

Urgent letter 2-07  
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1) Abbreviation

2) Licence cards

## LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

**Dear President,**

The NOC of Romania (and therefore the Romanian Federation) has a new abbreviation : **ROU** instead of ROM.

A certain number of national federations have pointed out that it is very expensive to send every fencer his FIE licence every year.

They added that fencers sometimes lose their licences and new copies have to be ordered and sent out. Or that they forget it at home and can not present it at a competition.

They reminded us that the list of licence-holders is published at several places on the FIE Internet website : page licences, xml files for the organisation of competitions, list of entries to competitions, etc. Furthermore, it has become impossible to enter and participate in competitions without being the holder of a valid licence.

In view of these arguments, the FIE Executive Committee has decided to make **the licence purely electronic**, with immediate application.

The card will no longer be issued, nor sent to national federations, nor will it anymore be requested by organisers of competitions. However, organisers will continue to be required to verify the identity of the participating fencer with the help of his passport or identity card. The national federations are therefore kindly requested to inform their organisers of competitions accordingly.

**Attention : ONLY THE ACTUAL CARDS are being suppressed, not the obligation to order licences via the FIE Internet website.**

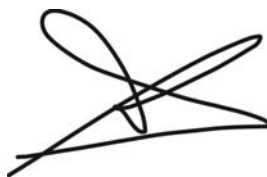
As extracts of the FIE Rules (respect of the Rules and commitment not to take drugs) appeared on the front of the licence card and the signature of the fencer was requested on the back, the following texts will be added on the page of the FIE Internet website where licences are ordered:

« The national federations ordering an FIE licence **confirm** that the athletes who participate in FIE competitions **undertake to** :

- 1) abide by the provisions of the FIE Rules and Statutes ;
- 2) respect the FIE anti-doping Rules, use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and agree to undergo any in competition and out-of competition testing ;
- 3) transfer to the FIE any individual or collective image rights and agree to be filmed (notably by the television), photographed, identified and registered in any way. The FIE undertakes to use these rights only in connection with the promotion and development of fencing in the following media : publications and reviews, Internet website, audiovisual aids. »

Items 1) and 2) cancel and replace the texts which appeared on the licence card. Item 3) was added at the request of the Executive Committee.

René Roch  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.