

Report of the FIE Refereeing Commission

4th/5th September, 2010, in Lausanne.

Present:- The FIE Refereeing Commission members plus Mr Manolis Katsiadakis (FIE Executive Member), Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez (FIE CEO), Miss Ao Jie (FIE Competition Manager) and Mr Ioan Pop, (FIE International Technical Director).

Mr Wael Hussein was absent from the meeting.

1. Welcome

Mohamed El Motawakel welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for their hard work over the past season and said that we had a great deal of hard work to do to ensure that refereeing was of a high quality throughout the world.

2. Report on the Senior European Championships

Salah Ferjani, who had been the delegate, gave a report on these championships. The refereeing was generally of a good standard and the referees had been very co-operative but he felt more sabre referees needed to be designated. Also only the video delegate should be at the video monitor.

3. Report on the Asian Championships

Chang Gon Kim had been the delegate as at the last moment Derek Cotton could not attend. He gave a written report on the championships. He asked that in future some neutral non Asiatic referees were designated to these championships.

4. Singapore Youth Olympic Games

Mohamed El Motawakel gave a written report and thanked the delegates (Marco Siesto, Ilgar Mamedov and Keith Smith) for all their hard work. We had worked with 11 FIE designated referees plus referees from Singapore. The refereeing had gone very well. Mr Lyberopolos from Greece had not arrived in Singapore owing to a passport problem.

5. Rules Clarifications

Salah Ferjani had proposed several rules clarifications and improvements to the Rules Book. The commission agreed to his proposals and asked him to make contact with the Rules Commission to bring about these improvements. It was pointed out that rules changes had to be proposed to the Congress in 2011.

6. Study of the Propositions for the FIE Congress

The Refereeing Commission and the Rules Commission met together to study the propositions that had been sent to the two commissions by the FIE executive

Committee. There was a lengthy and in depth discussion and then the commissions voted separately on each proposition.

Refereeing Commission opinions:-

A) Executive Committee Proposals

Proposition 1

The Refereeing Commission **was in favour** with the addition that candidates who were successful in the FIE refereeing exams would be given a P licence and would be observed for two years in FIE Junior competitions.

Proposition 2

The Refereeing Commission **was in favour**, but with the following additions

e) Add “before giving his decision.

h) Add “the video consultants may be members of the Refereeing Commission or may be members of the group of referees trained for video-refereeing.”

h) Add at the end “the referee and video consultant must be from different nations to the fencers in the match and the referee and video-consultant should be from different nations whenever possible.”

B) Italian Federation Propositions 1, 2 and 3.

The Refereeing Commission **was in favour** of establishing a working group, who would carry out extensive testing. They hoped that the representative from the Refereeing Commission would consult the Refereeing Commission regularly for their views during this process. The commission noted the Working Group had already been established.

C) Rules Commission Proposals

Proposition 1

The Referee Commission **was in favour**, but with an amended text. Salah Ferjani would communicate this text to the Rules Commission and the Congress. In particular the commission wanted “approximately one minute” and “at least 15 seconds.”

Proposition 4

The Referee Commission was not in favour of this proposal.

Proposition 5

The Referee Commission was not in favour of this proposal.

Proposition 6

The Referee Commission was not in favour of this proposal.

Proposition 7

The Referee Commission was in favour of this proposal provide it involved only two fencers.

Proposition 8

The Referee Commission was in favour but wanted the time period reduced to 5 minutes.

The Proposals from the USA Federation had been dealt with under the previous proposals from the Executive Committee and the Rules Committee.

7. Study of the Proposals for Refereeing Reform

The Referee Commission studied these proposals at length. The Commission was in favour of the vast majority of the proposals but wanted to make some significant amendments. Manolis Katsiadakis was to make further contact with Mohamed El Motawakel and then circulate the whole commission with an updated/modified set of proposals as soon as possible. The commission agreed that it was a top priority to improve the standard of refereeing throughout the world.

8. Refereeing Examinations

The Referee Commission would wait to be informed by the FIE executive about the dates and locations of the examinations for 2010/11, once the Zonal Confederations had formally asked the FIE for examinations.

9. Referee Seminars

The commission wanted to organise seminars for new referees and also established referees in each continent. This would need time and the also the preparation of the materials for the seminars and a budget to realise these projects. The commission also wanted to work closely with the Zonal Confederations and their Referee Commissions.

10. Paris World Championships

In conjunction with Mr Ioan Pop, the commission looked at the pre world championships seminar and also the working system in Paris. In particular the need for very efficient organisation of the refereeing as we had two Tableau of 64 each day with the same weapon. This would need a minimum of 16 good referees each day.

11. Designation of Referees and Delegates for the FIE GP and Senior World Cups 2010/2011.

The commission spent a great deal of time designating the referees for all the Senior competitions for the 2010/11 season and also reserves for each competition. These proposals are to be sent to the FIE executive for their approval.

12. Ratification of the proposed referees for the Junior European Championships

The commission approved the list of referees submitted by the European Zonal Refereeing Commission. This will now be sent to the FIE executive for final approval.

13. Any other business

- a) A budget working group of Claus Janka, Derek Cotton and Salah Ferjani was established to present a budget to the FIE executive. The working Group had one week to prepare this budget as requested by the FIE Treasurer.
(please see attached budget that the commission wishes to present to the FIE).

14. Date and Location of the next meeting

The commission agreed to meet for their next meeting on the weekend of 15th/16th January in Cairo.

The meeting closed at 4pm on Sunday 5th September.

Keith Smith
Secretary to the Refereeing Commission