

LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Information Letter n°16-07
12 November 2007

Dear President,

1) Beijing: 2008 Team World Championships and test event

Following my urgent letter n°8-07 of 3 May 2007, please find below further information regarding these events:

a) Dates

- Team World Championship in Men's Foil:
18 April 2008

- Team World Championship in Women's Epée:
19 April 2008

- Men's Foil Individual Competition:
20 April 2008

b) Participation

a) Team World Championships

Each team event will involve 16 teams, selected in the following way:

- the team of the organizing country
- the top 8 teams of the official FIE ranking;
- the top 2 teams of each continent (only 1 for Africa) according to the ranking of the FIE;

The teams will consist of 3 fencers, with or without a reserve.

b) Men's Individual Foil Competition

Following negotiations between the FIE and the BOCOG, and contrary to what was announced in the urgent letter n°8-07, **it has been decided that all the athletes who take part in the Men's Foil Team World Championship will also take part in the individual competition.**

c) Qualified Teams

For organisation and preparation purposes, the BOCOG has asked us to give it the list of the qualified teams **on 15 December 2007**. This does not pose any problem as the team rankings will not be changed before January 2008.

In order to pass on this information and meet the deadline, we kindly ask the national federations on the attached qualified teams list to confirm their participation before 1 December 2007 (by fax +41 21 320 31 16 or e-mail info@fie.ch)

If the participation of a qualified team is not confirmed by 1 December 2007, or in the event of the withdrawal of a qualified team, the next team in the ranking will be selected, irrespective of the continent.

d) Entries

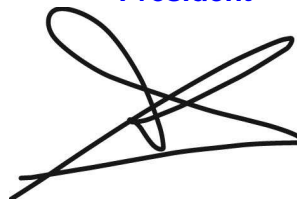
Entries for these three competitions must be done on the FIE website. Only the teams that have qualified are allowed to enter the Team World Championships, and only the fencers entered in the Men's Foil Team World Championship can also enter the Men's Foil Individual competition.

In the Entries menu, both Team World Championships can be found under 'World Championship' in the section 'Type', and the individual competition is under 'Official' in the section 'Type'.

2) Affiliation

The Executive Committee has just accepted the provisional affiliation of the Fencing Federation of Bangladesh (BAN). The FIE therefore now has 125 member federations.

**René Roch
Président**

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