

## **9.4 ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The dates and places of the Zonal Championships will be proposed, for approval, to the FIE Executive Committee by the Confederations. The Confederations will briefly present arguments for the candidature proposed (site, sports equipment, climate, reception conditions and budgets).

The junior zonal Championships must be held during the Junior season.

The Senior zonal Championships must be held between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The organiser will ensure that all participants be able to receive visas.

There will be reasonable access to the host city (national or international airport).

So that the Zonal Championships can be taken into account in the FIE ranking, the following criteria must be respected :

### **9.4.1 Halls**

The fencing halls planned for the competitions must be equipped with air-conditioning if the Zonal Championships are being held during a period when the weather is hot in the host country.

### **9.4.2 Entries**

- a) entries of fencers and teams on the FIE Internet
- b) for individual competitions of Junior and Senior Zonal Championships, maximum 4 fencers per country and per weapon
- c) 1 team (composed of three fencers with or without reserve) per weapon and per country

### **9.4.3 Formula of competitions**

- a) no exempted fencers
- b) use of the FIE ranking for the individual and team events
- c) 1 round of pools to eliminate 20 to 30 % of fencers, then direct elimination table
- d) two medals for the third place

The points of all **Senior** zonal championships are taken into account in the FIE official ranking on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The points of all **Junior** zonal championships are taken into account in the FIE official ranking when the last junior championships has been held.

### **9.4.4 Equipment**

The material and equipment of fencers must comply with the FIE norms.

The transparent mask, video-refereeing and wireless apparatus are optional at the **Junior** Zonal Championships.

The transparent mask (except if indicated otherwise via a FIE letter), video-refereeing and wireless apparatus are mandatory at **Senior** Zonal Championships.

Only video-refereeing and wireless systems which been received FIE homologation can be used, and/or which respect the FIE handbook of specifications for video-refereeing.

#### **9.4.5 Anti-Doping Controls**

An anti-doping control will be in accordance with the article 5.6.1 of the Anti-Doping Rules of the **FIE**.

#### **9.4.6 Officials**

1) Are designated by the FIE and taken care by the organisers, in compliance with the financial norms stated in the FIE Administrative Rules :

- a) the President of the Directoire Technique who also officiates as a supervisor
- b) 1 delegate to the Refereeing Commission

At **Junior** zonal championships, **the delegate to the Refereeing Commission** may come from the same continent as the organiser.

At **Senior** zonal championships, **the delegate to the Refereeing Commission** must come from a different continent than the one of the organiser.

#### **2) Referees**

At **Junior** zonal championships, the referees will be brought by the national federations in accordance with the quota provided for in Article o.81 of the Rules for Competitions.

At **Senior** zonal championships, the referees, whose necessary number will have been communicated beforehand to the FIE by the confederation, will be proposed to the FIE Executive Committee by the FIE Refereeing Commission according to the following criteria:

- one referee per country
- priority will be given to the referees coming from the same continent as the organiser

Concerning the taking care of referees, the confederation will be free either to ask that they are brought at the expense of the national federations, or taken care by the organiser against payment of a higher entry fee.

3) An FIE representative is appointed by the President, at the expense of the FIE.