

## Proposals

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## Fencing Federation of the Republic of Belarus

**Proposal 1**

The Fencing Federation of the Republic of Belarus proposes to change the text in Article **o.50.3** of the **Organisation Rules (Chapter 7, Organisation of Official FIE Competitions a) Common Conditions, Entries by Member Federations, Official invitation)** which currently stipulates:

**For World Cup competitions, it must be sent out at least one month before the competition in question.**

Change it in the following way: instead of **one month**, put **two months**

In the proposed formulation of the text, Article **o.50.3** would be as follows:

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

This in turn will force the Event Organisers to respect properly Article **o.51**, which is closely linked to Article **o.50.3**.

The proposed formulation of Article **o.50.3** will make the preparation for the tournaments, the procedure to obtain visas and the financing of the teams easier.

Very often the Event Organisers do not respect the one-month time limit laid down in Articles **o.50.3** and **o.51**, and, as a result, we have serious problems obtaining visas, making hotel reservations and booking plane tickets as we have to carry out all the formalities in short amounts of time. Under these conditions, the day-to-day work of those in charge in the Federations resembles a heroic exploit, the aim of which being not to miss important events.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** in favour of the proposal. The Commission also suggests that a reference to this be made in the Supervisor's Report. The Supervisor will therefore have to consult the organiser's website well before the competition.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission, but makes it clear that it concerns to the FIE website.

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Czech Fencing Federation

**Proposal 1**

1.Organisational Rules, Article 83(2)(c)

Proposed amendment : coefficient of points allocation for zone championships in individuals competitions :

Europe : 2-fold

Other zones : 1-fold

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: against the proposal, unanimously – the Commission believes that the imperative to encourage the zones outside Europe is still crucial.**  
**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**

**Proposal 2**

1.Organisation Rules, Article 84(2)(c)

Proposed amendment: coefficient of points allocation for zone championship in team competitions:

Europe: 1-fold

Other zones: 0.5-fold

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: against the proposal, unanimously – the Commission believes that the imperative to encourage the zones outside Europe is still crucial.**  
**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**



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Executive Committee

**Note:** Sentences in bold, italics and underlined are changes

**Proposal 1**

To create a table of penalties and fines so that the offence, article and fine or penalty to be paid can be found easily, and modify the articles below:

**o.86 FINANCIAL PENALITES AND FINES**

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	<b>Article</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>To be paid to</b>
Entries for the World Championships after the cut-off date	o.53.3	150 Euros per entry	When making the entry	FIE
Entries after the cut-off date for any other FIE competition	o.54.4	150 Euros per entry	When making the entry	FIE
Fencers or teams entered who do not present themselves to fence	o.31.4, o.33.3, o.54.5	750 CHF or 500 Euros per athlete or team	Upon reception of the fine	FIE
Participation of a fencer / team who was not entered	o.54.6	1500 CHF or 1000 Euros per fencer/team	Upon reception of the fine	FIE
Required number of referees not respected (information received by the organiser 15 days in advance)	o.81.3	750 CHF or 500 Euros	At the same time as the information to the organiser	Organiser
Required number of referees not respected (information received by the organiser less than 15 days before)	o.81.3	1500 CHF or 1000 Euros	At the same time as the information to the organiser	Organiser

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission unanimously approves the principle. Furthermore, the Commission suggests that:

- 'per referee' be added twice
- 1 column be added to specify who should pay the fine/penalty

**Modifications proposed by the Rules Commission:**

Required number of referees not respected (information received by the organiser 15 days in advance)	o.81.3	750 CHF or 500 Euros <b>per referee</b>	At the same time as the information to the organiser	Organiser
Required number of referees not respected (information received by the organiser less than 15 days before)	o.81.3	1500 CHF or 1000 Euros <b>per referee</b>	At the same time as the information to the organiser	Organiser

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

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**o.31.4**

Should a fencer **who has** been entered not present **himself/herself** to fence, the **fencer's or team's** federation will be penalised with a fine to be paid to the FIE (**cf Article 0.86 table of financial penalties and fines**), **except in cases of properly authenticated injury or 'force majeure' (for example refusal of a visa).**

**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 a **penalty (cf. Article 0.86 table of financial penalties and fines)** to the FIE, **except in cases whereby** his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside his control.

**o.81.3**

**Should a national federation not bring the required number of referees, it will be charged a fine (cf. Article 0.86 table of financial penalties and fines) if the organiser was informed 15 days before the competition. The fine is doubled if the organiser was not informed 15 days before the competition.**

This fine must be **paid by the delegation to the organisers in order for the latter** to ensure the services of the referee(s) necessary to replace the missing referee(s).

**The following sentence is deleted.**

**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 check that this clause is properly applied.**

**Opinion**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal with the changes in blue below: an injury or the refusal of a visa constitute cases of 'force majeure' anyway and the Commission does not believe that we need to give examples.

**o.31.4**

Should a fencer **or team** who **have** been entered not present **themselves** to fence, **their** federation will be penalised with a fine to be paid to the FIE (**cf Article 0.86 table of financial penalties and fines**), **except in cases of properly authenticated ~~injury or~~** 'force majeure' **(for example refusal of a visa).**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con and also suggests that the names and levels (A or B) of the referees should be sent to the FIE at the same time as entry of fencers so that this can be passed on to the organisers, who will thus have more time to find any replacements needed.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.



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**Proposal 2**

To homogenise Articles o.53 and o.54

Title before o.50, ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITIONS

**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.

*Delete: 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, **which specifies the entry deadlines**. This **entry\*** of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the **entry\*** of teams, must be made **fifteen days before the first event of the Championships at the latest (by midnight, Lausanne time)**.

\* only needs to be changed in French

**3 Withdrawal of a fencer**

**After the closing date for entries, there can be no withdrawal of a name, except in cases of properly authenticated injury or 'force majeure'.**

**4 Adding fencers after the deadline**

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

To do this the national federation must address a request to the FIE to add a fencer **or fencers and pay the penalty immediately**.

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

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal with amendments as shown in blue below.

2 The **entry** of fencers and teams **by name** is to be made via the FIE website, **which specifies the entry deadlines**. This **entry** of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the **entry** of teams, must be made **fifteen days before the first event of the Championships at the latest (by midnight, Lausanne time CET)**.

**3 Withdrawal of a fencer**

**After the closing date for entries, there can be no withdrawal of a name, except in cases of properly authenticated injury or 'force majeure'.**

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

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission for o.53 and o.54, but points out that 'Lausanne time' must be written down, not 'CET'.

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o.54

**Entries by name for Senior, Junior and Cadet World Cup competitions, Grand Prix competitions, Satellite competitions, Team World Cups and Junior and Senior Zonal 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 (**by midnight, Lausanne time**).

In the case of **team competition entries**, the names of the fencers making up the team may be modified up until the day before the competition, **at the latest at the end of the table of 64**, by informing the organisers.

Delete the paragraph on entries for the Zonal Championships

\* only needs to be changed in French

**2 Withdrawal of a fencer or a team****After the closing date for entries, there can be no withdrawal of a name or of a team.**

From the Tuesday preceding the competition, if a fencer is withdrawn because of injury or 'force majeure', the national federations must inform the FIE and the organisers. The fencer cannot be replaced.

**3 Replacing a fencer**

**Up until the Monday (by midnight, Lausanne time)** 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 the fencer to be replaced.

**4 Adding fencers after the deadline**

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

To do this, the national federations must send to the FIE, in writing (fax or e-mail), a request to add a fencer **or fencers and a written commitment that they will pay the penalty within fifteen days.**

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**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con with amendments as shown in blue below.

**Entries by name for Senior and Junior and Cadet World Cup competitions, Grand Prix competitions, Satellite competitions, Team World Cups and Junior and Senior Zonal 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 (**by midnight, Lausanne time CET**).

In the case of **team competition entries**, the names of the fencers making up the team may be modified up until the day before the competition, **at the latest at the end of the table of 64 quarter finals of the individual event**, by informing the organisers.

**3 Replacing a fencer**

**Up until the Monday (by midnight, Lausanne time CET)** 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 the fencer to be replaced.

**4 Adding fencers after the deadline**

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

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

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

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

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

Note: \* only needs to be changed in French, \*\* only needs to be changed in English

**Delete:**

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

**Proposal 3**

**Updates, clarifications and deletions due to repetitions**

**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. Statutes, Chapter IX).

**o.7**

The **checking of the organisers' equipment**, as well as the equipment of the fencers, must be carried out **by qualified personnel designated by the Organising Committee** in accordance with the rules to be found in the Material Rules. **This duty must be performed by, or be under the supervision of, the members of the SEMI Commission who are present.**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal with amendments shown in blue below.

**o.7** The **checking of the organisers' equipment**, as well as the equipment of the fencers, must be carried out **by qualified personnel designated by the Organising Committee** in accordance with the rules to be found in the Material Rules. **If there are any designated members of the SEMI Commission present, this duty must be performed by them, or be under their the supervision of, the members of the SEMI Commission who are present.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

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**o.9.1**

The programme must be respected, displayed, communicated and take into account the fencers' resting time 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. Moreover, the organisers must allow for the time needed to check the wireless material.

\* only needs to be changed in French

**o.10**

The **first round** of all the individual and team competitions of the FIE, 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**

The pools are composed taking account of the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among the fencers who are not in the ranking.

**Opinion**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal with the amendment shown in blue below.

**o.9.1**

The programme must be respected, displayed, communicated and respected and take into account the fencers' resting time between bouts.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** as the wireless material is provided by a commercial company, the Commission believes that it is up to the company to check the material beforehand. The Commission approves the proposal with the amendment below.

**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. Moreover, the organisers must allow for the time needed to check the wireless material.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal with the amendment in blue below.

**o.10**

The **first round** of all the individual and team competitions of the FIE, 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**).

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** the current text in the article is erroneous.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con.



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**o.15.3**

**Delete the following paragraph:**

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.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission approves the proposal nem con.**

**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 general index after the round of pools.** (the rest of the sentence is deleted as these details are contained in o.32).

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: with the amendment shown in blue below, the Commission approves the proposal.**

**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 general index after the round of pools according to the ranking established by the pools.** (the rest of the sentence is deleted as these details are contained in o.32).

**Opinion of the Executive Committee: in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.**

**o.29**

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

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission approves the proposal nem con.**

**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. **At the Grand Prix competitions, 30% of the fencers are eliminated based on the general index after the round of pools.**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission approves the proposal nem con.**

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**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 this table may, however, if required for the organisation of the competition, be fenced on eight pistes. **The Grand Prix competitions must be fenced on four pistes.**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal – though hopes that if it is ever possible to have 8 pistes equipped for video refereeing, it could even be considered for a Grand Prix competition to use 8 pistes.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** the organisation of a GP on 8 pistes (except in cases of extraordinary participation) considerably increases the cost of a Grand Prix.

**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 individual table of 64.**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal with the amendment shown in blue: the tableau of 64 ends before the tableau of 32 starts- and the same formula is used in the Supervisor's report to mean the whole of the direct elimination down from 64 to 8 or 4.

**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 ~~individual table of 64~~ quarter finals of the individual event.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**o.51 a)**

The official name of the Organising Committee, postal address, **email** address and telephone and fax numbers;

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con.

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**o.55**

**Age of participants**

Article reviewed and o.72 deleted as redundant.

- 1 No fencer is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE, in any weapon, unless he or she is at least **13 years old** on 1 January in the year of the competition.
- 2 Competitors in any official cadet event of the FIE must be at least 17 years old on 1 January in the year the competition is held.
- 3 Competitors in official junior FIE events (individual and team) must be at least 20 years old on 1 January in the year the competition is held.
- 4 Apart from the points mentioned above, there is no maximum age limit for competitors in the other official FIE events.

**o.56**

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

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the majority of the Commission approves the changed wording in blue below and approves the proposal.

**o.55**

- 2 Competitors in any official cadet event of the FIE must be less than 17 years old ~~on 1 January~~ at midnight on 31 December in the year before the competition is held.
- 3 Competitors in official junior FIE events (individual and team) must be less than 20 years old ~~on 1 January~~ at midnight on 31 December in the year before the competition is held.
- 4 Apart from the points mentioned above, there is no maximum age limit for competitors in the other official FIE events other than in the different Veteran categories.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con, with the minor change to the current wording as shown below.

**o.56**

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

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

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**o.57**

**Article rearranged and Article o.78 deleted**

The Directoire Technique is composed of people **who are experienced at organising competitions.**

**1. World Championships and Olympic Games**

a) The technical organisation is undertaken by a **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**

a) The **Directoire Technique** shall consist of three suitable members from the organising country or invited by it.

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

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**o.58.3**

c) It draws up the **pool sheets and direct elimination table, according to the formula of each event.**

e) It supervises **the running of the event(s).**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission approves the proposal with the two changes shown below.**

**o.57**

**Article rearranged and Article o.78 deleted**

The Directoire Technique is composed of people **who are experienced and competent at organising competitions.**

**2. World Cup**

a) The **Directoire Technique shall** consists of three suitable members from the organising country or invited by it.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee: in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission thinks that the addition to c) is superfluous, but approves the change to e).**

**o.58.3**

c) It draws up the **pool sheets and direct elimination table, according to the formula of each event.**

e) It supervises **the running of the event(s).**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee: the formula used for cadets, juniors or seniors is not the same.**

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**o.61**

For the World Championships and the Olympic Games the Directoire Technique must meet at least 24 hours before the first event and whenever it may deem necessary for the smooth running of the events.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission considers the last part of the sentence to be superfluous but approves what is left of the proposed text.

**o.61**

For the World Championships and the Olympic Games the Directoire Technique must meet at least 24 hours before the first event and whenever it may deem necessary for the smooth running of the events.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**o.70. 1, 2, 3, 4**

Delete "after consultation with the Organising Committee" as it contradicts the introductory paragraph in o.70 and is never done in practice.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con.

**o.81.2**

For the Grand Prix and team competitions, seven referees will be designated by the Executive Committee, at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission and the delegations will not need to provide referees. The seven referees will be at the expense of the organisers, who in return will charge the entry fees.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** with the amendment (because the team events are not Grand Prix), the Commission approves the proposal – though most felt there ought to be 8 referees, not 7.

**o.81.2**

For the Grand Prix and team World Cup competitions, seven referees will be designated by the Executive Committee, at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission and the delegations will not need to provide referees. The seven referees will be at the expense of the organisers, who in return charge the entry fees.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**o.82.2 c) delete the text below as it is already contained in o.46**

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.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the proposal nem con.

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**o.82.3**

**Participation**

Team entries, and **participation**, are open to all countries and are limited to **one team per country**.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approves the text as amended below.

**o.82.3**

**Participation**

Team ~~entries, and~~ **participation**, ~~are~~ **is** open to all countries and ~~are~~ **is** limited to **one team per discipline** per country.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**o.83.1** Official FIE individual ranking

**c)** For both Open and Junior rankings, the **ranking is kept up to date. A competition in the current year** cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to 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.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** with the change to the text shown below, the Commission approves the proposal.

**o.83.1** Official FIE individual ranking

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

**e)** After each **competition taken into account in the ranking, the ranking is automatically updated after the results have been validated by the FIE.**

**e)** After each **competition taken into account in the ranking, the ranking is automatically updated after the results have been ~~validated~~ verified by the FIE.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** regarding e), it points out that there really are corrections, then validation of the results, and this is how they are included into the ranking of the FIE.

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**Proposal 4**

To delete as obsolete:

**o.6.2 Superintendents of the apparatus**

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.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission approves the proposal nem con.**

**Proposal 5**

To simplify the criteria used to compose the pools at the Cadet World Championships.

**o.39**

2/ The 64 highest ranked in the World Junior Cup **of the current season**

4/ Those ranked in the World Junior Cup **of the current year**, placed 65 onwards.

The criteria 5/ The seeding provided by the **national federations** and 6/ The **DT's decisions** are replaced by:

**5/ Drawing of lots for the fencers who are not in the ranking**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the majority of the Commission approves the proposal. However, those who defended the status quo and have had experience in the Directoire Techniques maintain that the current method, although imperfect, gives more accurate results, especially as there are always at least 35% of the fencers without a ranking and that the drawing by lots therefore involves a considerable proportion of the fencers.**



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**British Fencing Federation**

**Proposal 1**

Transfer the regulations on video refereeing from the FIE Administrative Rules, article 3.9, to the Rules for Competitions, expanding Article **t.42**.

**Reason:** This will ensure that the rules of video-refereeing, including the precise powers of the referee and of the Delegate(s) or other person(s) monitoring the video screen, together with the procedures to be followed, have the full visibility and authority endowed by the Rules

**Opinion of the Refereeing Commission:** in favour.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approved the proposal **nem con.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission and the Refereeing Commission.

**Proposal 2**

To clarify the Rules and avoid varying interpretations by different referees, modify Article **t.21.1** adding the following words (in italics):

**t.21.1. Displacing the target and ducking** are allowed even if during the action the unarmed hand *or knee of the rear leg* come into contact with the piste.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approved this proposal by **8 votes to 2.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.

**Proposal 3**

re **t.70.4:** The sentence concerned is no longer valid with the use of electric sabre and should therefore be deleted.

~~t.70.4. Point hits which **slip** over the valid target, or cuts which merely **brush** the opponent's target (passé hits) do not count.~~

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approved this proposal by **9 votes to 1.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.



## Proposals

### Proposal 4

In order better to control the resistance in mask wires at sabre

Add to m.32.5: "Furthermore the electrical resistance of this wire (crocodile clip to crocodile clip or crocodile clip to soldered end) must not exceed 1 ohm".

### Proposal 5

In order to ensure the resistance of lame on sabre gloves/overlays is correct by testing it separately:

Introduce a new para, Article m.33.4, as follows:

4. The conductive material (lamé) must satisfy the conditions laid down for testing (cf. m.28).

## Opinion

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approved the proposal nem con.

**Opinion of the SEMI Commission:** the proposal is approved.

The rules should be changed as follows: add to article " m.32.5 ... Furthermore the electrical resistance of this wire (crocodile clip to crocodile clip or crocodile clip to soldered end) must not exceed 1 ohm."

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission and the SEMI Commission.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission approved the proposal nem con.

**Opinion of the SEMI Commission:** the proposal is approved.

The rules will be changed by introduction of the following new paragraph in Article "m.33.4 The conductive material (lamé) must satisfy the conditions laid down for testing (cf. m.28.5)."

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission and the SEMI Commission.

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**Hungarian Fencing Federation**

**Proposal 1**

<p><b>3.9. Video-refereeing</b>                  "... In case of appeal to the video-refereeing, the referee will move towards the refereeing delegate, they will watch the video together and after consultation with the delegate, the referee will give his final decision..."</p>	<p>To add:  <b>i)</b>"Fencers cannot appeal to the video refereeing related to matters of fact.  <b>ii)</b>Decisions can only be overruled in cases the audio replay is not necessary."</p>	<p>1) The same rule has to be applied related to the video refereeing as for the appeals in general.                  2) Common debate between fencers whether the hit was made before the referee said "halt", or after. This is an issue for example which should not be decided based on video-refereeing unless the audio replay is also available.</p>
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**Proposal 2**

Clause proposed to be modified	Proposed Modification of the Hungarian Fencing Federation	Motivation
<p><b>t. 87.</b>                  "4. Non-combativity                  Clear unwillingness of fight:                  If two of the criteria below are combined, there is unwillingness to fight:                  1. criterion of time: one minute of fencing without a hit                  2. absence of blade contact; excessive distance (greater than a distance of a step forward lunge)"</p>	<p>"4. Non-combativity                  Clear unwillingness of fight:                  If the following two criteria are combined, there is unwillingness to fight:                  1. criterion of time: one minute of fencing without a hit                  2. absence of blade contact."</p>	<p>Excessive distance between fencers can frequently happen during a bout, which could immediately result the termination of the given period or bout by declaring "clear unwillingness of fight" by the referee, since excessive distance excludes the blade contact.</p>

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission noted that this proposal actually contains two separate points – the majority did not approve the whole proposal. It was felt that, although the system may as yet not be perfect, the advantages it brought far outweighed any disadvantages, that the fact that audio replay would be available was encouraging and that the contribution it made to more objective, reliable refereeing was crucial vis-à-vis the IOC. The possibility of the referees being undermined by the system was discussed, however, it was felt that strictly limiting the number of appeals which could be made by each fencer was sufficient safeguard against the system being used as tactic.

**Opinion of the Refereeing Commission:** not in favour.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission and the Refereeing Commission.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission does not fully approve the current non-combativity rules and also expressed reservations about the proposal.

In theory in the current rule, with excessive distance two of the three criteria are fulfilled as excessive distance necessarily means no blade contact—leaving the referee able to call 'non-combativity' without any time criterion. The Commission finds this unacceptable.

As to the proposal, the Commission's vote was split: 4 in favour, 4 against, with 2 abstentions – the President's deciding vote in favour means that the proposal was approved.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** not in favour of the proposal. However, the current text must really be re-examined - but the proposed amendment would not be an improvement.

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**Proposal 3**

<p><b>t.92.4.</b>                  "In team competitions, there must be enclosures reserved for the team members. Only the team captain and one coach have the right to be with the team fencers inside the Team Enclosures, which must be clearly marked out by yellow lines on the ground or some other method. They should be at last 9m<sup>2</sup> in area and be located at distance of between 2m and 6 m from each end of and outside the Piste enclosure, which is 18m ∞ 8 m"</p>	<p>".... They should be at last 15m<sup>2</sup> in area and be located at distance of between 2m and 6 m from each end of and outside the Piste enclosure, which is 18m ∞ 8 m"</p>	<p>The Team Enclosures must be large enough for the fencers to do some warm up exercises within its borders.</p>
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**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission approves the proposal, though appreciating that this may impose difficulties at some venues in terms of space available.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal as it is difficult to apply.**



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**Proposal 5**

<p><b>o. 83.</b>                  “1. Official FIE individual ranking                  a) Principles                  The official Open ranking of the FIE takes into account the best six results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than three from any one 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 three from any one continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships....”</p>	<p>“1. Official FIE individual ranking                  a) Principles                  The official Open ranking of the FIE takes into account the best six results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than three from any one continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games.                  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 three from any one continent, as well as the World Championships....”</p>	<p>Our proposal is that the Zonal Championships should not be taken into account in the FIE official ranking, therefore this article should be amended accordingly and to delete all reference related to it.</p>
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**Opinion of the Rules Commission: see Proposal 8.**  
**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**



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**Proposal 6**

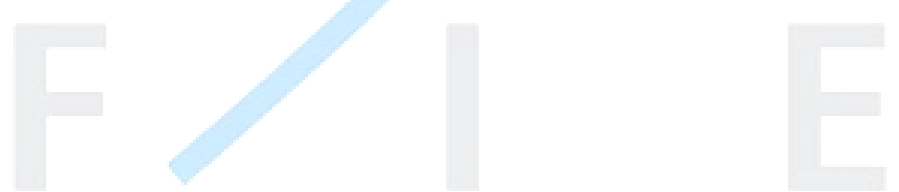
<p><b>o. 83.</b>                  “2. Scale of points                  ....c) Points obtained in a Grand Prix competition of the FIE and a Zonal Championship are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.”</p>	<p>“2. Scale of points                  ....c) Points obtained in a Grand Prix competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.”</p>	<p>Our proposal is that the Zonal Championships should not be taken into account in the FIE official ranking, therefore this article should be amended accordingly.</p>
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**Opinion of the Rules Commission: see Proposal 8.**  
**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**

**Proposal 7**

<p><b>o.84.</b>                  “1. Official team ranking of the FIE                  a) Principle                  The official team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team’s best four results in the Team World Cup competitions, with a maximum of two results obtained in the same continental zone, plus the Open World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.”</p>	<p>“1. Official team ranking of the FIE                  a) Principle                  The official team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team’s best four results in the Team World Cup competitions, with a maximum of two results obtained in the same continental zone, plus the Open World Championships or the Olympic Games.”</p>	<p>Our proposal is that the Zonal Championships should not be taken into account in the FIE official ranking, therefore this article should be amended accordingly.</p>
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**Opinion of the Rules Commission: see Proposal 8**  
**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**



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**Proposal 8**

<p><b>o.84.</b> "2. Team scale of points c) Points obtained in a Zonal Team Championship attract a factor of 1.0."</p>	<p>To be deleted</p>	<p>Our proposal is that the Zonal Championships should not be taken into account in the FIE official ranking, therefore this article should be amended accordingly.</p>
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**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the majority of the Commission did not approve these 4 proposals, which were considered together: 1 vote in favour, 5 votes against, with 4 abstentions.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** not in favour of the proposal.

**Proposal 9**

<p><b>m.16.</b> "2. It should be as straight as possible and mounted with groove uppermost. Any curve of blade must be uniform and the maximum bend must in any case be less than 1 cm; it is only permitted in the vertical plane and must be near the centre of the blade"</p>	<p>"2. It should be as straight as possible and mounted with groove uppermost. Any curve of blade must be uniform and the maximum bend must in any case be less than 2 cm; it is only permitted in the vertical plane and must be near the centre of the blade</p>	<p>To maximise the curve of blade in 1 cm is unnatural comparing to the fencing practised in training and also dangerous / unsafe. We propose to modify the curve limit from 1 cm to 2 cm.</p>
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**Opinion of the SEMI Commission:** the proposal is rejected. In fact the blades are tested by independent institutes concerning the flexibility before the permission of production. Also flexibility is tested at initial weapons control in world championships and other competitions. The proposal does not explain why 2 cm of bend should be used instead of 1 cm. To produce an hit ideally the point should hit perpendicularly the target, according to the SEMI the proposed difference of adding 1 cm to the maximum bend does not affect the security of blades.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission wishes to know the SEMI Commission's opinion on the subject, but approved the proposal temporarily by 7 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 1 abstention.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the SEMI Commission.

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**Opinion**

Russian Fencing Federation

**Proposal 3**

Video Arbitrage is used only by Refereeing Delegate or referee at monitor. Referee can only use video-replay with the request of the fencer or for consulting with Refereeing Delegate and referee at monitor. Monitor cannot be located such a way that referee could see it directly close to pist.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** the Commission was unanimous in not approving this proposal.

**Opinion of the Refereeing Commission:** not in favour.

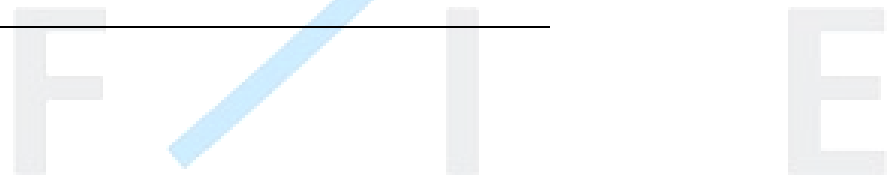
**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** the Executive Committee voted as follows: 8 votes for and 8 votes against.

**Proposal 4**

Consider correct the following: An attack is correctly carried out with any progressive uninterrupted straightening of arm without dependence of blade position (up/down).

**Opinion of the Rules Commission:** while the Commission agreed with the point made in the proposal, they felt that since the attack was already sufficiently well defined in the Rules (Article t.75.2), this specification was unnecessary.

**Opinion of the Executive Committee:** in favour of the opinion of the Rules Commission.



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## Ukrainian Fencing Federation

**Proposal 3**

- o.83. 1.** Official FIE individual ranking  
**2.** Scale of points  
 c) Points obtained in a Grand Prix competition of the FIE and a Zonal Championship are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.

Change for:

- o.83. 1.** Official FIE individual ranking  
**2.** Scale of points  
 c) Points obtained in a **Grand Prix** competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 2.0 and a **Zonal Championship** are multiplied by:
- a factor of 2.0 for Europe
  - a factor of 1,5 for Asia-Oceania
  - a factor of 1,5 (or 1) for America
  - a factor of 1,0 for Africa

Motivation: the number of participants at different Zonal Championships is quite different. Also different is the number of FIE ranked participants and teams.

**Proposal 4**

- o.84. 1.** Official FIE team ranking  
**2.** Team scale of points:  
 c) Points obtained in a Zonal Team Championship attract a factor of 1.0.

Change for:

- o.84. 1.** Official FIE team ranking  
**2.** Team scale of points:  
 c) Points obtained in a Zonal Team Championship attract:
- a factor of 1,5 for Europe
  - a factor of 1,0 for Asia-Oceania
  - a factor of 1,0 (or 1) for America
  - a factor of 1,0 for Africa

Motivation: the number of participants at different Zonal Championships is quite different. Also different is the number of FIE ranked participants and teams.

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission was unanimous in not approving the proposal.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**

**Opinion of the Rules Commission: the Commission was unanimous in not approving the proposal.**

**Opinion of the Executive Committee: not in favour of the proposal.**