

## LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

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**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Please find below the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee which was held in Paris (FRA) on 4 and 5 February 2006 :

### 1) Suspension

The Bolivian Fencing Federation having not replied to the numerous requests of reimbursement of the sums improperly perceived in 2003, the FIE Executive Committee decided to suspend the Bolivian Fencing Federation until reimbursement of its debt.

This federation, as well as its athletes and referees, can neither participate in FIE General Assemblies, nor Congresses, nor any fencing competitions.

**National federations must therefore refuse entries from the Bolivian Fencing Federation or any of its members.**

### 2) Entries by name and accreditations of officials for the World Championships

As already announced, **the entries by name of officials for all the World Championships** are now to be made via the FIE Internet website, by the national federations. This function is available with the login in the menu « competitions », « entries ».

Please find attached herewith a document with the procedure for the entries via the website, which is also available on the FIE Internet website, menu « help », « entries to a competition ».

### 3) 2005-2006 Calendar

In view of the excellent conditions offered to the athletes by the Iranian Fencing Federation, the Men's Sabre competition to be held in Teheran on 14 and 15 July 2006 will receive the title of Grand Prix for the 2005-2006 season.

#### 4) Refereeing Examinations

From the beginning of the 2005-2006 season, the refereeing examinations will be determined as follows :

- one refereeing examination per zone, per year, upon request of each confederation to the FIE. This examination will be open to all candidates from the organising zone, and will take place before the zonal Championships;
- should a zonal Confederation not organise an examination or should a second examination be necessary for one or several zones, the organisation of this examination will be awarded to the federation providing the best advantages to the candidates.
- in order to reduce the charges of each organiser of examination and enable him to concentrate his efforts on the advantages to be provided to the candidates, all the expenses of the examiners (plane ticket, hotel, daily allowances) will be covered by the FIE.
- candidatures can only be effected on the current form of candidature to refereeing examination, which must reach the FIE Secretariat at least two months prior the scheduled date of examination. National federations are required to present only their best candidates, who must be holder of a national license;
- the number of participants is limited to 15 per day. The examinations at foil and sabre are divided into two parts : a practical part and a theoretical part. Candidates must succeed both parts. The examinations at epee have only one part ;
- there is a compulsory preparatory meeting for the candidates prior to the refereeing examinations ;
- detailed documents on the procedure for the examinations will be sent shortly to national federations.
- the examination fee is of EUR 60.- per examination (if a candidate presents his candidature at three weapons, he will have to pay 3 x 60 EUR). The fee for the license of the candidate is not included in the examination fee. This amount is immediately applicable but not retroactive. It is therefore applicable to the candidatures to be received from today onwards.

#### 5) 2008 Veteran World Championships

The national federations interested in organising the 2008 Veteran World Championships are required to send their candidatures before the end of the year 2006.

## 6) Urgent decisions

**a) Update of the article o.54**

Following the decisions taken at the 2005 Congress in respect of the article o.54.1, the item e) of this article was updated as follows :

Should a fencer or a team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, the federation of the fencer or team at fault will be penalised with a fine of 750 CHF/500 EUR, payable to the FIE, **except in cases of properly authenticated injury or force majeure.**

In the same way, the article o.31.4 will be modified for the 2006-2007 season with the implementation of the entries via the FIE Internet website for all junior, senior, satellite competitions and World Championships.

**b) Modification of the article t.37.7 as follows :**

The drawing of lots is done **manually.**

## 7) Administrative Rules

The following items of the Administrative Rules were modified (modifications in bold) and will be implemented **from the beginning of the 2006-2007 season**. The Administrative Rules on the FIE Internet website were updated accordingly :

**a) Zonal Championships.**

**2.4.1.1 Cadet/junior zonal Championships must be held, apart from the period of the Junior World Cup, between 15 April – 30 August.**

**2.4.1.2 Senior zonal Championships must be held, apart from the period of the Senior World Cup, between the 1st July – 30 November.**

**2.4.1.3 The referees and officials are designated by the FIE.**

**b) Junior World Cup competitions.**

**2.5.1.1 A member federation may only organise one Junior World Cup competition per weapon.**

**2.5.1.5 The junior competitions are limited to a circuit of 14 events per weapon.**

**2.5.4** The calendar of the next season is approved definitively during the Executive Committee meeting which follows the calendar meeting. Except in case of force majeure (e.g. catastrophes, national civil unrest, economic crisis ...) **or if this is in favour of fencing and the FIE**, any change of date or place or cancellation of the competition after this meeting will result in the cancellation of the competition for the following year.

2.5.6 Except in case of force majeure (e.g. catastrophes, national civil unrest, economic crisis ...) **or if this is in favour of fencing and the FIE**, any cancellation of the competition less than 2 months before its date in the calendar will result in the cancellation of the competition for the following year, a fine of 7'500 **CHF payable to the FIE and the reimbursement, by the organisers, of the plane tickets of delegations having bought non-refundable or non-changeable tickets, upon presentation of receipts.**

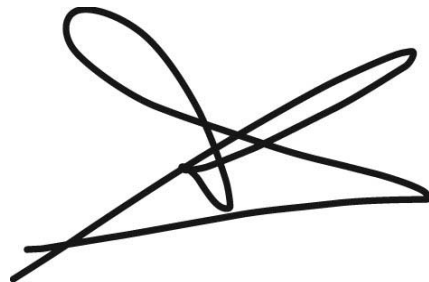
**c) Chapter 7 of the Administrative Rules**

The observers, officials and referees for the World Cups, Grand Prix and the World Championships will be granted a daily allowance of **80 EUR** (or equivalent) per day.

**8) Meeting of organisers**

In order to unify and optimise the presentation of FIE competitions, a meeting of organisers will take place during the month of October 2006. More details will be sent later on.

René Roch  
President

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