

Urgent Letter 11-09
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Anti-doping

1) Anti-doping Controls

LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

Dear President,

Further to the meeting of the Medical Commission, the Executive Committee has taken the following decisions, and the points 1) and 2) come into force immediately:

The number of anti-doping controls which are to be carried out by the organisers of Junior and Senior World Cup competitions, World Championships (all categories) and Zonal Championships **has been reduced to 2** (instead of the current 3). The following persons will be tested:

- a) in individual competitions:
 - the fencer placed first, and
 - one fencer chosen by drawing of lots among the remaining three finalists. The random selection will be performed before the start of the first semi-final.
- b) in team competitions: one fencer is drawn by lots from among each of the first two teams. The random selection will be performed before the start of the final.

2) Out-of-competition Testing

Further to WADA's request, the number of out-of-competition tests carried out by the FIE (currently 12 per year) has been increased to a minimum of 16, and the maximum of out-of-competition tests per year will be 20.

3) RTP of the FIE

The number of athletes in the FIE's RTP (Registered Testing Pool) (currently 96) will be reduced to 48 (8 athletes in each weapon) as of 2010.

These decisions comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and do not in any way mean a reduction in the preventative doping control measures taken by the FIE. However, they will considerably reduce costs for the organisers of FIE competitions and will significantly reduce the work of the national federations and the constraints to the athletes.

Yours sincerely,

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President**

