



MEETING OF THE SPECIAL RULES COMMISSION FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Hôtel de la Paix, Lausanne (SUI), 13 June 2005, 9.00 am

Were present :

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| René Roch, | President |
| Samuel David Cheri, | President of the Legal Commission |
| Massimo Lembo | Member of the Legal Commission |
| Frantisek Janda | Member of the Publicity and Promotion Commission |
| Victor Sergio Groupierre, | Member of the Publicity and Promotion Commission |
| Steve Higginson, | President of the Rules Commission |
| Helen Smith | Member of the Rules Commission |
| Ioan Pop | International Technical Director |
| Claudia Sanchez | Executive Assistant |

The President of the Commission welcomes the participants.

He indicates that, in spite of several requests to the IOC, he did not obtain the two additional medals for the Olympic Games. He met with Jacques Rogge, IOC President, at the end of 2004, who confirmed the IOC decision : the FIE will have 10 medals and it is up to the FIE to decide on the distribution.

The President sent two fencers to Berlin to meet with Mr Kelly Fairweather, IOC Sports Director, in order to take over this request of additional medals. The President has not yet obtained any information from the fencers but received a call from Mr. Fairweather, who confirmed that the FIE request has not been approved.

The President explains the vote to be held in Singapore concerning the Olympic sports: those which will be maintained and those wishing to enter the Olympic programme. 50 % of votes are required for an Olympic sport to be maintained in the Olympic programme, 66 % of votes are required for a new sport to become Olympic. According to the information received by the President, fencing is neither questioned nor in danger, however he recommends to be attentive and suggests the members of the Commission to increase the communication with the members of National Olympic Committees.

Regarding the distribution of the 10 medals, fencing being an individual sport, he thinks that it is not appropriate to present 5 individual events and 5 team events. He proposes to keep 6 individual events and 4 team events. The members unanimously approve. He reminds that the IOC will not agree with a "special mixed team". The IOC requires that FIE World Championships events are the same as the Olympic Games events.

Then, the President suggests to vote for the allotment of the team events for the Olympic programme as follows : 3 men's and 1 women's events, or 2 men's and 2 women's events. Result : four members are in favour of 3 men's and 1 women's event and two members are in favour of 2 men's and 2 women's events. The decision of the Commission will be presented to the Congress for ratification : **6**

individual events (3 weapons for each women and men) and 4 team events (3 weapons for the men and 1 for the women) in the programme.

Helen Smith reminds that one of the IOC's objective is to increase the participation of women in sports and leadership in the Olympic movement. To choose 3 weapons for the men and 1 for the women in team events might jeopardize fencing as it goes against the IOC policy and shows a lack of interest of the FIE in respect of changes. She adds that there is a real potential to exploit with women's events and these weapons could disappear if we do not give them opportunities of developing.

René Roch approves but adds that unfortunately the IOC did not want to give the two additional medals. Besides, the FIE fully complies with the IOC criteria which recommends approximately 60 % of men's events and 40 % of women's events. He thinks that men's weapons have a larger impact on the media than women's weapons.

Helen Smith reminds that there was an important coverage of fencing by the media in Athens and thus also thanks to the women's weapons. She gives the example of the fencer Laura Flessel who increased the audience in France.

The President proposes another vote to determine which team women's weapons will be part of the Olympic programme. He reminds that women's epee and foil were in Sydney (sabre was not Olympic), women's epee was in Athens and logically it should be the turn of women's sabre, all the more since it is a media friendly weapon and brings a large participation of teams at World Cup events.

Decision : The Commission will unanimously propose to the Congress that women's sabre be part of the Olympic programme for 2008.

2005 CONGRESS PROPOSITIONS

SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIAL RULES COMMISSION FOR STUDY

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| <p>PROPOSITIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES</p> |
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Proposition 2 : Olympic Games.

- o.48** If we do not obtain additional medals for the 2008 Olympic Games, we must propose the Congress to choose the disciplines to be kept. Possibilities of :
- 4 teams / 6 individuals.
 - 5 teams / 5 individuals.

It will be necessary to choose in the first case the teams which will not participate to the Olympic Games and in the second case the discipline to be suppressed in individual and team.

Motivation : A decision must be taken before the end of 2005.

Opinion of the Commission : in favour of 4 team and 6 individual events.

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| <p>PROPOSITIONS OF THE HUNGARIAN FENCING FEDERATION</p> |
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Proposition Nr. 8

- a) This is necessary to keep the individual and team weapons of the Games of Athens.
- b) The individual qualification must be based on the Official FIE ranking from 1 to 16.
- c) The possibility to have a reserve for the Olympic Games.

Opinion of the Executive Committee : unfavourable

Opinion of the Commission : unfavourable to item « b », and there is already a possibility for a reserve.

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| PROPOSITIONS OF THE PORTUGUESE FENCING FEDERATION |
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Proposition 3 : Qualification to the Olympic Games

The Qualification of participants to the Individual Competitions of the Olympic Games shall include the Champion of each geographical zone. Should the latter be already qualified by the individual or team official world ranking, his (her) place will be re-allocated to the 2nd ranked fencer of the Zonal Championship. Should the latter also be qualified, the place will be re-allocated to the 3rd ranked fencer.

Motivation : it can not be understood that European, African, American and Asia-Oceanian champions have not the right to participate in the Olympic Games. A qualification for the OG, which includes winners of Zonal Championships, increases their interest and strength.

Opinion of the Commission : unfavourable

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| PROPOSITIONS OF THE FENCING FEDERATION OF QATAR |
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Proposition 3. Quota at Olympic Games

In order to enhance the universality of fencing, a system should be put in place to allow Continents or Regions in a Continent to directly qualify their best fencer to the Olympic Games.

Opinion of the Commission : unfavourable

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| PROPOSITIONS OF THE SWISS FENCING FEDERATION |
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Proposition 1 : Qualification System for the 2008 Olympic Games of Beijing

1. Selection of competitions

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| - Senior Women's Epee | individual and team |
| - Senior Men's Epee | individual and team |
| - Senior Women's Foil | individual |
| - Senior Men's Foil | individual and team |
| - Senior Women's Sabre | individual |
| - Senior Men's Sabre | individual and team |

Comment :

Senior Women Team competitions at Foil and Sabre are not selected because their number of competitions and participants in World Cups is inferior to the one at other weapons and in other categories.

Furthermore, to draw lots for the selection of competitions is, according to the Swiss Law, arbitrary and therefore subject to appeal.

2. Qualification of fencers

2.1. Team competition

- 8 teams of 3 fencers
- These 8 teams are qualified according to the total of points of 3 fencers in the ranking of the Individual World Cup.

Comment :

Only big nations can finance and participate in the circuit of Team World Cups.

2.2. Individual competition

- 40 fencers maximum
- 24 members of the 8 teams (8x 3)
- The 10 best fencers of the final adjusted World Cup ranking (it means without taking into account fencers whose federations have been qualified for the team competition) and who are ranked up to the 64th position of the final ranking of the World Cup.
- Should these criteria be only partially or not fulfilled, the remaining places will be attributed to non European zones.
- 5 zonal fencers (1 per zone)
- 1 « Wild card »

Comment :

The best athletes are so qualified for the Olympic Games while the zones are respected.

Opinion of the Commission : unfavourable

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| PROPOSITIONS OF THE SLOVAK FENCING FEDERATION |
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Proposition 2 : Qualification criteria for the 2008 Olympic Games

Motivation: in view of the success of the 2004 Games and also remarks from various FIE member federations in respect of the participation of athletes to individual events or the absence of best fencers in the concerned weapon, but also for the principle of universality of our sport in order to preserve its place in the next Olympic games and the repartition of participating countries in the respective disciplines.

Proposition :

EVENTS:

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| Men | Women |
| Men's Individual Epee | Women's Individual Epee |
| Men's Team Epee | Women's Team Epee |
| Men's Individual Foil | Women's Individual Foil |
| Men's Team Foil | Women's Individual Sabre |
| Men's Individual Sabre | Men's Team Sabre |

ATHLETE QUOTA : 200

Maximum per NOC: 2 for the Individual, 3 for teams

A. Qualification system:

The individual event brings together at MF and ME about 36 fencers, at WE and MS 32 fencers and at WS and WF 30 fencers for each weapon. The host country will not need more than 4 free places to

The team event brings together approx. 12 teams for each weapon (3 + reserve), which comes to 192 athletes + 8 free places to eventually complete the teams with fencers of the host country non qualified by the system or wild cards to be attributed by the FIE or IOC.

a) Individual qualification

- Opinion of the Commission : in favour of the allotment of weapons, unfavourable to the athletes quota as we can not give greater importance to some of the weapons.**

Should less than three individual fencers be qualified, the team can not be made up as it goes against the IOC principles. The team can not be composed anyhow.

Helen Smith specifies that some fencers demonstrate a better performance in team than in individual.

Should the hosting country be already qualified at each weapons and therefore does not use its 8 allocated places, each of the 8 places should be re-allocated to the best ranked fencer of the official FIE ranking, in taking into account all weapons and all zones, insofar as the concerned country has not been already qualified by the previous criteria.

As all the points have been dealt with, the meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.