



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CONGRESS

21-22 NOVEMBER 2009

PALERMO (ITA)

115 federations participated in this Congress, 105 of which were present and 10 were represented.

1) GENERAL

1.1 APPROVAL OF THE REPORT ON THE 2008 CONGRESS IN PARIS (FRA)

The 2008 Congress report was approved unanimously.

1.2 2012 OLYMPICS IN LONDON

The two team weapons that will not be participating in the 2012 Olympic Games are women's sabre and men's épée.

1.3. ORGANISATION OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS GRANTED TO:

Catania (ITA) for the 2011 Senior World Championships.

Jordan declared itself a candidate for the organisation of the 2011 Junior-Cadet World Championships.

Ukraine put itself forward as a candidate to organise the 2012 Junior-Cadet World Championships.

1.4. CANDIDATES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE 2010 CONGRESS

Two cities put themselves forward as candidates to organise the 2010 FIE Congress. The Executive Committee will pronounce itself at a later date.

1.5. NOMINATION OF THE MEMBERS OF HONOUR

On the proposal of the Executive Committee, Mr Marcello BAIOTTO (ITA) was nominated Member of Honour.

1.6. AWARDING OF THE CHEVALIER FEYERICK TROPHY

The Chevalier Feyerick Trophy was awarded to Ms Mariel ZAGUNIS (USA) who has shown the most unselfish attitude and best spirit of sportsmanship.

2) AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The following amendments to the articles in the Statutes have been adopted and come into force immediately:

1.4 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year is a twelve-month period from **July 1 to June 30**.

1.5.6 At the **Congresses and General Assemblies**, people may speak in any one of the working languages and the Central Office will take the measures necessary to ensure that the participants can enjoy the benefit of simultaneous translation in the three languages.

1.6

Add:

“6) Donations and income from its sponsorship contracts”

7) Such other resources as may be developed

The amounts of the fees above (items 1 to 4) are determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the **General Assembly Congress** for the following season.

2.1.1 a)

Add:

“The National Federation must have an independent role in accordance with the principles of the Olympic Charter”.

2.1.2

~~Conditions of membership of~~ **“Members of Honour”**

b) Procedure

Before each Congress, the Central Office may single out one or more persons with the intention of proposing their nomination as Members of Honour **at the Congress**.

In the text in English, replace "Central Office" with "Bureau".

2.4 RESPONSIBILITY OF ZONAL CONFEDERATIONS

2.4.1 **Zonal Confederations assist the FIE with the development of fencing in a particular geographical Zone**

2.4.2 **This assistance by Zonal Confederations in regard to the FIE is defined by the Administrative Rules**

CHAPITRE III –~~THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESS~~

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~~3.1.1 The General Assemblies of the F.I.E. are held at the venue of the World Junior Championships on date(s) decided by the F.I.E. Executive Committee.~~

3.1 a) Congresses are held during the latter part of November or the first part of December each year.

i) The Elective Congress is held during the Olympic year.

In principle, the following Congresses will handle the specific matters stated below:

ii) The Congress to handle proposals to change the Rules shall occur in the 1st year after the Olympic year.

iii) The Congress to handle all remaining matters concerning the Olympic Games shall occur in the 2nd year after the Olympic year.

iv) The Congress to handle proposals to change the Statutes shall occur in the 3rd year after the Olympic year.

Articles 3.1.2a) and 3.1.2b) are deleted and Articles 3.1.2c) and d) become 3.1b) and 3.1c).

3.2 ~~ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONGRESS~~

3.2.1 Each year the ~~General Assembly Congress~~ receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation, the report on the accounts for the financial year that has ended and the report of the auditors. It approves the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1) to 4) determined by the Executive Committee for the following season. It votes on the provisional budget. It approves the **positive** report of the auditors. Should the accounts for the financial year that has ended not be approved by the auditors, the President and the Executive Committee are dismissed from their positions. The ~~General Assembly Congress~~ appoints professional auditors as auditors for a period of one year, which can be renewed.

3.3 COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION

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.

3.3.2 When a Member Federation has not fulfilled its financial obligations towards the F.I.E. **30 calendar days (00:00 hrs Lausanne time)** before the opening day of the ~~Congress or General Assembly~~, such Member Federation will be prohibited from being represented at the said ~~Congress or General Assembly~~ and from voting, unless exception has been made for a valid reason and accepted by the Executive Committee **and such reason shall be announced to the Congress.**

3.3.3 *Proxies and mandates*

a) The right to vote at a ~~General Assembly or Congress~~ can be delegated to another federation or a Member of Honour. This proxy must be signed by the President of the member federation, and the mandate can be imperative for all statutory modifications.

3.4 AGENDA

3.4.1 **All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than 00:00 hrs Lausanne time 6 months before the opening day of the next Congress.**

Any proposal reaching the **head office** after this date cannot be put on the agenda.

3.4.4 At **Congresses and General Assemblies**, for each point under discussion, the Member Federations, the Honorary Members and each member of the Executive Committee may express their opinion no more than twice, and for a maximum of three minutes on each occasion.

3.4.5 At the end of the discussion on each item on the agenda, **the CEO or any other person given the responsibility** will *either* announce the precise text which will be voted upon.
~~- announce the general sense of the proposal for which the precise text has not been established which is to be voted upon.~~
After the vote, the definitive text, ~~if available, or the general sense~~ will be confirmed and recorded.

3.4.6 The urgent summary of Congress decisions must be **drafted by the CEO, reviewed by the President of the relevant Commission, approved by the President of the FIE** and sent to the Member Federations within a month.

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~~This urgent summary must include the final wording of the articles for which the new texts were approved by the Congress.~~

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3.4.7 ~~Those new texts for which the final wording was established after the Congress by the Executive Committee must be sent to the Member Federations within a month from the Congress.~~

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3.4.8 ~~Every important change to articles of the Rules for Competitions, following a study by the appropriate commission, a Congress debate, and a positive vote, must be tested for a year by the Member Federations and proposed again to the following Congress in order to be finally accepted.~~

3.5.1 *Required majorities*
The decisions **of both the General Assembly and the Congress** are reached by a simple majority vote of votes cast.

3.5.2 *Quorums*
~~The General Assembly can only reach valid decisions if 33% of all the members of the F.I.E. are present or represented.
If this proportion is not achieved, the administrative office will establish a written ballot, the majority of votes cast being decisive.~~
The deliberations of the Congress are only valid if more than **50%** of all the members of the F.I.E. are present or represented.
If this proportion is not achieved, the Congress is dissolved and it will be convened again within a period of six months at most. On this occasion it will deliberate validly whatever the number of votes represented.

3.6.1 The President, the Executive Committee and the members of the permanent commissions are elected at the Elective Congress ~~which is called at the initiative of the Executive Committee of the F.I.E.~~ during the Olympic year. They are elected for four years.

4.1.1 The President of the F.I.E, the 15 other elected members of the Executive Committee and the members of the commissions (other than the ~~Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission and the~~ Athletes Commission) are elected by the Elective Congress. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.

4.1.2 - a candidate for the Executive Committee or for a Commission can only be presented by the Member Federation of the candidate or by a Member of Honour with the agreement of the Federation of the candidate, **with the limit of 1 candidate per nationality for any such position.**

4.1.4 **All the candidatures shall reach the FIE head office no later than 00:00 hrs Lausanne time 30 calendar days before the opening day of the Elective Congress.**

4.2.1 The President of the FIE cannot hold any position within his national federation **or in any Zonal Confederation.**

4.3.2 If a candidate for the Executive Committee withdraws before an election **only** his Member Federation may present another candidate **before the deadline in 4.1.4.**

4.3.4 ~~As about~~ **At least** 20% of the elected members must be women, if the 15 members who have obtained the most votes do not include 3 women, the Executive Committee will consist of the first 12 members elected and the 3 women candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

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~~If one or several of the women selected is of the same nationality as one of the first 12 men elected, she (or they) will be stood down in favour of the next woman of a nationality not already represented.~~

4.4.2 If a candidate for a permanent Commission withdraws before an election, **only** his Member Federation may present another candidate **before the deadline in 4.1.4.**

4.4.4 If the 10 first members elected do not include 2 women, the Commission will consist of the first 8 members elected and the 2 women candidates for the commission who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

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~~*If one or several of the women so elected is of the same nationality as one of the first 8 men elected, she (they) will be stood down in favour of the next woman of a nationality not already represented.*~~

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.

5.5.2

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 of the Congress** for confirmation.

5.5.3

The Executive Committee **outlines** the work of the Commissions and the Congresses. To this end, it has to gather information by every possible means on the views, tendencies, and desires of the affiliated groups.

It decides the date of the General Assemblies and the date and the place of the Congresses.

It may convene an Extraordinary Congress.

It establishes and approves the agendas of the **General Assembly, and Congress**.

5.5.4

The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to **coordinate and** liaise with each commission ~~except the Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission.~~

5.5.7

The Executive Committee is responsible for planning, modifying and drafting the text of the Administrative Rules. It approves the drafting of the texts prepared by the Rules Commission **and** the Legal Commission ~~and the Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission, either~~ for submission to the Congress ~~or in their final version in the case of proposals modified by the Congress without approving a precise text.~~

5.5.12

The Executive Committee approves **the final version of the FIE official calendar** which has been finalised at the calendar meeting held at the Junior World Championships.

5.5.14

The Executive Committee presents the detailed annual report of the activity of the F.I.E. This report is submitted for approval by the ~~annual General Assembly~~ **Congress**.

5.5.15

The Executive Committee determines the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1 to 4, that are approved by the **General Assembly** **Congress** for the following season.

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5.6.1 ~~The President, assisted by the Secretary General and the Secretary-Treasurer, attends to all the current matters and subsequently obtains the Executive Committee's ratification of decisions taken.~~

Articles 5.6.2, 5.6.3, 5.6.4 and 5.6.5 are renumbered 5.6.1, 5.6.2, 5.6.3 and 5.6.4.

5.6.1

The President is the legal representative of the International Fencing Federation. If he is unable to attend, he is replaced by the Secretary General.

5.6.3

The President is authorized to open and maintain current and deposit accounts with any bank at his discretion, having the right to sign all requisite documents and perform current transactions, as well as to conduct investment transactions on these accounts about which the Executive Committee will be informed. The President may issue a power of attorney to the Secretary General, Secretary-Treasurer or Chief Executive Officer for these current transactions, and to the Secretary-Treasurer for these investment transactions.

5.6.4

The President may also give a power of attorney to the **CEO** for dealing below an upper limit which the Executive Committee will establish.

5.7

RESPONSABILITES OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE (BUREAU)

The Bureau may make decisions on all current issues of FIE activities with the Executive Committee's subsequent approval.

5.8

BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER

5.8.1

b) The treasurer establishes a simplified budget, showing the main expenses and receipts, intended for the approval of the ~~General Assembly Congress~~.

d) A 'management' account, meant for the payment of current and recurring expenses, is operated under the sole signature of the President, the Treasurer or the Secretary General **and the CEO** (see point e).

~~The Administrative and Financial Director can be given power of signature up to a sum determined by the Executive Committee.~~

e) Payments of the management account can be made with the sole signature of the President, with the prior approval of the Treasurer **and the CEO**, with the sole signature of the Treasurer **and the CEO** with the prior approval of the President, or with the signature of the Secretary General with the prior approval of the President or the Treasurer **and the CEO** (who advise the President). The prior agreement can be made by fax.

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~~f) All the other accounts are managed under the joint signatures of two of the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General, advising the President and the Treasurer if they are not signatories.~~

Paragraph g) becomes paragraph f)

5.9 Create Article 5.9 Staff Officers Responsibilities of the CEO

6.1.1

The permanent commissions of the F.I.E are the following:

- Legal Commission
 - Rules Commission
 - Refereeing Commission
 - Disciplinary Commission
 - Electronic Signalling Equipment and Installations Commission (S.E.M.I.)
 - Promotion and Marketing Commission
 - Medical Commission
 - ~~- **Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission**~~
 - The Advisory Commission of Athletes (Athletes Commission)
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6.2.1

Permanent commissions, ~~except the Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission and the Athletes Commission.~~

a) Each permanent commission except the ~~Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission and the~~ Athletes Commission is made up of ten voting members elected by the Congress.

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~~b) When, among the ten elected Members of a commission, there is not included a national from every geographic zone, that commission will co-opt the national, if any, of each geographic zone not represented who obtained the largest number of votes among the candidates for that commission; the latter sit on the Commission in a non-voting advisory capacity.~~

6.2.3

The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to liaise **and coordinate the work of the commissions** (cf. 5.5.7).

The President of the FIE may, as agreed with the Executive Committee and after consultation with the President of the Commission, have relevant experts involved in the commissions' work.

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6.2.4

~~*The Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission.*~~

~~The Special Rules for World Championships and the Olympic Games Commission is designated after the other permanent Commissions have been elected. It consists of two members of the Legal Commission, two members of the Rules Commission and two members of the Propaganda Commission, each designated by their respective Commissions.~~

~~It is presided over by the President of the FIE. —~~

6.2.5 and 6.2.6 become 6.2.4 and 6.2.5

6.3 DURATION OF MANDATES

6.3.1 Members of each permanent commission, except ~~the Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission and~~ the Athletes Commission are elected for the duration of the Olympiad.

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~~6.3.2 Members of the Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission are appointed for the duration of the Olympiad.~~

6.3.3 and 6.3.4 become 6.3.2 and 6.3.3

6.5.1 b) This Commission prepares the texts of all proposals concerning the Statutes for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress. ~~If the Congress modifies a proposal without approving a precise text, this Commission prepares a modified text for the definitive approval of the Executive Committee.~~

6.5.2 b) This Commission prepares the texts of all proposals concerning the Rules for competitions for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress. ~~If the Congress modifies a proposal without approving a precise text, this Commission prepares a modified text for the definitive approval of the Executive committee.~~

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~~6.5.8 *The Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission*~~

~~a) This Commission is responsible for examining and co-ordinating the texts of proposals submitted to the Legal Commission, the Rules Commission and the Promotion and Publicity Commission relating to the organisation and running of World Championships and the Olympic Games. It presents a written report on these proposals to the Congress.~~

~~b) This Commission may prepare the texts of all proposals concerning the organisation and running of World Championships and the Olympic Games, either for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress or, if the Congress modifies a proposal without approving a precise text, for the definitive approval of the Executive Committee.~~

6.5.9 becomes 6.5.8

6.6 *Responsibility of Commission Presidents*

6.6.1 Management of the operations of the Commissions

6.6.2 Preparation of the Commissions' work plans and control over their implementation shall be done in coordination with the Executive Committee delegate to the Commission.

6.6.3 Provision of minutes of meetings and reports on Commission activities for Executive Committee members.

Chapter VI-A COUNCILS

6A.1 *Women and Fencing Council*

This council is appointed by the Executive Committee and performs the following functions:

- Increase the number of initiatives to encourage more women to participate in fencing, both as fencers and in the management of the sport
- Encourage the organisation of training courses for women in the different areas of sport (leadership, management, supervisory staff, training, refereeing...)
- Ensure equal opportunities in the management and participation of women and their representation in sport
- Encourage women to work and contribute to the development of fencing throughout the world at all levels

6A.2 *Veterans Council*

This council is appointed by the Executive Committee. It gives its advice to the latter on all issues related to veteran fencing.

9.1.4 *Annual Fee*

Every application for a licence or licence renewal can only be made after the payment of a fee which is set for the following season by the Executive Committee and approved by the ~~General Assembly~~ Congress.

9.1.8 a) A National Federation can obtain a license for a referee who is a citizen of the such country and whose license will specify the nationality of the referee.

b) A National Federation can obtain a license for a referee who is not a citizen of such country, but who has been a resident in such country for more than three (3) years and whose license will specify the nationality of the referee as FIE.

10.2.1 *Candidatures for a World Championship*

a) Each year, requests to undertake the organisation of the World Championships for the following years, accompanied by a file describing the technical and financial circumstances of the candidature, must reach the **head office** of the F.I.E. three years before the organising of the competition. These requests are to be placed on the agenda of the ~~Congress or General Assembly~~ and must arrive within the time limit laid down by the F.I.E. Statutes for inclusion thereon.

b) When it puts forward its candidature, a federation must present a full dossier which complies with the FIE instructions, and make a commitment before the ~~Congress or General Assembly~~ to comply with the specifications set down by the FIE and to respect its financial obligations.

c) When the ~~Congress or General Assembly~~ has awarded the World Championships to a Member Federation, the President of the organising Federation and, if the case arises, the organiser himself shall sign a protocol detailing their complete awareness of the specifications set down by the FIE and of their financial obligations.

d) The ~~Congress or the General Assembly~~ will decide two years in advance to which member federation the organisation of these Championships will be entrusted, and, at the same time, fix the date and place where they will be held.

e) Should the Ordinary **Congress or General Assembly** be unable to decide by the above process which member federation will organise the World Championships, because no candidate has come forward, the Central Office of the F.I.E. may itself decide which member federation will organise these Championships if it receives one or more candidates after the **Congress or General Assembly** has taken place.

f) The Executive Committee of the F.I.E. will have the same powers should the member federation to whom the organisation was entrusted by the **Congress or the General Assembly** withdraw and in the event of any discriminatory act by the organising federation.

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

10.3.4 The rules of the I.O.C. with regard to defining the Olympic athlete and to the prohibition of political, racial or religious discrimination must be enforced at the Olympic Games **and all FIE official competitions.**

This paragraph is moved to the beginning of 10.3.4.

CHAPITRE XI – TITLES AND AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE CONGRESS

The articles 11.2.1, 11.3, 11.3.1, 11.3.2, and 11.4 are moved to the Administrative Rules of the FIE.

3) AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The following amendments to the articles in the Rules have been adopted and come into force immediately:

3.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

o.2.2

Every competitor or **designated official**, irrespective of his status, is required to have a **valid international licence for the current season** (cf. Statuts Chapitre IX).

o.6.2

Superintendents of the apparatus

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~~b) The superintendent of the apparatus must not touch the apparatus while fencing is in progress. When fencing ceases, he re-sets the apparatus either after the Referee has given his decision or when the competitors are testing their weapons; but he must never, after a phase of the bout has caused the apparatus to signal a hit, annul this signal before the Referee has given his decision.~~

Delete letter a) in front of the previous paragraph.

o.7

The **checking of the organisers' equipment**, as well as the equipment of the fencers, must be carried out in accordance with the rules to be found in the Material Rules, **by personnel who are qualified and designated by the organizing committee. If there are present designated members of the SEMI Commission, this function must be carried out by them or under their control.**

o.9.1

The **programme must be displayed, communicated and respected and must take into account the time needed for the fencers to rest between bouts. It should be arranged in such a way that no fencer is obliged to participate in events for more than 12 hours in 24.** In any case, no pool, bout or match may begin after midnight, or at any time when it can be foreseen that there is a likelihood that it will end after midnight.

o.9.3

In their timetable the organisers must allow sufficient time for it to be possible to carry out **the checking of the fencers' equipment, i.e. a minimum** of one day per weapon.

o.10

The **first round** of all individual and team competitions, **including** the World Championships and Olympic Games, **must be displayed** by 4 p.m. at the latest the day before the competition (cf. t.123).

o.13.1

~~Except where there are contrary provisions in these Rules, The pools are composed~~ taking account of the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among ~~any~~ fencers who are not in the ranking.

o.15.3

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~~When competitors classed as 'stateless' are included in a pool, they must first fence against the competitors of the nationality to which they originally belonged, after the latter have fenced each other, and thereafter against the competitors of the country which grants them their international fencing licence.~~

o.15.4 and o.15.5 become o.15.3 and o.15.4

o.18

Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the **number of fencers who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the pools.**

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This formula is used for the **individual competitions of the Open World Championships**, as well as for the **Open World Cup competitions and for Grand Prix competitions.**

o.31.4

Should a fencer ~~or team~~ who has been entered not turn up, a **fine (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines)** payable to the FIE will be inflicted on the Federation of the fencer ~~or team~~ at fault **except in a case of properly authenticated injury or force majeure which is duly justified.**

o.32.1

The preliminary phase consists of one round of pools, from which 20%-30% of the participants in the pools are eliminated, based on the indices of all competing in them, and a preliminary direct elimination table. **For Grand Prix competitions, the number of fencers eliminated based on the indices of the pools must be 30%.**

o.33.1

The **main phase** consists of an integral direct elimination table, which is fenced on four pistes, one quarter of the table per piste. The first round of the table of 64 may, however, if required for the organisation of the competition, be fenced on eight pistes. **Grand Prix competitions must be fenced on (only) four pistes.**

o.33.3

Should one of the **16 exempted fencers** who had been entered in accordance with the Rules **not present himself** to fence (cf. o.31), his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay to the FIE **a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) unless** his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside as his control.

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2/ The 64 highest ranked in the official FIE junior ranking **of the year in course.**

4/ Those placed 65 onwards in the official FIE junior ranking **of the year in course.**

o.47.2

The **table will be drawn up** based on the ranking of the teams **entered, at the latest one hour after the end of the quarter finals of the individual event.**

o.50

Heading changed to: **Entries to competitions**

o.50.3

2 For **World Cup competitions**, it must be sent out at least **two months** before the competition in question.

o.51 a)

the official name of the Organising Committee, postal address, **e-mail** address and telephone and fax numbers;

o.53

Entries for World Championships (all categories)

1 **Three months** before the start of the events, the federations will receive an **entry form** from the Organising Committee, on which they are required to specify the **number** of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition's programme, **two months** before the start of the events. ~~No additional entry of 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 **fifteen days (by midnight, Lausanne time)** before the first event of the Championships at the latest.

3 **Withdrawal of a fencer.**

After the cut-off date for entries, there can be no further withdrawal of a name except in any case of force majeure duly justified.

4 **Addition of fencer(s) after the cut-off date.**

Nevertheless one or more fencers may be added, up until 10.00am (**local time in the town hosting the World Championships**) on the day before the competition, after payment to the FIE of a **penalty (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines)** per **additional entry**.

To do this the national federation must address a request to the FIE to add **a fencer or fencers together with immediate payment of the penalty.**

5 **Changes of names**, only with the agreement of the FIE and only for reasons of 'force majeure' ~~or injury~~, can only be made at the latest up to 24 hours before the start of each event.

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Entries by name for Senior and Junior World Cup competitions, Grand Prix competitions, Satellite competitions, World Cup team competitions and Zonal Senior and Junior competitions.

1 **The entry of the names** of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website **7 days** before the competition at the latest (**midnight Lausanne time**).

For **team entries**, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, until the day before the competition, **at the latest at the end of the quarter-finals of the individual competition**.

2 Withdrawal of a fencer or a team.

After the closing dead-line for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn.

From the Tuesday preceding the competition, should a fencer have to be withdrawn for reasons of force majeure, the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers. The fencer may not be replaced.

3 Substitution of a fencer.

Until the Monday preceding the competition (**midnight Lausanne time**), a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

4 Addition of a fencer after the deadline.

However, until the Monday preceding the competition (**midnight Lausanne time**), one or more fencers may be added after payment to the FIE **of a penalty (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional entry.**

To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE (by fax or e-mail) a request for the additional **fencer(s) and a written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days.**

5 Should a fencer or team who have been entered **not present themselves to fence**, their federation will be penalised with a **fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines)** payable to the FIE, **except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'**.

~~**6—For Grand Prix competitions and Team World Cup competitions, as the referees are designated by the FIE, the delegations are not required to provide referees.**~~

6 The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a fine **payable to the FIE (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines)**, **refuse the entry** of any fencers not appearing on lists conforming with the above, any entry not requested by a federation and any entry of either fencer or referee not in possession of an FIE licence valid for the current season.

o.55

1 No fencer may take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is **at least 13 years** old on 1st January in the year of the competition.

2 **Fencers taking part in all the official FIE Cadet competitions must be under 17 years old at midnight on the 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place.**

3 **Fencers taking part in all the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, must be under 20 years old at midnight on 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place (cf o. 80).**

4 **Apart from the stipulations above, there is no maximum age limit for those taking part in any other official events of the FIE, except in regard to the different Veteran categories.**

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Apart from the specific areas of competence which are the responsibility of the other technical officials, the technical management of **official FIE competitions** is entrusted to a **Directoire Technique**, whose composition and nomination must respect the specific rules for each competition.

o.57

The **Directoire Technique** is composed of people who **have the experience and competence to organise competitions**.

1 World Championships and Olympic Games

a) The **technical organisation** is undertaken by a **Directoire Technique** of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

b) The **President of the Directoire Technique and the other members** are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

c) Should there be a tied vote among the members of the **Directoire Technique**, the **President** of the **Directoire Technique** has the casting vote.

2 World Cup competitions

a) The **Directoire technique** is composed of three qualified persons from the organising country or invited by them.

b) For **Grand Prix competitions**, the **Supervisor of the competition**, designated by the **Executive Committee of the FIE**, is also the **President of the Directoire Technique**.

o.58.3

c) It draws up the **pool sheets** and **direct elimination table**, ~~according to the rules for individual and team events;~~

e) It supervises the **progress of the event(s)**

o.70

1 Directoire technique.

Two foreign members if the **Directoire Technique** has three members; **five foreign members** if there are six members. The **Directoire technique** is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE ~~after consultation with the Organising Committee~~.

2 Checking of Equipment.

One or two representatives of the SEMI Commission of the F.I.E., depending on the importance of the fencing events at the Games. These representatives are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE ~~after consultation with the Organising Committee~~.

3 Refereeing delegate.

A representative of the Refereeing Commission of the F.I.E., appointed by the Executive Committee ~~after consultation with the Organising Committee~~.

4 Neutral referees.

Two or three international referees, depending on the importance of the event, from countries outside the region of the Games, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE ~~after consultation with the Organising Committee~~.

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~~o.72~~

~~1 Competitors in the World Junior Championships, individual and team, must be less than 20 years of age on 1 January of the year in which the World Junior Championship is held.~~

~~2 Competitors in the World Cadet Championships must be less than 17 years of age on 1 January of the year in which the World Cadet Championship is held.~~

o.71.1 becomes o.71 and o.71.2 becomes o.72

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~~o.78~~

~~1 The Directoire technique shall consist of three suitable members from the organising country or invited by it.~~

~~2 For Grand Prix competitions, the competition supervisor, designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE, shall also be president of the Directoire Technique.~~

o.79.1 and o.79.2 become o.78.1 and o.78.2

o.79.3 becomes o.79

~~o.81.2~~

For Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions, 7 referees, proposed by the Refereeing Commission and in consultation with the organisers, will be designated by the Executive Committee, and delegations will not have to provide any referees. These 7 referees will be at the expense of the organisers, who will in return keep the entry fees.

~~o.81.3~~

Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it if it has notified the fact 15 days in advance. This fine is doubled if there was no notification 15 days in advance.

This fine must be paid by the delegation to the organisers so that they are able to arrange for other referees to replace those missing as necessary.

~~This fine reverts to the FIE if the organisers do not arrange the presence of replacement international referees, who may be from the organising country.~~

If a national federation does not pay this fine, it must reduce the participation of its fencers in conformity with the quotas (cf. o.81.1 above).

The Supervisor must ensure the proper application of this article.

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~~o.82.2 c)~~

~~Each Team World Cup competition is run throughout by direct elimination and all places in the table up to 16th place will be fought for. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified according to their initial place in the table.~~

o.82.2 d) becomes o.82.2 c)

o.82.3**Participation**

Team **participation is** open to all countries and limited to one team **per weapon** per country.

o.83.1

1 Individual World rankings

c) For both Open and Junior rankings, the ranking is kept **permanently** up to date. **The competition in the current** year cancels out the corresponding competition in the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed **at** the same competition in the previous season. If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained **at** the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

e) After each competition **which is taken into account to establish the ranking, this is updated automatically after verification of the results by the FIE.**

o.86**Table of financial penalties and fines**

	Article	Amount	Date of payment	To be paid to	By whom
Entry to World Championships after closing date	o.53.3	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date	o.54.4	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
If a fencer or team duly entered does not turn up	o.31.4, o.33.3, o.54.5	750 CHF or 500 Euros per fencer or team	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the National Federation
Participation of a fencer or team not properly entered	o.54.6	1500 CHF or 1000 euros per improper participation	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the organiser
Required number of referees not respected (organisers informed 15 days in advance)	o.81.3	750 CHF or 500 Euros per referee	At the same time as the information is sent to the organiser	Organiser	By the National Federation
Required number of referees not respected (organisers informed less than 15 days in advance)	o.81.3	1500 CHF or 1000 Euros per referee	At the same time as the information is sent to the organiser	Organiser	By the National Federation

t.21.1.

Displacing the target and ducking are allowed even if during the action the unarmed hand **or the knee of the back leg** comes into contact with the piste.

t.42

1. As soon as the bout has stopped, the Referee briefly **analyses** the movements which composed the last fencing phrase.

After reaching his decision regarding the materiality of a hit, the Referee, by **applying the rules**, decides which fencer was hit, whether both were hit (épée), or whether there was no valid hit (cf. **t.55ss, t.64ss, t.74ss**).

2. VIDEO-REFEREEING

a) Video-refereeing is compulsory at all 3 weapons at **Grand Prix, World Cup team competitions, the World Championships, Zonal Championships, and qualification events for the Olympic Games**.

i) For Grand Prix competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes, and in any case from the table of 64.

ii) For World Cup team competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory from the **table of 32** onwards, including the matches for 3rd place but excluding the other ranking matches.

iii) **For individual and team competitions of the open World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory from the beginning of the competition onwards. 8 pistes equipped for video-refereeing are thus necessary.**

b) Appeals

i) **In individual** events, the fencer has:

- in **pools** which the video-refereeing system is used, one possible appeal during each bout;
- in **direct elimination** bouts, two possible appeals.

Should the **referee agree with the fencer** who appealed for the video-refereeing the latter is entitled to retain the right of appeal.

ii) **In team events**, the fencers have one possible right to appeal to the video-refereeing per relay and they are entitled to retain this right should the referee agree with the appeal.

iii) In the case of an **appeal for video-refereeing**, the referee will walk over to the refereeing delegate, they will watch the video together and after consultation with the delegate, the referee will give his final decision.

c) **At conventional weapons**, when both lamps are lit, the referee must consult his monitor before making a decision.

d) If the fencers' scores are **equal at the end of the match**, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing and walk over to the refereeing delegate. They will examine the video together and, after consulting the delegate, the referee will give his final decision without the possibility of consulting the video again.

e) **The last action will be replayed** on the referee's and the refereeing delegate's monitors, first at the real speed and then in slow motion, at 20%.

f) The **refereeing delegate** may at any time request that the referee review his decision.

g) Following a request by one of the fencers to check the video, the **decision given is final** and his opponent cannot ask for the same action to be reviewed again.

h) The **person(s) monitoring the referees' decisions** do not have to be members of the Refereeing Commission. For the World Championships, the refereeing delegate in charge will designate this or these person(s). For "Grand Prix" competitions, the delegate from the Refereeing Commission will designate this or these persons.

t.70.4

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~~Point hits which slip over the valid target, or cuts which merely brush the opponent's target (passé hits) do not count.~~

t.70.5 and t.70.6 become t.70.4 and t.70.5

3.3

AMENDMENTS TO THE MATERIAL RULES

m.32.5

In addition, the electrical resistance in this wire (between crocodile clip and crocodile clip or crocodile clip and soldering) must not exceed 1 ohm.

m.33.4

The conductive tissue (lamé) must satisfy the specified control conditions (cf m.28.5).
