

## LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Information letter 6-04  
February 19, 2004

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Following the meeting of the Executive Committee that was held in Paris on February 7 and 8, 2004, please find the following information and the enclosed designations :

### 1) Junior/cadets World Championships in Plovdiv

You will find in the enclosed Excel file the designations that remained to be done.

Kindly be advised to get information regarding visa formalities.

### 2) Zone qualification competitions

#### a) General information

The Executive Committee, during its meeting of February 7 and 8, 2004 in Paris, decided that the FIE will provide the necessary referees for the following Olympic qualification events. A meeting of the referees will be held the day before the competition.

- Europe: Gand (BEL), 17 April 2004
- America: Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) :
  - 24 April 2004 (men's épée/women's foil /men's sabre),
  - 25 April 2004 (women's épée/men's foil/women's sabre)
- Asia : Manilla (PHI) 19-20 April 2004 : the referees who are designated for the olympic qualification events will also officiate for the Asian Championships that are going to be held from 21 to 26 of April, 2004.
- Africa : Tunis (TUN), month of April (date to be confirmed by the African Fencing Confederation)
  - **The FIE will pay for:** the tickets of the referees.
  - **The organisers will pay for:** accommodation of the referees + their daily allowance (50 euros for each day of presence) + all the expenses of the Refereeing Commission delegate designated.

**b) Entries**

**The national Federations must make their entries (1 fencer per weapon) by using the enclosed form.**

An entry fee of 60 euros per fencer will have to be paid on the spot to the organising committee who will then remit all the fees paid to the delegate of the Refereeing Commission designated.

**c) Rules**

**Participation**

The participation to this qualification event is limited to one fencer only per country and per weapon, provided that one country does not have any fencer qualified to the weapon concerned through the FIE Adjusted Official Rankings (individual or by team).

**I – Number of fencers qualified for weapons for which there is an individual event and a team event to the 2004 O.G. :**

5 fencers (2 for Europe, 1 for Asia-Oceania, 1 for America, 1 for Africa) by a qualification event.

**II – Number of fencers qualified for weapons for which there is no team event in the 2004 O.G.:**

8 fencers (3 for Europe, 2 for Asia-Oceania, 2 for America, 1 for Africa) by a qualification event.

**Competition formula**

Taking into account the peculiarity of this kind of tournament and to insure the equality of opportunity for all the participants, the principles to be applied are the following ones:

1. Round of pool (with or without exempted fencers) and direct elimination.
2. The pools will be established by taking into account the FIE official ranking and by drawing lots for the fencers who are not ranked.
3. All the pools will consist of the same number of fencers in order to create the same conditions for all participants for all indices.
4. After the round of pool, 20 to 30% of fencers will be eliminated. Depending on the number of fencers entered, the best ranked fencers in the FIE official ranking may be exempted from the round of pool and they will take the first places in the direct elimination table.

The pools will be established as follows, depending on the number of fencers entered :

<b>Number of fencers entered</b>	<b>Pool</b>	<b>Exempted fencers</b>	<b>Fencers to be eliminated</b>
5-6-7	unique	no	1
8	7	1	2
9	7	2	2
10	2x5	no	2
11	2x5	1	2
12	2x6	no	3

13	2x6	1	3
14	2x7	no	4
15	2x7	1	4
16	2x7	2	4
17	2x7	3	4
18	3x6	no	5
19	3x6	1	5
20	3x6	2	5
21	3x7	no	6
22	3x7	1	6
23	3x7	2	6
24	4x6	no	6
25	4x6	1	6
26	4x6	2	6
27	4x6	3	6
28	4x7	no	7
29	4x7	1	7
30	4x7	2	7
31	4x7	3	7
32	5x6	2	8
33	5x6	3	8
34	5x6	4	8
35	5x7	no	8
36	5x7	1	8

The direct elimination table is fenced right through the final of 4 at each weapon. There will be a bout for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. All the other places will be established according to the initial ranking of the direct elimination table after the round of pool.

#### d) Designations

The enclosed Excel file includes the designations of the referees and delegates of the Refereeing Commission for these tournaments.

### 3) Women's foil and sabre team World Championships

#### a) General information

These Championships will be held in New York (USA) on the occasion of the competitions of New York. The referees designated for the Grand Prix competitions in New York will also officiate during the Women's foil and sabre team World Championships.

#### b) Entries

**National Federations must make their team entries on the Internet Web site, according to the usual procedure, before June 7, 2004.**

An entry fee of 210 CHF or 160 USD will have to be paid to the US Fencing Federation that is organising these World Championships.

### 4) 2004 Olympic Games

The 2004 Olympic Games will be held in Athens (GRE) from August 14 to 22nd, 2004.

The enclosed Excel file includes the designations that were made by the Executive Committee, on a proposal from the Commissions.

A meeting of the referees will be held on August 13, 2004, all day.

#### 5) Urgent decisions

The FIE Executive Committee, during its meeting held on February 7 and 8, 2004, decided to make the following urgent modifications to the FIE Rules, to be ratified by the next Congress :

**1) o.85, the current text is replaced by the following text :**

« The Directoire Technique shall consist of 3 suitable members from the organising country or invited by it.»

**2) FIE official individual ranking, Article o.91, a) principle, 3rd paragraph, after:**

- For both open and junior rankings, the ranking is kept up to date; that is, a competition in one year cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.

**Add the following sentence :**

« If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are suppressed on the anniversary of the competition».

**3) Article t.129, Annex 1, Sanctions for doping cases, after :**

5 - Any fencer suspended for doping during a competition loses the points obtained during this competition (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals or prizes) and the other fencers ranked after him move up of one place in the results of the competition.

**Add the following sentence :**

« Under all circumstances, only fencers who have obtained points in the competition can move up one place in the results of the competition.».

**4) Article t.129, Annex 1, Sanctions for doping cases, after :**

6 - In the event that a competitor who is a member of a team is found guilty of doping, (either during an individual or during a team competition), the team who used the fencer guilty of doping loses the points obtained (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals or prizes) and the other teams ranked after this one move up one place in the results of the competition.

**Add the following sentence :**

« Under all circumstances, only teams who have obtained points in the competition can move up one place in the results of the competition.».

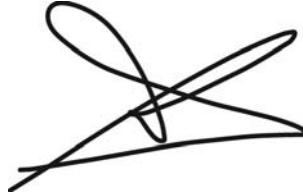
**5) Article t.129, Annex 1, Sanctions for doping cases, after :**

7- The team who used a fencer found guilty of doping during his period of suspension loses the points obtained (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals or prizes) and the other teams ranked after this one move up one place in the results of the competition.

**Add the following sentence :**

« Under all circumstances, only teams who have obtained points in the competition can move up one place in the results of the competition».

René Roch  
President

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