

## LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

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Decisions of the Executive Committee

**Madam President, Mister President,**

The Executive Committee at its meeting dated 2 and 3 February 2007 in Lausanne, took the following decisions :

**a) Video-refereeing**

In order to standardise the refereeing process and further to the excellent results obtained, the Executive Committee decided to make **compulsory** the video-refereeing **at Grand Prix competitions at conventional weapons**, as well as at World Championships. The video-refereeing is optional at epee.

**This decision is applicable from the last Grand Prix competition of February (Budapest, HUN, Women's Sabre, 23-24 February 2007).**

**The national federations organizing Grand Prix competitions are kindly requested to get in touch with the FIE as soon as possible**, in order to settle the conditions (in particular financial) related to the use of the video-refereeing.

The modalities for the use of the video-refereeing were finalised by the Executive Committee. You will find them in the attached document titled « Modifications to the Administrative Rules », as well as in the article 3.9 of the FIE Administrative Rules (menu FIE official, sub-menu Statutes, on the FIE Internet website).

**b) Wireless apparatus**

The wireless apparatus at three weapons from the Ukrainian Company STM was homologated by the SEMI Commission. Further to the tests achieved on 4 October 2006 in Turin, the following junior competitions were held with the wireless apparatus :

Kiev, women's epee, September 2006,  
Bratislava, women's epee and foil, October 2006  
Laupheim, men's epee, November 2006  
Burgsteinfurt, men's foil, December 2006.

The Executive Committee thus decided to make **compulsory (from the table of 32 onwards), from the 1st of March 2007**, the use of the wireless apparatus **at Grand Prix competitions at foil**, as well as at World Championships, and **optional** at Grand Prix competitions **at epee**.

This technological innovation going together with the use of transparent mask, **any organizing federation of Grand Prix, whose national fencers will wear masks with transparent visor (at all stages of the competition), will be exempted from paying expenses (except for the accommodation of the technicians) linked to the use of the wireless apparatus. The FIE will pay directly the STM company.**

Should the national fencers of the organising federation not wear the mask with transparent visor (at all stages of the competition), the expenses linked to the use of the wireless apparatus will be at the charge of the organizing federation.

**These financial measures are applicable to Grand Prix competitions at both foil and epee.**

The organizing federations facing difficulties to get hold of masks with transparent visor must urgently contact the FIE. The FIE will lend the amount of the order, which will have to be reimbursed by the organising federation at a date to be settled.

#### c) Administrative Rules

Please find attached herewith the modifications made by the Executive Committee, to the FIE Administrative Rules. These modifications are for immediate application.

#### d) Urgent decisions

Please find attached herewith the urgent decisions taken by the Executive Committee. These decisions are for immediate application except for those concerning the articles t.87.5 and followings (applicable from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2007).

In particular, the articles t.87.5 and followings were modified in order to :

- facilitate the judging and the referee's decision ;
- avoid that fencing finds itself in inextricable and incomprehensible situations at World Championships or Olympic Games for example, such as having neither champion nor vice-champion because of a black card awarded for clear unwillingness to fight (non-combativity) in final.

#### e) Checking of equipment in Grand Prix competitions

- **The organizers** of Grand Prix competitions must designate a person in charge of checking the equipment.
- **Reminder for the referees** : the fencers' equipment must be checked before the start of each pool, each match, or bout by direct elimination (cf. t.43). In particular, the referees must check, at foil, that the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of the article m.28 in the various positions standing upright, on guard and in lunge.
- The **observers** must check the conformity of apparatuses.

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f) Meetings

Please find attached herewith the table with meetings for the year 2007. This table is also published on our FIE Internet website, menu FIE official, sub-menu Agenda.

g) Article o.12, Pools

To answer the numerous questions raised related to the problems faced during the establishment of pools, the Executive Committee took the following decision :

1) It is recommended to constitute only pools of 7 fencers ; indeed, in case of absence of one or several fencers, the probability that one or several pools are reduced to 5 fencers is so considerably decreased.

2) If however, following the absence of one or several fencers, one or several pools happened to be reduced to 5 fencers, the organizer must therefore add to these pools of 5 one fencer coming from a pool of 7 **from the same round of pools**, taking into account as much as possible the value (initial ranking) of the replaced fencer.

So, the entirety of pools is not **and must not be modified**.

h) 2007-2008 Calendar

In order not to affect the good organization of competitions, the federations organising **two** Grand Prix competitions must, either organize them separately (on different week-ends) or organize them on 5 days (2 days for each of the two Grand Prix competitions and one day for both team events).

i) 2007 General Assembly

The agenda, as well as the documents related to the General Assembly of Belek (TUR), are being translated and will be sent in the next few days.

j) 2008 junior/cadet World Championships

Three cities (Bangkok, Catania, Cancun) were candidate to the organisation of the 2008 J/C World Championships, further to the withdrawal of Egypt. At the second ballot, Catania (ITA) was elected by the Executive Committee for the organization of these Championships. The dates are from 7 to 15 April 2008.

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President

