

Information letter 11-04  
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Material and equipment

## LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Ladies and gentlemen,

**As a consequence to some irregularities** concerning the clothing of the fencers that could be noticed during the junior/cadet World championships in Plovdiv, **the rules below will be applied during the World Cup competitions (A candidature, A category, Grand Prix and team competition), World championships and the Olympic Games:**

**The designs of the delegations' national clothing must be presented during the control of the equipment, without any exception.**

**Should clothing not conform to the designs presented, or in the case of the absence of designs during the control of the equipment, the equipment will be considered as no conforming and will not receive the control check mark from the SEMI delegates.**

**At the 2004 O.G. in Athens, the conductive over-jacket will be directly verified on the fencer fully dressed.**

**It will be accepted to display the national colours at the back of the conductive over-jacket as far as it does not make the name and nationality illegible and only if the national colours are displayed on the over-jacket of all members of the same team.**

As a reminder, please find below an extract of the FIE Publicity Code:

### **A. Marks**

#### **(a) Definition**

*The mark is the name or badge which identifies the origin, the manufacturer or the seller of a particular piece of the fencer's equipment.*

*As soon as the mark exceeds the normal or authorised dimensions, it becomes an advertisement and comes under the jurisdiction of the regulation below (cf. Chapter IV, section C).*

**(b) Position and sizes**

1. The articles of the fencers' equipment may carry the following visible marks:

Mask: One mark, maximum size 6.0 cm x 5.5 cm, on the rear of the spring

Jacket: One mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip on the side of the non-sword arm, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm

Breeches: One mark at the bottom of the leg of the breeches, on one side only, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm

Stockings: One mark on each stocking, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm

Shoes: The name of the brand on each shoe, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm or the normal badge or insignia (e.g. bands)

Gloves: No mark

Weapon: No mark visible from any distance

The article of equipment may not have any distinctive mark (band, design, border, etc.) other than those authorised above.

**C. Advertising which is worn or carried****(a) Definition**

Advertising worn or carried refers to any name or badge other than the mark (cf. Chapter IV, section A) which appears on a fencer's main equipment or ancillary equipment and which comes from a firm other than the manufacturer or distributor of the equipment in question.

A mark which is larger than the sizes which are usual or laid down above (cf. Chapter IV, section A) constitutes advertising.

All advertisements against the rules of the country in which the competition is run are forbidden.

**(b) Fencing clothing and equipment**

- Provided that it does not constitute an advertisement and except in cases beyond the control of the fencer ('force majeure'), fencers must, in all FIE competitions and at all stages of these competitions, display their name and their nationality, in dark blue capital letters, on the back of their jacket. The letters must be between 10 cm, maximum, and 8 cm, minimum, high. The width of the letters will vary according to the length of the name.

- If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a sponsorship contract with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner, maximum 125 cm<sup>2</sup> in size, may be affixed at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket, on the side of the breeches (left or right) or on the socks. At sabre a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.

- A fencer may not display more than four such logos. The total surface area of all these logos added together must not exceed 500 cm<sup>2</sup>.

- The designs of national colours worn on the arm and/or the leg of fencers are compulsory and must be identical for all the fencers of the same federation for the following competitions:

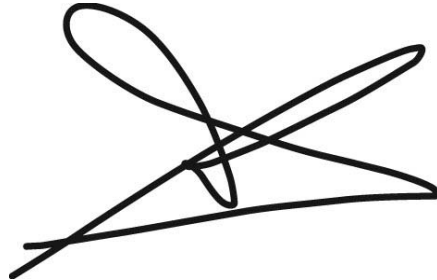
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- a) Open, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match.*
- b) senior World Cup individual competitions, all DE bouts from the last 64 onwards.*
- c) World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every team match.*

*The designs of national colours must be submitted to the FIE for homologation by the Executive Committee.*

*Should clothing not conform to the design sent to the FIE), or in the case of the absence of name or nationality on the back, the fencer concerned shall be penalised by a red card each time he comes on the piste during the competition.*

René Roch  
President

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