



## LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

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**Madam President, Mister President,**

I am pleased to inform you of the decisions taken by the FIE Executive Committee at its meeting of 5-6 May 2007 in Paris (FRA) :

### 1) Wireless apparatus

Further to the information letter 407 and to answer the questions raised, we confirm that the wireless apparatus is compulsory (from the table of 32) at Grand Prix competitions and Team World Cup competitions at foil, as well as at World Championships (individual and team events). The use of wireless apparatus is optional at epee.

### 2) 2007-2008 Calendar

The calendar was definitively approved. It is right now available on the FIE Internet website.

In this respect, Presidents of Confederations must send us, before the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2007, their propositions of dates and venues for :

- their 2008 junior and senior zonal championships (we remind you that the senior championships must be held between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2008) ;
- the continental qualification competitions for the 2008 OG, which must be held between the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2008 (see criteria for qualifications to the 2008 OG).

### 3) 2007 World Championships

You will find attached herewith the programme of competitions for the 2007 World Championships of St-Petersburg (RUS), together with the list of designated officials.

### 4) 2007 Veteran World Championships

Please find attached herewith the list of officials designated for the 2007 Veteran World Championships to be held in Sydney (AUS).

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5) Urgent decisions

a) Article t.43 Checking of equipment by the referee ([immediate application](#))

To be added after the list of things to be checked :

*In pools, this checking must be done at the roll call of the fencers.*

*For bouts in the direct elimination and the finals this checking must be done in the equipment checking zone.*

*The organisers of all official FIE competitions (junior and senior) must make provision in their set-up for an equipment checking zone.*

b) Article t.45,4 Checking of equipment by the referee ([immediate application](#))

To be added after item b) and before In case of violation of this rule :

*If the jacket does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket that does conform to the Rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc) to get his name and nationality printed on it. If this is not done, and except in case of "force majeure" the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.*

c) Article t.86.2 ([immediate application](#))

Delete the words « hair correct » and add a new paragraph :

*Before the start of the bout, the fencers' hair must be fastened and placed inside the clothing and/or mask in such a way as to ensure :*

- *it does not cover a valid surface (and thus preventing a hit from being scored) ;*
- *it does not conceal the name and nationality of the fencer ;*
- *it does not need to be put back in place during the bout, thus interrupting it.*

*In the case of violation of this rule, the referee will apply the penalties for group 1 offences (t.114, t.116, t.120).*

d) Article m.5.5 (new) Equipment and checking of weapons ([immediate application](#))

*a) At foil and epee, only traditional or homologated pointes d'arrêt are accepted. No other kind of pointe d'arrêt, notably new ones that are not homologated, will be accepted at the weapon control.*

In order to make identification easier, please note that a traditional pointe d'arrêt has two screws to fix the tip of the pointe d'arrêt to the base, the whole is in metal, and there is no plastic in the base.

To make the checking of weapons easier and allow complete observation of the tip and its base, foil fencers are requested to present their foils for checking with bare points, not covered with adhesive tape over the first 15 cm.

b) In order that the registering of hits by the contact of the point on the opponent be correctly registered by the scoring device, the pointes d'arrêt must be clean. The electrical resistance measured in ohms must not exceed the limit of two ohms (m.5.4.a).

c) The blades, the guards at epee and foil and the guard at sabre must be totally in metal.

Apart from at sabre where the part of the guard next to the pommel is insulated (insulating sheath), their exteriors must not be covered by any material (plastic or other).

The guard may not feature any advertising. This is also the case for the insulated part of the sabre guard.

d) The fencer or the person who tries to execute hits in a way that does not comply with the rules, either with the weapon or by manipulating the scoring device, will be excluded from the competition or from the competition zone and, after identification, will be liable to an additional penalty.

e) Article m.45

Only electrical apparatus designed with wires connecting the fencers to the central apparatus and registering hits by light signals with auxiliary sound signals are authorised ; except for the wireless apparatus that use codified waves authorised by the SEMI : this expressly excludes other apparatuses based on wireless waves and those which register sound signals only.

f) Article o.54, Entries by name for Senior and Junior World Cup competitions, Satellite competitions and Zonal competitions

Application from the 1<sup>st</sup> competition of the 2007-2008 season

1. The entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (including for satellite competitions).

For **Zonal competitions, both senior and junior**, the entries of the fencers and of the teams must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the **first event** of the Championships at the latest.

2. From the **deadline** for entries indicated on the FIE website, there can be no further additional entries nor the withdrawal of a name except in cases of properly authenticated injury or "force majeure".

However, before the Tuesday preceding the competition :

- a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federations must send to the FIE, in writing (fax or e-mail), a request for a fencer to be replaced.

- one or more fencers may be added, on payment to the FIE of a fine of 150 Euros per fencer added. To do this, the national federations must send to the FIE, in writing (fax or e-mail), a request to add a fencer, together with a copy of the bank transfer for the appropriate fine.

From the Tuesday preceding the competition, if a fencer is withdrawn because of injury or "force majeure", the national federation must inform the FIE and the organisers. The fencer cannot be replaced.

The members of the Refereeing Commission are kindly requested to inform the referees of the above measures concerning them.

g) Article o.78.2 (application 2007-2008 season)

To lighten expenses which press on the organizers of Grand Prix competitions (refereeing delegate, supervisor, President of Directoire Technique, etc.), the Executive Committee took the following decision for the next season :

For Grand Prix competitions, the competition supervisor, designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE, shall also be President of Directoire Technique.

6) Checking of contact and blocking time at 3 weapons

Further to certain anomalies that we noticed, we remind you that all devices must comply with the contact and blocking time in force, and bear this checking mark at the back.

There are portable devices which can be connected to the fencing scoring apparatus by a cable that is coupled by 2 body wires plugs with 3 pins and which allow testing of blocking and contact time at the three weapons.

These devices can be ordered with the Czech company Adash, to Mr. Radomir Sglunda, [sglunda@adash.cz](mailto:sglunda@adash.cz)

The price is 800 Euro + VAT per piece, transportation cost to be added.

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President

