



## LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

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### 1) 2003 / 2004 Calendar

Ladies and Gentlemen,

#### **Baghdad (IRK)**

I wish to let you know that the Iraqi Fencing Federation has just confirmed us that due to the current situation in Iraq, the individual men's épée senior competition, candidate to A-grade, that was to be held on December 13 and 14, 2003 cannot be organised. This competition is thus cancelled for the 2003/2004 season.

#### **Sydney (AUS)**

I wish to let you know that the Australian Fencing Federation has just informed us that due to financial and schedule reasons, it cannot organise the senior individual and team women's and men's épée competitions, that were to be held from 9 to 11 of July, 2004. These competitions are thus cancelled for the 2003/2004 season.

The 2003/2004 calendar was modified accordingly on the FIE Internet web site.

### 2) Licences

The FIE is now able to determine, through the rankings on the Internet web site, those fencers non-holding a valid FIE licence for the current season.

From the beginning of the 2003/2004 season, we could verify that some federations did not order licences for their fencers (or referees or members). In addition, some organisers of competitions accept delegations whose fencers do not hold a valid licence for the current season.

The results of competitions can only be validated if all participating fencers are holding a valid licence for the current season, so that the ranking can be up-dated and sent to the next organisers.

As an exception and in order not to penalize the next organisers, the FIE had to order the missing licences: this has provoked a negative credit for some federations, as well as incorrect information regarding the fencers (date of birth, addresses, etc.).

**I would like to point out that the organisers of competitions must:**

- **Refuse any entry of a fencer non-holding a licence, even if he comes to the competition though his entry was refused;**
- **Refuse any payment of licence on the spot ;**
- **Order licences for their national fencers who participate in domestic FIE competitions.**

**Any organiser found contravening to these rules will be sanctioned with a severe penalty, that will be determined by the Executive Committee during its next meeting in November 2003.**

**All national federations are requested to:**

- **Check and if necessary modify urgently on the FIE Internet web site the dates of birth, addresses and information regarding their fencers and referees (menu addresses, address book) ;**
- **Urgently check their credit of licences on the FIE Internet web site in order to send us the corresponding amount in case of a negative credit (20 federations) or in case of credit equal to 0 (36 federations). This will enable these federations to order licences.**

Yours sincerely,

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