



F E D E R A T I O N I N T E R N A T I O N A L E D ' E S C R I M E

SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS 2011 CONGRESS

PHILADELPHIA (USA)
3 December 2011

1) General Items

120 federations took part in the Congress, among which 108 were present and 12 were represented.

1.1. APPROVAL OF THE 2010 CONGRESS REPORT IN MOSCOW (RUS)

The 2010 Congress report has been approved.

1.2. 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2010-2011 Executive Committee Annual Report has been approved.

1.3. FINANCIAL REPORT, INSPECTION OF 2010/2011 ACCOUNTS, AUDITORS REPORT

The Financial report, the 2010/2011 accounts, and the Auditors Report have been approved.

1.4. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS DISCHARGE

The accounts, as well as the discharge of both the Executive Committee and the auditors have been approved.

1.5. BUDGET 2012/2013

The 2012/2013 budget has been approved.

1.6. NOMINATION OF THE AUDITORS

Ernst and Young have been renewed for another year.

1.7. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- VETERANS 2012 : the organisation of the 2012 Veteran World Championships was awarded to Austria (Krems)
- VETERANS 2013 : The candidature of Bulgaria (Varna) was received.
- J/C 2013 : The oral candidature of Colombia was received.
- SENIORS 2014 : The candidature of Bulgaria (Sofia) was received.

1.8. SITUATION OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES FEDERATION

The FIE Congress has decided that the federation would remain temporarily affiliated to the FIE until the 2012 Olympic Games in London for the following reasons:

- the IOC withdrew its recognition of its NOC following the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles;
- eventual qualified fencers for the OG would fence under the IOC banner.

After the London Olympics the federation's affiliation will come to an end and the eventual fencers can then address themselves either to the federation of Aruba or the federation of the Netherlands.

1.9. AWARD OF THE 2011 CHALLENGE FEYERICK

The Congress awarded the Challenge Feyerick to the French Fencing Federation in recognition of the prestigious organisation of the 2010 World Championships, which exceptionally enhanced fencing's image in the public and the media.

1.10. NEW FEDERATIONS (TOTAL 144)

The Congress approved the final affiliation of the following federations:

- Guam (GUM)
- Albania (ALB)

2) Modification of the Statutes

Application date: 1 January 2012, unless otherwise stated.

CONSTITUTIVE PRINCIPLES

The FIE recognises, accepts and commits to the Olympic Movement's constitutive principles as a life philosophy which combines and exalts physical qualities, will and spirit, by associating sport to culture and training, and by proposing to instill a way of life based on the joy of effort, the educational value of good example, and the respect of the fundamental universal ethical principles.

The FIE objective is to put sport at the service of the harmonious development of man, in order to facilitate the establishment of a peaceful society committed to maintaining human dignity.

In order for the fencing world to progress as a whole, solidarity between the strong and the weak is an undeniable requisite, whether it be between continents, federations or athletes.

This vision must become real. Our common singular motto: fencing together, universal fencing.

The practise of sport is a human right. Fencing develops, in a harmonious and balanced way, philosophical, intellectual and physical values, among such as:

- the respect of others and of the rules;
 - self-control, creativity, anticipation and precision;
 - athletic qualities, reflexes, quickness and suppleness.
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1.1 **AIMS MISSION**

The FIE is recognised by the IOC as the organization which governs the sport of fencing worldwide in accordance with the rules in Chapter 3 of the Olympic Charter.

The Aims of the F.I.E are:

2.1.1 *Conditions of membership of national federations.*

a) Qualification

In order to qualify as a member of the F.I.E. a National Federation must have a sufficient number of attached fencers (~~the minimum number being defined in the Administrative Rules~~) and prove that its Statutes do not clash with the Fundamental Rules of the F.I.E. Statutes - being chapters 1-7 of these Statutes - (except with respect to official and working languages).

4.4.4 If the 10 first members elected do not include ~~2-women~~ two members of each gender, the Commission will consist of the first 8 members elected and the ~~2-women~~ two members of the other gender who are candidates for the commission and who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no ~~woman~~ candidate of either gender has offered herself/himself as candidates, ~~or if the woman or women identified in accordance with the above process are of the same nationality as the 8 men of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes~~, the 10 ~~men~~ candidates of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes are elected.

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- 4.7.1 When choosing the candidates for the Coaching Council, the Executive Committee can take into account the following criteria:
- either be current or have been a past national Team Coach
 - or have participated with their team in a Cadet, Junior or Senior World Championships; - have fencers ranked in the FIE rankings

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 4.7.2 The candidates to the Coaches Council cannot:
- have received a black card during the four year period preceding their candidacy;
 - referee in FIE competitions during their mandate.

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 4.7.3 Any candidacy to the Coaches Council can be presented by a national federation member of the FIE according to the following clauses:
- each FIE member federation can only present one candidate to the Coaches Council;
 - a candidacy to the Coaches Council can only be presented by a national federation with whom the candidate has nationality;
 - no candidate can be a member of the FIE Executive Committee or of one of its commissions or councils.

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 4.7.4 All documents relative to the candidacies to the Coaches Council (forms and joint documents) must reach the FIE head office in writing at midnight Lausanne time at the latest, thirty (30) calendar days before the opening day of the Elective Congress.
- The candidacy must be presented on the FIE form (one A4 format page), on which must be indicated the languages spoken by the candidate, as well as his/her diplomas and other qualifications relevant to the Coaches Council. The candidate must sign the form and swear that the information is accurate.
- The candidacy package must contain:
- a photocopy of an identity document proving the candidate's date of birth and nationality (passport, identity card, driver's licence);
 - a copy of his/her coaching accreditation, as well as his/her personal and professional curriculum vitae.
- The FIE central office will compile all candidacy forms and joint documents about the Coaches Council candidates, and will submit them to the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Elective Congress.

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 4.7.5 The FIE Executive Committee will review the candidacies and nominate the members of the Coaching Council taking into account what is indicated in articles 4.7.1 and 4.7.3, and according to the following conditions:
- 4 representatives from the European zone
 - 3 representatives from the Asian-Oceanian zone
 - 2 representatives from the American zone
 - 1 representative from the African zone;
 - all three weapons (foil, epee, sabre) must be represented by at least three representatives each, preferably from different zones;
 - candidacies permitting, there must be at least two women on the Council (all zones included).

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 4.7.6 The designated members will be part of the Coaches Council at the discretion of the Executive Committee, during its four year mandate.

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 4.7.7 At its first meeting, the Coaches Council will elect its President. During the years including an ordinary Congress, the Coaches Council meets to study the proposals made to the Congress, at least three months before the Congress, and according to the financial conditions provided for by the Administrative Rules).

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

- 6.1.2 The Congress or the Executive Committee can also create Temporary Councils and Special Working Groups, when they deem it necessary to do so.
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Chapter V - A- Councils

6 A.3 Coaches Council

The Coaches **Council is composed of 10 members, chosen according to the Chapter 4.7 clauses**. The Executive Committee can consult the Coaches **Council** on any subject it deems appropriate **including** all technical questions linked to fencing rules, training methods, training of coaches and instructors.

The Coaches **Council can also propose** to the Executive Committee all measures, which could contribute towards improving the techniques of fencing

Application date: 2012 nominations, during the Congress

10.3.1 General Rules

The official championships called "Open World Championships" are held annually, ~~in principle between the 1st of October and the 15th of November~~ between July 15th and August 15th, under the auspices of the F.I.E.

Application date: 2012-2013 season calendar

3) Modifications of the Rules

Application date: 1 January 2012, unless otherwise stated.

Organisation Rules

o.44.3 The bouts of each match must be fought in the following **order**:
3-6, 1-5, 2-4, 1-6, 3-4, 2-5, 1-4, 2-6, 3-5.

If this order is **altered**, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored following the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order. (cf. t.86).

Application date: 2012-2013 season

o.53.3 Withdrawal of a fencer.

After the **cut-off date** for entries, there can be no further withdrawal of a name except in any case of force majeure duly justified.

Should a fencer or team who have been entered **not present themselves to fence**, their federation will be penalised by a **fine** (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.

o.54.1 However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or illness duly certified by the official competition medical doctor.

o.54.2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team.

After the closing dead-line for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn.

From the Tuesday preceding the competition, should a fencer have to be withdrawn for reasons of injury or force majeure, the national federation must inform the FIE and the organisers. **For the individual event**, the fencer may not be replaced.

o.81.1 The number of FIE A or B Grade **referees** (cf. t.35) that must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions is:

1–4 fencers	No obligation to provide a referee
5–9 fencers	One referee
10 or more fencers	Two referees

The name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be announced via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

o.81.2 Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it ~~if it has notified the fact 15 days in advance. The fine is doubled if there is no notification 15 days in advance. This fine must be paid by the delegation to the organisers so that they are able to arrange for other referees to replace those missing, as necessary.~~
~~If a national federation does not pay this fine, it must reduce the participation of its fencers in conformity with the quotas (cf. o.81.1 above).~~
~~The Supervisor must ensure the proper application of this article.~~

o.81.1, 2 and 3 **become o.81.1.a), b) and 2**

o.86 Delete the last line of the table and:
Required number of referees not respected (~~organisers informed 15 days in advance~~) :
€1000 per referee

Technical Rules

t.23.2 add [t.72.](#) to the cf's

t.28.1 If a competitor crosses one the lateral boundaries of the piste, he must step back one meter from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further meter (but cf [t.29](#)).

t.37 Add as an introduction:

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](#).

t.38 The same rules as those in article [t.37.3](#)), 4), 5), 6) and 7) are applied

t.45.3.a

v) has been wilfully altered (i.e., in a manner other than by accidental cause or by conditions during the bout) so that it would not pass a preliminary check;

Renumber existing subsections v) and vi) as vi) and vii) respectively;

vii) In cases iii), v), vi), and vii) above, the Referee must immediately confiscate the equipment (weapon, bodywire, if necessary conductive jacket, mask, protective under-plastron, jacket, breeches etc.), and have it examined by the expert on duty.

t.45.3.b in cases iii), v), vi), and vii) the Referee will penalise him as specified for offences of the 4th group (cf. Articles [t.114](#), [t.119](#), [t.120](#)).

t.102. Loss of ground on the piste (cf. [t.28](#))

If a competitor crosses one the lateral boundaries of the piste, he must step back one meter from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further meter.

t.118.3.b At the **second infringement** during the same competition a BLACK CARD ~~and/or expulsion from the competition venue.~~

t.120 delete notes (1), (2) and (3) in lines 3.1 and 3.4 and in the “Explanations” section

t.120, 4.1
t.45.3.a) vii)

t.120, 4.2
t.45.3.a) iii) iv) v)

t.120, 4.8 delete the asterisk

Material Rules

ANNEX A

Introduction:

Fencing material used in official FIE competitions and carrying the FIE logo must, without exception, have obtained a certificate of homologation, certifying that a specific item of fencing material complies with FIE Rules.

The homologation procedure is carried out by the **FIE SEMI Commission** under the supervision of an Executive Committee representative.

The homologation certificate is delivered following the successful passing of the homologation process described hereafter.

The manufacturer must wait for the result of the homologation process to be published and for the certificate to be issued prior to beginning production and/or commercialization.

The FIE SEMI Commission is composed of 10 elected members and the FIE COMEX representative and, in case of need, the SEMI Commission may consult experts from different fields to ensure the quality and expertise of the homologation process.

For **software homologation**, a delegate from the **Rules Commission** is mandatory.

For **video-refereeing**, a delegate from the **Refereeing Commission** is mandatory.

Field of application:

Homologation is compulsory for blades, points, protective clothing (jackets, breeches and under plastrons) including masks and gloves, fencing scoring apparatuses (both with wires and wireless), pistes, video refereeing systems and competition management software.

This list is not exhaustive and can be extended at any time by the Executive Committee.

Homologation process:

- 1) The homologation request must be addressed in written form to the President of the SEMI Commission. The request must contain all the documents requested in the appropriate technical handbook.
- 2) The President of the SEMI checks the request for theoretical conformity (completeness of the file, complying descriptions...) and replies within 14 days to the person making the request. An application which fails is sent back to the person making the request with explanations for the rejection. A successful application is forwarded to the FIE SEMI Commission members with a copy to the person making the request.
- 3) The Manufacturer and the independent Institute of his choice should both send the laboratory compliancy test results to the President of the SEMI Commission, together with the request for homologation. The only specialized institutes approved by the SEMI are CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for clothing (jackets, breeches and under plastron) and masks; and CRITT, Sofranel and Visti for blades.
Equipment failing to pass the tests may be modified following SEMI instructions and submitted again for the homologation process.
- 4) Equipment needing to be tested in a competition will be given a provisional homologation to be used at a specific competition, agreed with the representative of the Executive Committee and the organizer of the chosen competition **at the proposal of the SEMI President**.
- 5) After successfully passing all tests a sample of each piece of equipment should be sent to the President of the SEMI for analysis and reference; if the results of this analysis are satisfactory the specification of the equipment is given FIE homologation
- 6) Every step in the homologation process is documented in conformity with the technical handbooks. The person making the request has free access to the documentation. Every member of the SEMI Commission must receive the full documentation. However, to protect intellectual property these documents are not available to the public at large.
- 7) The final homologation is published on the FIE website.

- 8) **CE certificates and tests** are given by specialized institutes. The SEMI provides lists of equipment which has received homologation, published on the FIE website and with the appropriate certificates.

Modification management:

- 1) The homologation is valid for the duration specified in the technical handbooks as long as no modification is made to the equipment or its manufacturing process.
- 2) Any change must be reported to the **FIE SEMI Commission President**.
- 3) The modified equipment must pass the whole homologation process again.
In particular, if a manufacturer intends to change the material or the manufacturing of his FIE certified equipment, he must submit it to a new homologation process and wait for the result.

Technical handbooks:

- 1) Technical handbooks are elaborated by the SEMI and submitted to the Executive Committee.
- 2) Technical handbooks are **specific to each item** of equipment.

Marks:

The FIE emblem is a registered trademark.

It can only be used on equipment that has successfully undergone the FIE homologation process.

By affixing the FIE label of quality to their equipment manufacturers guarantee that such marked equipment fulfils FIE technical and security requirements.

Expenses:

All the expenses and costs related to the homologation of the equipment (masks, blades, breeches, jackets, under-plastron), pistes and apparatus, software and video systems are chargeable to the requester.

Withdrawal or suspension of a homologation:

- Homologation can be withdrawn or suspended when the SEMI Commission becomes aware that:

- a) the homologated material no longer conforms with the Rules; or
- b) after the homologation has been granted, the material has been modified significantly and the modifications have not been submitted for a new homologation.

Annex A

2.1.2

- 1) General, 2nd paragraph:

Clear Visor

The visor, when used, must be a minimum of 3.0 mm in thickness and must also have a separate replaceable outer covering (a "sacrificial" layer) at least 1 mm in thickness. The visor must be made of **polycarbonate resin thermoplastic**, and each mask and each replacement visor must be accompanied, at the time of purchase, with a statement that guarantees the authenticity and origin of the **polycarbonate resin thermoplastic**. The visor must correspond to the required norms of materials and manufacture as indicated in 2.1.2. of the annex to chapter 3 (Materials) of the rule book.

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.8.6

Add an appropriate drawing to the diagrams (foil)

Add the following text:

The curve of the blade must be measured as follows:

- i) the blade is placed on a flat surface so that the curve is uppermost;
- i) the maximum distance between the flat surface and the blade is measured: this distance is deemed to be the curve of the blade (cf Fig 8)

m.16.2

Add the following text:

The curve of the blade must be measured as follows:

- i) the blade is placed on a flat surface so that the curve is uppermost;
 - ii) the maximum distance between the flat surface and the blade is measured: this distance is deemed to be the curve of the blade (cf Fig 9).
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m.18

m.18 becomes **m.18.1** and the following text is added as **m.18.2**:

The handle must have, at the end which is in contact with the guard, a notch of 2 mm minimum depth, which allows the electric wires and their insulating sheaths to pass towards the sockets inside the guard without being squashed.(cf m.31.7)

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.23.1 ‘...is 4 mm; its **minimum** thickness, also **measured** immediately below the button, must be at least 1.2 mm.’

Figure: Minimum thickness of blade, **measured** at the base of button: 1.2 mm.’

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.23.4

add the following text:

The curve of the blade must be measured as follows:

- i) the blade is placed on a flat surface so that the curve is uppermost;
 - ii) the maximum distance between the flat surface and the blade is measured: this distance is deemed to be the curve of the blade (cf Fig 13).
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m.28 “CONDUCTIVE JACKET AND CONDUCTIVE T-SHIRT”.

m.28.1 The jacket must have a conductive flap, minimum 2 cm to 3 cm, near the middle of the back, just below the collar, to which the crocodile clip from the mask can be attached.

This flap should also be added to the diagram of the foil jacket, with the text:

‘Tag for crocodile clip on the back of the jacket.’

m.28.4 The conductive **collar** must have a minimum height of 3 cm and the foil conductive jacket must have a conductive flap, minimum 2cm to 3 cm near the middle of the back, just below the collar, to which the crocodile clip from the mask can be attached.

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.28.5.a The **electrical resistance** measured between any two points of the lame material must not be greater than 5 ohms. The resistance will be measured by using a ~~copper or brass~~ **conductive metal** weight which has a hemispherical end with a radius of 4 mm. This weight, placed on this end and moved about on the lamé, must maintain continuous contact with a maximum resistance of 5 ohms.

m.28.8: For compliance of T-shirt electric resistance with **wireless manufacturer requirements** - maximum electric resistance:

- a. between any two points of the electrically conductive belt on the T-shirt (including both flaps for crocodile clip connection) should be not more than 15 Ohm;
- b. between any two points on the electrically conductive fabric-belt portion of the T-shirt (including both flaps for the crocodile-clip connection) and any point of the electrically conductive fabric on the sleeves or on the neck, should be not more than 50 Ohm;
- c. these checks must be carried out by a wireless equipment manufacturer.”

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.34.1 The fencer must wear, over his jacket, a conductive over-jacket, the conductive surface of which must cover entirely and without omission the valid surface of the body above a horizontal line which, when the fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer's trunk, the upper points of the creases formed by the thighs. At wireless sabre the fencer must wear a conductive t-shirt. The conductive part is made of a conductive fabric with maximum electric resistance between any two points of electrically conductive **t-shirt fabric (including both flaps for crocodile-clip connection) should be not more than 15 Ohm. These checks must be carried out by a the wireless equipment manufacturer.**

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.34.2 The **conductive surface** must cover the arms as far as the wrists. The jacket must have a collar which is at least 3 cm high. The jacket must have a conductive flap **minimum 2 cm x 3 cm** in the middle of the back, just below the collar, to which the crocodile clip from the mask can be attached.

Application date: 2012-2013 season

m.38.1 The number of articles handed to the Checking Centre is limited to four weapons, **three** bodywires, two conductive jackets, two masks and **three** mask-to-jacket leads per fencer.

m.42.2 g) In the world championships and Olympic Games the control of blades by Foucault current is mandatory.

Change the numbering accordingly to h) and i) instead of g) and h). The SEMI Commission should provide a text concerning the blades approval standards.

Application date: 2012 London Olympics

m.53.1 To add a second paragraph:

The control of the fencing apparatuses must be done before the competition using a checking device that is able to verify that the fencing apparatuses fulfil all requirements related to reaction times and electrical resistances.

m.57.9 Pistes used in the World Championships and in the Olympic Games must be tested before competition by SEMI Commission Delegates using the Slip-Meter.

m.57.10 The specifications of the Slip-Meter must fulfil the specifications defined in the homologation manual."

m. Annexes that the **Annexes** to the material rules be numbered in such a way that 'navigating' them is easier.

Application date: 2012

4) Urgent decisions

o.80 Only fencers who are **of an age to qualify** for the next World Junior Championships may fence in the official FIE Junior ~~World Cup~~ competitions, **individual or team**, of the **current** fencing season.

t.15.2 (the current t.15.2 becoming t.15.3)

It is obligatory for any fencer who warms up or trains with another fencer on site at an official FIE competition (including in the training halls linked to the competition) to wear **fencing clothing and equipment** which conforms with the FIE regulations.

Any person giving a lesson must wear at least a fencing master's plastron, as well as a fencing glove and a mask conforming to the regulations.

Any fencer taking a lesson must wear at least a mask and a glove.