

# PROPOSITIONS FOR THE 2003 FIE CONGRESS

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE GERMAN FEDERATION**

### **1) Fencer's publicity code:**

C) Publicity which is worn or carried (annex to the Rules of events)

We propose to increase the possibility of the advertisement for the fencer in the following way:

Increase of the surface of advertisement to 125 cm<sup>2</sup> by logo (4 logos to a total of 500 cm<sup>2</sup>) and permission of the use of the mesh of the mask (under the conditions established in letter 5/2003 of the F.I.E. allowing the use of the mask with a colored drawing).

Reason:

The surface of logos and their places are not sufficient for the television, the media and the partners require more attractive places.

### **2) Refereeing:**

With the letter 5/2003 the F.I.E. made a decision on the fine to be paid in case a national federation does not respect the quotas for World Cup Referees (cf. Rules for events o.88).

We propose that the amount of the fine to be paid by a national federation when announcing that they will not bring the required referees less than two weeks before the competition will be paid directly and at once to the World Cup organizer's at his/her disposal.

Reason:

The organizers are responsible and have to ensure a good level of refereeing. For that reason they need the amount in time before the tournament to be able to recruit the necessary referees.

## **PROPOSITION FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN FEDERATION**

### *Article t.129 in the FIE Rules for Competitions*

#### Recommended Modification of Annexe 1 (FIE List of Penalties for Doping)

Modification [1]: Insert new paragraph "4" as follows:

#### 4. Provisional Suspension:

When a fencer is notified that his A sample is positive, the fencer is immediately provisionally suspended. This means that the fencer is barred temporarily from participating in any competition prior to the final decision of the Disciplinary Tribunal.

Modification [2]: Change next paragraph number "4" to "5 (a)" and

Change reference to "point 5" to "point 6".

5 (a). Any case of doping during a competition automatically leads to **invalidation of the result** obtained (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals and prizes), irrespective of any other sanction that may be applied, subject to the provisions of point 6 of this article.

Modification [3]: Insert paragraph "5 (b)" as follows

5 (b) In addition to this automatic invalidation of the result obtained in the competition at which the fencer tested positive, any subsequent competition results obtained from the date the positive sample was collected to the start of the provisional suspension shall also be invalidated.

Modification [4]:

Change paragraph number to "6"

Change word "competitor" to "fencer"

Insert the phrase: " invalidation of the fencers results will, unless fairness requires otherwise, result in the invalidation of the team's results also." to replace "relevant rules shall be applied" :

6. In the event that a fencer who is a **member of a team** is found guilty of doping, the invalidation of the fencers results will, unless fairness requires otherwise, result in the invalidation of the team's results also.

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE BRAZILIAN FEDERATION**

### PROPOSITION 1.

Adopt the numbering system for Rules (Technical, Organisation and Material) and standardise the trials according to the proposal for the Technical Rules already presented and distributed to the Executive Committee, with adaptation to the text already included for the Technical Rules (IN DIFFERENT COLOURS) and with the same arguments and motivations already presented.

### PROPOSITION 2.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED BY THE CONGRESS, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CLEAR, IN OUR OPINION, REGARDING THE REFEREEING. THE PROCEDURES MUST BE STANDARDISED

#### **1. Art t. 86 ( proposed t15.5.6)**

**Motivation: ambiguous Rule point.**

In the course of the competition (individual pool bout or team bout), if a fencer does not present himself immediately at the order of the Referee what will be the duration to elapse before a second call or a third call? And what if the fencer does not present himself after five calls? The bout will end 5 v 0?

**Proposal -:**

**Adopt the same text already used for the start of the pool, match or the start of the direct elimination bouts.**

#### **2. Art t.87 ( proposed t15.6.4.a)**

**Motivation: ambiguous Rule point.**

If, in a direct elimination bout, the winner has not saluted:

Only annul the hit?

And afterwards, annul the hit how many times?

There will be ensuing sanctions?

**Proposal – add:**

The bout is over and the fencer will be suspended for the following two FIE events.

#### **3. Art t.87 (proposed t15.6.5.b)**

**Motivation: ambiguous Rule point.**

If in a pool bout or during the third period of an elimination bout, after the second minute, the fencers have shown evident passivity.

- The referee should adopt the current procedure and the bout will have perhaps almost an extra minute?

- And if one fencer is leading?

**Proposal:**

In pools and during the third period, add:

If one minute or less remains to finish the bout, the same procedures as above will be adopted, but the bout will finish in the normal time, that is to say, in the remaining minute.

#### **4. Art t.118 (proposed t18.2.1.2)**

**Motivation: ambiguous Rule point.**

To make the texts of the Schedule of Offences and Penalties and the preceding articles on the subject of “person not on the piste who disturbs the order of the competition” consistent.

**Proposal– Add:**

**On the first infringement, a warning shown by a Red Card...**

#### **5. Art t. 36 (proposed t6.3.4)**

**Motivation: ambiguous Rule point.**

The judges must change ends halfway through each bout or after each period. But what period? The period of a direct elimination bout or the period of a team relay?

Is it that the judges must change after each bout of the team match?

**Proposal – add:**

**“and after every two bouts at a team relay match”.**

#### **6. Art t.120 (proposed t18.8 G1 F1 to F18) Faults while fencing.**

**Motivation: to give consistency to the Rules.**

There are situations where a fencer could win a bout with an action by which he hits his adversary and commits a fault at the same time. Thus, the referee must give the penalty and at the same time announce the fencer at fault as the winner.

For example, corps à corps at foil and sabre, taking hold of electrical equipment while fencing, covering or substituting the valid surface with another non-valid part of the body, etc...

**Proposal – principle:**

**If a fencer hits his adversary while committing a fault, preceding or simultaneous with the hit, the hit will be annulled.**

**7. Abstract Terminology.**

**Motivation: there are expressions in the Rules that need concrete examples added to clarify them for referees and fencers.**

For example:

« Combat incorrect » (in index Art t.87) ;

“dishonest fencing” (Art t.87, proposed t15.6.1) ;

“abnormal movement” (Art t.22, proposed t5.7.2 / Art t.72, proposed t12.4.2 / Art t.120, proposed t18.8 **G1 F4**);

“irregular movements” (Art t.87, proposed t15.6.2.c / Art t.120, proposed t18.8 **G1 \*F26**);

“offence against sportsmanship” (Art t.101, proposed t17.1.2 / Art t.120, proposed t18.8 **G4 F4** / Art t.127, proposed t19.5.1);

“dangerous play” (Art t.18, proposed t5.3.2.c) ;

“disorderly fencing”(Art t.87, proposed t15.6.2.b / Art t.120, proposed t18.8 **G1 \*F26**);

**Proposal: Replace “collusion” by “fraudulent agreement”.**

**PROPOSITION FROM THE CANADIAN FEDERATION**

**Proposal:**

The Canadian Fencing Federation proposes that any World Cup event organizer who cancels an event that has been approved on the FIE calendar less than four months before the date when the World Cup was scheduled to be held not be allowed to hold the World Cup the following year. In addition, any organizer canceling a World Cup less than two months before the event was scheduled to be held will be liable for a fine of 5000€, and also loses the privilege to host the event the following year.

**Justification:**

Following the high number of last minute cancellations experienced this year on the World Cup circuit, our federation has registered a collective loss in the amount of over US\$40 000, due mostly to the fact that we need to set our programme early in the season in order to be able to take advantage of preferential rates available from air carriers. Unfortunately, these are also, for the most part, non-refundable tickets, thus leading to unacceptable losses (for example, the junior World Cup that did not take place in Cuba this year cost us over US\$30 000). We are certain that other federations must also be feeling the brunt of this situation as many are likely to want to take advantage of cheap travel fares, and thereby risk incurring enormous losses every time one of these events is cancelled at the last minute. The situation has become intolerable, and such occurrences even seem to be increasing from year to year. We believe that, unless strict sanctions are applied to delinquent organizers responsible for such appalling lack of foresight, the situation will indeed only worsen.

**PROPOSITIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT, THE BUREAU AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Modifications are in italics and underlined**

## Propositions regarding foil and sabre postponed

### a) Distance between the two competitors when taking one's guard.

That the referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that their rear foot touches the on guard lines.

### b) Foil

- Reversing the line of shoulders of the non sword arm in front of the sword arm shoulder;
- That the hit made off the target is not registered by the apparatus ; it is therefore not considered as a hit, it does not stop the fencing phrase and does not cancel subsequent hits ;
- that the blocking time be reduced (to be determined) ;
- That the impact time be increased (to be determined) ;
- That the step forward crossing the legs, the fleche attack and any movement forward crossing the legs are forbidden; any offence will be penalized as specified in articles t.114, t.116 and t.120; any hit correctly executed by his opponent will be counted;
- that the electric sabre mask be used at foil, thus making it valid area.

### c) Sabre

- That the blocking time of the second lamp be reduced (to be determined) .The counter-attack will be valid when only one lamp is on. When both lamps are on, the attack will be valid.

## Modifications to the Rules

### **Proposition 1 : Article o.42, to be replaced by the following text (application in 2004)**

Except at the team events of the junior World Championships, at each weapon teams consist of three fencers, with or without a reserve.

A team may only begin a match if it is complete.

At the three team events per weapon (foil, épée and sabre), teams consist of 4 fencers (2 male and 2 female fencers).

A team may only begin a match if it is complete.

### **Motivation :**

- It is better to test this new formula with the junior fencers who are "relatively novice" before applying it to the senior fencers, as it is already practised in the other sports
- It is easier for the federations to have two good level junior fencers at a weapon than three fencers
- This formula will allow a better participation in the team events

### **Proposition 2 : Article o.48, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph**

The programme of fencing events at the Olympic Games currently comprises ten events. Any change to the programme must be approved by the Congress

The programme of the Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships comprises twelve individual events (six junior and six cadet), and 3 team events (foil, épée, sabre) with 2 male and 2 female fencers at each weapon. The 3 team events take place in relay: each of both fencers fences against the 2 others, which makes 8 bouts in relay every five hits for a total of 40 hits.

The programme of the Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships begin with the Cadet events, then the individual Junior events and lastly the team events. These last take place over two days, the first for the eliminating rounds, the second for the semi-finals and finals.

The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

### **Proposition 3 : Article o.54 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph**

For World Cup competitions, it is recommended to the delegations to send the number of fencers to be entered at least three weeks before the date of the event. The names of those entered must reach the organisers at the latest 15 days before the competition is taking place. The name of the team manager must be identified on this document, as well as the name and category of each referee being brought.

The organizers must, at the risk of penalties (1000 Euros), refuse the entry of fencers not included on lists corresponding to this recommendation, any entry which would not be requested by a federation and any entry of fencer or referee non-holder of a FIE license valid for the current season.

**Proposition 7 : Article o.68**

Refereeing at World Championships and junior/cadet World Championships is carried out by referees chosen by the Executive Committee of the FIE at the proposal of the Refereeing Committee. Referees' travel and board and lodging costs are paid by the Organising Committee that will receive the entry fees as a counterpart.

Referees must attend the refereeing meeting which takes place the day before the World Championships.

**Proposition 8 : Article o.69**

Any proposed candidature for the World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

The organisers of the World Championships that we receive the entry fees from the participating delegations must, at their own expense invite the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, board and lodging):

1. The President of the FIE or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
2. A head of protocol designated by the President of the FIE.
3. Six members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country.
4. Three members of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
5. Four members of the Refereeing Committee, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
6. Two members of the Medical Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
7. The referees designated by the Executive Committee

**Proposition 9 : Article o.74, replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph by:**

Furthermore, the Congress will no accept candidates proposing to organise combined Junior and Cadet Championships.

**Proposition 13: Article o.88**

a) A-grade competitions, candidate to A-grade and Grand Prix

The number (quota) of A or B referees that must accompany delegations to A Grade and Grand Prix competitions (except for Grand-Prix- Arbitres) is:

<u>1 to 3 fencers :</u>	No obligation
<u>4 to 9 fencers :</u>	1 referee
<u>10 or more fencers :</u>	2 referees

b) Grand Prix-Arbitres competitions (GP-Arbitres)

For the competitions for which referees are designated by the Executive Committee (GP-Arbitres), on the proposal of the Refereeing Commission, delegations will no longer have to bring referees. 8 referees will be designated by the Executive Committee, at the expense of the organisers, who will receive an entry fee of 60 E or 90 CHF.

The organiser will thus have at least 8 referees designated by the FIE, plus at least 4 referees designated by the organising country, at its convenience.

The organisers must take the necessary actions regarding the meeting of the referees to take place the day before the competition GP-Arbitres.

c) For A-grade, candidate to A-grade and Grand Prix competitions, should a national federation not bring the required number of referees, it will be charged a fine of 500 Euros if the organiser was informed 15 days before the competition or of 1000 Euros if the organiser was not informed 15 days before the competition.

This fine will have to be paid by the delegation to the organizer that will keep this amount provided that he appoints the required referees to replace the missing referee(s).

In any case, any national federation that does not pay the fine must reduce the participation of its fencers in conformity with the quotas (cf. a) above).

**Proposition 14 : Article o.91, b) scale of points, new paragraph**

The points obtained at a Grand-Prix-Arbitres competition (GP-Arbitres) are multiplied by a factor of 2. Les points acquis lors d'une compétition Grand Prix-Arbitres (GP-Arbitres) de la FIE bénéficient d'un coefficient multiplicateur de 2. For the World Championships and the junior and cadet World Championships the points are multiplied by a factor of 3.

**Proposition 15: Article t.34, add the following sentence**

Referees cannot have another function during the tournament such as member of the DT, team captain, official delegate of their national federation, etc.

**Proposition 18: Article t.129, annexe 1) to move at l'article t.120, as following the table**

Sanctions for doping.

Every fencer refusing to be submitted to this control or to this medical exam or who was found guilty of doping will be excluded from the event and will not be classified, irrespective of particular penalties. All the fencers ranked after him are ranked up of one place in the results of the competition. If necessary the 2 thirds are decided according to their ranking for the composition of the table.

The penalties that appear in Annexe 1 are obligatory. They are based on those provided for in the Olympic Movement Anti-doping Code, and are clearly defined in the FIE 'List of Penalties for Doping' (Annexe 1).

1. In a case of doping, the penalties for a **first offence** are as follows:-

a) if the Prohibited Substances used are:

Stimulants (other than amphetamines), Narcotics, Alcohol, Cannabinoids or Glucocorticosteroids ( "Schedule 1" ):

- i) Suspension from all competitive sport for a period of three months;
- ii) the option of a further ban on participation in a specific sports event or events after the suspension period has ended (e.g. a ban on participation in the following World Championships);
- iii) an optional additional monetary fine of up to US\$ 10,000.

b) if the Prohibited Substances used are other than those referred to in paragraph a) above, i.e.:

Anabolic Agents, Amphetamines, Cocaine, Diuretics, Peptide Hormones and their mimetics or analogues, or if Prohibited Methods are used ( "Schedule 2" ):

- i) suspension from all competitive sport for a period of two years;
- ii) the option of a further ban on participation in a specific sports event or events after the suspension period has ended ( e.g. a ban on participation in the following World Championships or Olympic Games ):

iii) an optional additional monetary fine of up to US\$ 10,000.

2. In the case of a **repeat offence** ( within ten years of the previous doping offence) the penalties shall be the following:

a) for a Schedule 1 offence:

- i) suspension from all competitive sport for period of two years;
- ii) the option of a further ban on participation in a specific sports event or events after the suspension period has ended ( e.g. a ban on participation in the following World Championships or Olympic Games ):
- iii) an optional additional monetary fine of up to US\$ 10,000.

b) for a Schedule 2 offence:

- i) suspension from all competitive sport for life;
- ii) an optional additional monetary fine of up to US\$ 10,000.

3. In the case of:

- refusal to undergo any test contemplated in this Anti-Doping Code;
  - a case of doping for which an official or member of the athlete's entourage is responsible; or
  - involvement in an act of doping by members of the medical, pharmaceutical or related professions;
- the penalties shall be the following:

a) for a **first offence**:

- i) suspension from all competitive sport for a period of two years;
- ii) the option of a further ban on participation in a specific sports event or events after the suspension period has ended;
- iii) an optional additional monetary fine of up to US\$ 100,000.

b) In the case of a **repeat offence**:

- i) suspension from all competitive sport for life;
- ii) an optional additional monetary fine of up to US\$ 100,000.

4. Any case of doping in a competition automatically leads to invalidation of the result obtained in the individual event and invalidation of the result obtained in the team event in which he participated ( with all its consequences, including

5. forfeit of any medals or prizes), irrespective of any other sanction that may be applied, subject to the provisions of point 5 of this article.

6. Any fencer suspended for doping during a competition loses the points obtained during this competition (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals or prizes) and the other fencers are ranked up of one place in the results of the competition.

7. In the event that a competitor who is a member of a team is found guilty of doping (either during an individual or during a team competition), the team who used the fencer guilty of doping loses the points obtained (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals or prizes) and the other teams are ranked up of one place in the results of the competition.

8. The team who used a fencer during its period of suspension loses the the points obtained (with all its consequences, including forfeit of any medals or prizes) and the other teams are ranked up of one place in the results of the competition.

9. The regulations mentioned above do not foresee in the O.G.. and in FIE official events of additional and further penalties that the F.I.E could impose.

10. Only the following are tested for during the Out-of-Competition period:

a) Anabolic Agents, b) Diuretics, c) Peptide Hormones, their mimetics and analogues, and d) Prohibited Methods. The penalty for a doping offence detected during an out-of-competition test shall be the same as for during competition, 'mutatis mutandis' (ie., with changes made as necessary).

#### **Proposition 21: 2.1.3 (new) MASK IN COLOUR OR WITH DRAWINGS**

Fencers may use masks in colour or bearing drawings. However, and to avoid any negative effect on the image of fencing and of the FIE, these drawings and colours must be sent to the FIE head-office for approval.

#### **Proposition 22: IV. Réglementation spécifique, C) PUBLICITE PORTEE, b) Tenue d'escrime et matériel**

Fencers must display their name and their nationality, in dark blue capital letters, on the back of their jacket. The letters must be between 10 cm, maximum, and 8 cm, minimum, high. The width of the letters will vary according to the length of the name. The name and nationality of the fencer on the back of the jacket is obligatory for all FIE competitions and at all stages.

Fencers must wear clothing displaying their national colours on the arm and/or leg in both individual and team competitions (from the beginning of the competitions for the World Championships and from the table of 64 for the senior World Cup competitions); and the design of these national colours on the clothes of the athletes belonging to the same federation must be identical. These will be submitted for the approval of the Executive Committee, then given to the SEMI.

Should the clothing of a fencer not conform to the drawings sent to the Executive Committee, the fencer will be sanctioned by a red card at each presentation on the piste.

#### **Modifications to the Statutes**

##### **Proposition 1 : Article 1.6**

Add in the end of the article :

The amounts of the fees above are determined by the Executive committee and approved by the General assembly for the following season.

##### **Proposition 2 : Article 3.2.3.**

The Congress establishes, controls and steers the general policy of the F.I.E. It determines the modifications to be made to the Statutes and to the Rules for combat .

##### **Proposition 3 : Article 3.3.3 b) 1st paragraph**

The only valid proxies are those received by the F.I.E. before the opening of the Congress : the proxy must be before the signature of the President of the member federation.

**Proposition 4 : Article 3.4.3**

The President of the F.I.E. must send the agenda to all the Member Federations, with any necessary clarification annexed, at least one month before the Congress or the General Assembly.

**Proposition 5 : Article 3.6.4**

The General Assembly elects professional auditors as auditors for a period of one year, which can be reconducted.

**Proposition 6 : Article 4.1.4**

The candidature must be done through a form provided by the FIE (only one page A4).

**Proposition 7, article 4.2.1, add a new paragraph after the 1st paragraph**

Besides, a candidate to the Presidency must speak fluently one of three working languages of the FIE and be able to understand and speak the two other working languages.

**Proposition 8, articles 4.2.2 and 4.2.4, to be replaced by the following texts:**

**4.2.2**

If a candidate for the Presidency withdraws before an election and if he is the unique candidate, new candidates can be presented up to the moment of the election, subject to the general conditions of election enumerated in 4.1.1 to 4.1.2 above.

**4.2.4**

If in the first round of voting no candidate receives the majority of the votes cast, the candidate who received the less votes is eliminated and one additional round is organised.

If during the second round an absolute majority is not obtained by a candidate, the candidate who received the less votes is eliminated and one or several additional round are organised until one candidate obtains a majority of votes or until two candidates remain.

In this, the candidate who receives the most votes at the following round is elected.

Should there be a tie between two candidates for two rounds of voting, the youngest candidate is elected.

**Proposition 9, article 4.3.1, add a new paragraph after the 1st paragraph:**

Besides, a candidate to the Executive Committee must be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE.

**Proposition 10 : Article 4.3.4**

If the 11 members who have obtained the most votes do not include 2 women, the Executive Committee will consist of the first 9 members elected and the 2 women candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If one of the women so selected is of the same nationality as one of the first 9 men elected, she will be stood down in favour of the next woman of a nationality not already represented.

**Proposition 11: Article 4.4.2, add a new paragraph after the 1st paragraph**

Besides, a candidate to the Commissions must be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE. The candidates for Commissions requiring specific professional knowledge have to show a diploma justifying this knowledge. For example, for the legal and disciplinary Commissions, Bachelor of Law or an equivalence; for the medical Commission) a diploma of Medical Doctor or equivalence; for the SEMI Commission, an engineering degree or an equivalence.

**Proposition 12: Article 4.4.4, add a new paragraph after the 1st paragraph**

If the 10 first members elected do not include two 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.

If one of the women so selected is of the same nationality as one of the first 8 men elected, she will be stood down in favour of the next woman of a nationality not already represented.

**Proposition 13 : Article 5.4.1**

- **Delete:** The Executive Committee of the F.I.E. meets in plenary session. The number and the place of the plenary sessions of the Executive committee is determined every year by the Executive committee. Special meetings may be requested by the President, the majority of the Central Office or the majority of the Executive Committee.



- The agenda of the Executive Committee meeting shall reach each member of the Executive Committee at least 10 days before the meeting.

**Delete :**

- The expenses of attending two of these meetings are the responsibility of the federations of the members of the Executive Committee. The other meetings are the financial responsibility of the F.I.E.

**Proposition 14 : Article 5.5.7**

The Executive Committee is responsible for planning, modifying and drafting the text of the Internal Rules. It approves the drafting of the texts prepared by the Rules Commission, 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.

**Proposition 15 : Article 5.5.11**

The Executive Committee appoints the Directoire Technique and its president, technical officials and referees for the Olympic Games and World Championships ; He also appoints the referees for the Grand Prix Arbitres and the observers for World Cup Competitions.

**Proposition 16 : Article 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 General Assembly.

**Proposition 17 : Article 5.7.1**

In the course of the financial year the Bureau informs the Members of the FIE of urgent measures which may concern them, by way of any official publications of the F.I.E.

**Proposition 18: Article 6.1.1**

The permanent commissions of the F.I.E. are the following:  
- Promotion, Publicity and Marketing Commission.

**Proposition 19: Article 6.4.1**

The year after the elections, the commissions meet to elect their President. During the years including an ordinary Congress, commissions meet to study the proposals made to the Congress, at least three months before the

Congress. The Executive committee can, in case of necessity motivated by the Commission, determine one or several additional meetings.

**Proposition 20 : Article 6.4.6 (new), work of the commissions**

The members of Commissions must and may speak in one of the three languages of the FIE; on the other hand, the report of the meeting has to be, either established in French, or in the three working languages. It is up to the President of every commission to appoint a commission secretary who will establish the report of the meeting of the Commission.

**Proposition 21 : Article 6.5.3 b)**

This Commission establishes the list of the referees recognized by the F.I.E.. - The note awarded to the referee during every competition GP-Arbitres is given by the member of the Refereeing Commission appointed by the Executive Committee for the competition

**Proposition 22: Article 6.5.6 (title)**

Delete the word "propaganda" in the title of the Commission.

**Proposition 23 : Article 7.1.4 d) f)**

f) Fines. This penalty can be pronounced against all defendants, its level cannot be less than 125 CHF nor more than 12 500 CHF for individuals, the thresholds being 225 CHF minimum and 22 500 CHF maximum for entities.

The level of the fine can be more than 12 500 CHF in the case where multiple sentences of a fine are pronounced simultaneously, in which case they are additive.

**Proposition 25 : Article 9.1.2**

a) This licence is compulsory for all fencers taking part in any official competition of the F.I.E. No entry will be valid if a competitor does not have a valid licence for the current year.

**Proposition 26 : Article 9.1.4**

Every application for a licence or licence renewal can be handed in after the payment of a fee which is set for the following season by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly for the next season.

**Proposition 27 : Article 9.1.5 a)**

a) Every licence is supplied by the F.I.E. administrative office; it is issued to those entitled who qualify through their member national federation. A licence can only be issued if the following information is provided: first names, family name, date of birth, personal address and weapon in the case of a fencer.

**Proposition 28 : Article 10.1.1**

The Official Competitions of the F.I.E. include the Olympic Games, the Open, Junior, Cadet and Veterans World Championships, the individual and team Open World Cups (candidate to category A, Category A and Grand Prix- GP and GP-Arbitres), the Junior World Cups, as well as the Masters, Super Masters and any other competitions designated by the Congress of the F.I.E..

**Articles to be deleted because of duplication**

**Article 8.1.2, medical rule, a), b) et c) 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: to be deleted from the Statutes because duplicated at article t.129. Item f) move to article t.120.**

a) Doping is forbidden. The list of prohibited products is compiled by the Medical Commission of the F.I.E. in liaison with the Medical Commission of the I.O.C.

b) Each fencer participating in official competitions of the F.I.E. or at the Olympic Games, must submit himself to the medical checks and examinations performed according to the Rules of the Medical Commission of the F.I.E., or, when at the Olympic Games, the Medical Committee of the I.O.C.

c) Any fencer refusing to submit himself to these checks or tests, or found guilty of doping will be excluded from the competition and will not be ranked.

If this fencer is part of a team, the team will be considered to have lost the match and the event in which the offence was committed and will not be ranked.

d) Women competitors must submit to gender tests prescribed by the I.O.C. at the Olympic Games or prescribed by the F.I.E. (Executive Committee or Directoire Technique).

f) At the Olympic Games and official competitions of the F.I.E., the above rules do not prejudice further additional penalties that the F.I.E. might impose.

**Article 10.2.2 to be deleted in the Statutes and to be moved in article o.57 of the Rules**

*Directoire Technique at a World Championship*

a) The technical organisation of a World Championships and the Olympic Games is undertaken by a Directoire Technique of 6 members of different Nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

b) The Directoire Technique consists of one member of the Legal Commission, one member of the Rules Commission, one member of the Promotion Commission, each of whom having been proposed by their own commission, two persons nominated because of their organising abilities, and the representative of the organising country. They are appointed by the Executive Committee of the F.I.E.

c) The President of the Directoire Technique is appointed from among its members, also by the Executive Committee of the F.I.E.

d) Should there be equal votes among the members of the Directoire Technique, the President of the Directoire technique has the casting vote.

**Article 10.2.3 to be deleted since duplicated at article o.63 of the Rules**

The President and one member of the Central Office of the F.I.E. have the right to attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique in order to ensure that the Rules are observed; The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

**Article 10.2.5 to be deleted since doubled placed at articles o.52 and ss of the Rules**

a) The member federations who wish to send their fencers to participate in a World Championships, in either individual or team events, must so advise the national federation which undertakes the organisation of the Championships, three before they are due to begin. At least one month before the World Championships, the organisers will have to inform the

administrative office of the F.I.E. which countries are taking part in each event.

**Article 10.2.6 to be deleted since double placed at article o.48 of the Rules.**

The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

**Article o.6 : to be deleted since double placed at article t.37 and ssand at the chapter on licences of the Statutes.**

Referees must be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Articles t.37–t.39. They must possess current refereeing licences, national or international.

**Article o.94 to be deleted in the Rules since doubled at article 10.3.4 of the Statutes**

The fencing competitions of the Olympic Games replace the World Championships for the year in which they are held.

The special rules for the Olympic Games are contained in an annexe to these Rules.

**Moving of articles from the Statutes and vice versa**

**Article o.65 : moved to the statutes, article 10.2.1**

The Open World Championships are held every year, except in the years when the Olympic Games take place, under the auspices of the FIE.

The period when they will take place is fixed by the Congress, at least two years in advance.

**Article o.66 : moved to the statutes, article 10.2.1**

Candidates for the organisation of the Open World Championship must be submitted to the Central Office of the FIE to be placed on the agenda of the annual Ordinary Congress, within the time limit laid down by the FIE Statutes.

When it puts forward its candidature, a federation must fill in the FIE questionnaire, and make a commitment to the Congress to comply with the specifications ('Cahier de Charges') set down by the FIE and to respect its administrative and financial obligations.

The Congress will decide to which national federation the organisation of these Championships will be entrusted for the following year or years, and at the same time fix the date and place where they will be held.

Should the annual Ordinary Congress be unable to decide which national federation will organise the World Championships for the ensuing year, because no candidate has come forward, the Executive Committee may itself decide which national federation shall organise these Championships if it receives one or more candidatures after the Congress has taken place.

The Central Office of the FIE will have the same powers should the national federation to whom the organisation was entrusted by the Congress withdraw.

The President of the organising federation and, if the case arises, the organiser himself shall sign a protocol confirming their complete awareness of the specifications set down by the FIE ('Cahier des Charges') and of their administrative and financial obligations.

**Article o.73 moved to the statutes, article 10.4.1**

The Junior and Cadet World Championships are held every year, preferably at Easter, under the auspices of the FIE.

**Article o.74 : moved to the statutes, article 10.2.1**

Candidatures must comply with the same rules as those set out above (cf. o.66) for the Open World Championships.

Furthermore, the Congress will give priority to candidates proposing to organise combined Junior and Cadet Championships.

**Article o.87 b) : moved at article o.54 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph**

Delegations are advised to send their entries announcing their intention to compete at least three weeks before the competition.

Eight days before World Cup competitions, federations must indicate the exact number of their participants and their names.

The organisers may reject entries of fencers who do not feature on lists conforming to the above recommendation and must reject any entry which is not submitted by a federation.

The confirmation of entries must be made at the initial roll-call (cf. Article o.31).

## Articles to be deleted and to be included into the Internal Rules

### Article 10.2.4 a)

a) The World Championships are open to all national federations affiliated with the F.I.E.

### Article 10.2.6

Order of events

The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

### Chapter VII : discipline,

From article 7.2 to article 7.2.12

### Article o.80

(b) The calendar for World Cup competitions, both individual and team, is established at the meeting for the calendar held at the World Junior Championships and takes account of the following:

- For competitions already accepted as World Cup competitions, requests for dates for the following season presented by the national federations at the latest by 31 January of each year.

- For new World Cup competitions, candidatures arriving at the F.I.E. office at the latest by 1 January preceding the Calendar Meeting accompanied by an F.I.E. questionnaire properly completed.

A member federation may only organise one individual senior World Cup competition per weapon.

The calendar of the next season is approved definitively during the Executive Committee meeting that follows the calendar meeting. Except in cases of force majeure (*natural catastrophies, civil war, national economic crisis*), any change of date or place after this meeting will result in the cancellation of the competition for the following year.

If the date or place of a competition is changed without the authorisation of the FIE it will no longer be classed as a World Cup competition. Except in cases of force majeure (natural catastrophies, civil war, national economic crisis), any

cancellation of a competition less than 3 months before its date in the calendar will result in the cancellation of the competition for the following year.

### Article o.81

c) If a federation wishes to change the venue of a competition already accepted as a World Cup competition, they must submit this change to the Executive Committee and prove that it will be under the same organisation and that all the criteria for World Cup competitions will be faithfully followed.

### Article o.82

After having established the calendar for individual and team World Cup competitions, the Executive Committee will choose the individual competitions which will win the title 'Grand Prix' and « Grand Prix-Arbitres, taking into account the agreement of the competition organisers and their commitment to respect the Grand Prix Cahier des charges.

### Article o.84, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph deleted in the Rules and replaced in the Internal Rules by the following text

By accepting his designation as observer, the latter formally accepts the following role :

The observer has the position of a supervisor for :

- the application and the interpretation of the Rules, the Statutes and the Administrative rules;
- the issues which are provided for and not provided for in these documents.

The observer must:

- Enclose the computerised page of referees' activities (issued by the Directoire Technique of each competition).
- Establish that each fencer and international referee holds a valid FIE international licence or has made an application to the FIE and paid the corresponding amount.
- Make sure that the equipment of the fencers conforms with the regulations (name on the back of the jacket and where required, fencing clothes with national colours or royal blue trousers).

- **Hand over a copy of the report and of the activity of the referees to the organiser who will send it to the FIE without any delay.**
- **Enclose a copy of the doping control form.**
- **Make sure that the results are sent to the FIE at the end of the tournament (by e-mail and through transfer (\*.txt) or exchange (\*.fff) files).**
- Send a photo of the venues.

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE SPANISH FEDERATION**

### 1.- Team World Cup events.

#### Memorandum:

The actual competition formula for the Team World Cup allows the knowledge of the team, which one team is going to face in each one of the tournaments, so in function of your objectives the federation can choose not to participate, to participate with a second class team, or just to win the first match and voluntarily loose the second (all these cases did already happened in the 2001-2002 seasons).

Additionally it may happen that since the actual formula implies that team number 1 will always fence with team number 16, team 2 with team 15 and so on, not only it can happen what is indicated in the paragraph above, but it may also happen that two teams will face each other during the whole World Cup Season (as it happened during 2001-2002 season)

#### PROPOSAL.

For all World Cup tournaments, the composition of the direct elimination table will be fixed for teams from 1 to 4 and the rest of the positions will be draw in blocks of 4 teams (those qualified from 5 to 8, from 9 to 12 and from 13 to 16).

### 2.- Team World Championships.

#### Memorandum:

The FIE team official ranking is actually employed in the Team World Championships to build the direct elimination tableau for the event. Nevertheless the final position in the tableau is drawn in blocks of 2 teams. This formula seems unfair to us since at the contrary of the previous proposal, the standings in the World Championships are the consequence of the value of the team in the moment of the celebration of the World Championships.

#### PROPOSAL:

There should be no draw in the tableau of the World Championships and the Olympic Games, each team will take the number which corresponds its position in the team FIE ranking.

### 3.- Matches to be fought in the Team world Championships.

#### Memorandum:

Now in World Championships all matches to qualify teams from position 1 to 16 are fought.

Time ago when it did not exist the Team World Cup, it was true that since there were not team encounters, it was positive, that in the World Championships the teams fence as much encounters as possible. Due to the existence of the Team World Cup, this is not longer needed since the countries will fence each other many times during the season in the teams competitions.

Even more, at World Championships, once the team has lost the possibility to enter the final eight, the encounters to classify between 9 and 16 become looser matches with very little interest for the fencers and even with the no participation of the teams of some countries.

Moreover, having into account that the team competition in World Championships use to find place in the last days of the World Championships, all this is coincident with tiredness of the referees and causes in the organization and technical directory problems to find free pistes for them.

#### PROPOSAL.

In the team World Championships only places until 8 will be fenced and the rest of the teams from the 9<sup>th</sup> will be qualified using their entry number in the FIE tableau as is done now for place 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 4.- Team World Cup events.

#### Memorandum:

Due to similar reasons as given above, we think that the actual formula of the

Team World Cup that forces to fence for all the places, implies the need for the organiser to provide a large number of pistes, and non transcendence and laziness that produces that as it happens in the World Championships the forfeit of teams that should fight for positions 21th and 22th.

Our proposal want to rationalise the need to fight encounters to classify teams, but also to facilitate the organizer of the tournaments to celebrate the competitions in 8 pistes (which normally fit in the sport halls).

#### PROPOSAL.

In the Team World Cup tournaments only places until 16 will be fenced, the teams classified from the 16<sup>th</sup> position will qualified using their entry number and will all of them take the same number of points.

#### 5.- Sanctions in the team events of the World Championships, and Team World Cup.

##### Memorandum.

He have seem in the Lisabon World Champinships and in several Team World Cup tournaments among the season that teams has been disqualified due to a fencer sanctioned with a black card, being this sanction transmitted to the team which has been subsequently disqualified.

We have always defend the team competition as different from the individual competition because of the "team concept" which justifies its presence in the Olympic Games, There is no team sport in which the exclusion of a player due to a sport or disciplinary sanction results in the exclusion of the team.

Moreover we should take into account that this may happen in the first match of the final encounter of the World Championships, with live TV coverage, sponsors, commercials, and so on with the severe damage, not only sportive but economical that will cause to our sport.

We also though that the unsportive behaviour of a specific fencer should not be translated in a collective sanction with the sportive and economical damage that it causes to the country concerned.

#### PROPOSAL.

The black card will cause the exclusion of the concerned fencer but not of the team, it will be replaced by the reserve fencer.

The disciplinary Commission of FIE will study and sanction with personal character the temporal sanction to the excluded fencer.

#### 6.- World Cup events and Grand Prix.

##### Memorandum.

The evolution of fencing in the last years should make us think in order to give more coherence to the tournaments organized by FIE. We should have two prioritised objectives in World Cup events.

1.- Promotion and diffusion of fencing around different countries and continents.

2.- The organization of a number of "special" tournaments that would be exponent of the maximal sport level and could be employed not only in the sportive field but also as promotion and diffusion in the communication media.

The transcendence of the individual and team World Cup (we should not forget that the tables are done and exempts are taken from these classifications), should lead us to the following objectives:

We should try that in each weapon there is a maximal number of 4 tournaments (Grand Prix) with a high coefficient (3) and they should be both individual and team tournaments. These tournaments should be placed by reasons of quality and tradition finding place 2 of them in Europe, 1 in America and 1 in Asia-Oceania. Those tournaments should have at least a 4 years stability.

Giving the high multiplying index (coefficient 3), the participation in these 4 Grand prix tournaments plus the World Championships (coefficient 5) will warranty that with a lower economical invest of the participating countries their real sportive level will more easily seen.

The rest of the World Cup events will have coefficient 1 and will fulfil the objective of diffusion of fencing around the World.

This formula is the same now employed by law-tennis (4 Grand Slam tournaments, being the rest ATP tour tournaments).

Additionally we should think about the actual participation formula in the World Cup events, where contrary to other sports (NBA-Basketball) that uses procedures to equal the competition, we use a formula through FIE quotas which allows the stronger countries to participate with a larger number of fencers in the World Cup events. So creating a inequality in the origin of the competition, since there are countries that due to their economical potential

start the competition with 16 or 18 fencers, that accumulates season after season. It would be more fair if in these Grand Prix tournaments the maximal participation per country would be limited to 6 (as it is in the World Championship where it is limited to 4), which would allow to test high level fencers in order to do the final selection for World Championships, but equals the start options for all teams in these large tournaments.

For the rest of the World Cup events the maximal participation will be 8 fencers per country, FIE classification quotas should no longer exist.

We agree with the actual formula for the FIE Ranking is positive (6 tournaments, maximal 4 per continent, plus World Championships), but there is a large inequality of opportunities, since in some of the weapons there are 18 or more tournaments and it is not the same to choose 6 results in between 6 participations that 6 in between 18 participations. This results in a inequality of sportive chances based in the availability of economical resources, so we think that the maximal participation of a fencer in a season should be limited to 8 World Cup-Grand Prix events.

We should add to these 8 World Cup tournaments those that the fencers of the national team are forced to do in official events (European Championships, World Championships) and regional events (Asian Games, Pan-American Games, Mediterranean Games), plus National Championships and the national circuits which they should fence forced by their clubs. So we consider that the application of this formula will rationalize their sportive activity, allowing the technical improvement in training working, which is now banned by the excess of tournaments which blocks the technical progress of fencing.

#### PROPOSAL:

-Organization of World Cup events with coefficient 1 and the actual organization rules and a maximal participation of 8 fencers per country and 15 from the organising country.

-Organization of 4 Grand Prix Tournaments coefficient 3 (individual and teams) to be celebrated 2 in Europe, 1 in America, and 1 in Asia-Oceania per weapon, with a maximal participation of 6 fencers per country, 10 of the organising country.

-Limit of 8 World Cup tournaments, plus the World Championships for a fencer during the season.

-Coefficient 5 for the individual and World Cup championships.

7.-Blocking of sabre hits in defensive actions.

#### Memorandum

As a consequence of the tests done by the RFEE on the scoring apparatus in the presence of the FIE technical director, Mr. Ioan Pop, the RFEE proposes the following modification to the rules. The actual rules book states in the Material Rules, Annex B referring to Sabre (section C) concerning to sensitivity and regulation of the apparatus (section B, point 5).

5) If the contact between the blade and the opposite target occurs through the iron, the apparatus gives the signal of the hit between 0 and 4 milliseconds (+1 ms), will prevent the scoring of the hit between 4 and 15 milliseconds (+5 ms), provided that the contact between both blades is not interrupted more than 10 times maximum meanwhile.

6) In case a "whip" would not be indicated, whatever can be the method used to prevent the scoring, after 15 milliseconds (+ or - 5ms) from the contact of the iron (time for the scoring of the whip) and although there is another hit, the device will have to allow the regular scoring of the whips which will be given afterward.

Everybody knows this has never worked properly, the test done shows that this is consequence of an excessive tolerance of the timing and/or the condition that the contact is not broken more that 10 times, if the condition is cancelled the perception of the fencers is greatly improved, so we propose that the rules are changed into:

#### PROPOSAL:

5) If the contact between the blade and the opposite target occurs through the iron, the apparatus gives the signal of the hit between 0 and 4 milliseconds (+0.25 ms), will prevent the scoring of the hit between 4 and 15 milliseconds (+1 ms).

6) In case a "whip" would not be indicated, whatever can be the method used to prevent the scoring, after 15 milliseconds (+ or - 1ms) from the contact of the iron (time for the scoring of the whip) and although there is another hit, the device will have to allow the regular scoring of the whips which will be given afterward.

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE FRENCH FEDERATION**

### WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

#### **Individual events**

##### PROPOSAL

Limited to a maximum of 12

##### REASONS

In reality, the classification is meaningless, as the Men's and Women's Epee in a number of competitions is such that no-one is eliminated and points are awarded to fencers who are not fencing at their proper level. Equally true of men's sabre where, taking part in 2 competitions where no-one was eliminated, 2 fencers found themselves in the top 32 of the official classification of the FIE and were not even taking part in the world championships.

#### **Team events**

##### PROPOSAL

Make it compulsory to take part in at least 2 out of 5 competitions in order to take part in the world championship team events.

##### REASONS

The absence of a number of strong teams in competitions considerably alters the classification of teams. This has considerable importance for the selection for the Olympic Games.

#### **Board of technical directors**

##### PROPOSAL

At every world championships, the Board of Technical Directors should be made up exclusively of people elected onto the Committees or the Executive Committee of the FIE, with a representative of the organising federation (if this federation does not have an elected representative on the FIE). The appointment to be delegated to the committees themselves and for the to be responsible for the rotation of members during their elected term.

#### **REASONS**

In reality it is the Executive or the President who challenges those proposals made by the Committees which appear to favour one person or another and who promote the harmonious working of the committees.

### ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

#### **PROPOSAL**

The age limit for taking part in elections for the president of the FIE to be fixed 70 years.

#### **REASONS**

It appears that, in order to take up a post in the CIO, this age limit must be applied. Anyone over the age of 70, seeking nomination for the post of President of the FIE, could not be co-opted on to the CIO, which would be prejudicial to our sport.

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM MAX GEUTER (MH)**

### **"INCOMPATIBILITE" between Executive Committee and Commission**

I propose to change the decision of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Congress in Havana in 2001 and to not apply this decision at the next elective congress in 2004. This means to remain with the status quo.

We have discussed this matter many years ago when a member of the Armenian Federation demanded this change and it was rejected with a big majority. It is still not democratic to keep candidates away from election who are proposed for two different positions in the FIE by their federations. They should be elected or not elected by their ability, talents and experience in order to serve in the best way for the FIE .

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE GREAT BRITAIN FEDERATION**

Add a second paragraph to **Article 116:**



If a fencer who has already received a warning (yellow card) scores a hit and at the same time commits another offence in Group 1 which does not entail the annulment of that hit (simple corps à corps at foil/sabre; covering/substitution of the valid target; taking off mask before the command 'Halt' ), the hit scored and the penalty hit are both counted. However, should this happen when the scores are 4-4 in a pool or 14-14 in direct elimination, the hits are not counted and the fencers continue to fence for a deciding hit.

**Motivation:**

To fill a gap in the existing rules, particularly as far as the last hit is concerned.

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE HUNGARIAN FEDERATION**

**Proposal No. 1**

The Hungarian Fencing Federation proposes a modified Rule (article 3.6) to the Elective Congress: Everyone who votes must use all their votes; 11 for members of the Executive Committee and 10 for members of the permanent commissions. In case of non-compliance, voting slips that do not contain 11 (wherever possible) or 10 names of candidates will not be valid.

(Ref: Proposal by Mr Peter Jacobs (MH) to the 2001 Congress)

*Motivations:*

*During the last elective Congress a great many people voted for a reduced number of people – often only one or two. This is neither equitable nor sporting. The voting system is clearer and more democratic when the electors utilise all their options.*

**Proposal No. 2**

The Hungarian Fencing Federation proposes to establish, at the heart of the FIE, a permanent commission named the Women's Commission, with a complement of 5 members.

*Motivations:*

The FIE being a member of the IOC, it is strongly desirable that it follows the procedures applied there.

*The Women's Commission would have the task of occupying itself with questions particular to women in the same manner as other commissions of that genre in diverse international organisations, e.g. in the IOC.*

*This resolution could contribute to putting into practice the principles of parity.*

**Proposal No. 4**

The maximum number of competitions of category "A" must be fixed at 8 events per weapon, of which 4 will be Grand Prix. These latter competitions should only be accepted subject to a strictly controlled "Cahier des charges".

*Motivations:*

*The excessive number of competitions does not serve to enhance the qualitative level of fencing, and imposes important charges on the national federations.*

*When the category "A" competitions take place, there are generally never more than a maximum of 30 out of the 110 member countries of the FIE represented. The existing calendar of the FIE currently recognises only two categories of qualifying competitions: category "A" (including Grand Prix) and category "C" (satellite competitions). It is not logical that there is no category "B" that could cover the competitors of countries in the process of catching up in their development.*

**Proposal No. 6**

The Senior Fencing World Championships should be organised with money prizes, as is usual in the practices of other international federations.

*Motivations*

After the Athens Olympic Games, the IOC significantly increased the financial support to the FIE.

*During the World Championships of other international federations, the champions (medallists) generally receive a money prize.*

**Proposal No. 7**

Replace article t.29: **"A competitor who crosses one of the boundaries of the piste because of a push from his adversary or following an accidental cause incurs no penalty whatever."**

*Motivations:*

The word “involuntarily” is ambiguous in the current text: a fencer penalised by the referee applying the rule could argue that he has involuntarily crossed the limit.

### **PROPOSITION OF THE INDONESIAN FEDERATION**

As discussed in the South East Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, we would like to propose to make English as the Official FIE language worldwide, while French and Spanish continue to stay as working languages.

I believe this will raise motivation to participate in fencing since English is a second language for Indonesian that it would be easier to understand.

### **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE FEDERATION OF ISRAEL**

1. International referees will get their ranking to the FIE referees committee for FIE competition to be invited, or to other FIE relevant bodies, the ranking will be presented by their national federation. (As it is done in football).

2. If the FIE president will get the information that a referee is discriminated by its own federation of any reason he might add this referee to a separate list and will be invited to the FIE events under the FIE flag.

3. Referees holding citizenship of a country but not living in that country and the referring committee will find that certain person very important to the referees activity of the FIE, will announce the relevant federation about the intervention in the national ranking and if the national federation would like to, they will be able to oppose and present their arguments. The final decision will be of the refereeing committee. On that final decision there might be an appeal to the FIE bodies as all decisions.

4. For team events, countries may enter and register 5 fencers for each competition. Before of each match, the captain will mark only 3+1 of that list on the match sheet.

5. On tournaments as world championships continental championships, every country may enter and accreditate 4 fencers for each weapon and sex. On the individual they will fence as the present rules. For the team events, every fencer of any other weapon but of the same sex, may be a potential candidate to enter on the match sheet for each team meeting with the condition of 3+1.

6. Every fencer participating at world cup tournaments will get a minimum point if not qualifying to the actual point system of 0.1 points. This will not affect the point system but will bring to surface all the fencers taking part in competitions. And the results of all participants.

### **PROPOSITIONS FROM PETER JACOBS (MH)**

The modern technology allows the installation and the possible use of earphones in masks to give to the fencers the advice of their trainers / accompanying persons during the fight.

In my opinion this is totally against sportsmanship and must be immediately forbidden, and should be treated in the category of the ' faults against sportsmanship ', that is to say with the 'clothing not conforming by intentional modification ' (black card):-

Art t.43, *add a new dash '...'*

- At all three weapons, the equipment of the fencers is not equipped with headphones or any other device permitting a person outside the piste communicate with the fencer during the bout.

Art t.44, *add to the end of the second paragraph (after “..each time a weapon is changed.”):-*

At all three weapons, he will check that the fencer's equipment is not equipped with headphones or any other device permitting a person outside the piste communicate with the fencer during the bout.

Material equipped in such a way as to permit a fencer to receive communications during the bout (1) or (2).

Art t.45, 3. *add a new point f):*

f) is equipped with headphones or any other device permitting a person outside the piste to communicate with the fencer during the bout, then

*change the phrase ' – in the case of e), to ' – in cases e) and f),'*

Art t.120, *add the the 4th group:-*

Material equipped in such a way as to permit a fencer to receive communications during the bout (1) or (2).

#### **ALTERNATIVE VERSION:**

Art t.43, *add a new dash '....'*

- At all three weapons, the equipment of the fencers is not equipped with headphones or any other device permitting a person outside the piste to communicate with the fencer during the bout.

Art t.44, *add to the end of the second paragraph (after “..each time a weapon is changed.”):-*

At all three weapons, he will check that the fencer's equipment is not equipped with headphones or any other device permitting a person outside the piste to communicate with the fencer during the bout.

Art t.45, 3. *add a new point f):*

f) is equipped with headphones or any other device permitting a person outside the piste to communicate with the fencer during the bout, then

*Modify the paragraph “In cases (c), (d) and (e)....” To:*

In cases (c), (d), (e) and (f), the referee must immediately confiscate the equipment concerned (weapon, bodywire, if necessary conductive jacket, mask etc) and have it examined by the expert on duty.

*change the phrase ' – in the case of e), to ' – in cases e) and f),'*

Art t.120, *add to the 4th group:-*

#### **1) Statutes: Article 3.6 – Special rules for the Elective Congress**

**To require that in elections for the Executive Committee and the commissions, ballot papers are only valid if votes are registered for all the places available.**

*More and more, electors are voting for a restricted number of candidates – often only one or two.*

*If it is to be fair and sporting, our system of voting requires that all those voting make use of all their votes in each election (Executive/commissions).*

*Otherwise our system of voting is distorted.*

#### ***Proposal.***

*Create a new article 3.6.3 (re-numbering the current articles 3.6.3 and 3.6.4 as 3.6.4 and 3.6.5), as follows:*

In order to be valid, ballot papers for the Executive Committee and the commissions must be completed with 11 votes for the Executive Committee and 10 votes for the commissions (and the same principle to be followed for any additional rounds of voting).

2) Statutes: That the Executive Committee be allowed to modify the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures between Congresses, despite these Rules and Procedures being contained within the Statutes.

*We need to be able to react to new circumstances without waiting for up to two years to change them.*

#### ***Proposal. Change the last sentence of article 5.5.2 to read:***

This procedure may not be followed for a modification to the Statutes, except in the case of chapter 7 (Discipline).

3) Statutes: Chapter 7 (Discipline) – process for doping cases.

That the disciplinary process in cases of doping follows the Rules for Competitions and the 'Procedural guidelines for dealing with positive doping tests' (which will be part of the Administrative Rules).

*The Disciplinary procedures in cases of doping need to reflect the latest WADA and IOC procedures and to provide a “fast track” process for which chapter 7 of the Statutes is not appropriate.*

*Proposal. Add a new paragraph 7.2.13:*

Exceptionally, for all disciplinary cases resulting from a contravention of the FIE anti-doping code, Rules for Competitions Article t.129 and its annexe(s) and the “Procedural Guidelines for dealing with positive doping tests” take precedence over this chapter 7 of the Statutes.

4) Rules: Anti-doping rules (Rules Article t.129), appendix. Clarify that in section 3, where the official, member of the athletes entourage or member of the medical, pharmaceutical professions are involved, the penalty applies to these persons. *Further clarification is needed.*

**Proposal.** *Reword the first part of this section as follows :*

3. In the case of:

- i) Refusal to undergo any test contemplated in this Anti-Doping Code
  - ii) a case of doping for which an official or member of the athlete’s entourage is responsible; or
  - iii) involvement in an act of doping by members of the medical, pharmaceutical or related professions
- the following penalties shall be applied in i) above for the fencer at fault, and in ii) and iii) above for the official or person at fault:

a) for the first offence: etc

5) Rules: Provide effective and straightforward penalties for those fencers not having their name on their back and not wearing their national colours where required. *Further clarification is needed.*

**Proposals.** *Add the following text to the end of Article t.45:*

If a fencer appears on the piste for a bout (whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match) with clothing not conforming to the rules in that he is:

- not correctly showing his name on his back (application – all official FIE competitions, all stages) and/or
- not wearing his national colours on his arm or leg; application as follows:-
- open, junior and cadet World Championships, all bouts (whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match).
- senior World Cup individual competitions, all DE bouts from the last 64 onwards.
- World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every team match.

the referee shall penalise him with a red card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, second group). He shall however be allowed to remain on the piste and fence the bout concerned.

*Add to Article t.120, second group:*

Absence of name on back, absence of national colours where required.....t.45

**6) Rules: Update rules on presentation on the piste to conform with current competition practices and media requirements.**

*Apply the rule relating to presentation on the piste at the beginning of a competition etcetera to all situations.*

**Proposals.** *Modify paragraphs 4 onwards of Article t.86 as follows:*

For any fencer not present, or any team which does not have all its members present, when called by the Referee at the time published for the beginning of the pool, match or bout of direct elimination, there will be two repetitions of the call, at intervals of one minute, to be followed by exclusion from the competition by the Referee if the fencer or the entire team have not presented themselves by the third call (cf. t.114, t.119, t.120)

In the course of the competition (individual or team), when a fencer has been warned that it is his turn to fence and if he does not present himself when called by the Referee, the Referee will also repeat the call twice, at intervals of one minute, and will exclude the fencer concerned from the competition if he has not presented himself by the third call (cf. t.114, t.119, t.120).

Should a fencer abandon a bout by leaving the piste (cf. t.18/3), he will be penalised as specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

During a team match, should there be a modification in the order of bouts in the match, either intentionally or unintentionally, the team which has made the modification loses the match (cf. t.120, o.44).

*Modify Article t.120 as follows:*

*First group: DELETE:* Fencer not presenting himself at the first call of the referee during the competition.

*Fourth group: REPLACE THE WORDS “Non presentation .....intervals (1)”:* by:- Non presentation when called by the referee at the time published or when warned to fence, after 3 calls at one minute intervals (1)

**7) Rules: Correct the rules on saluting at the beginning and the end of a bout (Article t.87)**

Paragraph 3 of Article t.87 and Article t.120 identify the penalty for both these offences as suspension from the competition and from the following 2 competitions in the same category.

However paragraph 5 of Article t.87 retains the old (and sometimes different) penalties – including annulment of the hit made by the winner, if he alone is at fault.

**Proposal.** Update Article t.87 to remove the ambiguity

– Replace the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph by the following:

Before the beginning of each bout, the two fencers must perform a fencing salute to their opponent, to the referee and to the spectators. And when the final hit has been scored, the bout is not ended until the two fencers have saluted each other, the audience and the Referee - to this end, they must remain still while the Referee is making his decision; when he has given his decision, they must again perform a fencing salute to their opponent, to the referee and to the spectators, and must shake hands with their opponent, with the unarmed hand.

If either or both of the two fencers refuses to salute or shake hands in compliance with these rules, the referee will suspend him/them for the remainder of the competition taking place and from the following two FIE competitions in the weapon concerned (cf. t.114, t.119, t.120). The points or titles obtained at the moment of the offence remain acquired.

– DELETE the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph.

### **PROPOSITION FROM THE RULES COMMISSION**

Article t.120: Move the fault "Deliberate hit not on opponent" from the 1st to the 2nd group of faults, so that any offence is penalised immediately, without a warning, thereby eliminating the possibility, especially at épée, of the use of an unsporting tactic.

### **PROPOSITION FROM THE FEDERATION OF SINGAPORE**

#### **MAKING ENGLISH THE OFFICIAL FIE LANGUAGE**

I understand that the FIE will be having its Congress in Leipzig, Germany in November 2003 and I would like to put forth this proposal for FIE's consideration and due approval.

The proposal is to make English the Official FIE language worldwide, while French and Spanish continue to stay as working languages. Once accepted, I would also like to propose that it starts directly after the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. Also, since all current rulebooks and statutes have English versions, the transition will be smooth, without any lengthy and complicated translation issues involved.

I believe that not only will there be strong support for this motion, but more importantly, I believe that this will help elevate the sport of Fencing into the mainstream, thus raising not only participation rates, but perhaps also greater coverage in the media and therefore greater sponsorship possibilities as well. This will in turn drive up participation rates and, if done right, we will help create a virtuous cycle that will be beneficial for Fencing.

I sincerely hope that you, and members of your Executive Committee, will consider this proposal favorably since I truly believe that we all share a similar passion for the sport of Fencing, and we all want to continue to keep it relevant so that it can continue to grow and flourish for many more years to come.

### **PROPOSITION FROM TIBOR SZEKELY (MH)**

As is the case with the national federations, the confederations also have a right to propositions similar to that of the honorary members of the FIE, concerning the presentation of the different propositions for the FIE congress.

*The motives are:*

- *The Executive committees of the different confederations would be allowed to present the confederations' propositions to the FIE congress.*
- *The FIE Statute states that the confederations are standard members of the FIE which means that all rights apply to them.*
- *The right to present anonymous propositions doesn't necessarily mean that these propositions will be accepted by the FIE congress.*
- *It seems strange that a confederation has to go through one of its members to be able to present its ideas.*

## **PROPOSITIONS FROM THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

### **STATUTES**

#### 1) Article 7.2.3:

- This article should be modified by adding at the beginning of the article, that the complaints have to be "filtered" (including the information demanded from the accused person), and if such a complaint is deemed to be acceptable, then and only then, the Administrative Bureau of the FIE will sent the file to the President of the Commission.

- The President of the Disciplinary Commission is the only one who will decide wether the Disciplinary Commission will act on this by creating a Disciplinary Tribunal. If the President of the Commission happens to be of the same nationality as the accused or the accuser, he has to nominate a neutral member of his Commission to take over his place.

First paragraph, replace the second phrase by: Within the 15 days that follow the reception of the complaint by the President of the Disciplinary Committee, the latter will appoint three members of the Commission to judge the complaint.

2) Modification of the Statutes to make a distinction between the doping cases and the other disciplinary cases : on the one hand doping cases are a matter of the IOC anti-doping cases and on the other hand they should not require a complaint since the Tribunal is automatically summoned. A text should indicate that in case of doping matters, the FIE automatically follows the IOC Rules. For other cases, the FIE code is applied.

3) Article 7.2.1.b) the paragraph starts with " The complaint has to mention:.....the signature of the plaintiff" should be replaced by "The complaint should be carried out on the official forms of the FIE of which a copy can be obtained, either at the FIE Headquarters or on the FIE website on the Internet."

This in order to avoid procedural errors by reason of a non-conform complaint. The official form should be created by the Judicial Commission.

4) Add at the end of the second paragraph of article 7.2.3 the following text: "Subject to the provisions that are mentioned underneath, and if necessary, the President of the Disciplinary Commission has the right to appoint himself wether as the President of the Tribunal or as the member of a Tribunal."

5) Modify paragraph 5 of the article 7.2.3 in the following manner: "The members of the Disciplinary Tribunals should preferably be able to communicate in the official language of the FIE and the two working languages"

6) Abolishing the reporter. This means modification of the two first paragraphs of article 7.2.4. as follows.

"The Disciplinary Tribunal is charged with the compilation of the file, collecting the evidence for prosecution and defense with regards to the person or persons concerned. The Tribunal can interrogate all the witnesses and can have acces to every document that is deemed usefull with regards to any interested person, if necessary by injunction."

In case of a refusal to testify or to hand-over information, the Tribunal informs the President of the Disciplinary Commission who is empowered to sanction the unwilling person with a fine between 100Euros and 4000 Euros after inviting the person to explain his reasons for refusal.

7) Article 7.2.3. paragraph 6, add at the end: " This indicates that the defendant can be assisted or represented by the person of his choice."

This arrangement fell under the jurisdiction of the President of the Commission, it should be removed from article 7.2.4. third and fourth paragraphs.

8) Article 7.2.4: eliminating the phrase "He invites the reporter to present his report"

9) Article 7.2.1. a) realise the combination of the 2 first paragraphs of article 7.2.1 a) and modifying them in the following manner "any person physical or entity (and including every member of the Executive Committee, the FIE observers, during International Competitions, the Technical Directors, or the Presidents of national federations who will find themselves personally the victim of one of the violations enumerated underneath in article 7.1.7. can present a complaint to the Disciplinary Commission who can decide that there

is a possible violation which can be prosecuted and inform the President of the Disciplinary Commission.

The purpose of this modification is to allow anybody to bring forward a complaint.

10) Add to the list of violations in article 7.1.7 of the Statutes: “behaviour that is harmful towards fencing or towards the FIE”

### **PROPOSITION FROM THE REFEREEING COMMISSION**

The Refereeing Commission proposes that all the existing referees in the FIE official list pass from the category C to the category B directly. There will no longer be a category C.