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LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Please find below the decisions taken by the Executive Committee at its meeting of 25 and 26 November 2006 in Paris (FRA) :

1) 2007 Junior/Cadet World Championships

These Championships will be held from **10 to 18 April 2007 in Belek (TUR)**.

Please find attached herewith the following documents :

- the programme of the competitions approved by the Executive Committee
- the list of designated officials. The referees will be designated at the meeting of the Refereeing Commission to be held on 13 and 14 January 2007 in Paris.

2) Urgent decisions

a) Material Rules

i) Annexe A, page 31, addition of an introduction :

Without exception, the fencing material used in official FIE competitions which bears the FIE emblem must have obtained the homologation certificate delivered by the FIE SEMI Commission to the manufacturer, certifying that its fencing material is in conformity with the FIE Rules.

After a written request in view of obtaining the FIE homologation and marking authorisation of the FIE emblem, the fencing material that manufacturers must submit to the appreciation of the SEMI Commission is the following : the judging apparatuses, the blades, the point of foils and epees, the masks, the clothing (jacket and breeches), the under-plastron.

Upon receipt of the homologation request file, which must include the samples of manufacturer and the reports of the various tests, the SEMI will issue, in case of positive analysis, a homologation certificate authorising the manufacturer to mark (from the date of issue of the certificate) its future production with the FIE emblem.

Any kind of modification which may result in a non-conformity with the samples submitted to the initial homologation must be communicated to the SEMI. The manufacturer must obviously wait for the written confirmation with the agreement of the SEMI Commission concerning the proposed modification before launching the new production.

The FIE emblem is a registered trademark. The fact that an equipment is marked with the FIE emblem testifies that it was manufactured in accordance with the requirements of Safety Standards and FIE Rules.

ii) Page 43, 4.1, addition of the list of homologated laboratories

To obtain the FIE homologation, the masks must first be sent to one of the three following institutes : "Denkendorf" in Germany, CRITT or IFTH in France. The institute will submit the samples of mask to tests of the resistance to penetration of the metal mesh and the visor in accordance with the CEN norms (e.g. Norm EN 13567).

iii) Annexe B, page 59, addition of an introduction

The installation of a clock and a score-board are two compulsory requirements for the homologation of judging apparatuses. They must be visible for the spectators

b) Article o.53.3 of Rules

Institution of a fine in case of late entry for the competitions of the World Championships

After the cut-off date for entries indicated on the FIE website, there can be no further additional entries nor any withdrawal of a name.

However, up to 10.00 am the day before the competition, one or several fencers can be added after payment to the FIE of a fine of EUR 150 per additional fencer.

To do so, national federations must send to the FIE a request for additional fencer, together with the payment of the corresponding fine.

Changes of name, for reasons of « force majeure » or injury, can only be made with the agreement of the FIE, up to 24 hours before the beginning of each event.

3) Accreditations for the World Championships

Full modification of the page 22 of the Handbook of Regulations for the World Championships (accreditations)

The accreditation system is defined and run by the FIE, which selects the company in charge of the realization of the accreditations.

The accreditation replaces all sorts of verifications and confirmation of presence for the athletes.

The FIE reserves the right to issue any accreditation which it considers useful. Any specific request must therefore be submitted to the FIE for approval.

The referees and officials designated by the FIE will receive an accreditation from the FIE.

QUOTAS

Athletes

The number of athletes to be accredited at each weapon is laid down in the articles o.42 and o.65 of the Rules for Competitions.

Officials of Federations

These are : heads of delegation, trainers, medical service, technician, accompanying persons, others. Their entries in view of their accreditation, are to be made via the FIE Internet website, at the latest 15 days before the date of the 1st event, according to the quota stated below :

Number of accreditations

Each delegation is allowed to accredit :

- for the officials, 50 % of the number of fencers entered in the individual competitions;
- plus the President and Secretary General of the Federation.

The entries of the President and Secretary General of the Federation, in view of their accreditation, are to be made with the FIE, at the latest 15 days before the date of the 1st event.

Commissions, confederations

The Presidents of Confederations and members of FIE Commissions, who wish to attend the World Championships, must enter with the FIE, at the latest 15 days before the date of the 1st event.

Press/media

The accreditations are to be made with the FIE.

Organising country

It is granted :

- a quota of 50 accreditations for the officials ;
- a quota of 30 accreditations for the VIP.

The volunteers and the organisation staff are accredited in addition to these quotas by the FIE.

The document titled « Entries to a competition » posted in the menu help on www.fie.ch was modified accordingly.

4) 2007 Refereeing Examinations

Please find attached herewith the list of refereeing examinations for the year 2007. The names of the examiners will be determined later on.

5) Zonal Championships

At the request of some federations, the Executive Committee took the following decisions :

- that **all Senior** Zonal Championships must be held between the **1st of July and 31st of August** ;
- to include the points of **all the Senior** Zonal Championships in the FIE official ranking at the same time, that is **on the 31st of August** ;
- concerning the **Senior** Zonal Championships of the Panamerican Confederation, which were held in October 2006 (the date conforms with the period which was determined by the Executive Committee and announced to national federations), the points were included in the ranking as they took place in compliance with the decisions of the Executive Committee of 4-5 February and 8 September 2006 ;
- in **2008**, all the Zonal Championships must be held between the 1st and 31st of July ; the points will be included **on the 31st of July** in order to take these championships into account for the ranking in view of the Olympic Games ;
- concerning the Junior Zonal Championships, which were held in Poznan (POL), the points were not included in the ranking following the decision of the European Fencing Confederation not to apply the FIE rules and therefore not receive points.

The article 2.4.1.2 of the FIE Administrative Rules was up-dated accordingly.

6) Video-refereeing

At the request of athletes, who unanimously approved the use of the video-refereeing in Turin (87 % appealed to the video between the second day and the end of the competitions), the Executive Committee decided to adjust the modalities of application as follows :

- In individual, the fencer has two possible appeals to the video-refereeing for the direct elimination bouts (instead of three previously). Should the fencer be right with this request, he is entitled to get back this possibility.
- In team, the fencers keep one possible appeal to the video-refereeing per relay but they are entitled to get back this appeal should the referee prove them right.

The refereeing delegate can request the referee to review his decision at any time. The refereeing delegate who checks the referee's decision is not necessary a member of the Refereeing Commission.

The video-refereeing is compulsory for the Grand Prix competitions and the World Championships (desirable from January 2007 and compulsory from April 2007).

7) 2007 General Assembly

Please find attached herewith the documents related to the FIE General Assembly, which is scheduled to hold **on 9 April 2007, at 14h00, in Belek (TUR) :**

- **a letter of invitation ;**
- **the entry form** to be sent back to the FIE by e-mail (info@fie.ch) or by fax **before 9 March 2007.**
- **the proxy form**, for the national federations which will not attend the General Assembly, to be sent back to the FIE by e-mail (info@fie.ch) or by fax **before 9 March 2007.**

Reminder : The 2006-2007 annual membership fee must be paid by 15 March 2007.

In case of failure of payment of this membership fee, fencers from the federation concerned will not be allowed to participate in the World Championships, and the Federation will not be able to vote at the General Assembly.

The calendar meeting will be held immediately after the General Assembly.

8) 2007 Congress

The 2007 Congress will be held in Madrid (ESP) on 24 and 25 November 2007.

In compliance with the Statutes, the propositions for the Congress must reach the FIE headquarter **at the latest on 23rd March 2007** at midnight, Lausanne time.

You are kindly requested to send them by mail or by fax, with a copy by e-mail.

René Roch
President

