

Urgent letter 14-04  
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Decisions of the  
Executive Committee

1. Decisions of 17 August 2004

**LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE**

**Dear Madam, dear Sir,**

We are informing you of the decisions of the Executive Committee taken at its meetings held during the Athens Olympic Games :

**a) French Fencing Federation**

The Executive Committee of the FIE, at its meeting of 17 August 2004 in Athens, has decided to give a warning to the French Fencing Federation, for non respect of the article t.87 of the FIE Rules by one of its fencers.

In effect, during the final at Women's Individual Epee of the O.G.; Ms Laura Flessel-Colovic refused to make the fencing salute in spite of the requests of the referee.

The application of the sanctions defined by the article t.120 would have had consequences for the French Women's Epee Team. The Executive Committee did not want to sanction the entire French Women's Epee Team because of the behaviour of one of its fencers.

**b) Italian Fencing Federation**

The Executive Committee of the FIE, at its meeting of 17 August 2004 in Athens, has decided to give a warning to the Italian Fencing Federation, for non respect of the Publicity Code of the FIE as well as the Olympic Charter by two of its fencers.

In effect, during the protocol ceremony at Men's Individual Sabre of the O.G. on 14 August 2004, Mr. Aldo Montano showed conspicuously publicity. This infraction has also been committed by Mr. Salvatore Sanzo on 16 August 2004.

The application of the sanctions defined by the article t.120 of the FIE Rules would have had consequences for the Italian Men's Sabre Team, which was scheduled to fence on 19 August 2004. The Executive Committee did not want to penalise the entire sabre team because of individual behaviour of its fencers.

2. Decisions of 22 August 2004

**a) Italian Fencing Federation**

The Executive Committee of the FIE, at its meeting of 22 August 2004 in Athens, has decided to give a blame to the Italian Fencing Federation for the behaviour of some members of its delegation.

In effect, during the final of Men's Foil Team of the Olympic Games, which was held on 21 August 2004 in Athens :

- A member of the Italian delegation entered in the piste zone without the authorisation of the referee and refused to go out at the request of the latter.
- Mr. Andrea Magro made aggressive gestures to the referee and the assessor.
- The fencer Simone Vanni had a disrespectful and offensive attitude towards his adversary as well as the Delegate of the Medical Commission.

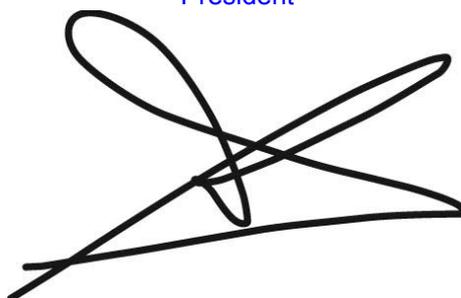
**b) Decisions concerning the refereeing**

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of 22 August 2004 in Athens, has decided to take out Mr. Jozsef Hidasz (Hungary) from the list of the referees for the Olympic Games and not to publish him on the FIE list of referees for two years, following grave technical faults.

In effect, following the final between Italy and China of the Men's Foil Team, held on 21 August 2004, and after having checked the video tape of the said match, the delegates of the Refereeing Commission, and the delegate of the Executive Committee to this commission, have noticed the following faults :

- 1) Inversion of the decisions regarding the hits:
  - 4 hits in the second relay
  - 2 hits in the fifth relay
- 2) Non application of the sanctions due to faults of combat.

René Roch  
President

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