



LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

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Urgent decisions

Madam President, Mister President,

After the meeting of the Rules Commission, which was held in Lausanne on 26 and 27 May 2007, during which the proposals for the Congress were studied, the Executive Committee decided to take the following urgent decisions, following the discovery of certain anomalies :

a) Article t.22.1

The use of the **non-sword hand** and **arm** to carry out an offensive or defensive action is forbidden (cf. **t.114, t.117. t.120**). Should such an offence occur, the hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled **and the latter will be penalised as specified for offences of the 2nd group (red card).**

b) Article o.79.3

For **Grand Prix competitions**, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter **up to 12 fencers, plus the number of fencers needed to make up the pools, that is a maximum of 20 fencers.**

2) Pan-American training camp at sabre

In the framework of the project of setting-up its Pan-American Fencing Centre in Mexico City, the FIE organises from 2 June to 2 July 2007, the first Pan-American training camp at sabre.

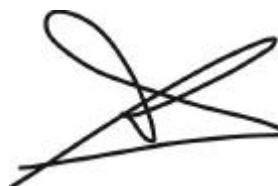
This training camp was supposed to be held under the aegis of the FIE, the Mexican Olympic Committee and the ODEPA (Pan-American Sports Organisation). These 2 organisms had to provide the sports and hotel infrastructures, in association with the Mexican Fencing Federation. In compliance with the written agreement signed by the FIE, the expenses of this training camp were to be shared between the Mexican NOC, the ODEPA and the FIE.

The day before the beginning of the training camp, the FIE was informed that the Mexican NOC would not provide anymore the sports and hotel infrastructures as planned, and that the ODEPA had withdrawn its financial participation. This decision had for consequence the cancellation of the training camp while the participating federations were about to take the plane for Mexico City.

In this emergency, new sports and hotel infrastructures were made available by the Mexican Sports Ministry, which we deeply thank on behalf of the FIE, federations and athletes participating in this camp.

In order not to penalise the federations and athletes who had taken all the measures to take part in this training camp, the FIE will take care of all the costs, that is not only those for which it was initially responsible but also those of the parties which withdrew.

René Roch
President

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