

RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION SEMI DE LA FIE

FIE SEMI COMMISSION REPORT

INFORME DE LA COMISIÓN SEMI DE LA FIE

Date, place and time of the meeting:	04-05 July 2025 Istanbul, Turkey
Participants:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perovic, Novak 2. Assadorian, Sarkis 3. Bierkowski, Jacek 4. Brandule, Baiba 5. Eberl Lopez, Maria Wilda 6. Hasem, Samer 7. Huggins, Janet 8. Larbi, Emir Redouane 9. Saleem, Zeyad 10. Zimmermann, Felicia
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. Hou, Zhigang

INTRODUCTION

The SEMI Commission convened to address strategic planning, rule updates, homologation processes, and innovations in fencing equipment and tournament procedures. The meeting focused on aligning subgroups (Homologation/Certification, Tournaments and Standards and Controls) with defined deliverables, progressing equipment approvals, and preparing proposals for the upcoming FIE Congress.

All identified areas will be updated at next SEMI Meeting. TBD scheduled for September.

MEETING REPORT

1. Equipment, Standards and Controls

1. **Prieur Mask Fix Approved:** Prieur submitted updated samples addressing the safety risk; approval confirmed, and notification sent to ComEx.
2. **Leon Paul Mask Update:** Determined re-homologation is unnecessary; issue attributed to assembly. Homologation group to draft resolution.
3. **Update Blade Test Research:** Commission will explore alternatives to the Fournier Test for fracture detection, particularly for Olympic/World-level events.
4. **Review of M Book:** Updates to annexes, rule clarifications, drawings, and any additional edits are due by **December 2025**.
5. **Epee Handle Rule:** Review French vs Orthopedic handle rule at next meeting
6. **Lame Color:** Review colored lames rule at next meeting – this will need consultation with PCM Commission

2. Homologation Process Enhancements

1. Sub-group tasked to improve transparency and efficiency, including:
 1. Online tracking platform
 2. Overall process to determine improvements
 3. Re-homologation cadence by category (equipment, labs, scoring systems)

4. Further details needed from previous President to determine final approval requirements/process

3. Tournaments and Tournament Enhancements

1. **Master Technician Certification Pathway:** SEMI approved concept and will need to create pilot with consultation of the key stakeholders (DT, Referees, ComEx); pathway outline to be drafted and submitted to ComEx.
2. **Grand Prix & Zonal Involvement:** Create proposal to include SEMI reps or delegates for technical consistency at events.
3. **Create Tournament Tools:** Create checklist for organizers to be updated; enhanced labeling methods for weapons to be researched.
4. **LA Olympic Preparation:** Will need update from Jacek at next meeting
5. **Safety-Risk Matrix:** Create matrix to help assist with action and resolution with violations at tournaments to improve decisive decision-making

4. Education & Outreach

1. Explore and develop content for non-technical audiences (e.g., videos, TikToks) explaining technical rules.
2. Collaborate with Veterans Commission on ergonomic device for easier reel connections.

5. Innovation and Partnerships

1. Research/exploration to be initiated on:
 1. N-maraging blades
 2. Improvements / standardization with video referee systems
 3. Improvements / standardization with software system
 4. Expansion of laboratory network
 5. Partnerships with academic institutions

6. Congress Proposals

1. All proposals supported except **Proposal #114, which will be withdrawn and resubmitted – these proposals agreed with Rules Commission**
 1. Rules Commission requested wording changes on two Proposals to improve clarity (to be supplied by Rules Commission)

7. Additional Decisions Other Commissions

1. Agreed with PCM Commission on the names of the masks and should follow similar guidelines as to the names on the lames until further requirements are provided
2. Agreed with Veterans Commission to work together on potential solution for an ergonomic device to improve the ability for fencers who are challenged to plug in and out of the reel connection

8. Next Steps

1. Finalize wording for Congress proposals by **July 25**
2. Complete administrative items and plan next SEMI meeting by **July 31**
3. M Book and technical guideline updates targeted for **December 2025**
4. Sub-groups to begin implementation of respective project plans and will report back with due dates and next SEMI Meeting