

Information letter 9-04
15 march 2004

1) Doping

LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The fencer Caitlin Thompson (USA) has been penalised with a warning as well as the annulment of the points she obtained at the women's junior sabre competition at Louisville (USA).

Following the analysis of the A sample Miss Thompson was declared positive for L-methamphetamine, which is among the specific substances in the list of banned substances.

In the list of specific substances are identified some substances that are especially susceptible to lead to an unintentional violation because of their frequent presence in medicines.

As the fencer had declared at the anti-doping control that she had taken the medicine that caused a positive control and had been able to establish that she had not used this substance with the aim of improving her sporting performance, the penalty provided for by article 10.3 (specific substances, first offence) of the World-wide Ant-doping Code was applied.

2) 2004 O.G. at Athens

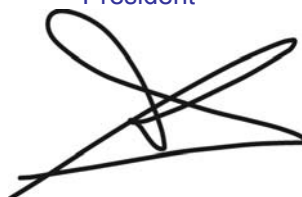
In accordance with FIE letter n° 18-03 which noted that it was urgent to demonstrate to the IOC our willingness to change right from the Athens games, and followed by:

- the prizes given to the eight women's sabre and men's sabre fencers best ranked in the Havana World Championships who wore a mask with transparent visor;
- the masks with transparent visors offered to several national federations;
- the special prices negotiated by the FIE with the manufacturers of masks with transparent visors ;
- the use of the mask with transparent visor and the wire-less apparatus at the women's and men's sabre competitions since the Havana World Championships ;

The Executive Committee of the FIE has thus decided that the use of masks with transparent visors and the wire-less apparatus will be obligatory at the individual women's and men's sabre competitions and the men's team sabre competition of the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.

May we remind you that masks with transparent visors are made by Allstar (GER), Gajardoni (ITA) , Leon Paul (GBR) et PBT (HUN).

René Roch
Président

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