



**SECRETARY GENERAL
COMMISSIONS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Athletes Commission

29 May 2026

Online

Present:

Gulnora Saidova

Ruben Limardo

Alexander Massialas

Ziad Elsisy

Zohra Kehli

Ilieva Yoana

Elena Murdaca

Patrick Medley-Browne

FIE Secretary General

President of the Commission

Member of the Commission

Member of the Commission

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Projects and Development Director

CMTV Director

Absent:

Berthier Amita

Chen Qingyuan

Curatoli Luca

Gu Bongil

Szatmari Andras

Velikaya Sofya

Kurbanov Ruslan

Athletes' Role in the Promotion of Fencing

The Secretary General emphasized the importance of increasing the visibility of fencing in the lead-up to LA 2028 and highlighted the key role athletes can play in promoting the sport beyond competition. Members of the Athletes' Commission were invited to prepare proposals and recommendations on how athletes can contribute more actively to the promotion and development of fencing.

Members discussed the Commission's strategic objectives and the importance of collecting ideas and feedback from athletes worldwide. The Commission agreed to strengthen internal communication and continue developing proposals aimed at increasing athlete involvement within the FIE.

Athlete Engagement During Major Events

Plans were presented for increased athlete involvement during the FIE Senior World Championships in Hong Kong, including participation in press conferences, media activities, and a dedicated live studio. These initiatives aim to provide greater exposure for athletes while helping audiences better understand fencing and its disciplines.

Feedback on Rules and Refereeing Proposals

The Athletes' Commission was requested to review upcoming proposals from the Rules and Refereeing Commissions and provide consolidated feedback on behalf of athletes. Commission members agreed on the importance of gathering input from athletes across all continents before formulating recommendations.

Sustainability Initiatives

Mrs. Saidova Gulnora encouraged the Athletes' Commission to support sustainability initiatives promoted by the IOC and FIE. Athletes were invited to act as ambassadors for environmental responsibility and to help raise awareness of simple sustainable practices during competitions and events.

Decisions

1. The Athletes' Commission will prepare proposals and recommendations on increasing the visibility and promotion of fencing.
 2. Commission members will review and provide feedback on proposals received from the Rules and Refereeing Commissions.
 3. Athletes will be encouraged to participate in media, promotional, and educational activities during the Hong Kong World Championships.
 4. The Commission will strengthen communication with athletes from all continents to gather broader feedback and ideas.
 5. The Athletes' Commission will support FIE sustainability initiatives and promote environmental awareness within the fencing community.
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Closing

The Secretary General thanked the members of the Athletes' Commission for their commitment and encouraged them to play an active role in shaping the future promotion and development of fencing on the road to LA 2028.
