



## **Summary of decisions 2005 Congress Doha (QAT), 12 and 13 November 2005**

### **1) GENERAL POINTS**

#### **1) New affiliations**

The Congress approved the final affiliation of the Fencing Federations of Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Arab Emirates.

#### **2) Minutes of the 2004 Elective Congress in Paris (FRA)**

The minutes of the 2004 Elective Congress in Paris were unanimously approved.

#### **3) World Championships**

- a) The 2007 World Championships were awarded to St-Petersburg (RUS). The decision will be final upon receipt of a written confirmation of all the oral commitments of the candidature of St-Petersburg.
- b) 2008 Junior-Cadet World Championships : candidature of Egypt
- c) 2008 Team World Championships (for the weapons not selected for the 2008 Olympic Games) : candidature of Beijing
- d) Candidatures for the organisation of the 2009 and 2010 World Championships : reception of candidatures by the 2006 General Assembly (dead line) and vote during the 2007 Congress.

#### **4) Challenge Chevalier Feyerick**

The Challenge Chevalier Feyerick was awarded to the athlete Fabrice Jeannet (FRA) for his declarations in the press so conveying the values of fencing : chivalrous spirit and education.

#### **5) Candidatures to the organisation of the 2007 Congress**

Madrid (ESP) and Istanbul (TUR).

The decision will be taken during the 2006 General Assembly.

#### **6) 2008 Beijing Olympic Games**

There will be 5 male events (3 individual, 2 team) and 5 female events (3 individual, 2 team). The 4 team events (2 female and 2 male) will be determined during the 2006 General Assembly.

## **2) MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES**

The following modifications were adopted with immediate application, unless otherwise specified.

### **Article 1.1. j) new**

- j) to ensure that the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, family status or other, is respected.

### **Article 1.2.8 new**

The FIE recognises the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, the application of the Code of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee and the competence of the Commission of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee.

### **Article 3.1.2 c)**

An extraordinary Congress may be convened if the Executive Committee so proposes, or at the request of at least 50 % of member Federations. The expenses incurred by the organisation of this Congress are paid by the FIE.

### **Article 3.3.1**

The FIE member Federations may be represented at a FIE Congress or General Assembly by 2 delegates, whose names must be made known to the FIE head-office one month before the Congress or General Assembly.

Members of the Executive Committee and Commissions have the right to take part in the Congress. The authority to vote for a member Federation is limited to its President or any other person designated by him in writing.

### **article 3.5.4**

At the Congress the vote is secret on any point which concerns an individual person or a member Federation, or on the decision of the Chairman of the meeting, or at the request of at least 25% of the members present.

### **article 4.1.4**

The FIE Bureau rejects candidatures which do not respect the Statutes or the Code of Ethics of the IOC. Each national federation can contest the list of the candidates communicated by the Bureau. All questions will in the last instance be considered by the Executive Committee, after advice from the Legal Commission and the persons concerned. In case of urgency an opinion can be obtained by fax or telephone.

### **Article 4.4.2. Application 2008 elections**

To be candidate for a permanent commission a person must hold a licence from his National Federation except if he is a Member of Honour, be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections and enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

It is desirable that the candidates for various commissions have specific professional knowledge or credentials as follows :

Medical Commission – have completed the educational requirements for being an MD or a physiotherapist;

Disciplinary Commission – have the educational requirements for or be practising as a lawyer, judge, arbitrator or professor of law ;

Legal Commission - have the educational requirements or be practising as a lawyer, judge or notary (Europe) ; and

SEMI Commission – have a college degree in engineering or science or be practising as an engineer.

**A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must be an international referee at least at two weapons.**

Being a member of the Refereeing Commission is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain.

If a candidate for a permanent commission withdraws before an election, only his member Federation may present another candidate.

#### **article 4.5**

##### **4.5.2 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph**

Each member federation can nominate **one single athlete** for the Athletes Commission.

**4.5.3** Each member federation shall indicate to the FIE **the name of its candidate** two months before the first day of the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games.

**4.5.5** The athletes who will participate in the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games will elect **six representatives** (always among the athletes nominated by the member Federations) for a four year term.

**4.5.6** **A list of candidates will be established, all weapons combined, and each participant shall vote for 6 athletes maximum, whatever weapon the athletes are applying for.**

**4.5.7 to 4.5.10 and 4.5.16 deleted.**

**4.5.11** **The voting athletes will personally go to the office of the FIE at the competition site to fill in their voting slip and deposit them in the ballot box**, after having verified their identity by presenting their license and having signed the attendance sheet.

**4.5.12** **One single ballot box will be provided throughout all the competitions of each of the six individual weapons.**

**4.5.14** **The candidates** who have received the greatest number of votes **will be elected, without distinction of weapon.**

#### **article 5.2.2**

Two members of the Executive Committee, fulfilling the roles of Secretary General and Secretary-Treasurer, are chosen by the President of the FIE.

The Executive Committee **then** elects **three** Vice-Presidents **from among its own members.**

The President, the Secretary General, the Secretary-Treasurer and the **three** Vice-Presidents form the Central Office (Bureau).

### Article 5.3.3

In the event of death or resignation of the President, the Secretary General performs the President's duties provisionally, until the next Congress or General Assembly, during which the elections of a new President will be organised.

### Article 5.5.2. Application 1 January 2006

In an emergency the Executive Committee can take decisions that are immediately binding, after having first requested (by e-mail or fax) the opinion of the members of the competent commission(s). Such a decision can, in no case, modify or be opposite to a decision adopted by the last Congress or General Assembly and it must be submitted to the next meeting of the General Assembly or Congress for confirmation. This procedure is not applicable to a modification of Statutes.

### article 5.6.4

Replace the last sentence by :

The President is allowed to carry out on this account, jointly with the Secretary-Treasurer, any investments, which will be reported to the Executive Committee.

### Article 5.7.1

In the course of the financial year the Bureau informs the Members of the FIE (Federations and Members of Honour) of urgent measures which may concern them, by means of any official publications of the F.I.E.

### Article 6.4.4 Deleted

### Article 7.1.7.

- delete from the list the words « taking of drugs (banned substances) »

- add to the end of article 7.1.7 the words : "Violations of the Anti-doping Rules of the FIE are not submitted to the assessment of the Disciplinary Commission of the F.I.E. They are treated in accordance with the FIE Anti-doping Rules".

### Article 9.1.5

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site, then issued by the FIE Head-Office to those entitled through their member national Federation, whose nationality they possess.

b) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

e) The F.I.E. administrative office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

#### **Article 9.1.7**

Should a member federation refuse to apply for an international licence, it should inform the F.I.E. Bureau in order to prevent a fencer living in a foreign country from applying again through a different channel.

The rest of the text is deleted.

#### **Article 9.1.8 New**

A referee can obtain from the FIE, through the intermediary of his national Federation or the national Federation of the country where he has been residing for more than three years, an international licence, which will specify the nationality of the referee.

#### **Article 9.2.1 Deleted**

#### **Article 10.1.1 Application 2006 – 2007 season**

The official competitions of the FIE include the Olympic Games, the Open, Junior, Cadet and Veteran World Championships, the individual and team Open World Cups (Category A candidates, Category A, Grand Prix, satellites) and the Junior World Cup, the zonal Championships, as well as the Masters and Super Masters that are organised, any qualifying events for the Olympic Games that are organised, and any other competitions designated by the Congress of the FIE.

#### **article 10.2.1 g)**

Furthermore, the Congress will accept the candidatures proposing to organise separate Junior and Cadet Championships.

#### **Articles 10.2.4 a) and 10.2.5 b) : To be deleted as doubled**

### **3) MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES**

The following modifications were adopted with immediate application, unless otherwise specified.

#### **Organisation Rules**

##### **Article o.13**

The composition of pools must, except where there are contrary provisions in these Rules, take account of the latest official FIE ranking, drawing lots among any fencers who are not ranked. The rest remains unchanged.

##### **Article o.31.3**

Confirmation of the presence of the exempted fencers is made with the entering of the fencers.

##### **Article o.44.3**

If this order is altered, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored since the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order.

##### **Article o.53**

**1** Three months before the start of the event, the Federations will receive an **entry form** from the Organising Committee, **on which they** are requested to indicate the number of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition's programme two months before the start of the first event. No additional fencers will be accepted after this date.

**2** **The entry** of fencers and teams **by name**, is to be made via the FIE website. This entry of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the entry of teams, must be made 15 days before the first event of the Championships at the latest.

**3** After the cut-off date for entries indicated on the FIE Website, there can be no further additional entries nor any withdrawal of a name.

**Changes of name**, for reasons of 'force majeure' or injury, can only be made up to 24 hours before the start of each event.

##### **Article o.54 : Immediate application.**

###### **1. For Grand Prix and Team competitions :**

**a)** The entry of names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, is to be made via the FIE Website 15 days before the competition at the latest.

**b)** From the deadline for entries indicated on the FIE website, there can be no further additional entries nor the withdrawal of a name except in cases of properly authenticated injury or force majeure. However, before the Tuesday preceding the competition, a fencer may be replaced by

another. To do this, the national federations must send to the FIE, in writing (fax or e-mail), a request for a fencer to be replaced. In cases of injury, the rules for World Championships will apply.

c) In the case of team competition entries, the names of the fencers making up the team may be modified up until mid-day on the day before the competition, by informing the organisers.

d) and e) unchanged.

f) For Grand Prix competitions and Team competitions, as the referees are designated by the FIE, the delegations are not required to provide referees.

## **2. Other World Cup competitions**

In 2005-2006 only, as the rule will be modified in 206-2007, with the suppression of quotas, delegations are advised to send their entries announcing their intention to compete at least three weeks before the date of the event.

a) The names of those entered must reach the organiser no later than midnight, local time, of the Tuesday preceding the week-end on which the competition is taking place. The name of the team manager must be identified on this document, as well as the name and category of each referee being brought.

**To be deleted from the Rules for the 2006-2007 season: the first phrase of o.54.1 ("For Grand Prix and Team World Cup competitions"), o.54.2 a), b), c), and o.54.3 becomes o.54.2.**

### **Article o.57, b)**

The Directoire Technique is composed of people who are used to organising competitions. It is designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

### **Article o.62**

**Deleted and replaced by :**

For questions of rules, the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge the value of a referee's decision.

At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission Delegate, it is the Supervisor who fulfils this function.

The Supervisor settles any disputes which might arise in Category A and Grand Prix competitions.

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any disputes which arise at World Championships.

### **Article o.65 Application 2006-2007**

1 At the Open World Championships, entries are limited to four fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events and one team per weapon per nation for the team events.

2 The number of qualified teams is limited to 16 teams, according to the FIE Official Ranking, plus 16 teams allocated between the different zones, according to the FIE Official Ranking as follows : 6 from Europe, 4 from America, 4 from Asia/Oceania and 2 from Africa.

Should the organising country not have a team qualified, it will automatically have a place among the 16 teams allocated between the different zones.

In case of non participation of a team, the next one in the ranking qualifies.

#### Article o.69.1

The Technical delegate of the FIE, who represents the FIE in accordance with the Olympic Rules for Regional Games, will be chosen by the President of the FIE, after consultation with the Executive Committee, according to criteria of recognized technical abilities.

#### Article o.78 Application 2006-2007

2. For Grand Prix competitions, one of the three members of the Directoire Technique shall be designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE, taking into account the principle of geographic proximity. If the organising country has an appropriate person, the FIE will nominate that person.

#### Article o.79 Application 2006-2007 for A categories (points 1. and 2).

1 For Individual Category A competitions, both Senior and Junior, at each weapon, national federations may enter a maximum of 12 fencers. The organising country (competitions in Europe) may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

2 For competitions outside Europe, the organising country may enter up to 30 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

3 For Grand Prix competitions, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter a maximum of 20 fencers, including those needed to make up the pools.

#### Article o.83, application 2006-2007

Introduction deleted, o.83.1 deleted, o.83.2 becomes o.83.1, o.83.3 becomes o.83.2

##### 1 Official individual ranking of the FIE

###### a. Principles

The **official ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup or Grand Prix competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than 3 on the same continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games, and the Zonal Championships.

b. The **official junior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than 3 on the same continent, plus the World Championships and the Zonal Championships. If all the competitions in a particular weapon take place on the same continent, then the ranking shall take into account the best five World Cup results without restriction of continent.

##### 2 Scale of points

c. The **FIE Grand Prix competitions** and the zonal championships are multiplied by a factor of 2.

##### 3 Honours, immediate application

###### Replace by:

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each senior official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the World Championships or Olympic Games.



The winner (first ranked fencer) of each junior official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

<b>Article o.84, application 2006-2007</b>
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Introduction deleted, o.84.1 deleted, o.84. 2 becomes o.84.1, o.84.3 becomes o.84.2.

**o.84.1.a) Principle.**

The team official ranking of the FIE takes into account of a team's **best four results** in the Team World Cup, with a limit of no more than two on the same continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games, and the Zonal Championships.

**o.84.3 new, Honours**

The winner (first ranked team) of each team official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the World Championships or Olympic Games.

## Material Rules

### Article m.25.3

Introduction. To add:

The national clothing includes the socks, the breeches, the jacket, and the conductive jacket at foil and sabre. (Cf. m.28, m.34).

### Article m.25.3 d)

Fencers' clothing may be of different colours, apart from black.

### Article m.25.3 New

e) National clothing shall be unique.

f) Logos worn on the national clothing must be approved by the FIE Executive Committee at least 30 days before it is used for the first time in an official FIE competition, they are then published on the FIE Website.

g) The designs of national colours (logos) are compulsory and must be identical on both legs of the athletes, optional on the arm(s), for the following events :

i World Championships and World Junior and Cadet Championships, every bout, in the pools, in the direct elimination and in team matches;

ii Individual senior World Cup competitions, all direct elimination bouts from the 64 onwards;

iii World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every match.

They must be identical for all the fencers of a same Federation for the above competitions i and iii.

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly on the jacket or on a cloth carefully sewn on the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1,5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

### Article m.25.4 c)

The use of breast/chest protectors (made of metal or some rigid material) is compulsory for women and optional for men. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron.

### Article m.34

Conductive jacket and conductive t-shirt

**m.34.1** The fencer must wear over his jacket, a **conductive 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 with a conductive fabric with an electrical resistance which, measured between any two points of the conductive fabric, must be less than 5 ohms.

**ANNEXE A, article 2.1.3 Masks that are coloured or decorated with drawings**

Replace the current text by :

Masks may feature coloured designs, on condition that they are approved by the FIE Executive Committee at least 30 days before being used for the first time in an official FIE competition.

**ANNEXE A, article 6.9- Weapon 1. The blades**

Fatigue resistance test (by bending or cyclical buckling)

Replace the second paragraph by :

The test consists of bending the blade without exceeding the limit of elasticity of the material, i.e. to the point where a bend of approximately 220 mm is reached, corresponding to a shortening of the blade by approximately 250 mm, and then allowing it to straighten.

**ANNEXE B, Foil, 1 a) 6**

After a period of time of 300 milliseconds (+/- 25 milliseconds tolerance) after the first hit signalled by the apparatus (this period of time bears no relationship to ‘fencing time’ which is the basis of judging according to the conventions governing foil fencing), the latter must ignore all signals for subsequent hits. The following sentence is deleted.

**ANNEXE B, Foil, 1 b) 1)**

Any hit must cause a signal whatever the resistance of the circuits external to the apparatus. The duration of the break of contact which must always ensure that a signal is registered must be 14 milliseconds (with + or - 1 ms of tolerance).

**ANNEXE B, Foil, 1 b) 2 and 3**

2) The registering of a valid hit must be guaranteed when there is a break of contact of 13 to 15 milliseconds, when the exterior resistance is between of 0 and 500 ohms.

3) The contact time is the same for valid and non-valid hits. A break of contact of duration of 14 milliseconds (+/- 1 millisecond) must always ensure that a signal is registered, when the exterior resistance is between 0 and 200 ohms.

**ANNEXE B, Sabre, a) 8, replace the paragraph by :**

After a hit has been registered, a subsequent hit made by the other fencer will only be registered if it occurs within a maximum delay of 120 milliseconds (with + or - 10 ms of tolerance).

## Technical Rules

### Article t.45.4

Every fencer must appear on the piste with clothing conforming to the rules as follows :

- Name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket (application in all FIE competitions, at all stages of the competitions)

- Wearing his national clothing (cf. m.25.3) application as follows :

a) Open, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;

b) Individual senior World Cup competitions, all direct elimination bouts from the 64 onwards;

c) World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every match.

In case of violation of this rule :

For the competitions mentioned in items a) and c) above, the referee shall eliminate the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.

For the competitions mentioned in item b) above, the referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, 2nd group). The fencer at fault shall however be allowed to remain on the piste and fence the bout concerned.

### Article t.73

Add an introduction:

Sabre competitions are judged with an electrical recording apparatus.

**1** To judge the materiality of hit, only hits registered by the recording apparatus can be taken into account. The Referee can not award a hit unless it has been properly registered by the apparatus except for penalty hits. He will disregard hits which are registered as a result of actions started before the « Play » or after the word « Halt » (Cf. **t.18.1/3**).

**Delete “under no circumstances” in the articles t.51 and t.65.**

### Article t.86

5 Before the start of the pool, the team match or the bouts of direct elimination (individual or team) :

i) When a fencer or complete team **do not present themselves to the Referee at his first call**, 10 minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the start of the pool or team match, or the start of the bouts of direct elimination (cf. article **t.43.2**), the fencer or team concerned will be eliminated.

6 In the course of the individual or team competition :

**In the course of the competition (individual or team), when a fencer does not present himself on the piste, ready to fence, when ordered to do so by the Referee :**

- the fencer or team not present will be penalised with a **Yellow Card** ;
- a second call will be made, one minute after the first call, followed by a **Red Card** for the fencer or team member not present ;
- a third and last call will be made, one minute after the second call, followed by the elimination from the competition for the fencer not present in an individual competition or for the whole team in a team competition.

Article t.86, 8 Deleted
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Article t.87, 5 and 6
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When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the referee will immediately call « Halt! ».

#### 5) Individual events

When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight :

a) For the first time during 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) For the second time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

c) For the third time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will exclude both fencers from the competition (black card) and they will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active or up-coming season.

d) However, when both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight for the first or second time during the third period of a direct elimination bout, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) or a penalty hit (red card) respectively against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This 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 competitions

When both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight:

a) For the first time during a match, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.

b) For the second time during a match, the referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.

c) For the third time during a match, the referee will exclude both teams from the competition (black card) and they will be suspended from the remainder of the event and for the following two months of the active or up-coming season.

d) However, when both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight for the first or second time during the ninth bout of a match, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) or a penalty hit (red card) respectively against both teams and will proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This 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.

**Article t.87, 9**

Replace the current text by :

At the end of a bout, the Referee must bring together the two fencers, to announce clearly the score, which will be transmitted to the Directoire Technique.  
He must say clearly: « Mister X won against Mister Y with the following score .... »

**Articles t.94**

The disciplinary authorities are the following :

- the referee (Cf. t.96),
- the Directoire technique (Cf. t.97, o.56 à o.62),
- the Refereeing Commission delegate(s), or the supervisor if there is no delegate,
- the Executive Committee of the IOC at the Olympic Games (Cf. t.98)
- the Bureau of the F.I.E. (Cf. t.99.1/4, t.127.h, o.63)
- the Executive Committee of the F.I.E. (Cf. t.99.5).
- the Disciplinary Commission of the FIE and its Tribunal
- the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Sports Arbitration Tribunal.

See also the Disciplinary Rules of the FIE (Chapter VII of the FIE Statutes).

**Article t.96,5 :**

Refereeing Commission Delegate or the Supervisor (if there is no Delegate) is the authority competent to deal with appeals against the decisions of the referee

**Articles t.97, title**

The Directoire Technique at official FIE competitions.

**Articles t.97, 4 deleted**

**Article t.97,3**

To add :

It is also responsible for maintaining order and discipline during competitions and may use the sanctions specified in the Rules.

- Add to the beginning of t.97 “for official FIE competitions” and delete point e) from Article t.96

#### Article t.99.2

The Disciplinary Commission of the FIE is the juridical body of the FIE that, within the limits of the territories over which the FIE has authority, settles all disciplinary matters referred to the FIE and judges all appeals against decisions taken by the Directoire Technique, [the Refereeing Commission Delegate or the Supervisor \(if there is no Delegate\)](#).

#### Article t.114, 1

There are three types of penalty to be applied in the cases indicated in the table in article t.120.  
[If a referee must penalise a fencer who has committed several faults at the same time, he should penalise the less serious fault first.](#)

#### Articles t. 114

- 2 [The penalties](#) are **cumulative and they are valid for the bout** with the exception of those indicated by a **BLACK CARD**, which means [exclusion from the competition, suspension for the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season \(1<sup>st</sup> October – World Championships for the juniors and 1<sup>st</sup> January – World Championships for the seniors\) whether current or forthcoming](#). Certain offences can result in **the annulment** of the hit scored by the fencer at fault. During the bout, only hits scored in circumstances connected with the offence may be annulled (cf. t.120). [However, a team excluded from a tournament because of a black card imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.](#)
- 3 The **penalties** are as follows :
  - c) [Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season whether current or forthcoming season](#), or expulsion from the competition venue (any person disturbing the order of the competition), demonstrated by a BLACK CARD by which the Referee identifies the person at fault.

#### Articles t.118

- 2 If during the same bout the fencer commits the same offence or a different in this group, he is penalised with a **BLACK CARD** (exclusion from the competition, [suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season \(1<sup>st</sup> October – World Championships for the juniors and 1<sup>st</sup> January – World Championships for the seniors\) whether current or forthcoming](#)

#### Articles t.119

The first infringement in the 4th group, is penalised by a **BLACK CARD** (exclusion from the competition, [suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season \(1<sup>st</sup> October – World Championships for the juniors and 1<sup>st</sup> January – World Championships for the seniors\) whether current or forthcoming](#). However, a team excluded from a tournament because of a black card imposed on one of its members is not excluded as a team from the following competitions, but it may not select the penalised fencer.

<b>Article t.120 The offences and their penalties.</b>
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3<sup>rd</sup> group :

- unwillingness to fight 3<sup>rd</sup> time = black and [delete \(1\), \(2\) and \(6\)](#)
- penalties (cards 2<sup>nd</sup> fault) = black and [delete \(1\)](#)
- [delete from the schedule of offences and penalties : Changing the order of bouts in a team match whether intentionally or unintentionally t.86.8 loss of a match](#)
- Non presentation on the piste during the competition when ordered by the Referee, with three calls at one-minute intervals **t.86.6**, 3<sup>rd</sup> call = [elimination from the competition](#)
- [To add :](#) non presentation to the Referee at his first call, 10 minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the start of the pool or team match, or the start of the bouts of direct elimination (1) **t.86.5** [elimination from the competition](#)

4<sup>th</sup> group :

[- Delete](#) non presentation to the Referee at his first call, 10 minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the start of the pool or team match, or the start of the bouts of direct elimination (1) **t.86.5**

#### EXPLANATIONS

**BLACK** CARD :

[In exclusion, delete \(1\) and \(2\).](#)

[Exclusion from the competition or whole tournament, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season \(1<sup>st</sup> October – World Championships for the juniors and 1<sup>st</sup> January – World Championships for the seniors\) whether current or forthcoming.](#)

A fencer only receives a **BLACK CARD** in the 3rd group if he previously committed an offence in this 3rd group (demonstrated by a **RED CARD**).

##### **Expulsion**

[\(3\) becomes \(1\)](#) from competition venue

[\(4\) becomes \(2\)](#) in serious cases, referee may exclude/expel immediately the person at fault

##### **Suspension**

[\(5\) becomes \(3\)](#) Suspension for the remainder of the competition taking place and from the following two FIE competitions in the weapon concerned. The points or titles obtained at the moment of the offence remain acquired.

[\(6\) deleted](#)

<b>Article t.122.4</b>
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If the referee maintains his opinion, the [Refereeing Commission Delegate or the Supervisor \(if there is no Delegate\)](#) has the authority to settle an appeal (Cf. t.97). If such an appeal is deemed to be unjustified, the fencer will be penalised in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.



#### **4) PUBLICITY CODE**

##### **PUBLICITY**

**p.12, 2 a) deleted.**

**p.12, 2 d. i, ii, iii deleted.**

**p.12, 2 e) and f) deleted.**

## **5) PROPOSITIONS POSTPONED TO THE 2007 CONGRESS**

### **CHAPTER VII, DISCIPLINARY CODE**

#### **Proposition of Brazil/Arthur Cramer**

Reincorporate the bib as valid surface at foil.

#### **Proposition of the Executive Committee**

**At foil, make the hit to the unarmed arm valid and carry out tests in considering the armed arm as a valid surface :**

This proposition is based on the fact that fencers have more and more incorrect on guard positions and leave the unarmed arm pending in front of the valid surfaces. It seems therefore useful to make the hit to the unarmed arm valid in order to suppress the possibility to contravene to the spirit of our sport. It would be also interesting to make a test in considering the hit to the armed arm valid and in this case, suppress the white light in case of non valid hit.

It would make our sport more comprehensible for the public and give back to foil the rules it used to have originally.

#### **Proposition of Brazil/Arthur Cramer**

Suppression of the lighting of the white lamp at foil : adopt the conclusions of the ad-hoc Commission in respect of the suppression of the non-valid surface at foil.

#### **Proposition of Brazil/Arthur Cramer**

To add : At foil, during the bout (between the orders ON GUARD and HALT), the arm, forearm and unarmed hand must never stand in front of the chest.

#### **Proposition of the Executive Committee**

**a) The programme of the Junior World Championships comprises 6 individual events and 6 team events** : male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre – **these begin with the junior individual events and end with the team events.**

**b) The programme of the Cadet World Championships comprises 6 individual events** : male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre.

The organisers must submit the programme of events to the FIE Executive Committee for its approval.