



**SECRETARY GENERAL
COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

SEMI Commission

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Online

Present:

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FIE Secretary General

FIE CEO

Representative of COMEX in the Commission

President of the SEMI Commission

Sports Director / President of the Rules Commission

Member of the Commission

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Absent:

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Meeting Agenda

1. Sofia Meeting – Plan and Strategic Outlook
 2. Action Plan and KPIs Until Year-End
 3. Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives
 4. Questions and Answers
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1. Opening Remarks

FIE Secretary General Gulnora Saidova opened the meeting and thanked Felicia Zimmermann, Nathalie Rodriguez, and Novac Perovic for their ongoing work with suppliers and technical coordination.

The Secretary General highlighted the professionalism and technical expertise of the Commission, emphasizing the importance of the SEMI Commission in maintaining high technical standards, safety, and operational quality across FIE competitions.

2. M-Book (Material Book) Review

The Commission discussed the ongoing revision of the M-Book and the importance of collecting feedback ahead of the Sofia meetings.

FIE Secretary General once again expressed sincere appreciation to Felicia Zimmermann and Novack Perovic, for the outstanding and dedicated work carried out in preparation of the updated M-Book.

The Secretary General highlighted the significant amount of technical coordination, expertise, and effort invested in this process and emphasized the importance of this work for the future development and modernization of FIE technical regulations and standards. It was proposed that the draft M-Book be distributed to the relevant commissions for review and technical feedback in advance, allowing final discussions and possible finalization during the Sofia meetings. Participants noted that:

- the document remains highly technical in nature;
- review should primarily involve specialists and technically competent commissions.

It was agreed that the document would be shared mainly with:

- the SEMI Commission;
- the Rules Commission
- Referee commission (at the discretion of the commission)

3. Equipment Control and Technical Processes

The Commission discussed the importance of strengthening equipment control procedures during competitions. Key discussion points included:

- increasing technical presence during competitions;
- improving equipment inspection procedures;
- implementing structured random equipment checks;
- ensuring consistent technical standards at international events.

Members noted that some equipment currently used does not fully meet World Championship standards, highlighting the importance of stricter verification processes and harmonized procedures.

4. Education and Academy Development

The Commission reviewed the development of technical education programs under the framework of the Fencing Academy.

The initial phase is expected to involve training support through the Italian program, followed by the development of internal FIE educational courses. The discussions emphasized the importance of:

- defining a realistic implementation timeline;
- identifying technical experts and instructors;
- structuring certification and licensing procedures;
- ensuring long-term sustainability of educational programs.

Members agreed that technical education remains essential for the modernization and standardization of fencing operations and officiating.

5. Sofia Meeting Preparation

The SEMI Commission discussed preparations for the upcoming Sofia meetings and emphasized the importance of early coordination and structured planning.

The Commission confirmed that:

- agenda topics and strategic priorities for Sofia should be prepared and coordinated in advance;

- relevant technical documents, including the updated M-Book materials, should be distributed to all responsible commissions ahead of the meetings to allow sufficient time for review and feedback;
- direct communication and coordination with the relevant commissions should continue prior to Sofia in order to facilitate productive discussions and decision-making processes.

The participants also discussed the importance of:

- preparing a structured action plan and KPI framework until the end of the year;
- identifying implementation priorities and operational timelines;
- strengthening cooperation between commissions regarding technical, educational, and operational matters.

It was noted that coordination meetings between the SEMI Commission and other relevant commissions may be organized where necessary to support alignment and review processes.

6. Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives

The Commission also discussed the importance of integrating sustainability and environmental responsibility into technical operations, event management, and equipment processes.

Members highlighted that the SEMI Commission can contribute through:

- promoting sustainable technical practices and responsible equipment management;
- encouraging longer equipment lifecycle and maintenance standards where appropriate;
- supporting environmentally responsible operational procedures during competitions;
- contributing to sustainability awareness through technical education and event preparation.

The discussions emphasized that sustainability considerations should progressively become part of the technical and operational development strategy of the FIE.

7. Action Points and Next Steps

The following action items were confirmed:

- distribute the M-Book to the SEMI and Rules Commissions for review;
- continue development of educational programs for technicians in framework of the FIE Academy;
- prepare Commission action plans and Congress presentations.

It was also confirmed that: each commission is expected to present its activities during Congress; presentations are expected to last approximately 10 minutes.

8. Conclusion

The meeting confirmed:

- strong technical engagement and cooperation among participants;
- commitment to improving operational and technical standards;
- importance of education, modernization, and innovation within fencing.

Particular emphasis was placed on:

- strengthening technical control procedures;

- development of educational and certification programs;
 - preparation for future international events;
 - integration of sustainability principles into technical and operational activities.
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