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Executive Committee meeting

1) 2007 Congress

2) Refereeing

LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Madam President, Mister President,

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of 8 September 2006 in Hammamet (TUN), took the following decisions :

The 2007 Congress will be held in Madrid (ESP) around the end of the month of November.

a) Refereeing Examinations

The threshold of errors that can be committed during an examination is brought up to 30 %. This decision applies retroactively to the examinations that were held since the year of 2005.

Each confederation can ask the FIE for the organisation of two FIE examinations per year maximum. 12 candidates per day can be examined.

The Executive Committee, in agreement with the Confederation, will determine the dates and places of each examination, as well as the names of the examiners.

The results of examinations will be validated directly by the examiners then immediately communicated to the candidates who will receive a letter from the FIE.

Further to the various decisions taken, the modalities concerning the refereeing were updated in the Administrative Rules, chapter 3, and posted on the Internet website of the FIE.

b) Drawing of lots of referees at World Championships and Olympic Games

The articles t.37 and t.38 of the Rules for the competitions are the object of an urgent decision of the Executive Committee, notably concerning the drawing of lots by hand and with the help of a computer. The modified texts are attached and appear in the Rules for competitions.

c) Video refereeing

After several successful tests, the Executive Committee decided to adopt definitively the video refereeing, from the direct elimination table of 32 on the 4 pistes, with application from the World Championships of Turin.

The video refereeing does not bring any modification to the refereeing rules, but is aimed at :

- helping the referee if needed;
- allowing fencers to request the verification of the analysis of the fencing phrase, 3 times in a direct elimination match and 1 time per bout in team competitions.

To do so, the referee will move towards the refereeing delegate, they will look at the video together, and after consultation with the delegate, the referee will give his final decision.

3) Veteran World Championships

The candidatures to the organisation of the Veteran World Championships will be presented to the Congress and submitted to the vote of the Congress.

The officials and referees (10) will be designated by the FIE. In order to cover the expenses related to the travelling of officials and referees, the organisers can ask for an entry fee of EUR 100.-.

The length of the World Championships is brought up to 4 days, with 3 finals per day.

4) Zonal Championships

So that the Zonal Championships can be taken into account in the FIE ranking, the following criteria must be respected :

Entries

- the organiser will ensure that all participants be able to receive visas ;
- entries of fencers and teams via the FIE Internet website at the latest 15 days before the date of the 1st event of Zonal Championships ;
- for individual competitions of Junior and Senior Zonal Championships, maximum 4 fencers per country and per weapon ;
- 1 team (composed of three fencers with or without reserve) per country and per weapon ;

Formula of competitions

- no exempted fencers ;
- use of the FIE ranking for the individual and team events ;
- 1 round of pools to eliminate 20 to 30 % of fencers, then direct elimination table ;
- two medals for the third place.

Norms

- the material and equipment of fencers must comply with the FIE norms. The transparent mask and wireless apparatus are optional ;
- an anti-doping control will be in accordance with the article 5.6.1 of the Anti-doping Rules of the FIE.

Officials

Are designated by the FIE and taken care by the organisers, in compliance with the financial norms stated in the FIE Administrative Rules :

- the President of the Directoire Technique ;
- 1 delegate to the Refereeing Commission, who must come from a different continent than the one of the organiser ;
- the referees, whose necessary number will have been communicated beforehand to the FIE by the confederation. The FIE will give priority to the referees coming from the same continent as the organiser, one referee per country.

Concerning the taking care of referees, the confederation will be free either to ask that they are brought at the expense of the national federations, or taken care by the organiser against payment of a higher entry fee.

5) 2006-2007 calendar

a) The following Grand Prix competitions which were provisionally approved by the Executive Committee are confirmed :

Marseille (women's foil), Tianjin (women's sabre). Bogota is still pending.

b) The competition of Bochum (GER) at junior women's foil will be held on **16 December 2006** instead of 17 December 2006.

c) The competition at junior women's sabre which was to be held in Ariccia (ITA) will be held in Frascati. The date remains unchanged.

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President

