

Urgent letter 8-04

19 April 2004

1) GP in Stockholm

2) Evaluation for the future O.G.

LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

Ladies and gentlemen,

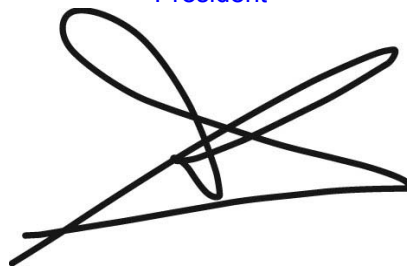
Following the decision of the Executive Committee and as a test, the GP competition at men's épée to be held in Stockholm, will be entirely run on four pistes. Please find attached the modified schedule sent by the organiser of the competition.

We just received a circular letter (see attachment) from the IOC regarding the work of the Olympic Programme Commission. This Commission is in charge of the development of criteria for the evaluation of sports in the Olympic programme.

The results of this evaluation process will determine the future and the presence of some sports within the coming Olympic programmes.

I think that the modifications that occurred in our sport are in conformity with the IOC criteria, but we have to be very careful to the specific elements that will be used for the assessment of our discipline by the Programme: ***"... Rather than focusing on limited elements of a sport, the criteria will be broad-ranging, including but not limited to consideration of a sport's history, popularity, universality, image, presentation, development and cost."***...

René Roch
President

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