



MEETING OF THE SPECIAL RULES COMMISSION FOR THE 2008 BEIJING OLYMPIC GAMES

Taebaek City (KOR), April 8, 2006, 09.30 am

Present :

René Roch,	President
Samuel David Cheri,	President 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
Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H.	Administration and finance director
Ioan Pop	International Technical Director

Excused :

Massimo Lembo	Member of the Legal Commission
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The President of the Commission welcomes the participants and introduces the proposition he wishes to present to the General Assembly.

First of all, we must note that we have, for the Beijing Olympic Games, 10 medals, and therefore 10 competitions, instead of 12 at the World Championships.

Furthermore, we obtained 12 additional places for the Olympic Games. It was agreed with the IOC that these places will allow a better universalization of our sport in the weapons represented in the team competitions of the Olympic Games.

At the 2005 Congress, we decided to have full parity, which means that, in Beijing, there will be two women's weapons in the team competitions and two men's weapons in the team competitions.

It seems logical that a weapon cannot be absent from the Games two times in a row, because it would constitute for this weapon a big handicap for its development.

At the last Athens Olympic Games, the team women's epee was represented.

It would therefore be desirable that the women's weapons represented in Beijing in the team competitions be women's foil and women's sabre.

It also seems logical that a weapon cannot be totally absent from the Olympic Games.

Therefore, the men's epee by team should be part of the Beijing's programme.

It then remains to choose between team men's sabre and men's foil. In this respect, I think this is preferable to let the federations vote.

Concerning the twelve additional places, they will be allocated to the weapons in which there is a team event, in order to have first the universality and then the best fencers.

The Commission decides to present to the General Assembly the 2 following alternatives :

1) based on the World ranking
after the qualification by the teams, these additional places would be allocated (3 per weapon) to the weapons in which there is a team event, taking into account the best fencers from the FIE Adjusted Official Ranking (AOR), with a maximum of one fencer per country, and provided that this country is not already represented in the weapon concerned.

2) based on the adjusted world ranking by zone and in which case the 7 places attributed are increased by 3 and thus become 10, distributed as follows : 3 for Europe, 3 for America, 3 for Asia-Oceania and 1 for Africa.

Qualification for the weapons in which there is no team event

Helen Smith recalls that during the last meeting of the Special Rules Commission, the Commission had proposed that a country may qualify 2 fencers maximum per weapon for the weapons in which there is no team event. The Commission unanimously decides to present the following text :

For the weapons in which there is no team event, in no case may a country qualify more than 2 fencers for any one weapon.

Redistribution of the places unused

The places unused by the organiser of the Olympic Games will go to the Tripartite Commission, which will allocate them.
