



Rules for the organisation of Grand Prix and Grand Prix Arbitres events

The Grand Prix events are our Federation's shop-window for the media and the spectators. It is therefore vital that the Grand Prix competitions be organised absolutely perfectly, with a pre-arranged time-table which is respected and in physical conditions very similar to those used for the World Championships. The following requirements are thus obligatory :

1) Plan of the facilities: (cf Annexes)

The facilities should be similar to the multi-sport halls used for basket ball, volley ball or hand ball.

- Score boards: it is vital that the equipment used for Grand Prix should have built-in stopwatches and be remote-controlled.
 - The 4 pistes should be given special attention and have electronic score-boards which show the state of the competition on each of the pistes.
 - To have either 8 pistes plus 1 piste in a separate hall for the final, or 8 pistes plus a hall with 4 pistes and a piste for the final in the middle.
 - The names of both the fencers should appear on both sides of the central apparatus during each bout.
 - The score-board for the final must be of the Kabcom type, showing the scores, the built in stop-watch and an electronic indicator of the names of the fencers.
- The FIE will be able to assist Federations who do not possess such equipment.

2) The time-table (for information only):

- Day 1: the pools start at 13.30. The pools finish at 17.30 and the direct elimination pre-tableau of 64 starts. This pre-tableau being fought on 8 pistes, it starts at 17.30 and finishes at the latest by 19.00.
- Day 2: the direct elimination tableau of 64 is fought off on 8 pistes: 08.00 until 10.00. The tableau of 32 will start at 10.30 and will finish at the latest by 13.00. The final takes place at 14.30 or later, according to the wishes of the organiser.

3) Referees: 12 referees will be provided at the expense of the organiser, as follows:

8 referees for the Grand Prix competitions designated from the Executive Committee, on the proposal of the Refereeing Commission. The distance of the referees from the organising country will be taken into account.

4 referees from the organising country.

Plane tickets, hotel rooms (including breakfast) and per diem (50 € for each day of competition) for the referees designated will have to be paid by the organisers of each competition GP-Arbitres. All referees must hold an FIE International licence valid for the current season.

All the referees nominated for the GP-arbitres competitions must attend the refereeing meetings to be held the day before the competitions. The organiser is responsible for the organisation of these meetings. The organising country is invited to make its national referees participate in these meetings.

When the GP-Arbitres competition is organised together with a team competition, the referees will officiate for both the individual and the team competitions and delegations will thus not have to bring referees (neither for the individual nor for the team competition).

4) Entry fee:

This will be of 60 € or 90 CHF per fencer entered in individual GP-Arbitres competitions and 400 € or 600 CHF per team entered in all team competitions.

5) Television:

In order to be granted the title 'Grand Prix', it is necessary that there should be an agreement with national television to show at least the final and to produce an edited 5 minute cassette to be passed on to EBU for transmission on Eurovision.