



## LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

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2008 Team World Championships

**Madam President, Mister President,**

During the last 2005 Congress, it was decided to propose to the BOCOG the organisation of team World Championships at both weapons which are not part of the 2008 OG programme.

I am pleased to inform you that the BOCOG approved our request to have the Team World Championships at men's foil and women's epee as test events for the OG. The test event will be held in Beijing (CHN) from 18 to 20 April 2008.

For organisation and preparation purposes, our request was approved on a basis of 16 teams maximum and the BOCOG wishes to receive, by 31 December 2007, the names of the 16 qualified teams per weapon.

The Executive Committee established below the criteria of qualification and participation as an urgent decision, so that national federations be able to prepare themselves in view of the objective of 31 December 2007.

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### 2008 Team World Championships and test event for the OG.

This test event will include :

- two team events which will be world championship events for the weapons (men's foil and women's epee) of which team event will not be represented in the 2008 Beijing OG and

- an individual men's foil event, upon invitation of the FIE, in which fencers present at the team men's foil competition will participate (40 fencers maximum). The formula used is the one of the OG (integral direct elimination).

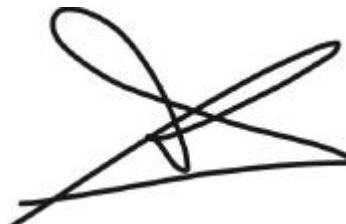
Each team event will include 16 teams selected as follows :

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

The teams will be composed of 3 fencers, with or without replacement.

The FIE will present a Tissot watch to the winner of the individual competition and to each member of the World Champion team.

René Roch  
President

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