

Adaptation for the 2012 Olympic Games

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Whenever video refereeing is used, there shall be designated video consultants who will watch the match live, then, should the need arise, subsequently on the video screen, and interact with the referee as specified in t.42.3.

The video-consultant must:

- a) be a referee holding an FIE licence for the year in question;
- b) have been trained to assist with the video;
- c) be of a different nationality from the fencers on the piste;
- d) be of a different nationality from the main referee.

Individual competitions

- 1 For the rounds of pools and the direct elimination table, **the Refereeing Delegates** select the referees by drawing lots.
- 2 **For the pools**, the referee must be of a different nationality from that any of the fencers in the pool.
- 3 For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

To referee the bouts in the order of the table, **the** referees are assigned by drawing lots from among **at least 7 to 8 a list of at least 4 or 5 referees, for each quarter of the table (a referee can be assigned to several quarters of the same table).**

They must be of a different nationality from that of **any of** the fencers participating in **each half of every that** quarter of the table.

As the table progresses, the referees will be switched around in a sequence established beforehand.

For the table of 8 the Refereeing Delegates establish the list(s) of neutral referees/video-refereeing consultants.

The referees of each match of the whole table or two lists for each half-table will be drawn. The same procedure used for the referees' draw will be used for the video-consultants.

- 4 At the end of each round, the Refereeing Delegates can withdraw **one or more referees** whose performance was not satisfactory. This decision must be taken by the majority of the Refereeing Delegates present. However, a referee may not be changed during a bout except in exceptional circumstance. In such a case the decision, which must be well founded, must be taken by the majority of the Refereeing Delegates present (this rule is equally valid for team competitions).
- 5 For **the final of 4**, the Refereeing Delegates, immediately after the end of the direct elimination tables, **select 4 referees by lot from among at least 7 to 8 referees, will establish a list of 4 or 5 neutral referees** who must be of a different nationality from any of the fencers.
40 15 minutes before the final, the Refereeing Delegates will draw lots to assign the referees for all the bouts at the same time, in the following order: 1st semi-final, 2nd semi-final, final, and 3rd place (Olympic Games).

The designation of the video-consultants for the first semi-final, second semi-final, bronze and gold medal matches will be made by automatic draw using a computer programme respecting a free round for the selected consultants.

- 6 The drawing of lots is done with the help of a computer for the whole of the competition right through to the final. The computer programme must record each drawing of lots so that it is

possible to know which referees were submitted for each draw. The computer programme should also be able to indicate whether the draw for any round was subsequently redone.

- 7 In conformity with articles t.37.2 and t.37.3, the designation of the video-consultant must be made by drawing lots using a computer programme. The name and nationality of the video-consultant must also be written on the pool or match sheet, beside those of the referee.

Team competitions

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The same rules as those in article t.37 3), 4), 5), 6) and 7) are applied to the team competitions, with two referees per match.

For every match, two referees are drawn and share the duties of referee and video-consultant. The drawing of lots for the bronze and gold medal matches will take place 15 minutes before the beginning of the bronze medal match using the referees' list established for the semi-finals.