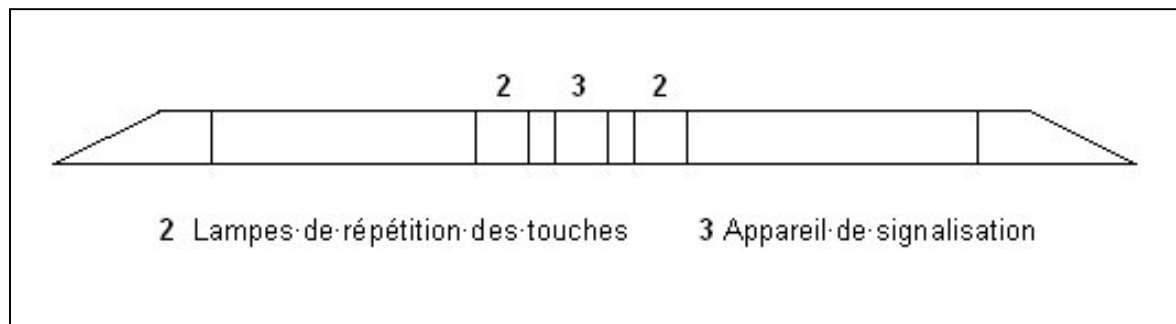


## URGENT DECISIONS

### TECHNICAL RULES

- t.1** These Rules are obligatory **without modification** for the « official competitions of the FIE », viz. :
- the World Championships, in all categories,
  - the fencing events at the Olympic Games,
  - all World Cup competitions,
  - **the zonal Championships.**

- t.14** Piste for semi-finals and finals : the drawing in section of the piste which was obsolete was updated as follows :



- t.35.1** All bouts at fencing are directed by a referee who must be a **FIE licensee referee for the current season.**
- t.45.2** However, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose weapon, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, has a **curve of the blade** which exceeds that permitted (Cf. **m.8.6, m.16.2, m.23.4**) **commits an offence of the 1<sup>st</sup> group and** will be penalised in accordance with articles **t.114, t.116 et t.120.**

### **t.87.5 and followings, application 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2007**

#### **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-forward-lunge)

**t.105.3** Modification of the title of the article t.105 by « Exclusion » and the article t.105.3 is deleted as it should have been suppressed after the decision of the 2005 Congress to standardize the sanctions for a black card.

**t.127e)** *The athletes who participate in FIE competitions undertake to respect the FIE anti-doping Rules, use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and agree to undergo any in competition and out-of competition testing ;*

## ORGANISATION RULES

**o.2.2** Every competitor or participant in a competition, irrespective of his status, is required to **be licensee for the current season** (cf. Statutes, Chapter IX).

## **MATERIAL RULES**

Beginning of the annexe to the material rules, page 39, after the title **MANUFACTURERS' SAFETY STANDARDS FOR FENCERS' WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING**, to include after the second paragraph the two following paragraphs :

**“To obtain the FIE homologation of a piste, the concerned manufacturer must contact the SEMI and submit a file requesting homologation, including all technical characteristics, and a sample of the piste (30 cm wide x 40 cm long). If the analysis is positive, the SEMI will issue a homologation certificate authorizing the manufacturer to mark the piste (from the date of the delivery of the certificate) with the FIE emblem.**

**To complete the homologation file of their fencing material, manufacturers must answer to the SEMI requests for information regarding the homologation. ”**

Second paragraph, the names of the following institutes to be added in brackets :

**"... the reports of the different tests (from the institutes CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for the uniforms, under-plastron and masks; and CRITT, Sofranel and Visti for the blades), if the analysis is positive ...".**