



**2007 World Championships  
St. Petersburg (RUS)  
28 September - 7 October 2007**

**INFORMATION for DELEGATIONS**

**I – Competition Schedule**

28.09.2007	09h00	Séminaire des Arbitres
	09h00	Réunion du Directoire technique
	11h00	Affichage de la composition définitive des poules
	14h00	Sabre féminin Individuel - Elimination
29.09.2007	8h30	Fleuret masculin Individuel - Elimination
	12h30	Sabre féminin Individuel - TED 64
	18h30	Sabre féminin Individuel - 1/2 finales, finales
30.09.2007	8h30	Epée féminine Individuel - Elimination
	11h00	Fleuret masculin Individuel - TED 64
	18h30	Fleuret masculin Individuel - 1/2 finales, finales
01.10.2007	8h30	Sabre masculin individuel - Elimination
	11h00	Epée Féminine Individuel - TED 64
	18h30	Epée Féminine Individuel - 1/2 finales, finales
02.10.2007	8h30	Epée Masculine Individuel - Elimination
	11h00	Sabre Masculin Individuel - TED 64
	18h30	Sabre Masculin Individuel - 1/2 finales, finales
03.10.2007	8h30	Fleuret Féminin Individuel - Elimination
	11h00	Epée Masculine Individuel - TED 64
	18h30	Epée masculine Individuel - 1/2 finales, finales
04.10.2007	11h00	Fleuret Féminin Individuel - TED 64
	18h30	Fleuret Féminin Individuel - 1/2 finales, finales
05.10.2007	8h30	Fleuret masculin Equipes

	9h40 17h30	Sabre féminin Equipes Finales
06.10.2007	8h30 10h00 17h30	Epée féminine Equipes Sabre masculin Equipes Finales
07.10.2007	8h30 8h30 17h30	Epée masculine Equipes Fleuret Féminin Equipes Finales Cérémonie de Clôture

## II - Officials

PALMSTROEM	Per	SWE	President of the Directoire Technique
BERNARDINI	Raniero	ITA	Member of the Directoire Technique
FAYE	Cécile	SEN	Member of the Directoire Technique
KRALIK	Julius	SVK	Member of the Directoire Technique
MAYER	Gabriela	CAN	Member of the Directoire Technique
TSOUKHLO	Evgueni	RUS	Member of the Directoire Technique
YUAN	Xiang Yang	CHN	Member of the Directoire Technique
GROUPIERRE	Victor	ARG	Chief of Protocol
HALSTED	Clare	GBR	Delegate of the Medical Commission
VAN DUGTEREN	George	RSA	Delegate of the Medical Commission
DOS SANTOS	Eduardo	POR	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
KARAMETE	Mehmet	TUR	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
RIKHTMAN	Semion	RUS	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
EL MOTAWAKEL	Mohamed	EGY	Head delegate of the Refereeing Commission
KIM	Chang Gon	KOR	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
KOLOBATOVICH	George	USA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
PLASTERIE	Serge	FRA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission

### III - Confirmation and Accreditation (1st floor)

- 1) The federations which are not up-to-date with payment of their annual membership fees are requested to settle them with Mr Peter Jacobs or Ms Nathalie Rodriguez before 28 September 2007.
- 2) The presence of a participant for individual or team competitions must be confirmed when accreditation is collected; this procedure replaces any other method of confirming an athlete's presence to the Directoire Technique.
- 3) The accreditation desk and accreditation system will remain operational until the end of the championships.
- 4) The accreditations will be distributed to the heads of delegation upon presentation of proof of identity (passports...) of each member of their delegation and after payment of the entry fees.
- 5) **Accreditations must be carried out, at the latest, at 10am the day before the competitions concerned.**

### IV – Individual Competitions

- 1) **At 12:00**, the day before the competition, we will display:
  - a) the list of participants per country
  - b) the list of the participants by their initial ranking in the concerned competition
  - c) FIE ranking at the time of the Championships
- 2) **15:00**, at the latest, is the deadline for informing the Directoire Technique of any objection or withdrawal. No modifications will be accepted beyond this deadline.
- 3) **At 16:00**, the following will be displayed:
  - a) the final version of the pools
  - b) timetable and assignment of pistes for the entire following day
  - c) the formula of the competition
    - at the information points
    - in the delegations' pigeon-hole boxes
    - in the official hotels.

### V – Team Competitions

- 1) For any modification concerning the teams, a request must be made to the Directoire Technique by 10am the day before the competition.
- 2) Drawing of lots to place teams at the top and bottom of the bout sheet, as found in the Rules, will take place at the indicated spots.

## VI – Event Venue (see attached map)

**Initial Weapons Control Room:** 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**Call Room:** ground floor, opposite the Directoire Technique

**Weapons Control Room:** ground floor, opposite the call room

**Medical Stations:** ground floor

## VII – Offices and Halls

<b>a) Referee Meeting</b>	Park Inn Hotel
<b>b) FIE President's Office</b>	Ground Floor, Central Office Block
<b>c) FIE Administration and Treasurer's Office</b>	Ground Floor, Central Office Block
<b>d) Directoire Technique</b>	Ground Floor, Central Office Block
<b>e) Delegates</b>	Ground Floor, Gallery
<b>f) Referees</b>	Ground Floor, Central Office Block

## VIII – Information Points

There will be three information points :

- Near the mixed zone
- Near the referees' room
- On a notice board near the qualification pistes

Only the fencers concerned, referees and staff for the pistes are authorised to access the zones of combat defined by barriers.

The fencers who are in the zones of combat are requested to keep their belongings in closed fencing bags at the end of the piste.

All fencers and referees are requested to be present on the pistes 10 minutes before the beginning of the pools.

## IX - Confirmation of Results

- 1) Fencers are responsible for checking the results of the pools and direct elimination sheets to verify that the results have been correctly registered. The screens installed by every piste and at various places in the halls will make it possible to quickly check updated results of the rounds of pools and direct elimination bouts.

- 2) To avoid any kind of error, the DT will publish the results of the pools and the list of qualified and eliminated fencers immediately after the end of the round of pools. The delegations must raise any objections they may have **within a time limit of 5 minutes**.
- 3) The direct elimination tables, with timetables and pistes, will be displayed after **this 5 minutes time limit** and after each round of table.
- 4) **No call will be made by microphone.**

## X - Organisation of the Direct Elimination Table to the Final

For conventional weapons, the individual events will take place entirely on the 8-9 pistes, which are equipped for video-refereeing.

- 1) Fencers must present themselves in the call room 20 minutes before the time set for the beginning of their bouts, in order to be led to the coloured pistes.

The fencers who have won bouts of the table of 64 must immediately go to the weapons control room (foil and sabre for wireless equipment) situated next to the call room, leave their material there so that it can be checked, and then come back to the call room as specified above.

- 2) Special areas, defined by barriers and near the gallery, are assigned to coaches around the coloured pistes. They are only allowed to leave these spaces during the 1 minute break.
- 3) A specific protocol will be applied from the beginning of the table of 64 and 8. The fencers (in fencing clothing) and referees will be escorted from the call room to their respective pistes. The rest of the bouts will follow each other in a continuous manner as soon as pistes become available.
- 4) The SEMI delegate will give the weapons in a closed fencing bag to the volunteers, who will escort the athletes to the coloured pistes. The fencing bag remains closed during the combat. The athletes will leave the call room ready to fence, i.e. with their mask and weapon plugged into the body wire.

## XI – Reminder of Recent Modifications to the FIE Rules

### a) Article t.22.1

The use of the **non-sword hand** and **arm** to carry out an offensive or defensive actions is forbidden (cf. t.114, t.117. t.120). Should such an offence occur, the hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled **and the latter will be penalised as specified for offences of the 2nd group (red card).**

### b) Article t.43 Checking of equipment by the referee

*In pools, this checking must be done at the roll call of the fencers.*

*For bouts in the direct elimination and the finals this checking must be done in the call room.*

*The organisers of all official FIE competitions (junior and senior) must make provision in their set-up for a call room.*

### **c) Article t.45.5 Checking of equipment by the referee**

*If the conductive jacket does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket that does conform to the Rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc) to get his name and nationality printed on it. If this is not done, and except in case of “force majeure” the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.*

### **d) Article t.86.2**

*Before the start of the bout, the fencers' hair must be fastened and placed inside the clothing and/or mask in such a way as to ensure :*

- *it does not cover a valid surface (and thus preventing a hit from being scored) ;*
- *it does not conceal the name and nationality of the fencer ;*
- *it does not need to be put back in place during the bout, thus interrupting it.*

*In the case of violation of this rule, the referee will apply the penalties for group 1 offences (t.114, t.116, t.120).*

### **e) Article t.87.5 and following**

#### **5 Individual events**

- a)** When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight \* during the two first periods of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.
- b) In case of repeated offence,** the Referee will award at each time a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.
- c)** When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight \* during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout :
- i)** if the offence was not committed during the course of the preceding periods, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the fencer, and will proceed to the last minute \* of the time allowed for the bout ;
- ii)** if the offence was already committed during the course of the preceding periods, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the fencer, and will proceed to the last minute \* of the time allowed for the bout.

This last minute\*, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

## 6 Team events

- a) When both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** \* during a team match, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.
- b) **In case of repeated offence**, the Referee will award at each time a penalty hit (red card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout, and this up to the last bout.
- c) When both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight \* during **the last bout** :
- i) if the offence was not committed during the course of the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against both of the teams, and will proceed to the last minute \* of the time allowed for the bout ;
- ii) if the offence was already committed during the course of the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against both of the teams, and will proceed to the last minute \* of the time allowed for the bout.

This last minute\*, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

### **Clear unwillingness to fight (non-combativity) \***

If two of the criteria below are combined, there is unwillingness to fight :

1. criterion of time : one minute of fight without hit
2. absence of iron contact
3. excessive distance (superior to the distance of a step-lunge)

## **f) Article m.5.5 (new) Equipment and checking of weapons**

*a) At foil and epee, only traditional or homologated pointes d'arrêt are accepted. No other kind of pointe d'arrêt, notably new ones that are not homologated, will be accepted at the weapon control.*

*In order to make identification easier, please note that a traditional pointe d'arrêt has two screws to fix the tip of the pointe d'arrêt to the base, the whole is in metal, and there is no plastic in the base.*

*To make the checking of weapons easier and allow complete observation of the tip and its base, foil fencers are requested to present their foils for checking with bare points, not covered with adhesive tape over the first 15 cm.*

*b) In order that the registering of hits by the contact of the point on the opponent be correctly registered by the scoring device, the pointes d'arrêt must be clean. The electrical resistance measured in ohms must not exceed the limit of two ohms (m.5.4.a).*

*c) The blades, the guards at epee and foil and the guard at sabre must be totally in metal. Apart from at sabre where the part of the guard next to the pommel is insulated (insulating sheath), their exteriors must not be covered by any material (plastic or other). The guard may not feature any advertising. This is also the case for the insulated part of the sabre guard.*

*d) The fencer or the person who tries to execute hits in a way that does not comply with the rules, either with the weapon or by manipulating the scoring device, will be excluded from the competition or from the competition zone and, after identification, will be liable to an additional penalty.*

### **g) Video-refereeing**

The video-refereeing is compulsory at Grand Prix competitions and World Championships.

- In individual events, the fencer has:

- in the pools using the video-refereeing system, one possible appeal during each bout;
- in direct elimination bouts, two possible appeals to video-refereeing.

Should the referee prove the fencer who appealed to the video-refereeing right, the latter is entitled to get back his possibility of appeal.

- In team events, the fencers keep one possible appeal to the video-refereeing per relay and they are entitled to get back this appeal should the referee prove them right.

In case of appeal to the video-refereeing, the referee will move towards the refereeing delegate, they will watch the video together and after consultation with the delegate, the referee will give his final decision.

At conventional weapons, when both lamps are on, the referee must look at his monitor before making a decision.

If both fencers are equal at the end of the match, the referee must use the video-refereeing to award the decisive hit should the two lamps be on (except at epee).

The last action will be replayed on the referee's and the refereeing delegate's monitors, first at the real speed and then in slow motion, at a speed that is between 20 and 25% of the real speed.

The refereeing delegate has the possibility to request that the referee review his decision at any time.

The person(s) checking the referee's decision does not have to be a member of the refereeing commission. For the World Championships, the refereeing head delegate will designate this or these person(s).

## **XII – Annexes**

Lists of masks and blades homologated by the SEMI

Map



