenda, which is the Various Items.

For the Second item, I will ask Jacek Bierkowski to make a presentation on the preparations for the Olympic Games. But with the First item, I will deal myself. I must admit, and I hate it, not being perfect. I have to tell you that I just forgot – it is entirely my fault – to submit to your approval the 2021 Congress Report, which you received, and which is posted on our website, but we did not vote on it. It is entirely my fault. So, if you agree, I would like you to vote on that item, in order not to forget it. So, I will open the vote on the 2021 Congress Report, which you had received, and which is posted on our website.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Thank you very much for approving it, and my apologies.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Jacek, will you please come to the tribune? Jacek Bierkowski and Dieter Lammer are the two technical delegates for the Olympic Games, and they wanted to update you on the ongoing preparations for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the Honour Commission for this title. It was a big surprise for me. Thank you.

Applause.

My friend Dieter Lammer and I would like to show you the situation of the preparation for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024.

Everybody remembers the Grand Palais, one of the most beautiful buildings in Paris, and this is the building we will use during our Olympic Games in Paris. You also remember that this building hosted the Senior World Championship in 2010, then we celebrated our 100th anniversary in 2013 and 105th anniversary in 2018. This is our visit in September of this year. The Grand Palais looks like this.

[Exclamations in the audience]

Not too bad, not too bad. Yes.

(Laughter)

Nathalie Rodriguez: It will be better.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): This gentleman, maybe this is Dieter.

(Laughter)

Now back to the serious topic. This is the renovation of the Grand Palais, which is a huge, huge project. The cost

of the renovation is €500 million, and it is a huge money. Of course, the cost of the Olympic Games organised in France is just €7.6 billion. They will demolish everything, but everything must stay quite the same as many years before.

The audience of this palace is 8000 seats, including the wheelchair seats and dimensions of the field of play. This is a place where we should install the platform with a four-colored piste, and the center final piste is 46 meters in length and 60 meters wide. This is the way how the site is looking at this moment, and I'd like to ask Dieter to explain how everything should be positioned.

Dieter Lammer: Okay. Highlighted in blue, you see the venue; in the middle, you see the four-colored piste and the podium piste. On the right side is the entrance; below, you see the warmup area.

On the left side is the waiting area for the boxes. And in blue, and on the left side of the field of play, you see the final warmup area and the call room. The warmup area is on the first floor of this venue. Maybe we can see another plan also, but this is the construction right now.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): The construction of the Grand Palais does not easily allow us to describe the competition's setup. The blue one above shows the completed condition of the call room, and the referees and the fencers come down by the stairs to the field of play – next slide.

Dieter Lammer: Here, you see the competition schedule. As usual, we start with three days of individual competitions, followed by the team competitions, as you see here on the screen. This schedule is most similar to Tokyo.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): You can see the men's and women's weapons rotations, every day we change, it is absolutely the same condition. This is the Olympic village. I am sorry, I do not use this laser because it is forbidden in Europe. The Olympic village is a huge area that is in the north of Paris. The name of this district is Saint-Denis. The blue area you see is the dining hall, and this part is the training zone. Okay, you can see the Polyclinic, the main bus station, etc. Everything is there. The two buildings in blue are our training hall. Dieter will show you.

Dieter Lammer: Yes. This is the training hall until now. The training halls are located in two old cinemas. We have two training venues. Each training venue has eight pistes, and we will have to share the pistes for a few sessions with Modern Pentathlon. But in general, I think these venues are not too far for the athletes and for the coaches because they are located inside the Olympic village.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): The size is also sufficient. Both studios, Studio A and Studio B are the same size; they are 432 square meters together. The repair table and the toilets should also be near these studios, and by the walls should be the benches for the coaches. Dieter is preparing a schedule for the training, so the pentathlon athletes can also use it. One more piece of information, please. The opening of the hall is scheduled for the 20th of July.

Location and the distance.

The Grand Palais is situated exactly in the center of Paris. It is close to Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, and the Alexandre III Bridge, easily reachable by walk. It's a maximum of three minutes from the metro station named École-Militaire. Not too far from Franklin Roosevelt. It's a very beautiful place, as you know. Please show the next slide. The Olympic village is not far from Paris, and it is about 15 kilometers from Grand Palais, 35

minutes by bus or minibuses. The Organizing Committee, like in Tokyo, like in London, is preparing a special lane, an Olympic lane on the street, on the road to be used by the minibuses and Olympic buses without traffic. So, we hope it will not take much time to get from the Olympic village to Grand Palais.

For your information, the ITOs, delegates of the SEMI, the Medical, of the Refereeing Commissions, the Technical Commission delegation, also the FIE family will be staying at the same hotel, which is about two kilometers walk away from Grand Palais. It takes a maximum of twenty minutes to walk, and we do not need to use any local transportation. It is a very nice location, and it's very close to our venue.

Dieter Lammer: The current planning for the test event will be held in the Grand Palais on 9-10th of August next year. The test event will include individual women's foil, individual men's épée, and team women's sabre. As you can see, it is very close to the end of the World Championship, but we have no other possibilities to host this test event at this stage.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): You see the names of the representatives of the FIE. It is Madam Nathalie Rodriguez, our Chief Executive Officer, Dieter Lammer, our Technical Delegate, the FIE Technical and Sports Director, and me. And finally, the view of Paris. If you have any questions related to the preparation of the site, we are responsible for helping you to answer any of the questions.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you very much. Thank you. Before the Interim President closes the Congress, I would like to make two remarks. First, I would like to thank our translators today for their wonderful job.

Applause.

And I would like to make a special comment on the personnel of the FIE, who have supported the fencing family for the past challenging years during the COVID. They have been fantastic; without their support, I think it would have been very difficult. And I want to tell them from the bottom of my heart, thank you very much.

Applause.

And the floor is to the Interim President.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH): Thank you, Nathalie. Dear Congressists, I would like to thank you very much for your participation in this Congress, historic Congress, because it was the 100th Congress in our history. I think it was successful, and a big part of this job belongs to you, for which I would like to thank you wholeheartedly. Also, I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their help with everything. I will go to thank our CEO with her heart in the headquarters, in our work, and the Sports Director. And, of course, all the staff who worked hard for this successful Congress. Again, I thank you very much for your participation and enjoy the rest of the night. Thank you.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Please leave your voting boxes on the table. For tonight, do not forget to bring your accreditation.

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Annexes

FINANCIAL REPORT

2021

FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

16 June 2022

Dear President,
 Ladies and Gentlemen and Members of Honour,
 Ladies and Gentlemen and Members of the Executive Committee,
 Ladies and Gentlemen and Presidents of Federations,
 Ladies and Gentlemen and Congress participants,

I am pleased to submit for your approval the balance sheet and income statements for the financial year 2021 (1 January to 31 December), together with the budget for 2023 (1 January to 31 December).

1. INCOME STATEMENT

SUMMARY

The revenue and expenditure accounts for the financial period submitted for your approval show a difference in revenues compared to expenses of **CHF 12,630,019** from capital, and capital of **CHF 37,018,011**.

EXPENSES

Total administrative and financial expenses:

	CHF	<u>2,967,976</u>	;	1.39 %	<i>below budget.</i>
1) Payroll expenses	CHF	1,418,664	;	4.14 %	<i>below budget.</i>
2) Administrative expenses		415,000	;	12.63 %	<i>below budget.</i>

The main categories are:

• Office rental	CHF	121,741
• Fees	CHF	64,339
• Translation services	CHF	88,951
• Information technology	CHF	33,467
• Various insurances	CHF	48,481

3) Organization of the FIE Congress
 in Lausanne

CHF **588,835;** **47.20% over budget.**

All costs of the 2021 congress in Lausanne were borne by the FIE, which explains the budget overrun.

4) Bureau and Executive Committee (meetings)	CHF	163,155 ;	14.12 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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The main categories are:

• Executive Committee meetings	CHF	82,842
• Executive Committee travel expenses	CHF	49,383
• Executive Committee per diem	CHF	17,961

5) Executive Committee and personnel travel expenses (WCH)	CHF	48,202 ;	3.59 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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6) Commissions and Councils	CHF	4,011 ;	91.97 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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Including

• Refereeing Commission	CHF	2,084
• Special Commission	CHF	1,927

7) Antidoping management services, out-of-competition testing and promoting antidoping	CHF	187,953 ;	39.37 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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<u>Total financial expenses:</u>	<u>CHF</u>	<u>39,104 ;</u>	2.24 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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• Foreign exchange losses	CHF	-
• Financial expenses	CHF	15,588
• Depreciation & amortisation	CHF	23,516
• Provisions/losses on receivables	CHF	-

Total expenses for the Sport department:

<u>CHF</u>	<u>1,739,288 ;</u>	47.34 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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1) Subsidies to the Confederations	CHF	240,000 ;		<i>within budget.</i>
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2) Equipment for the Federations	CHF	557,339 ;	7.11%	<i>below budget.</i>
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• Africa	CHF	125,423	23 federations
• Americas	CHF	132,592	25 federations
• Asia	CHF	126,512	24 federations
• Europe	CHF	159,097	25 federations
• Oceania	CHF	13,715	3 federations

One hundred national federations benefited from the equipment aid programme.

3) Schools, training for Fencing Masters	CHF	100,561 ;	87.58 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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• Africa	CHF	95,452
• Americas	CHF	-
• Asia	CHF	-
• Europe	CHF	697
• Oceania	CHF	4,412

Africa receives 94.91% of the training budget.

4) World Championships training camp CHF -

For health reasons related to Covid-19, there was no training camp.

5) Refereeing: examinations, seminars, bonuses
CHF 235,061 ; 49.98 % *below budget.*

6) Assistance to the Federations (1+1+1)
CHF 260,542 ; 45.72 % *below budget.*

7) Juniors/Cadets World Championships CHF 145,890 ; 21.57 % *over budget.*

8) Veterans World Championships CHF -

The Veterans World Championships that were to be held in the United States were cancelled, no costs were incurred.

9) Grand Prix, World Cups, Zonal Championships
CHF 49,756 ; 33.65 % *below budget.*

The budget was not spent as only the last zonal qualifiers were held.

10) Service providers CHF 36,041 ; 63.95 % *below budget.*

11) Athlete careers programme CHF -

12) Confederation Sport Directors CHF 72,000 ; 40.00 % *below budget.*

13) Projects CHF 42,098 ; 61.02 % *below budget.*

Total expenses for the Communication/Marketing/TV department:

CHF 1,219,295 ; 56.32 % *below budget.*

1) Video portal/Digital content/Website
CHF 139,175 ; 53.60 % *below budget.*

• Digital content/Video portal CHF 125,886
• Website CHF 13,289

2) Magazines CHF 67,905 ; 54.73 % *below budget.*

3) Communication	CHF	41,116 ;	31.47 %	<i>below budget.</i>
4) Marketing	CHF	35,761 ;	55.29 %	<i>below budget.</i>
5) Events	CHF	110,822 ;	78.05 %	<i>below budget.</i>
6) Service providers	CHF	154,857 ;	12.01 %	<i>below budget.</i>
7) TV broadcast (Eurosport, CNN)	CHF	669,658 ;	55.97 %	<i>below budget.</i>

Total costs of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games:

	CHF	529,801 ;	58.97 %	<i>below budget.</i>
1) Rooms (final payments)	CHF	41,683 ;	62.23 %	<i>below budget.</i>
2) Tickets (final payments)	CHF	-		
3) Executive Committee travel expenses to Tokyo	CHF	78,776 ;	21.22 %	<i>below budget.</i>
4) Zonal qualifiers	CHF	-		
5) Olympic Games (ITOs, etc.)	CHF	255,953 ;	17.16 %	<i>below budget.</i>
6) Promotion for Tokyo	CHF	145,700 ;	79.18 %	<i>below budget.</i>
7) Press kits	CHF	7,689 ;	84.62 %	<i>below budget.</i>

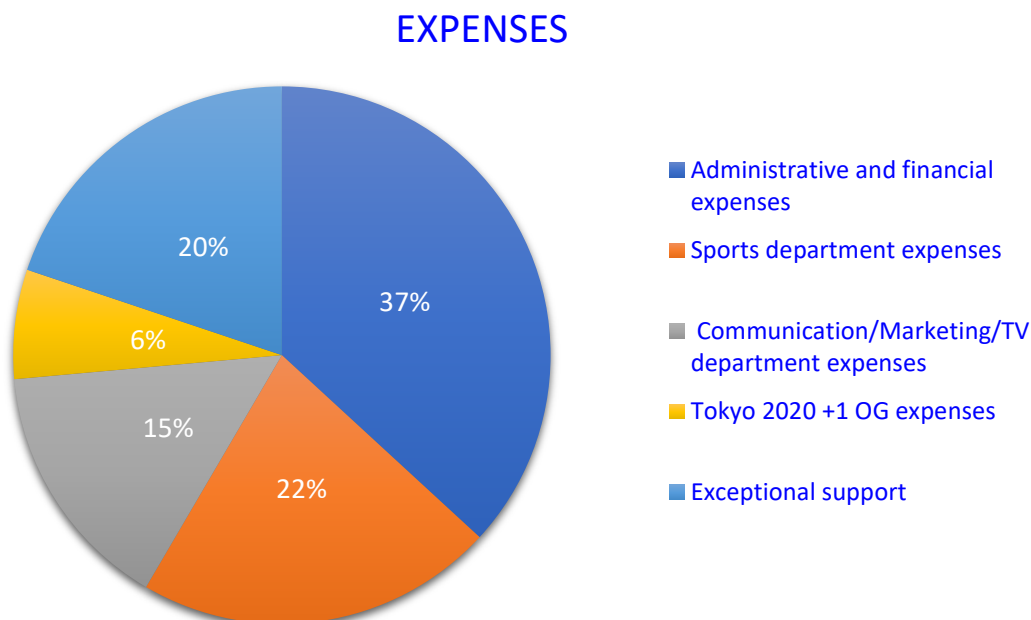
The Olympic Games were postponed to 2021, so the costs associated with this section were carried forward.

Total for exceptional aid:

	CHF	1,599,193 ;		
1) Exceptional aid for the Lebanon federation	CHF	30,000 ;		
2) Exceptional aid for confederations and webinars	CHF	24,748 ;		
3) Exceptional aid for sanitary measures, organisation of WC, GP, WCH	CHF	1,219,949 ;		
4) Exceptional aid for athletes, equipment vouchers	CHF	324,496 ;		

Total FIE expenses were CHF 8,123,611 and foreign currency amounts were revalued at CHF 46,785.

An unusual year marked by the global pandemic, in which the ratio of aid granted in the budget or exceptional, surpassed 35%.



REVENUE

1) Donations: donation by the President	CHF	6,534,500 ;		
2) Revenue from the Federations -	CHF	53,082 ;	21.93 %	below budget.
Including:				
• Paid-up annual fees of the Federations	CHF	-		payment exemptions.
• Organisation fees (GP, World Cup) -	CHF	-		payment exemptions.
• International licences -	CHF	24,676 ;		
• Referee examination fees -	CHF	-		
• Other revenue -	CHF	28,406 ;	28.98 %	below budget.

The exceptional support plan exempted the federations from paying their annual fees or the organisation fees for the 2021 World Cups and Grands Prix, as the budget was CHF 28,000.

The reduction in licence revenue is explained by the competition cancellations due to the pandemic.

3) Finances and provisions	CHF	78,452 ;	56.90 %	over budget.
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Including:

• Interest	CHF	4,247 ;	91.50 %	<i>below budget.</i>
• Foreign exchange gains	CHF	46,785 ;		
• Income from previous years	CHF	26,866 ;		
• Release of provisions	CHF	554 ;		

4) IOC -	CHF	178,182 ;	11.87 %	<i>below budget.</i>
• IOC development aid subsidy	CHF	65,345 ;	2.76 %	<i>below budget.</i>
• IOC subsidy for ITOs costs 2020 Olympic Games	CHF	112,837 ;	16.41 %	<i>below budget.</i>

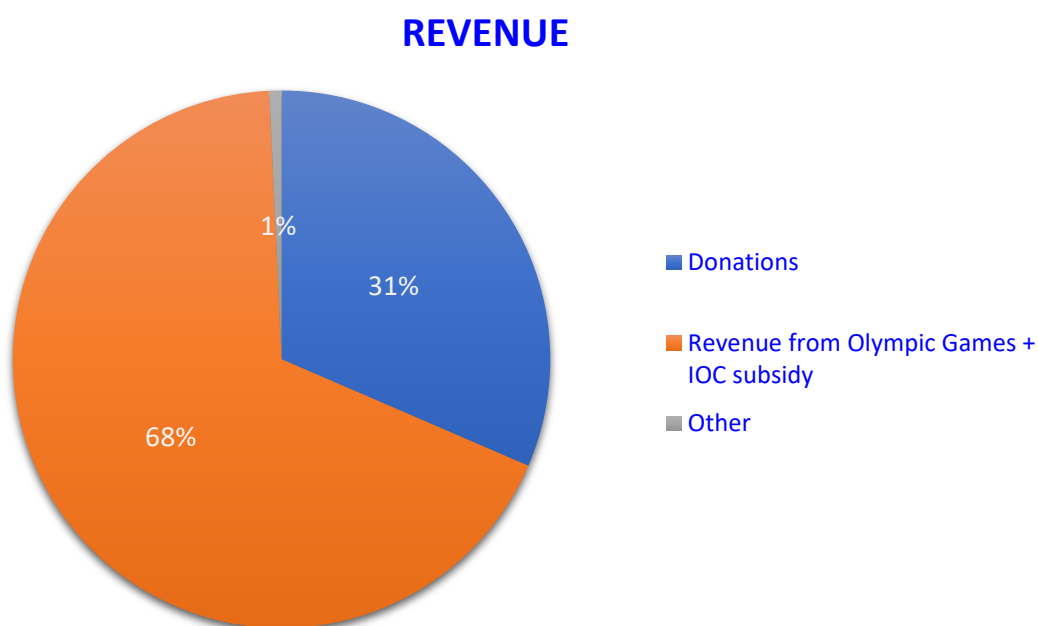
5) Revenue from the Olympic Games	CHF	13,889,878 ;	7.40 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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6) Communication/Marketing/TV -	CHF	19,536 ;	75.58 %	<i>below budget.</i>
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Including

• Escrime magazine	CHF	19,536 ;	64.48 %	<i>below budget.</i>
• Sponsorship -	CHF	-		
• Television rights	CHF	-	100.00 %	<i>below budget.</i>

The total revenue was **CHF 20,753,629**; that is 1.73% over budget; our President's donation accounts for 31.48% of the FIE's income.



BALANCE SHEET: Our total capital was CHF 37,018,011

ASSETS:

Current assets:

1) Cash (cash funds, bank balances and short-term bank accounts) -	CHF	35,622,316
2) Stock (ties, scarves, flags) -	CHF	15,824
3) Receivables from Federations -	CHF	20,971
4) Other clients -	CHF	16,739
5) Accrued income -	CHF	1,253,237
6) Prepaid expenses -	CHF	67,278

Total current assets: CHF 36,996,365

Fixed assets:

1) Tangible fixed assets -	CHF	21,646
• Office and IT equipment -	CHF	3,762
• Office furniture -	CHF	-
• Sports equipment -	CHF	-
• General equipment -	CHF	17,884
2) Financial fixed assets -	CHF	-
3) Intangible fixed assets -	CHF	-

Total fixed assets: CHF 21,646

Total assets: CHF 37,018,011

LIABILITIES:

1) The capital as at 01/01/2021 (CHF 2,656,059) represented the FIE's financial situation at the beginning of the financial year.

The positive balance of revenue over expenses of CHF 12,630,019 was the result from the profit and loss account.

• Capital as at 31 December 2021 -	CHF	2,656,059
• Gain in the financial year -	CHF	12,630,019
• Long-term reserve -	CHF	20,000,000

Total equity was CHF 35,286,078.

2) Suppliers and accrued liabilities

• Suppliers -	CHF	236,284
• Accrued liabilities -	CHF	1,037,346
• Income received in advance -	CHF	-
• Other creditors -	CHF	458,304

Total short-term capital was CHF 1,731,933.

Total liabilities: CHF 37,018,011

I warmly thank our CEO Nathalie Rodriguez, who always manages to rise to even the most complicated challenges; it looks easy, but it is far from so.

Thanks also go to our Accounting Manager Sandra Baroni, whose professionalism we have become used to and who never disappoints us.

Ferial Salhi
Secretary-Treasurer

Auditors' report on the limited audit

with annual accounts at 31 December 2021 of

Fédération Internationale d'Escrime, Lausanne

To the Congress of members of the
Fédération Internationale d'Escrime, Lausanne

Lausanne, 21 June 2022

Auditors' report on the limited audit

In our capacity as auditor, we have checked the annual accounts (balance sheet, income statement and notes to the financial statements) of the Fédération Internationale d'Escrime for the financial year ending 31 December 2021.

Responsibility for drawing up the annual accounts rests with management, whereas our task is to audit those accounts. We confirm our compliance with the statutory requirements regarding approval and independence.

Our audit was carried out according to the Swiss standard relating to a limited audit. This standard requires the audit to be planned and conducted in such a way that significant anomalies in the annual accounts may be ascertained. A limited audit primarily consists of hearings, analytical audit operations and appropriate detailed checks of the documents available in the audited company. However, checks of operating flow and the internal auditing system as well as other audit operations and hearings aimed at detecting fraud or other breaches of the law do not form part of this audit.


In the course of our audit, we did not encounter anything to lead us to conclude that the annual accounts do not comply with the law (Article 957 et seq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations - CO) and statutes.

Ernst & Young SA



Alfred
Widmann
(Qualified
Signature)

Senior Auditor
(Audit Manager)



Pascal Tréhan
(Qualified
Signature)

Senior Auditor

Attached

- Annual accounts (balance sheet, income statement and notes to the financial statement)

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	31.12.2021 CHF	31.12.2020 CHF
Cash funds	37 198	15 071
Bank balances	35 585 118	18 385 706
Cash	35 622 316	18 400 777
Receivables from Federations	20 971	30 061
Other short-term receivables	16 739	71 718
Stock	15 824	18 611
Accrued income (net)	1 253 237	5 030 342
Prepaid expenses	67 278	90 691
Accruals – assets	1 320 515	5 121 034
Current assets	36 996 365	23 642 200
Office and IT equipment	3 762	15 106
Office furniture	0	184
General facilities	17 884	28 104
Tangible fixed assets	21 646	43 394
Fixed assets	21 646	43 394
Total assets	37 018 011	23 685 594

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BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES	31.12.2021 CHF	31.12.2020 CHF
Debts resulting from the purchasing of services	236 284	481 927
Other short-term liabilities (VAT payable)	458 304	0
Income received in advance	0	4 582
Accruals - liabilities	1 037 346	543 026
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Foreign short-term capital	1 731 933	1 029 534
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Initial capital	2 656 059	6 008 385
Gain in the financial year	12 630 019	-3 352 325
Final capital	15 286 078	2 656 059
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Reserve fund	20 000 000	20 000 000
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Total equity	35 286 078	22 656 059
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Total liabilities	37 018 011	23 685 594
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INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2021 CHF	2020 CHF
Donations	5	6 534 500	5 000 000
Net income from Federations	6	53 082	94 247
Contributions from the IOC	8	178 182	63 231
Revenue from the Olympic Games	9	13 889 878	0
Communication and marketing income	10	19 536	125 147
TOTAL INCOME		20 675 177	5 282 625
Salaries		-1 280 281	-1 244 488
Payroll taxes		-187 237	-143 552
Other personnel expenses		-19 204	-2 318
Payroll expenses	1.1 + 1.11	-1 486 722	-1 390 358
Operating expenses	1.2	-415 000	-448 727
Organisation of the Congress	1.3	-588 836	0
Bureau and Executive Committee	1.4	-163 155	-118 491
Travel expenses of Executive Committee	1.5	-48 202	-9 230
Commissions and Councils	1.6	-4 011	-8 768
Antidoping	1.7	-187 953	-139 416
Administrative expenses		-1 407 158	-724 631
Sports expenses	2	-1 739 288	-1 972 090
Communication and marketing expenses	3	-1 219 295	-1 686 193
Tokyo Olympic Games	4	-529 801	-221 812
Global Support Plan	4Bis	-1 599 193	-1 102 875
EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION (EBITDA)		12 693 720	-1 815 335
Depreciation & amortisation	1.8	-23 516	-15 756
Release of provisions/losses on receivables	1,10 + 7,4	-102 495	1 417
Foreign exchange losses (revaluation of foreign currency accounts from EUR/USD/JPY to CHF)	12	0	-1 591 366
Financial expenses	1.9	-15 588	-17 410
Financial profit or loss		-15 588	-1 608 775
Interest	7,1	4 247	85 492
Foreign exchange gain	7	46 785	0
Financial income	7	51 032	85 492
Extraordinary expenses	4Ter	-22 743	-4 943
Extraordinary income	7,3	49 609	5 575
Extraordinary profit or loss	4Bis + 7,3	26 866	632
GAIN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		12 630 019	-3 352 325

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE D'ESCRIME

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. Accounting principles applied and not prescribed by law:

- 1.1. The 'Fédération Internationale d'Escrime' (hereinafter the "FIE") is an international non-governmental, non-profit organisation, having the legal form of an association under Swiss law and having its registered office in Lausanne, Switzerland.

It is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the world governing body for fencing. The FIE lays down the rules governing the organisation of international competitions and supervises their application.

- 1.2. The financial statements are presented in Swiss francs (CHF) in accordance with the accounting standards governed by the Swiss Code of Obligations, the regulations and statutes of the FIE and the following accounting methods.

1.3. *Items denominated in foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into Swiss francs (CHF) at the exchange rate in effect at the time when they are effected. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate in effect on the year-end date.

The rates applicable to the balance sheet below correspond to the year-end rates at 31 December 2021.

	31.12.2021	31.12.2020
	CHF	CHF
EUR/CHF	<u>1,0363</u>	<u>1,0844</u>
USD/CHF	<u>0,9151</u>	<u>0,8828</u>

1.4. *Receivables from Federations and other short-term receivables*

Receivables from Federations and other short-term receivables are recognised at their nominal value. Individual value corrections are made, with the residual balance subject to a flat-rate value correction of 5% and 10%.

1.5. *Stock*

Stock is valued at acquisition cost or production cost. The acquisition cost and production cost of stock are determined by the weighted cost method.

1.6. *Tangible fixed assets*

Tangible fixed assets are recognised on the balance sheet at their historical cost, after deduction of the accumulated depreciation. Depreciation charges are made according to the straight-line method. Any immediate depreciations are recognised within the tax deductibility limits, on the basis of a decision by the Treasurer.

Depreciation rates are set in accordance with the estimated useful life of the assets:

	Between 2 and
Office and IT equipment	3 years
Office furniture	4 years
Sports equipment	5 years
	Between 3 and
General facilities	5 years
Media	3 years

2. Information and comments on the principal balance sheet and income statement items:

	31.12.2021	31.12.2020
2.1. <i>Cash balances by currency</i>	CHF	CHF
CHF	8 345 387	1 622 488
HUF, 6,160	17	18
EUR, 6,894,450.09	7 144 719	2 056 366
USD, 21,997,058.89	20 129 509	14 673 659
JPY, 305,469	2 413	47 982
GBP, 220	272	264
	<u>35 622 316</u>	<u>18 400 777</u>

2.2. *Income statement*

The breakdown of the headings is provided in the attached table with the annual budget for comparison.

2.2.1 Expenses from previous years/extraordinary expenses in 2020:

This concerns the waiver of fees and per diem for Rio 2016 of CHF 4,943.

Income from previous years/extraordinary income in 2020:

This concerns a refund of CHF 2,139 from the Movenpick hotel for the 2019 Congress and the cancellation of an invoice for medals in 2018 for CHF 3,435.

Expenses from previous years/extraordinary expenses in 2021:

This concerns the waiving of debt of the Federation of Canada of CHF 4,934, the transfer to the current account of the advance of the Federation of Romania of CHF 10,965 and an invoice for the World Cup in Luxembourg of March 2020 received in October 2021 of CHF 6,843.

Expenses from previous years/extraordinary expenses in 2021:

This concerns the reversal of the 2017 provision of FE-ITA of CHF 20,694.40, the reversal of the 2020 aid p of CHF 1,081., the cancellation of the 2018 invoice of M Elbakry of CHF 5,209, the reversal of the 2020 antidoping provision of CHF 5,000, the reimbursement of Favero for equipment aid materiel in 2020 of CHF 8,038 and the grant for the 2020 WCH JC of CHF of the European Conf. of CHF 9,585.

3. Average annual full-time headcount:

As an annual average, the number of full-time posts is between 10 and 20 people.

	31.12.2021 CHF	31.12.2020 CHF
4. Leasing transaction and other non-cancellable long-term commitments:		
Commercial lease expiring on 30 September 2026, not recognised on the balance sheet	<u>592 948</u>	<u>93 623</u>
	31.12.2021 CHF	31.12.2020 CHF
5. Due to pension and welfare funds: :	<u>22 789</u>	<u>0</u>

2. INCOME STATEMENT FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021					
SWISS FRANCS (CHF)					
	EXPENSES			REVENUE	
	Jan/Dec 2021	Jan/Dec 2021		Jan/Dec 2021	Jan/Dec 2021
	Budget 2021	Expenses 2021		Budget 2021	Revenue 2021
1A. Administration	3 010 000	2 849 339	5. Donations	5 000 000	6 534 500
1.1 Payroll expenses	1 480 000	1 418 664	5.1 Donations by the President (USD 7m)	5 000 000	6 534 500
1.2 Operating expenses	475 000	415 000			
1.3 Organisation of the Congress/participation by the President of each NF in the Congress	400 000	588 836			
1.4 Bureau and Executive Committee	190 000	163 155	6. Federations	68 000	53 082
1.5 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to the WCH	50 000	48 202	6.1 Annual fees of Federations	-	-
1.6 Commissions and Councils (meetings)	50 000	4 011	6.2 Organisation fees	28 000	-
1.7 Antidoping	310 000	187 953	6.3 International licences	-	24 676
1.8 Depreciation & amortisation	15 000	23 516	6.4 Referee examination fees	-	-
1B. Finances and provisions		118 637	6.5 Other revenue	40 000	28 406
1.9 Financial expenses	25 000	15 588			
1.10 Provisions/losses on receivables	15 000	103 049			
1C. Provision for holidays and overtime		68 058			
2. Sport	3 303 000	1 739 288	7. Finances and provisions	50 000	101 195
2.1 Subsidies to the confederations	240 000	240 000	7.1 Interest	50 000	4 247
2.2 Equipment for the Federations	600 000	557 339	7.2 Foreign exchange gain	-	46 785
2.3 Schools, training for Fencing Masters	810 000	100 561	7.3 Income from previous years	-	49 609
2.4 Training camps at the championships	100 000	-	7.4 Release of provisions	-	554
2.5 Refereeing (examinations, seminars, bonuses)	470 000	235 061			
2.6 Aid to the Federations	480 000	260 542			
2.7 J/C World Championships	120 000	145 890	8. IOC / Tokyo 2020	202 200	178 182
2.8 Seniors/veterans World Championships	30 000	-	8.1 IOC subsidy to aid development	67 200	65 345
2.9 World Cups, GP, CHZ	75 000	49 756	8.2 IOC subsidy for Olympic Games 2020 ITOs costs	135 000	112 837
2.10 Service providers	100 000	36 041			
2.11 Athlete careers programme	50 000	-	9. Revenue from the Olympic Games	15 000 000	12 659 940
2.12 Confederation sports directors	120 000	72 000	9.1 Third IOC Tokyo 2020 Olympics payment		1 229 938
2.13 Projects	108 000	42 098			
3. Com/Mkt/TV	2 792 000	1 219 295	10. Com/Mkt/TV	80 000	19 536
3.1 Video portal/Digital content/Website	300 000	139 175	10.1 Escrime magazine	55 000	19 536
3.2 Magazines	150 000	67 905	10.2 Sponsorship	-	-
3.3 Communication	60 000	41 116	10.3 Television rights	25 000	-
3.4 Marketing	80 000	35 761			
3.5 Events	505 000	110 822			
3.6 Service providers	176 000	154 857			-
3.7 Specific projects	-	-			
3.8 TV Broadcast (Eurosport, CNN)	1 521 000	669 658			
3.8.1 TV broadcast - exchange rate difference	-	-			
4. Tokyo Olympics 2020	1 291 373	529 801			
4.1 Rooms (final payments)	110 373	41 683			
4.2 Tickets (final payments)	22 000	-			
4.3 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to Tokyo	100 000	78 776			
4.4 Olympic Games (ITOs, other costs)	309 000	255 953			
4.5 Promotion for Tokyo (films, school, website, promotion during the event, innovations, displays, spectator experience)	700 000	145 700			
4.6 Press kits, promotional items	50 000	7 689			
4 Bis Exceptional aid	1 732 500	1 599 193			
4 Bis 1 Exceptional aid to Lebanese Federation	30 000	30 000			
4 Bis 2 Exceptional aid for confederations webinars	30 000	24 748			
4 Bis 3 Exceptional aid for pandemic-related measures, organisation of WC	1 340 000	1 219 949			
4 Bis 4 Exceptional aid for athletes, equipment vouchers	332 500	324 496			
4. Ter Expenses from previous years		22 743			
SUBTOTAL	12 128 873	8 146 353	SUBTOTAL	20 400 200	20 776 372
12. Expense surplus	8 271 327	12 630 019	11. Expense surplus	-	-
TOTAL	20 400 200	20 776 372	TOTAL	20 400 200	20 776 372

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REVENUE AND EXPENSES) ACCORDING TO THE BUDGET FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2021					
SWISS FRANCS (CHF)					
	EXPENSES			REVENUE	
	Budget 2021	Expenses 2021		Budget 2021	Revenue 2021
1. Administration and Finance	3 010 000	2 967 976	5. Donations	5 000 000	6 534 500
1.1 Payroll expenses	1 480 000	1 418 664	5.1 Donations by the President (USD 7m)	5 000 000	6 534 500
1.2 Operating expenses	475 000	415 000			
1.3a Organisation of the Congress (total payable by the FIE)	400 000	259 197			
1.3 b Congress participation by the President of each NF in the Congress		185 483			
1.3c Pandemic measures for congress		144 155			
1.4 Bureau and Executive Committee	190 000	163 155	6. Federations	68 000	53 082
1.5 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to the WCH	50 000	48 202	6.1 Paid-up Federation annual fees	-	-
1.6 Commissions and Councils	50 000	4 011	6.2 Paid organisation fees	28 000	-
1.7 Antidoping	310 000	187 953	6.3 International licences	-	24 676
1.8 Foreign exchange losses	-	-	6.4 Referee examination fees	-	-
1.9 Financial expenses (bank transfer fees)	25 000	15 588	6.4 Other revenue	40 000	28 406
1.10 Depreciation & Amortisation	15 000	23 516			
1.11 Provisions/Losses on receivables	15 000	103 049			
1.11 Provision for holidays and overtime 2021 and previous financial years		68 058			
2. Sport	3 303 000	1 739 288	7. Finances and provisions	50 000	78 452
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3.4 Marketing	80 000	35 761			
3.5 Events	505 000	110 822			
3.6 Service providers	176 000	154 857	11. Other revenue (reserve)	-	-
3.7 Specific projects	-	-			
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2023 BUDGET - SWISS FRANCS (CHF)					
	EXPENSES			REVENUES	
	Jan/Dec 2022	Jan/Dec 2023		Jan/Dec 2022	Jan/Dec 2023
	Budget	Budget		Budget	Budget
1. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES	3 063 000	2 355 000	6. Donations	5 000 000	-
1.1. Personnel costs	1 480 000	1 190 000			
1.2. Operating costs	455 000	425 000			
1.3. Organisation of the Congress/subsidy Presidents NFs	300 000	220 000			
1.4. Bureau and Executive Committee (on site and online meetings)	190 000	100 000	7. Federations	309 000	399 100
1.5 Displacements of the Executive Committee and staff in World Championships	100 000	100 000	7.1. Federations Annual Fees	57 000	55 000
1.6. Commissions and councils (including meetings)	240 000	70 000	7.2. Organising fees		92 100
1.7. Anti doping	260 000	200 000	7.3. International Licences	200 000	200 000
1.8. Exchange losses	-	-	7.4. Refereeing Exam Fees	12 000	12 000
1.9 Financial Costs	25 000	25 000	7.5. Other Receipts	40 000	40 000
1.10 Amortization	8 000	20 000			
1.11 Provisions/losses	5 000	5 000	8. Finances	50 000	50 000
			8.1. Interest	50 000	50 000
2. SPORT	3 303 000	2 658 000	8.2. Exchange gain realized	-	-
2.1. Confederation Subsidies	240 000	240 000	8.3. Adjustements in currency values		
2.2. Material for federations	600 000	600 000	8.4. Previous years' revenue		
2.3. Schools, training formation	810 000	600 000	8.5. Dissolution of provision		
2.4. Training camps	100 000	100 000			
2.5. Refereeing - exams, seminars, primes	440 000	240 000	9. CIO	67 200	67 200
2.6. Aid for federations	480 000	480 000	9.1. IOC aid for development subsidy	67 200	67 200
2.7. Junior/Cadet World Championships	100 000	100 000			
2.8. Senior and Veteran World Championships	123 000	123 000			
2.9. Grand Prix, World Cups, Zonal Champs.	75 000	75 000			
2.10. Service Providers	75 000	100 000			
2.11. Athletes Careers Program	50 000	-			
2.12. Confederation Sport Directors	120 000	-	11. Com/Mkt/TV	80 000	80 000
2.13. Projects	90 000	-	11.1 Revue Escrime	55 000	55 000
			11.2 Sponsoring	-	-
			11.3 Television Rights	25 000	25 000
3. Com/Mkt/TV	2 792 000	1 685 000			
3.1.Digital content/video and photo portal/website	350 000	350 000			
3.2. Publications	150 000	120 000			
3.3. Communication	70 000	85 000			
3.4. Marketing	80 000	80 000			
3.5. Events (live streaming/commentary/photography)	480 000	300 000			
3.6. Service Providers	141 000	200 000			
3.7. Specific Projects	-	-	12. Other financial resources (reserve)	5 192 800	6 833 700
3.8.Broadcast	1 521 000	550 000			
Sub-total	9 158 000	6 698 000			
5. FIE support plan (Swiss Timing in season 2022-2023) for GP and Senior WCH organisers	1 541 000	732 000			
TOTAL EXPENSES	10 699 000	7 430 000	TOTAL INCOME	10 699 000	7 430 000



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Statutes

Article: 1.2.7

P. 1

Proposal from: Legal Commission

Motivation: Expand the Section regarding the sharing of information on bans and suspensions between the FIE and the Member Federations

Rationale: To make sure that persons who have been banned, expelled suspended, etc by one body are not permitted to participate in another jurisdiction during the duration of their penalty

1.2.7 All bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications ~~or other penalties~~ issued by a member federation to a licensee of the FIE because of the issuance of Black Card(s) or violation(s) of Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics, Disciplinary Codes or SafeGuarding policies of the member federation or criminal infractions should be made known, as soon as possible, to the Central-Head Office of the FIE which will inform the member federations of the FIE by listing such sanctions under the Tab for FIE Documents - the Administrative Department. The FIE will ban, suspend, expel or disqualify such licensee during the duration of the penalty imposed by the member federation.

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.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

Article: Proposal to clarify definitions of Bureau and Head Office

P. 2

Proposal from: Legal Commission

Motivation: Obsolete and confusing terms were still be used to refer to the Bureau and the Head Office of the FIE. These changes will clarify the use of these terms.

Change from “Central Office” to “Bureau”

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Paragraph 6 of the Preamble

1.2.6 d)

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Heading of 5.7

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7.2.11 paragraph 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9

11.1.2

11.2

All references under **MANAGEMENT**

Change from Central Office” to “Head Office”

1.2.7

1.5.4

1.5.6

4.7.4

7.1.4 d)

7.2.11 paragraph

9.2.2 a)

10.2.1

11.1.5

11.3

Definition of Head Office

Preamble

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) is a non-profit making organisation which is subject to the laws and regulations of the country on whose territory its head-office is located. The Head Office of the FIE is the main office for conducting its business.

1.3 REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered **Head Office** of the FIE is located in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: 2.1. 2 d) and new article 2.6

Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation

P. 3

Motivation: Regulate the processes of expulsion and suspension of a Member federation

A more precise regulation of the process of expulsion of Member Federation is desirable. Also, the Statutes do not mention the possibility of suspension of a Member Federation, yet there has already been cases where Member Federations have been suspended.

This proposal aims to find a reasonable regulation of the processes of expulsion and suspension, respecting the hierarchy of sports organizations and the need to safeguard the credibility of our sport by respecting decisions from the United Nations and the IOC.

ARTICLE 2.1. 2 d)

A Member Federation may lose its membership of the FIE:

- by resignation;
- by expulsion

The decision to expulse a Member Federation is taken by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive committee or a member federation.

The reasons that could motivate an expulsion are:

- sanctions imposed by the United Nations
- decisions of the International Olympic Committee
- failure to comply with the requirements of the present Statutes.

A Member Federation must be given an opportunity to be heard before a decision of expulsion is taken, either in writing, during a special hearing or by being present at the Congress where the decision is taken.

ARTICLE 2.6. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of a Member Federation of the FIE may be suspended.

The decision to suspend the membership of a Member Federation is taken by the Executive Committee or the Congress upon proposal of the Executive committee or a member federation. If the decision is taken by the Executive Committee it must be endorsed by the next Congress.

The reasons that should motivate a suspension of a Member Federation are:

- sanctions imposed by the United Nations
- decisions of the International Olympic Committee
- decision of the Executive Committee to propose the expulsion of a member federation at the next Congress
- failure to comply with the requirements of the present Statutes.
- when there is solid ground to suspect that the behaviour of the Member Federation, the president of the Member Federation or other persons that seem to have the role of beneficial owner of the Member Federation is in violation of national or international law or of the statutes of the Member Federation
- disciplinary measures

The suspension of a Member Federation implies the following consequences:

- that athletes and coaches representing the suspended Member Federation are not allowed to participate in any activities organised by the FIE
- that referees and other competition officials representing the suspended Member Federation are not allowed to participate in any activities organised by the FIE
- that elected individuals in the organisation representing the suspended Member Federation are not allowed to participate in any activities organised by the FIE or to take part in meetings to exercise their right to vote in the body of the FIE to which they have been elected
- that the Member Federation cannot organise any activity of the FIE
- that individuals representing the Member Federation are not allowed to participate in the Congress or to be candidates in any elections within the FIE
- the non-eligibility of the Member Federation for any grants or other funding from the FIE and the forfeit of any grants or other funding which have been decided but where payment has not yet been executed.

If the consequences of the suspension of a Member Federation are expanded or reduced compared to the list above, the consequences must be specified in the decision.

A Member Federation must be given an opportunity to be heard before a decision of suspension is taken, either in writing, during a special hearing or by being present at the Congress where the decision is taken.

Legal Commission: 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 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.

Executive Committee: Not in favour of the proposal.

Article: 2.2; 3.2; 3.4; 5.5.7; new articles 5.5.8 and 5.5.9

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 4

Motivation: To regulate the procedures regarding the submission of proposals.

To clarify the various authorities relating to proposals submitted to a Congress by Member Federations.

2.2 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

2.2.1 *Rights and duties of member Federations*

b) Each member Federation has the right to present its candidates for the different bodies of the FIE (see chapter 4).

They also have the right to draw up proposals which may be submitted to the Congress ~~(see in accordance with the processes described in~~ chapters 3.4) and 5.5.

3.2 ROLE OF THE CONGRESS

3.2.1 Each year the Congress receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation, the report on the accounts for the financial year that has ended and the report of the auditors. It approves the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1) to 4) determined by the Executive Committee for the following season.

It votes on the provisional budget.

It approves the positive report of the auditors.

Should the accounts for the financial year that has ended not be approved by the auditors, the President and the Executive Committee are dismissed from their positions.

The Congress appoints professional auditors as auditors for the following fiscal year, which can be renewed. The report of the auditors shall be based on recognized international financial reporting standards.

It approves changes proposed to the Statutes and to the Rules that are within the power and purview of the FIE and may discuss other proposals and requests submitted to it (cf.5.5).

3.4 AGENDA

3.4.1 All the proposals and requests shall reach the FIE's head office no later than midnight Lausanne time 8 months before the opening day of the next Congress.

Any proposal reaching the head office after this date cannot be put on the agenda.

3.4.2 Any proposal presented relating to of the Statutes or the Rules must mention the number of the article of the Statutes or the Rules concerned, the deleted text, the added or modified text, as well as the motivation of the proposal. Proposals that do not respect this form will not be taken into account.

5.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

5.5.3 The Executive Committee outlines the work of the Commissions and the Congresses. For this purpose, it can use all means of communication to gather relevant information.

5.5.7 The Executive Committee is responsible for planning, modifying and drafting the text of the Administrative Rules. ~~It approves the drafting of the texts prepared by the Rules Commission and the Legal Commission for submission to the Congress~~

5.5.8 The Executive Committee reviews all proposals submitted to the FIE for inclusion on the forthcoming Congress's agenda. It is responsible for deciding which are the appropriate amendments to the Rules or Statutes and determines which commissions, committees or councils should review further each proposal in preparation for that congress. It also determines which are the proposals that may be discussion topics at the Congress and those that may be assigned to a Working Group for further analysis. It advises the submitting National Federations of its decisions regarding these latter categories and the reasons for which the proposal has been so designated as a discussion topic or has been forwarded to a Working Group, details of which shall also be included in the Congress documents for information. For the structure, mandate and reporting of Working Groups, see Chapter VI-B.

5.5.9 The Executive Committee in particular reviews and comments on the texts drafted by the Rules Commission and the Legal Commission for submission to the Congress.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: 3.3.1

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 5

Motivation: To help ensure new candidates at Elective Congresses are not at a disadvantage compared to current incumbents by enabling attendee federations to be introduced to them.

3.3 COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION

- 3.3.1 The FIE member Federations may be represented at a FIE Congress by 2 delegates, whose names must be made known to the FIE Head Office one month before the Congress in writing. Members of the Executive Committee, the Commissions and the permanent councils ("Councils") have the right to take part in the Congress.

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

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.

Executive Committee: In favour of the suggestion from the Legal Commission to postpone this proposal to 2023.

Article: 3.3.3

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 6

Motivation: Establish a delivery deadline for proxies to permit the efficient use of voting machines, which must be programmed for each country in order to assure electoral integrity.

3.3.3 *Proxies and mandates*

- a) The right to vote at a Congress can be delegated to another federation. This must be signed by the President, **Secretary General or equivalent** of the Member Federation, and the mandate can be imperative for all statutory modifications.

In no instance may a proxy agent have more than one mandate for another Member Federation.

- b) The only valid proxies are those received by the FIE **twenty-four (24) hours** before the opening of the Congress, **except as permitted, within twelve (12) hours of the opening of the Congress, by the Bureau, in its reasonable discretion, upon showing proof of unavoidable delay in issuing of the proxy.** ~~the proxy must bear the signature of the President of the Member Federation.~~

When a Member Federation has already received a proxy, and now receives another proxy from another Member Federation, it must inform the latter that it cannot accept the proxy.

Every proxy may identify one or several other Member Federations who could receive that proxy, in order of preference, should the Member Federation receiving the proxy be prevented from taking it.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: 3.4

P. 7

Proposal from: Legal Commission

Motivation: To streamline the business of Congresses and avoid repetitive interventions, while ensuring that the relevant people have the opportunity to express their opinions

3.4 AGENDA

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. 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.

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.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1

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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).

Legal Commission: 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

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.

Medical Commission: 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.

PCM: Not in favour.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

Rules Commission: Not in favour.

SEMI Commission: no opinion for or against but information requested:

1. are the terms consecutive or cumulative?
2. is this retrospective?

Athletes' Commission: Not in favour.

Coaches Council: Not in favour.

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.

Fair Play Council: Unanimous vote against the proposal in its current form.

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.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed subject to amendments in yellow:

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 consecutive terms (12 years).

Following three consecutive terms as President, a member can stand for election to the position of President, following one elapsed term (4 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 consecutive terms (12 years).

Following three consecutive terms as a member of the Executive Committee, a member can stand for election to the Executive Committee, following one elapsed term (4 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).

Ethics Committee: Limitation to 3 terms of office/12 years, the Ethics Committee does not recommend acceptance of this proposal.

Executive Committee: Not in favour of the proposal.

Article: 4.3.1

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 9

Motivation: To correct an omission in Article 4.3.1 4th paragraph.

4.3 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.3.1 4th paragraph

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, [the Ethics Committee](#), one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils, [its Ethics Committee](#) 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, [the Ethics Committee](#), a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Ethics Committee: The Ethics Committee considers this proposition judicious and approves it.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: 4.4 and 6.9

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 10

Motivation: To bring the Committee into line with the Commissions, to increase its availability to both ensure the FIE's observance of its Code of Ethics and to provide a viable quorum of neutral members when required.

4.4 ELECTION OF COMMISSIONS (OTHER THAN THE ATHLETES COMMISSION) AND THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

4.4.3 a) For the elections to the permanent commissions [and the Ethics Committee](#), the 10 candidates with the most votes are elected subject to the fact that they must be of different nationalities.

~~b) For the election to the Ethics Committee, the 5 candidates with the most votes are elected subject to the fact that they must be of different nationalities.~~

4.4.4 a) If the 10 candidates to a Commission [or the Ethics Committee](#) who have obtained the most votes do not include at least 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of the 3 candidates of the under-represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

~~b) For the Ethics Committee, if the 5 members who have obtained the most votes do not include at least 2 persons of each gender, the Committee will consist of 2 candidates of the under-represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and 3 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes~~

6.9 THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Ethics Committee is made up of ~~five~~ [ten](#) voting members elected by the Congress.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

This proposal should be effective as of the 2024 Congress.

Ethics committee: 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.

Executive Committee: In favour of the recommendation from the Ethics Committee to postpone the proposal to 2023.

Article: 4.7; 6A.2

P. 11

Proposal from: Legal Commission

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~~

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

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.~~

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

This proposal should be effective as of the 2024 Congress.

Fair Play Council: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as it would potentially allow a larger representation of zones, countries, and genders.

Article: 5.5.3; 3.4.1; 3.4.2

P. 12

Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation

Motivation: The Congress of the FIE should make the final decision on its agenda.

Article 5.5.3

The Executive Committee outlines the work of the Commissions and the Congresses. For this purpose, it can use all means of communication to gather relevant information.

It decides the date and the place of the meetings of Congresses, commissions and councils.

In case of a force majeure event or significant budgetary issues of the FIE, such meetings may be designated to be held via teleconference, videoconference or any other appropriate electronic means.

It may convene an Extraordinary Congress.

~~It establishes the agenda of the Congress.~~

It establishes its proposal for the agenda of the Congress.

Article 3.4.1

The Congress establishes its agenda

All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than midnight Lausanne time 8 months before the opening day of the next Congress. **Any proposal that meets this requirement must be put on the agenda.**

Any proposal reaching the head office after this date cannot be put on the agenda.

Legal Commission: 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.

Executive Committee: Not in favour of the proposal.

Article: 5.7

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 13

Motivation: To provide more detail as to eligibility to fulfil the role of FIE Supervisor. To clarify eligibility for the role of supervisor at World Cups and to ensure consistency between the Statutes and Rules for Competitions regarding this matter.

5.7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE (BUREAU)

The Bureau may make decisions on all current issues of FIE activities with the Executive Committee's subsequent approval.

5.7.1 In the course of the financial year the Bureau informs the Members of the FIE (Federations and Members of Honour) of urgent measures which may concern them, by means of any official publications of the FIE

5.7.2 All the members of the Bureau, as described in Article 5.2.2, because of the official duties they are given, may not fill any other posts ~~in the official competitions~~ at the World Championships of the FIE, all categories, with the exception of the supervision of protocol. In addition the members of the Bureau may not undertake the role of Supervisor at FIE World Cup competitions.

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.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

Article: 6.2 and 6.4

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 14

Motivation: To codify the process for election of the President of each commission and council

Rationale: To detail this process including when the meeting is held by electronic means.

6.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSIONS

6.2.2 The commissions will meet within two months of their election in order to elect their President and prepare their working calendar.

- A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of its members are present. These meetings may be in a physical location or virtual (via teleconference, videoconference or any other appropriate electronic means), as determined by the Executive Committee. They may not however take the form of a hybrid meeting (physical plus virtual).

- When the meeting is held via electronic means, the identity of the participants must be verified.

- Any elected member may propose as President any elected member, including himself/herself. If a member proposes someone other than himself/herself, written confirmation that that member agrees to be a candidate must accompany the submission of the candidature.

- The candidatures shall reach the FIE Head Office no later than 00:00 hrs Lausanne time 2 calendar days before the opening of the meeting

- In case of only one candidate, that candidate is automatically elected by acclamation

- The election shall take place as near the beginning of the meeting as is feasible

- Until the new President has been elected the meeting shall be chaired by the Executive Committee representative

- Voting is by secret ballot among the elected members being present. The votes will be counted by a disinterested person from outside the commission and voting may be carried out by electronic ballot. No proxy or advance voting is allowed

~~- The candidate having an absolute majority of those voting shall be the president; if this is not achieved (3+ candidates) the candidate with fewest votes withdraws and a second ballot shall be held, at which a simple majority of the votes is required. In case of a tie in the second ballot (or the first ballot when there are only two candidates), the president will be the younger candidate.~~

- To be elected at the first ballot a majority of the votes cast is required.

If in the first round of voting no candidate receives the absolute majority of the votes cast, the candidate who received the least votes is eliminated and an additional round is organised.

If during the second round an absolute majority of votes is not obtained by a candidate, the candidate who received the least votes is eliminated and one or several additional rounds are organised until one candidate obtains a majority of votes or until only two candidates remain.

In this case, the candidate who receives the most votes at the following round is elected. Should there be a tie between two candidates for two rounds of voting, the younger candidate is elected.

6.4 MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS OTHER THAN TO ELECT THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

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

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

Article: New chapter 6B

P. 15

Proposal from: Legal Commission

Motivation: The FIE needs short term groups of experts to deal with various issues faced by the FIE. This proposal also coordinates with LC 7 regarding the referral of proposals made by Member Federations, which need additional analysis prior to being brought to a Congress.

CHAPTER VI-B- WORKING GROUPS

6B.1 FIE Working Groups are constituted by the Executive Committee to provide support and guidance to the FIE Executive Committee, its Head Office or any FIE Commissions or Councils and may be established to: (1) research an ideas for improvement which may require analysis or tests , deal with special circumstances referred to it by one of those bodies or on its own; (2) because of an issue raised by the IOC, ASOIF or other external body with which the FIE interacts or (3) purred by a proposal or idea presented by a Member Federation to the Executive Committee.

6B.2 Working Groups shall be established for a single or specific purpose that is limited in scope or in time, and which will be disbanded automatically upon fulfilment of its purpose or upon the expiration of its stated duration. The Executive Committee shall indicate the mission of each Working Group and the deadline for completion of that mission.

6B.3 STRUCTURE OF A WORKING GROUP

6B.3.1 Each Working Group will be made up of experts on the subject matter of the Working Group and may, but need not, be members of the Executive Committee, Ethics Committee, Commissions or Councils. Members outside of the FIE bodies may include lawyers, engineers, professors, physicians, etc. who have expertise in the subject matter of a specific Working Group and can supplement the knowledge of those members of the FIE bodies. The individuals selected for the working Group shall have proven expertise in the subject matter of the specific Working Group and confirm their availability to dedicate the time and effort required for the length of the existence of the Working Group. The individuals shall be free of any conflicts of interest regarding the subject matter of the specific Working Group.

6B.3.2 The composition of a Working Group should contain, whenever possible, individuals from each zone and of both genders.

6B.3.3 In the event of a member's death or resignation, the executive committee will replace him/her by another member, taking into account the above guidelines as applicable from time to time.

6B.3.4 Working Groups shall report to the Executive Committee which shall include at each Congress information regarding the progress of each of the Working Groups. To the extent that the work of a Working Group develops a proposal that affects the Statutes, Rules such proposal shall be submitted to the appropriate Commissions and/or Councils for review and comment before submission to the Congress for approval. To the extent that the proposal relates to the qualification system for the Olympic Games such proposal shall be submitted directly to the Congress for approval.

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) spurred by a proposal or idea presented by a Member Federation to the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

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Article: 7.2

Proposal from: Legal Commission

Motivation: To allow sufficient time for the disciplinary process to take place efficiently

7.2 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

7.2.1 *The complaint*

a) Author of the complaint

Any person, individual or entity, whether or not they are a licensee of the FIE, if they are personally the victim of one of the offences enumerated above in Article 7.1.7 can present a complaint, **in one of the FIE working languages**, before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

Additionally, the members of the Executive Committee, the FIE supervisors at international competitions, the Directoire Technique, or the presidents of the member federations can state the existence of an offence susceptible of being pursued by the Disciplinary Panel, and inform the latter of it.

b) Form of the complaint

The complaint must be addressed to the **Head Office** of the FIE within ~~60 days~~ **two (2) years** following the incriminating acts or the date of their discovery. The postmark of the envelope or the reception stamp of the fax **or electronic transmission** establishes the time.

The Complaint must note:

- the full name of the individual or entity, the nationality, address and title of the complainant(s);
- the full name of the individual or entity and nationality of the person being prosecuted or the indication that their address is unknown;
- a summary of the facts, the objectives of the complaint, with an indication of the rule or principle infringed; and
- the signature of the complainant.

The complaint can, moreover, be accompanied by documents necessary for the investigative file.

Supplementary or new information can be communicated up to the 60 the day following the date of the complaint or upon request of the tribunal, in its discretion.

7.2.2 *Composition of the Disciplinary Tribunal*

The head office of the FIE will inform the President of the Legal Commission of any complaint filed with the F.I.E and the parties involved within ~~three~~ **thirty** days after the **complaint, the translation into the language to be used by the Tribunal of the complaint and accompanying documents are filed with the FIE Head Office.** ~~was filed with the FIE~~

In case of admissibility of the complaint according to Article 7.2.1, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will within ~~7~~ **ten (10) working** days after being informed about the complaint by the head office of the FIE eliminate those

members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

The proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, the Head Office of the FIE, the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Legal Commission and the Bureau with respect to matters relating to 7.2.11.

7.2.3 *The disciplinary Tribunal - composition, powers, obligations*

The head office of the FIE will send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within ~~40~~ 30 working days after the later of its creation or the translation of the complaint and accompanying documents into the language to be used by the Tribunal, the complaint, which was filed with the FIE

The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint and accompanying documents, if any to the person (s) being prosecuted therein.

A copy of the complaint is also sent by the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong.

The Disciplinary Tribunal can, on its own motion, decide that there are no grounds to prosecute the complaint which has been submitted to them.

That decision can be appealed according to the rules of Article 7.2.7.

The Disciplinary Tribunal has all of the powers for investigating the complaint, and pronouncing, if the case arises, a penalty.

It must, in all circumstances, respect and ensure respect of the rights of all parties.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: new article 9.1.10

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 17

Motivation: There has been no statutory provision delineating the nationality of licensees other than coaches and fencers and this has led to confusion among the Coaches, the Member Federations and the FIE.

9.1.10 *Change of Nationality for Licensees other than Fencer or Coach*

a) A licensee, other than a fencer or coach, ("Licensee") who enjoys multiple nationality must choose which country s/he wishes to represent. The fact that s/he has represented one of the countries in any capacity implies that s/he has made a choice. If s/he wishes to represent another country of which s/he enjoys nationality, s/he must so advise the Head Office of the FIE and thereafter s/he may only represent this new country and can no longer represent the other country.

b) A Licensee who has already represented a country in any capacity and acquires a new nationality (from being stateless, through marriage or through naturalisation) can represent his /her new country immediately. Application for change of nationality must be received by the FIE Head Office no later than 90 days after the acquisition of the new nationality.

c) No approval of the national federation of the prior country s/he represented is required.

d) Any change in country which a Licensee represents is definitive; no further change can be authorised.

e) In cases of dispute the Executive Committee of the FIE will make a ruling, which is not subject to appeal.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: 9.2

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 18

Motivation: The current statutes were confusing and difficult to apply in a consistent manner

9.2 FENCERS' NATIONALITY OF FENCERS

9.2.1 At the Olympic Games a ~~competitor's~~ fencer's nationality is set by rules of the I.O.C. to which the FIE must conform.

9.2.2 For official competitions of the FIE, ~~competitors~~ fencers must be strictly of the nationality of the country which they are representing:

a) The fencer who enjoys multiple ~~nationality~~ nationalities must choose which country he wishes to represent. The fact that s/he has fenced for one of the countries in an official FIE competition or Regional Games implies that s/he has made a choice. If s/he wishes to represent another country of which s/he enjoys nationality, s/he must so advise the Head Office of the FIE and s/he may only represent this other country after an interval of three years from the earlier of the last time s/he represented the other country or ~~when the date~~ s/he advised the ~~Central~~ Head Office of the FIE regarding such change, during which he can no longer represent ~~the other~~ any country.

b) A fencer who has already represented a country and acquires a new nationality (from being stateless, ~~or~~ through naturalisation or through other means other than marriage) can only represent his/her new country after an interval of three years from his/her last participation in a competition for his/her previous country. Application for change of nationality must be received by the FIE Head Office no later than 90 days after the

acquisition of the new nationality. The delay of three (3) years can be reduced by the FIE Head Office with the consent of the fencer's previous country.

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 1st of August immediately following the date of receiving the new nationality through the marriage.

d) The Executive Committee of the FIE, with the agreement of the member federations concerned, and only for just reasons, may reduce or dispense with the interval of three years.

e) The fencer who has never participated in an official competition of the FIE or in a Regional Games, is not constrained by these limitations concerning change of nationality and may fence for his new country immediately.

f) Any change in country which a fencer represents is definitive; no further change can be authorised.

g) In cases of dispute the Executive Committee of the FIE will make a ruling, which is not subject to appeal.

- 9.2.3 For the FIE competitions, fencers who are legally stateless or hold an official refugee status issued by the governmental authorities in the country in which they live, may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live with approval of the FIE Bureau. Fencers holding refugee status shall be treated as nationals of the country of such member federation for purposes of these Statutes and FIE rules unless the Member Federation refuses to allow them to compete on behalf of such Federation in which case they shall be treated as stateless, but shall not be permitted to represent any particular country in competitions, either individually or as part of a team, unless authorized to do so by the FIE Bureau.

The practical process for a request of modification of nationality is stated in the FIE Administrative Rules, "Licences and nationality" chapter.

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 1st 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.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

Article: Chapter XIII

Proposal from: Legal Commission

Motivation: To coordinate procedures between Disciplinary Code and SafeGuarding Policy

P. 19

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any person, whether or not they are a licensee of the FIE that experiences or witnesses abuse, harassment or neglect is encouraged to seek the initial advice of the Safeguarding Officer(s). A parent or guardian may represent a minor individual.

The Safeguarding officer(s), as the case may be shall inform the complainant of the option to pursue one of the following:

- Mediation, where the Safeguarding Officer will deal directly with the complainant and the respondent in order to find a suitable solution
- The right to file a formal written complaint before the Disciplinary Tribunal, by addressing it to the administrative office of the FIE, under this policy when an informal resolution is inappropriate or not possible. This procedure will assure due process for all parties.
- Referral to law enforcement agencies in the host country if the incident breaks the law of such host country.

COMPLAINT TO THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL

a) Author of the complaint

Any person, individual or entity (or the parent or guardian of a minor), whether or not they are a licensee of the FIE., if they are personally the victim of harassment/abuse/neglect can present a complaint before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

The members of the Executive Committee, FIE Safeguarding Officers, the FIE supervisors at international competitions, the Directoire Technique, or the presidents of the member federations can state the existence of an offence of harassment/abuse/neglect susceptible of being pursued by the Disciplinary Panel, and inform the latter of it.

Any witness to an incident of harassment/abuse/neglect can present a complaint before the Disciplinary Panel if the victim of such incident is less than [18] years of age.

b) Form of the complaint

(i) The written complaint, in one of the FIE working languages, must be addressed to the ~~Disciplinary Panel~~ Head Office of the FIE within ~~60 days~~ two (2) years following the incriminating acts or the date of their discovery. The complaint can be filed:

- In writing, in which case the postmark of the envelope, the date of the email or the reception stamp of the fax establishes the time.

~~Via online form~~

The written Complaint must include:

- the full name of the individual or entity, the nationality, address and title of the complainant(s);
- the full name of the individual or entity, address and nationality of the person against whom the complaint is being made or the indication that their address is unknown;
- a summary of the facts of the alleged harassment/abuse/neglect, the objectives of the complaint; and
- the signature of the complainant; or

(ii) By using the FIE online complaint platform, in which case the complaint may either contain the same information as in the written complaint or may be anonymous in which case the name of the complainant should be eliminated.

- no signature is required when using the online platform

The complaint can, moreover, be accompanied by documents, including photos, necessary for the investigative file.

Supplementary or new information can be communicated by the complainant at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.



Proposals for the 2022 Congress
Modifications of the Rules

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

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.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Veterans' Council: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour. The text should be: "**Two** Refereeing delegates...".

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal

P. 2

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	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for claimed injury/cramp 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.

Rules Commission: 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.

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

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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.
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2.2	Demanding a break for claimed-injury/cramp or other medical reason deemed unjustified by doctor	t.45.3			
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks (*)	t.73.1.a			
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In the Spanish version, for “injury” use the term “lesión”:

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.

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

1. 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.

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 other ~~or cramp or acute medical incident~~ medical reason.

t.170

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

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

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Medical Commission, but in article t.170, the words “injury or” should not be scratched.

Article: **o.23**

Proposal from: Legal Commission

P. 3

Motivation: To clarify eligibility for the role of Supervisor at Worlds Cups and to ensure consistency between the Statutes and Rules for Competitions regarding this matter. **Proposal linked to the proposal of modification of the Statutes, art. 5.7.1. and 5.7.2**

o.23

This supervisor is either:

- A member of a FIE Commission,
- A member of the FIE Executive Committee *other than the members of the Bureau*,
- **A member of a group of persons, appointed by the Executive Committee, available and experienced in the organization of competitions.**

Rules Commission: In favour.

Legal Commission: Unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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

Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation

P. 4

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 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.

Legal Commission: 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.

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

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 the Executive Committee who takes the final decision and responsibility of it.

Executive Committee: Not in favour of the proposal.

Articles: **o.29; o.39; o.103;**

P. 5

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

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

6 The age groups in veteran competitions are:

- ~~a) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.~~
- ~~b) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.~~
- ~~c) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition~~
- a) Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.
- b) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.
- c) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.
- d) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition

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:

- ~~a) For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one from "B" and one from "C", with or without a reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.~~

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 :

- only 1 team: the organisers must inform all nations that there will be no competition at that weapon.
- 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.~~

~~6 The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will draw lots and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.~~

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

Women and Fencing Council: 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.

Veterans' Council: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour in principle but a test should be run in 2025 in order to assess the implementation, consequences and impact on the organisers.

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.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Coaches Council: In favour.

Athletes' Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.87

P. 7

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation : complete o.87

To clarify when the draw for the 16 exempted should be made, some software programs make the draw after the pool round and before the T248 or T124 preliminary table has started and then post it on their website. As a general rule, the drawing of lots and the allocation to the table are carried out after the end of the preliminary table.

o.87

- 1 **Should one of the 16 exempted fencers** who had been entered **not present himself** to fence (cf. o.85), his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay to the FIE a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) unless his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside his control.
- 2 **The 16 fencers who have the highest indices after the round of pools** and who are thus exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table will take places 17–32, classified in the order of their indices (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots).
- 3 **The 32 fencers qualifying from the preliminary direct elimination table** will occupy places 33–64, classified according to their indices after the round of pools.
- 6 The drawing of lots and allocation of the qualified fencers in the main table (T64) shall be made at the end of the preliminary table in the presence of the DT President.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.108.1

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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.~~

~~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.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Coaches Council: In favour, but it should be always the correct number of the competitions in the rolling system.

Athletes' Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.108.2

P. 9

Proposal from: Fencing Federations of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal

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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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.

Rules Commission: 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).

Coaches Council: Not in favour.

Athletes' Commission: Not in favour.

PCM: In favour.

Executive Committee: Not in favour of the proposal, as the Qualification System provides compulsory quotas for all FIE zones (with one specification for team qualification). Therefore, increasing the coefficient for the Zonal championships would not provide more qualifications to each zone.

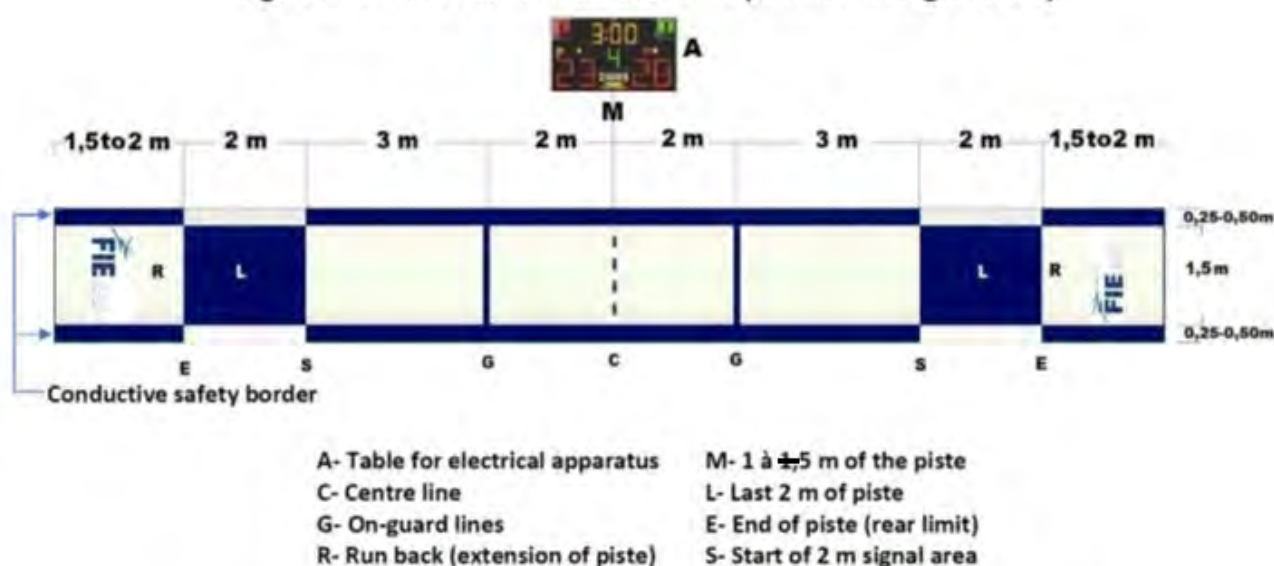
Art.: t.18;

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: drawing

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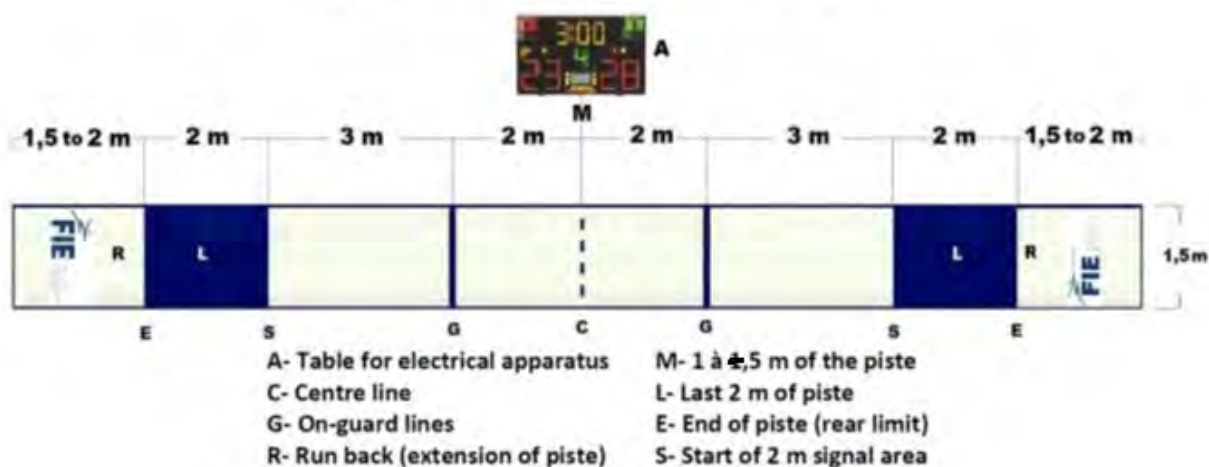
Figure 1 - Piste for semi-finals and finals (maximum height 50 cm)



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.

Rules Commission: 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).

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

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal and of the modification to the design.

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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

Rules Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: in favour with the additional wording regarding slave scoring machines:

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. **Any slave score machine must not be placed nearer than 5meters from the edge of the runback area.**

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal, with the addition from the SEMI Commission.

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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 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.

Rules Commission: 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.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal, with the revisions from the Rules Commission.

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

Rules Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Coaches Council: Not in favour.

Only hits made after the fall must be annulled.

Athletes' Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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.

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

Coaches Council: In favour.

Athletes' Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Note: All drawings have been redesigned and are appended at the end of the proposals.

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.

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

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Coaches Council: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of proposal 16 below.

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.)

- 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.

Rules Commission: In favour.

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

Coaches Council: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: **t.124**

P. 17

Proposal from: Executive Committee

Motivation: Simplification of the process after the experience gained and increased consistency in the application.

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. 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 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.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

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.

Athletes' Commission: In favour.

PCM: In favour.

Rules Commission: 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	1 st time P-Yellow	2 nd and 3 rd times P-Red	From 3 rd 4 th time Penalisation
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Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal, with the additions from the Rules Commission.

Art: m.25.3.g)

P. 18

For Urgent 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.~~

Rules Commission: See revised text in Urgent decision n. 1

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

PCM: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the revised text in Urgent decision n. 1.

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~~

Rules Commission: See revised text in Urgent decision n. 1

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

PCM: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the revised text in Urgent decision n. 1.

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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.~~

Rules Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: m.34.1

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

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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 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.~~

Rules Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: in favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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

P. 22

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.

Rules Commission: 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.

SEMI Commission: In favour. Suggest additional wording: ~~These dates may be subject to further changes if required.~~

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal and of the comment and additions from the Rules and SEMI Commissions. If a suitable solution cannot be implemented by the end of 2022, the dates will have to be further postponed.

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.

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.

Rules Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

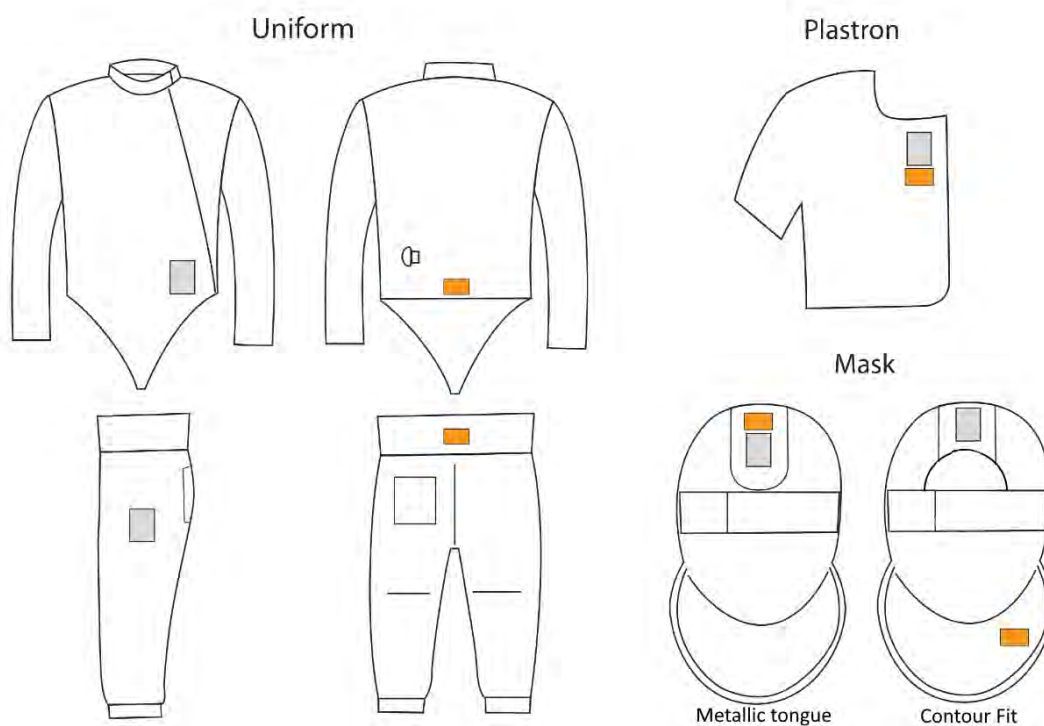
Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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.



Rules Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: Annex A page 60 art. 3.1, Material Rules

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Proposal from: SEMI Commission

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

Annex A page 60 3.1 table II Chemical composition

Element Al (aluminium)

Al	0.05-0
Al	≤ 0.05

Rules Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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

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 so 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.

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

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

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	SI
IN0020	STM NO MARAGING	08/09/2020	167,00	-	-	-	-	11.431	685	880	6,0	SI

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. 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.

Application: season 2022-2023

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/cm²
- 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

- To correct the tensile test from K1°D to K1°C (for all weapons)

Pag 64 Annex A 6.4

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.

Pag 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 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/cm²

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/cm²

Table I. Mechanical characteristics of steel

Rp 0.2	Rm	A	Z
		KIC	
KCU KV			
HV			
N/mm ²	N/mm ²	%	%
	Joule/cm ²	Mpa	m
\geq 1900	\geq 2000	\geq 7	\geq 35
\geq 30 27	\geq 120		\geq 500

Motivation: Range of value incompatible

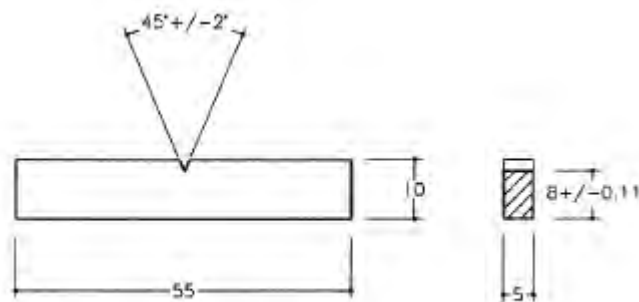
➤ To ask for the characterization a square little bar of 25mm by side and with the length of 350mm, deleting the drawing in the rules.

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.

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 only specialized institutes approved by the SEMI are CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for clothing (jackets, breeches and under-plastrons) and masks; and **CRITT, RTM BRED, Sofranel 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.

Rules Commission: 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 BRED, Sofranel and Visti for blades.**

SEMI Commission: in favour .

With the following amendments to paragraphs:

1) Page 65 Annex A

One of these tests should be made between 9 – 6 months before the Olympic Games.

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

2) Page 58 Annex A #2 add (European standard ISO)

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.

3) 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.

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Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal, with the revisions from the SEMI and Rules Commissions.

Urgent decisions, season 2022-2023

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;~~
- ~~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.~~

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.



URGENT DECISION

Proposed by the SEMI Commission
Approved by the Rules Commission
Approved by the Executive Committee

SUSPENSION OF THE RULE CONCERNING THE RFID

(See Material Rules page 80 point .2)

The installation of this RFID into the fencing clothing (mask, underplastron, 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.

4. LABEL OF QUALITY

2. Chip and label installation requirements.

Page 80

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.



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Modifications of the Rules

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

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

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.
FIE Athletes' Commission

~~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

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.

Athletes' Commission: Not in favour

FIE Athletes' Commission

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

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

Article: t.124

P. 17

Proposal from: Executive Committee

Motivation:

FIE Athletes' Commission

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. ~~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:~~

~~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



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Statutes

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).

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
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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 attitré 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 événement.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

The Ethics Committee is therefore satisfied with this answer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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^{ème} 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





Report of the Legal Commission

Regarding

Proposals Submitted for the 2022 Congress Re:

Modifications of the Statutes and other Matters

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

Legal Commission

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 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

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 'I' 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) **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 1st 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

RULES

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

Legal Commission

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 Cheris

President, FIE Legal Commission

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

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion : Date, place and time of the meeting: Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	June 24th & 25th, 2022
Participants: Participants: Participantes:	1. SUMMERS, Jeremy 2. ABED, Hazem 3. FERJANI, Jameleddine 4. FIORE, Antonio 5. HALAIMIA, Sabrina Imene 6. HUZEL, Lisa 7. KAMUTI, Jeno 8. MAKSIMOVA, Anastasiia 9. MUSTAFA MOURAD, Maha 10. SHAFFAT, Davood Reza 11. AZE, Erika
Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) : Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced): Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):	1. KAMUTI, Jeno

INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION INTRODUCCIÓN

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

RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION MEETING REPORT INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN

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 22nd, 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

1. 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.

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 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	ℳ ℳ ℳ	ℳ ℳ ℳ	ℳ ℳ ℳ
2.2	Demanding a break for claimed injury/cramp 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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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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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 24th & 25th

Meeting of the FIE Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission

Online Zoom Meeting

Date: June 24th & 25th

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 & EUROSPORT - 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)





Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Rules

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

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.

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.

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~~ and finally by a The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

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- ~~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.~~

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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~~ the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

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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.

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~~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.~~

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3 In both individual and team competitions

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No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

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PCM Commission: In favour.

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.

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

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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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Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:36 AM

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Cc: Nathalie Rodriguez <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

From: Nikolay Mateev <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

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

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

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.

Refereeing Commission: IN FAVOUR

P. 2

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	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for claimed injury/cramp 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

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

Medical delegate: o.48, o.99

Medical reason: o.21, o.61, o.101, 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

P. 4

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.

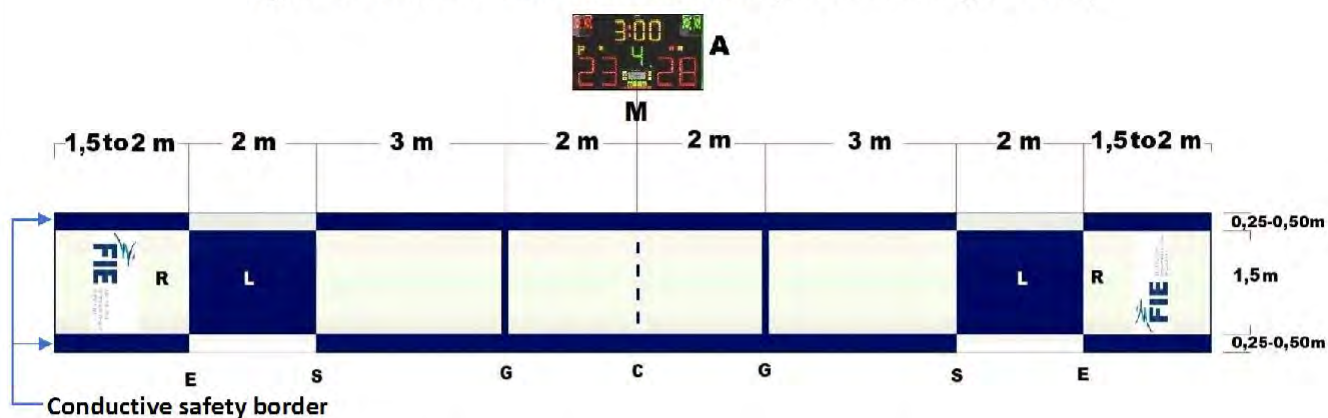
Art.: t.18;

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: drawing

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

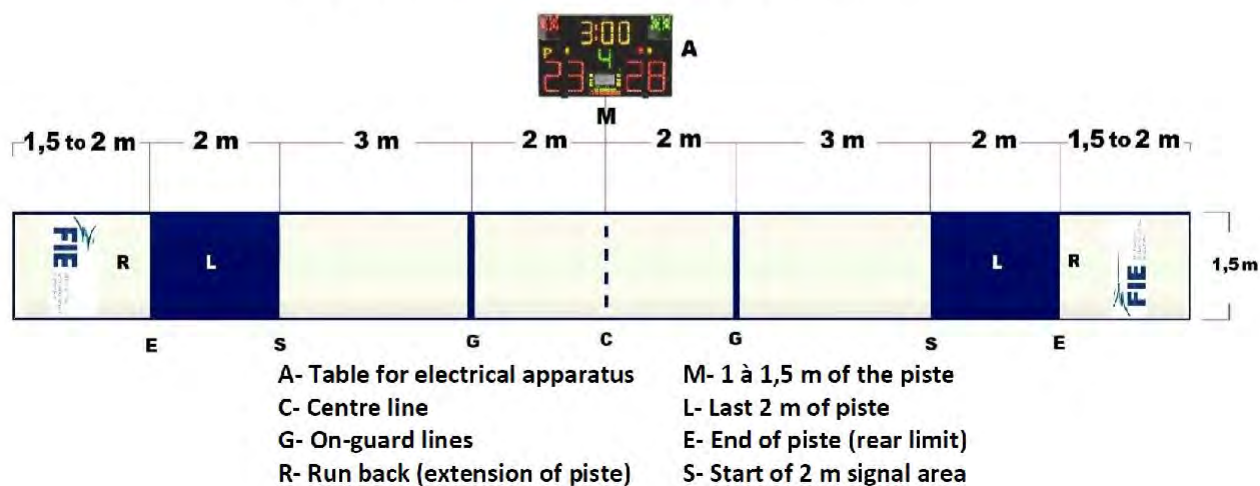


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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 à 1,5 m of the piste |
| C- Centre line | L- Last 2 m of piste |
| G- On-guard lines | E- End of piste (rear limit) |
| R- Run back (extension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



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

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

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

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

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.)

- 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.

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

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.

if) 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 ,



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Statutes

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).

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

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion : Date, place and time of the meeting: Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	24-25 June 2022, 13.00 CET Virtual meeting
Participants: Participants: Participantes:	1. FERIANI Ziad (TUN) President 2. BARLADEANU, Roxana – Mariana (ROU) 3. CAFIERO Giuseppe (ITA) 4. CRUZ Alberto (CRC) 5. FARYABI Abbas Ali (IRI) 6. KHDER Ahmed (EGY) 7. KOEHLER Kelly (USA) 8. LAMMER Dieter (GER) 9. LAMON Janine (SUI) 10. RODRIGUEZ Nathalie, CEO
Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) : Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced): Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):	1. GARES Bruno (FRA) Representative of the Executive Committee in the Rules Commission 2. BELMONTE Manuel (CAN), absence had been announced

INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION 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	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for claimed injury/cramp 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			

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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.

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.

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.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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).

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).

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:

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Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P- cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	1 st time P-Yellow	2 nd and 3 rd times P-Red	From 3 rd 4 th 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.~~

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

Opinion: In favour of the above text.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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.

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.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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

Opinion: In favour.

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.~~

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.

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;~~
- ~~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.~~

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	Individualevent VIDEO, from	Team event VIDEO, from	Number of pistesequipped 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 COMISIÓN SEMI DE LA FIE

INTRODUCTION

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion : Date, place and time of the meeting: Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	24 & 25 June 2022 12.00 CET Meeting by ZOOM
Participants: Participants: Participantes:	1. ANTHONY JR. Donald 2. VARALLO Giadomenico 3. BRANDULE Baiba 4. CRUZ MELENDEZ Luis Alberto 5. EBERL LOPEZ Maria Wilda 6. HADI Islam Bilel 7. HASEM Samer 8. HOU Zhingang 9. HUGGINS Janet 10. SALEEM Zeyad 11. GESTSSON Gudjon Ing (Saturday 25 th only)
Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) : Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced): Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):	1. GESTSSON Gudjon Ing (Friday 24 th) 2.

INTRODUCTION INTRODUCCIÓN

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

RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION MEETING REPORT INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN

Point 1 / Item 1 / 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**FIE SEMI COMMISSION****COMISIÓN SEMI DE LA FIE**

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion : Date, place and time of the meeting: Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	By videoconference June 24th and 25th 2022
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ORDRE DU JOUR - AGENDA - ORDEN DEL DIA**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.

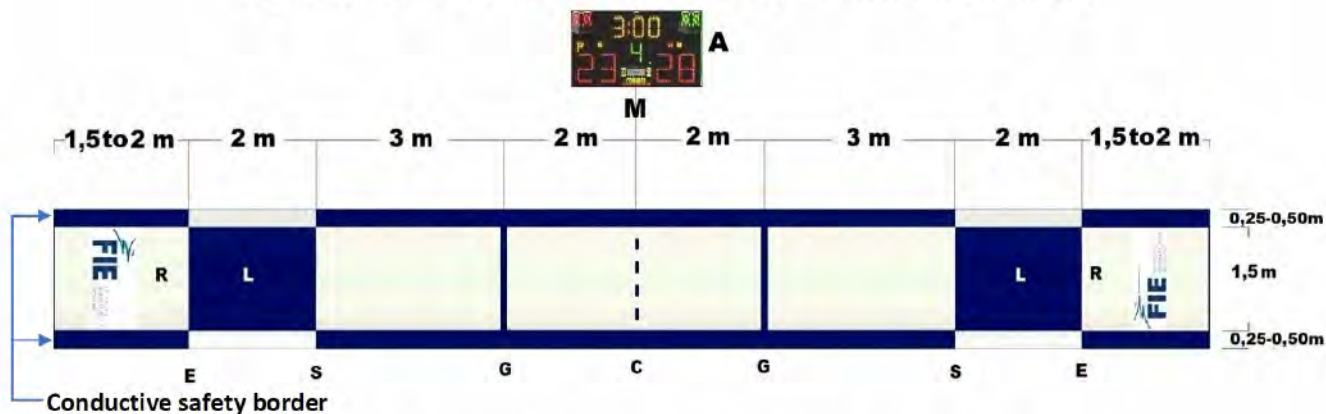
Art.: t.18;

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: drawing

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



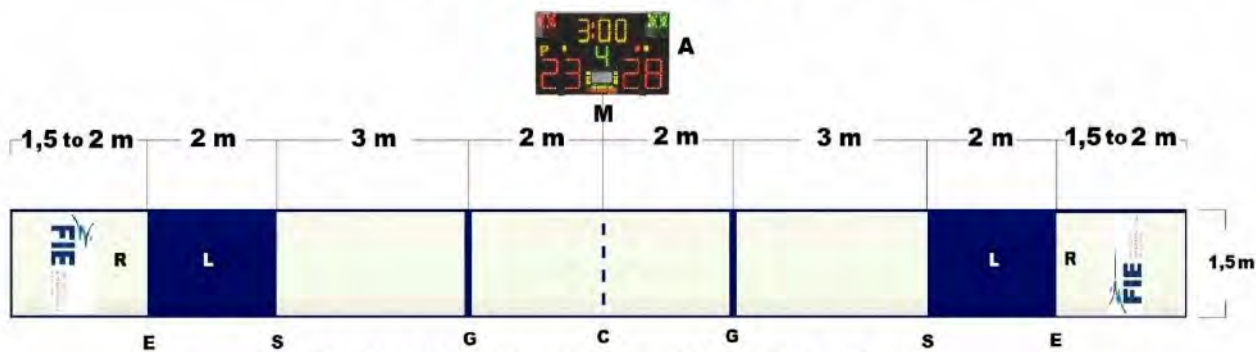
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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 à 1,5 m of the piste |
| C- Centre line | L- Last 2 m of piste |
| G- On-guard lines | E- End of piste (rear limit) |
| R- Run back (extension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

SEMI Commission:
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Article: t.18.4

P.11

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 5meters 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

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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

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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.~~

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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.

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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.

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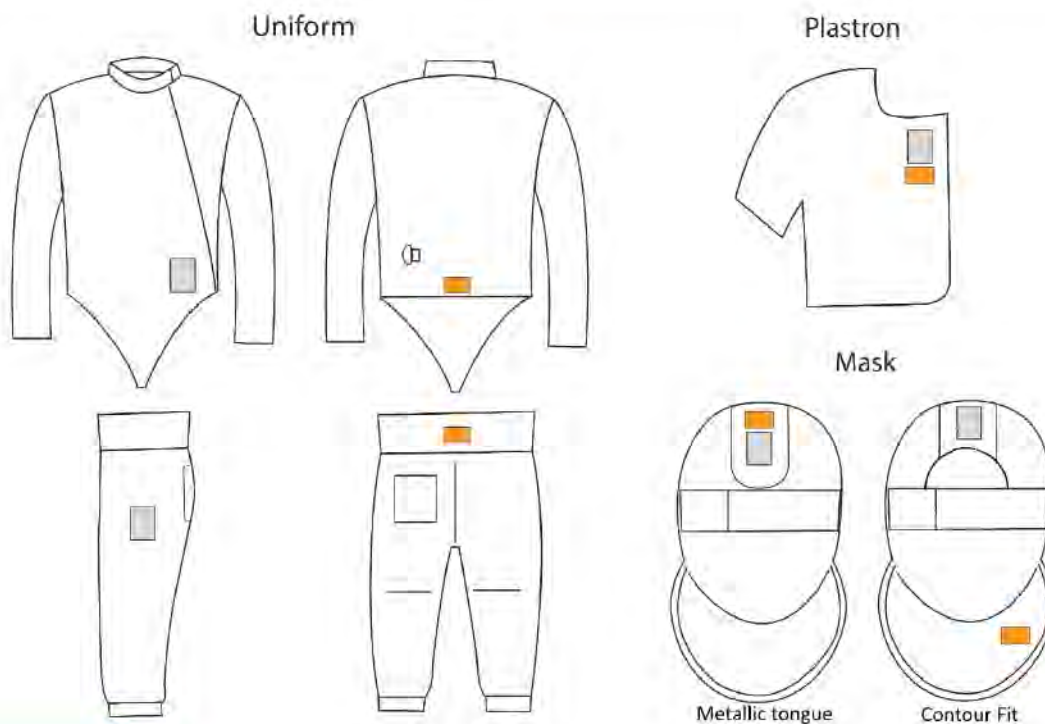
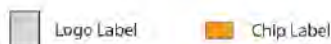
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Article: Annex A 4 Label of quality, Material Rules

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**

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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)

Al	0.05-0
Al	<= 0.05

SEMI Commission: IN FAVOUR**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

P.26**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												
he ID Inventar	Manuf act ure r	Dat a t est	Blade						Dist ance of t			
			Weight (g)	0 cycles	at 2000 cycles	at 5000 cycles	at 7000 cycles	to blade f	fract ure f rom tip	Length	Flexibilit y	Gabar
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.

Application: season 2022-2023

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/cm²
- ☐ 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

- ☐ To correct the tensile test from K1°D to K1°C (for all weapons)

Pag 64 Annex A 6.4

Bottom of page 3rd row — Test of fracture toughness, **K_{Id} K_{1C}**

Test of strength at the fracture point, **K_{Id}**

The **K_{Id} K_{1C}** 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 K_{1C} 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/cm²

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 ≥ 30 to 27 Joule/cm²

Table I. Mechanical characteristics of steel

Rp 0.2	Rm	A	Z
KCU KV		KIC	
HV			
N/mm ²	N/mm ²	%	%
Joule/cm ²	Mpa y m		
≥ 1900	≥ 2000	≥ 7	≥ 35
$\geq 30-27$	≥ 120	≥ 500	

Motivation: Range of value incompatible

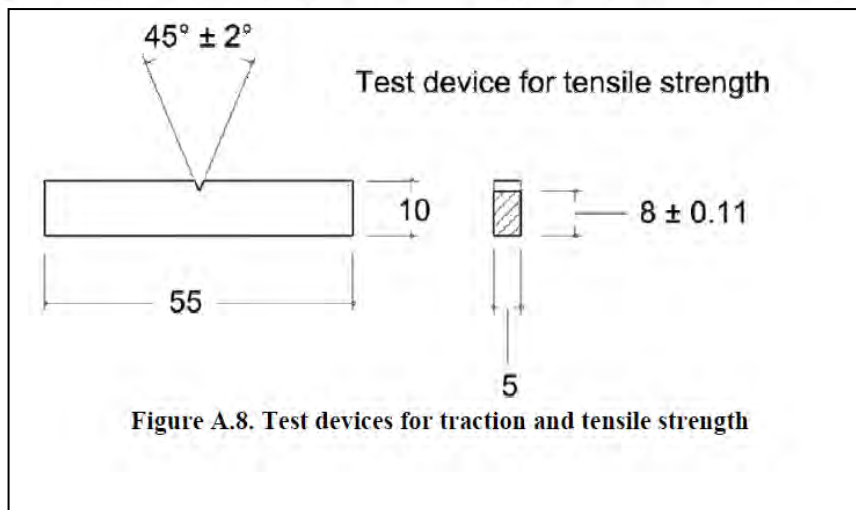
☐ To ask for the characterization a square little bar of 25mm by side and with the length of 350mm, deleting the drawing in the rules.

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

Modifications of the Statutes

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



INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE)

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 - Luxembourg			2020 March - Luxembourg 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 - Istanbul			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.

Article: o.67

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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.

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.~~

~~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.

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.

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.

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.

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, losing 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. ~~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 ~~fourththird~~ 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.



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Statutes

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).

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 29th 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



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Statutes

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).

Fair Play Council: Unanimous vote against the proposal in its current form.

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~~

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

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

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion : Date, place, and time of the meeting: Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	June 24th via Zoom Start 14:00 CET End 17:00 CET	June 25th via Zoom Start 15:00 CET End 19:00 CET
Participants: Participants: Participantes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Velichka HRISTEVA 2. Benoit PINCEMAILLE (Pres.) 3. Mirna BOROSAK 4. Peter BRIGOLA 5. Rita COMES 6. Jie DENG 7. Kovacs LIN 8. Mohamed NAHI at 15:00 CET 9. Marja-Liisa SOMEROJA 10. 11. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Velichka HRISTEVA 2. Benoit PINCEMAILLE (Pres.) 3. Mirna BOROSAK 4. Peter BRIGOLA 5. Rita COMES 6. Jie DENG 7. Luis FILARDI 8. Kovacs LIN 9. Mohamed NAHI 10. Marja-Liisa SOMEROJA 11.
Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) : Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced): Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. El Houssine AMEZIANE 2. Luis FILARDI 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. El Houssine AMEZIANE

INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION 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 24th and those with Rules Commission, Women and Fencing Council and Promotion, Communication and Marketing on Saturday 25th.

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)
 - ×
 - ×
 - ×

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 8th.

- 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 where 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 22nd to August 28th 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



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.

Veterans' Council : In favour.

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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

6 The age groups in veteran competitions are:

- ~~a) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.~~
- ~~b) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.~~
- ~~c) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition~~
- a) Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.
- b) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.
- c) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.
- d) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition

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:

- ~~a) For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one from "B" and one from "C", with or without a reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.~~

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 :

- only 1 team: the organisers must inform all nations that there will be no competition at that weapon.
- 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.~~

~~6 The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will draw lots and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.~~

Veterans' Council : In favour.



Proposals for the 2022 Congress

Modifications of the Statutes

Article: 4.2.1; 4.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.7.1

Proposal from: Swedish Fencing Federation

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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**

Date, lieu et heure de la réunion : Date, place and time of the meeting: 24th & 25th June 2022 Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:	
Participants: Participants: Participantes:	1. Melissa Alvarenga, 2. Tina Bate, 3. Mirani Fernandes, 4. Caitlin Fox-Harding 5. Svetlana Petronijevic, 6. Helen Smith (FIE Comex), 7. Mike Stafford, 8. Georgina Usher (President of Council), 9. Iris Vlachoutsicos
Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) : Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced): Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):	1. Huda Al Matrooshi (not announced) 2. Ahmed Gana (not announced)

INTRODUCTION **INTRODUCTION** **INTRODUCCIÓN**

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** **INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN**

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

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Proposed new Article:

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Working Group on the FIE Calendar 2022 Progress Report

Participants:

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- HH. ENGR.SHEIKH SALEM Sultan S. Alqasimi, President of the Asian Fencing Confederation
- EL HUSSEINY Abdelmoneim Elhamy, Vice-President
- LOGVIN Vitaly, President of the Pan American Fencing Confederation
- SMITH (MH) Helen, President of the Oceania Fencing Confederation
- MONTANO Aldo, President of the Athletes Commission
- KNYSCH Irina, President of the Refereeing Commission
- MASSIALAS Gregory, Member of the Coaches Council
- TSUKHLO Evgeny, Sport and Technical Director

Dates of meetings:

1. 08.03.2022
2. 23.03.2022
3. 20.04.2022

The Working Group on the International Calendar has operated based on some inputs provided by the COMEX, which has highlighted that the overall management of the international competition activity presents considerable criticalities with a high number of events that often overlap, making it difficult to find available referees and, more generally, the control of the conduct of competitions by the FIE. For this reason, the development of proposals which can improve and make the existing situation easier to manage by reducing the number of events and rationalizing the competition calendar was requested.

In consideration of the imminent start of the Olympic qualification, COMEX has deemed it correct not to change the calendar until the end of the current four-year period, i.e., for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons, in which the competition calendar will remain substantially unchanged. Consequently, the reflection of the Working Group focused on the definition of a solution to be applied, starting from the fencing season following the Paris Olympic Games (2024/25).

The application of the new calendar would require some changes to the FIE Rules which will be submitted to the Congress in 2023, so that if the changes are approved, the calendar could be implemented after the Paris Olympic Games.

In order to make the calendar less crowded and easier to manage, the Working Group, after having discarded the idea of reducing the overall number of competitions (except for the Junior World Cups where a decrease from 8 to 7 event was proposed) preferred to focus on their unification, providing for each competition session of each individual weapon, the concentration in a single location of the women and men events, both individual and in teams, to be held over 4 days, usually from Thursday to Sunday.

The application of this solution would have several advantages:

- It would make it possible to free up a considerable number of weekends throughout the season, facilitating the management of the competitions by the FIE and the scheduling of training by the Federations
- It would facilitate the task of the Refereeing Commission by allowing all the best referees to be concentrated in one place
- It would reduce the travel costs incurred by the Federations, allowing to plan, for each men and women event, a single trip, a single staff, etc.

The proposal to revise the competition calendar starting from the 2024/25 competition season, prepared by the Working Group at the end of the three meetings, held on 8 and 23 March and 20 April, can be summarized as follows:

Senior World Cup:

1. FIE GP:

- 2 events for each weapon for a total of 6 to be distributed in the period December-May.
- No changes compared to the current formula: a men event and a women event only individual.

2. World Cup Circuit:

- 6 events for each weapon for a total of 18 to be distributed in the period between mid-November and the end of May.
- For each event will be held, in the same venue and in 4 days, one men and one women individual competition (first three days), a team event for both men and women (fourth day).

The eight competitions of each weapon will be distributed among the confederations as follows: Europe 3, Pan America 2, Asia 2, Africa 1.

The official individual FIE ranking will take into account the five best results achieved by each athlete in GP, World Cup or satellite events, with a maximum of two results per continent, plus the World Championships / Olympic Games and Zonal Championships.

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If it is impossible to hold at least one team competition in one or more continents, the four best results achieved by each team will still be taken into account with a maximum of two for each continent.

Junior World Cup:

- 7 events per each weapon for a total of 21 to be distributed in the period between mid-October and the third week of February.
- For each event, in the same venue and over three days, a men and a women individual competition (first two days) and a team event for both men and women (third day) will be held.

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FIE Satellite Competitions:

- Maximum 8 and minimum competitions 6 for each weapon, to be distributed in the period between September and May.

While considering the need not to make the organization of these competitions too challenging for organizers, it would be advisable to provide some minimum requirements to be taken into consideration when assigning competitions to national federations.

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OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION SYSTEM WORKING GROUP

The Working Group met on two dates, with the first meeting taking place on April 19, 2022, at midnight CET and the second one on May 10, 2022, at 23.00 CET. These times were established in order to take into account the different time zones.

The following members attended these meetings:

Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (MH), FIE Interim President, Chair of the Working group

Mr. Sam CHERIS (MH), President of the FIE Legal Commission

Mr. Salah FERJANI, Member of the FIE Refereeing Commission

Mr. Jong Hyung CHO, Vice President of the Korean Fencing Federation

Mr. Vukašin STOŠIĆ, Secretary General of the Serbian Fencing Federation

Mr. Francisco Rafael MARÍN ALVAREZ, President of the Fencing Federation of Venezuela

Mr. Vincent ELIAS, President of the Australian Fencing Federation

Mrs. Nathalie RODRIGUEZ, FIE CEO

Absent:

Mr. Aldo MONTANO, President of the FIE Athletes Commission

During the meetings Mr. Katsiadakis welcomed the members and referred to the importance of the work this group has to carry out for the future qualification system. After the first meeting, the members were asked to send their written proposals.

The FIE has formed this working group to analyze the current Olympic qualification system (already agreed for Paris 2024 which is more or less the same as the Tokyo 2020 qualification system), and to examine any potential improvement for LA 2028

The main reason for this group's meetings is that some federations at the last FIE Congress expressed the opinion that there are not enough places for individual qualification.

The procedure of discussions with the IOC on the elaboration and approval of qualification systems were detailed to the members of the group.

The members were also informed about the meetings held with LA OCOG and the initial list of sports for the Olympic Games 2028 that is already set up. This list will be evaluated by the IOC and LA OCOG based on the principles mentioned in the LA 2028 Sports programme evaluation that was sent to the members of the working group and is attached.

All IFs had to complete an extensive questionnaire in June 2022. This questionnaire will be reviewed by the IOC and LA2028, which will then determine the final list of sports for LA2028.

The current qualifying system is the outcome of many years of hard work, it has improved in the process and is being implemented with success.

The structure of the actual qualification system allows 212 places in total. 6 places allocated to the host country and 2 places to universality. From the remaining 204, 144 places are taken by the team events (48 teams), leaving 60 places to complete the individual qualification.

The main difference between Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 qualification systems is that for Paris there will be 6 additional host country quota places, instead of 8 that existed for Tokyo, leaving two (2) universality places (one per gender) available to eligible NOCs and allocated by the IOC. The NOCs will submit their requests until January 2024, they will then be evaluated by the IOC. Following that the IOC will propose to the IFs the universality places.

The group discussed of possible ideas to increase places for individual qualification.

The following elements were discussed and the reasons why they were not valid as options were detailed:

The IOC Olympic Charter requires a minimum of 8 teams per team event. Therefore, the number of teams cannot be decreased.

The number of athletes at the Games is established by the Olympic Charter at 10.500 (including new sports). Fencing was one of the three sports which did not suffer from quota reduction in 2021. Therefore, the IOC will not increase the quota for fencing.

The transfer of accreditations implies that an accreditation is withdrawn/cancelled just after the athlete has finished his or her competition, and his or her accreditation

is provided to another athlete. The transfer of accreditations was discussed in the past with the IOC. This was not accepted for the main following reasons: a) As per the Olympic Charter, accreditations are withdrawn for specific reasons (such as sanctions). Otherwise, they are valid for the period of the Games. b) each NOC has a fixed quota of accreditations for the whole period of the Games. c) Fencers don't arrive on the date of their competitions but a few days earlier to train. And because of this flow there would always be more than 212 athletes. d) The organisers would have a lot of trouble managing all the people coming in and out.

The option of removing the alternate in teams and to use the quota of alternates to increase the overall quota for fencing was also discussed. However, the alternate is considered by the IOC as a non-competing athlete who cannot be integrated in the quota.

The possibility of implementing a qualification system similar to the classification system of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, where the team classification by continent took place in the Pre-Olympic tournament, was also discussed. This however, would minimise the qualification procedure to one single event instead of several qualification events and would contradict the IOC rules that there should be several chances to qualify.

A discussion took place regarding the number of qualification events in FIE's programme. Maybe there should be less than the ones existing now. However, if the ranking system changes it should be for the whole duration of the period until 2028 and not only until the next edition of the Olympic Games.

A possible change of the team qualification procedure was also put forward. Currently,

- the first four teams in the ranking qualify whatever their continent
- and one team per FIE zone. However, these teams must be ranked between the first 16 countries.

The group determined that if this rule was to be expanded to the first 32 countries for example, then it would be easier to achieve the goal of further universality and it would be almost certain that all FIE zones would qualify.

An idea for discussion was to change the format of the teams, having a two-member team format plus the alternate. Basically, if teams were of 2 athletes instead of 3, the quota for the teams would be of 2 athletes x 8 teams = 16 athletes per weapon x 6 weapons: 96 athletes instead of 144. As a consequence, this would allow the participation of 18 athletes per individual event, instead of 10 currently.

The members agreed that the above proposal offers more individual places. However, the group also determined that this option would have a major impact on

the federations (potential loss of fencers), fencing structure, strategy of the teams, format of the teams (four or five relays instead of 9), more risks of team elimination in case of injury.

The members of the group, after an interactive discussion, concluded that this proposal could be submitted to the FIE ComEx bearing in mind that it constitutes an absolute reform of the team format and competitions. Mr. Cho, raised his objection mentioning that, in the long run, there would be the danger of facing a decrease of the number of top fencers participating at the Olympic Games.

Since the rest of proposals discussed were found to be ineligible and in order to fulfil its responsibility to submit a proposal, the members of the working group decided that the proposal of having two-members teams plus the alternate, was the one to be forwarded to the FIE Executive Committee for consideration.

The proposal of the Olympic Games Qualification System working group was discussed by the FIE Executive Committee at its meetings of May and July-

The Executive Committee indicated that the idea proposed by the working group (two fencers per team instead of three) transforms the team concept into a “double” concept, like in tennis. This would imply a total revolution of the team format and team competitions. The possible future consequences could be counterproductive. Indeed, such a change could lead the IOC to consider mixed (weapons and gender) team events, which could result in, for example, a reduction in quotas, medals, events and days. The Executive Committee thanked the working group for its search for solutions.

The Executive Committee therefore concluded that the current qualification system was currently the only viable one, taking into account the existing rules and limitations.

The Chair of the Working group will inform the members and request further meetings in order to work on other proposals.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis
FIE interim President and Chair of the working group

Annex I – Evaluation criteria for discipline review

Cost and complexity	
What are we trying to determine ?	How complex is it to deliver the sport/discipline and how much does the sport/discipline cost within the Olympic Games and the LA28 context?
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure at the Olympic Games and within the LA28 context • Operations at the Olympic Games • Indirect costs

Best athletes and athlete safety	
What are we trying to determine ?	Are the Olympics the ultimate destination for the sport's athletes? What are the key considerations on athlete safety?
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best athletes • Health and safety

Popularity and host country interest	
What are we trying to determine ?	How popular is the sport/discipline within the Olympic Games, at World Championships, and in the US specifically?
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadcasting • Digital • Spectators • Business model • Relevance for host country

Uniqueness, universality, gender equality, and relevance for youth	
What are we trying to determine ?	How globally prevalent and accessible is the sport/discipline, how well does it support diversity, equality, and inclusion, and how does it resonate with youth?
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universality and participation • Youth appeal • Gender equality • Access to sport

Integrity and fairness	
What are we trying to determine ?	How well do the sport's rules and regulations protect against doping and competition manipulation?
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrity of competition and manipulation of competition • Anti-doping

Environmental sustainability	
What are we trying to determine ?	How sustainable is the sport/discipline?
Evaluation criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon footprint and energy • Water • Venue sustainability and legacy

FIE FENCING AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP 2022 PROGRESS REPORT

Meetings	On line meetings: 16.05.2022 12.09.2022
Participants: Participants: Participantes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ana Irene Delgado Guerra, FIE Vice-President, Head of the working group 2. Clare Halsted, European Fencing Confederation 3. Marcelo Lorca, Pan-American Fencing Confederation 4. Matthew Baker, Oceania Fencing Confederation 5. Baiba Brandule, FIE SEMI Commission 6. Reni Hamzulida, Asian Fencing Confederation 7. Abdoul Wahab Zorome, African Fencing Confederation 8. Maha Mourad, FIE Medical Commission 9. Joyce Bolanos, FIE PCM Commission
Consultation	Besides the on-line meetings, the WG is active on permanent basis by e-mail

ACTIVITY REPORT

Point 1 / Item1 / Punto 1: Survey for NFs

- 1) A survey with 26 questions organised in 3 areas was prepared, to poll all the NFs.
- Part 1 : general positioning, awareness, education: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QNLS3ZD>
- Part 2 : office activities: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFKRG7Y>
- Part 3 : competitions and events : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JNNKH3F>

SurveyMonkey will automatically analyze the results and on the basis of this automatic analysis an article highlighting findings and conclusions will be drafted. The survey to the NFs will help to identify the weakest areas so that ad hoc actions can be tailored. A member of the WG will carry out the task to draft the article (member to be defined).

Point 2 /Item 2 / Punto 2: ATHLETES AMBASSADORS

- 2) The process to select athletes ambassadors from all the zones must be defined.
- It is suggested to let open the number of athletes that want to be ambassadors for “Fencing and Environment”, so that all the zones and all the areas of interest can be covered.
- Athletes ambassadors may be mainly employed in awareness raising programs and activities on social media. Possibility to award a diploma to recognize the commitment of the involved athletes, similar to DYFG diploma or diploma for nominees of the Fair Play trophy that do not receive the final award.

Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3: SHARM EL SHEIK SUMMIT

3) A request to participate to the summit in Sharm-el-Sheik at the beginning of November was already forwarded. No official reply was issued so far. For consistency with the mission of the group and the principles of sustainability, it was agreed that FIE should be represented by the members already present in the organizing country.

Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4: LIST OF ACTIONS TO PROPOSE TO FIE MEMBERS

A list of actions to propose to all members of FIE Comex, Commissions and Councils was drafted and uploaded on Survey Monkey, to follow up with the suggestion of Nathalie Rodriguez.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMMR7HB>

It is divided in 4 parts:

- Waste reduction
- Fight against plastic pollution
- Water and energy saving
- General measures to protect the environment.

Point 5 / Item 5 / Punto 5: WORKING PLAN FOR 2023

1)) WEBINAR FOR NFs and competition organisers

The project of a webinar for NFs about sustainability and environmental protection was discussed. The webinar could be scheduled for the end of January, so that the WG will have time to analyze the results of the survey to the NF and customize it according to the needs.

The webinar should target NF and competition organizers.

The possibility to invite a speaker from IOC Department of Corporate Development, Brand and Sustainability was discussed.

A possible period to organize the webinar could be end of January 2023.

2)) DYFG program at zonal level

The DYFG program should be replicated also at continental level. This would allow to benefit those countries that do not apply for the program because they do not attend the world championships. The administrative part for the application and the legal framework should be run by the Confederation. As a SEMI Delegate is always present at the zonal championships, to check the donated equipment would be feasible.

3)) Communication plan

It is necessary to coordinate with CMTV department and in particular with the Digital Communication Manager, so that all the actions of the Working Group, but also the initiatives of NFs, athletes and clubs enjoy the right visibility.