

Urgent Letter 2-08  
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Mask with transparent visor in foil

## LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

Dear President,

The FIE has received the information that a Venezuelan fencer, wearing a mask with a transparent visor, was injured during an épée training session in Venezuela. The FIE therefore immediately asked for a detailed report of the incident, several times, but without success.

Mr Eduardo Dos Santos, President of the SEMI Commission, took over making the request, equally without success.

The President of the FIE, who was present at the Grand Prix in Doha (QAT), spoke to the Venezuelan fencers, but they were unable to provide any further information.

As the exact circumstances of the accident mentioned above need to be investigated, it has been decided that the obligatory use of the mask with a transparent visor in foil is temporarily suspended.

In addition, it was noted during the GP in Doha that the actions in épée are becoming more and more violent, and therefore more dangerous, and that some of the blades used were extremely rigid. It is therefore expressly asked that:

- the referees seriously sanction any violence and offence against good sportsmanship;
- the organisers of the competitions check the flexibility of the épée blades

Sincerely,

René Roch  
President

