



LIST OF DECISIONS

FIE CENTENNIAL CONGRESS

NOVEMBER 29 2013

IN PARIS (FRA)

I. GENERAL DECISIONS

130 federations took part in the Congress, with 129 present and 1 represented by proxy.

1. RATIFICATION OF NEW FEDERATIONS

The Congress ratified the affiliations of the following federations:

Ghana (GHA)
Samoa (SAM)

2. APPROVAL OF THE MOSCOW (RUS) 2012 CONGRESS REPORT

The 2012 Congress Report was approved.

3. 2012-2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2012-2013 Executive Committee Annual Report was approved.

4. 2012/2013 FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDITOR'S REPORT, APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, AUDITORS' AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S DISCHARGE

The Financial Report, the 2012/2013 Accounts, and the Auditors' Report were approved.

The Executive Committee and the Auditors were discharged.

5. 2014/2015 BUDGET

The 2014/2015 Budget was approved.

6. NOMINATION OF AUDITORS

Ernst & Young were contracted for another year.

7. ATTRIBUTION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) Plovdiv (BUL) was chosen to host the 2014 Junior and Cadet World Championships from April 3 to 12, 2014.
- b) Kazan (RUS) was chosen to host the 2014 Senior World Championships.
- c) Győr (HUN) was chosen to host the 2014 Veteran's World Championships from October 21 to 26, 2014.
- d) Moscow (RUS) was chosen to host the 2015 Senior World Championships.

8. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CANDIDATES

The following candidatures were received:

- 2016 Team: The Brazilian Federation and the Romanian Federation have both announced their intention to present candidatures.
- 2017 Senior: Application documents have been received from Doha (QAT) and Leipzig (GER).
- 2016 Veterans: the Canadian Federation has announced its intention to present Montreal as a candidate.

No candidatures were received for the following World Championships:

- 2015 J/C
- 2016 J/C
- 2017 J/C
- 2015 Veterans

9. MEMBERS OF HONOUR NOMINATIONS

The Congress has appointed the following Members of Honour:

Guy Azemar (FRA)
 Arthur Bar-Joseph (ISR)
 Steve Higginson (GBR)
 Jenő Kamuti (HUN)
 Adam Lisewski (POL)
 Bert Van de Flier (NED)

10. AWARDING OF THE CHALLENGE CHEVALIER FEYERICK

The 2013 Congress awarded the Challenge Feyerick 2013 to the Automobile Club de France (ACF): *For its immeasurable contribution to the creation of the FIE and the participation in our projects throughout the past century of its members, who held illustrious positions within our organisation.*

11. 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES

- A) The weapons which will not feature in the 2016 Olympic Games are: team men's sabre and team women's foil.
- B) The qualification procedure sent to the federations in the 11-13 information letter of October 22 2013 was approved.

12. MUSEUM FOUNDATION

A Foundation and an International Fencing Museum are to be created.

The Foundation's mission will be to manage the International Fencing Museum with the legacy it has been afforded. In particular, the Foundation will manage its collection and encourage donations with the goal of promoting the visibility and the popularity of fencing both nationally and internationally.

13. NEW FIE LOGO

The new FIE logo, accepted by the Executive Committee, was approved by the Congress.

14. URGENT DECISIONS

1) o.81.2

For Open A-grade, **Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions**, **7 8 referees**, proposed by the Refereeing Commission, will be designated by the Executive Committee **and delegations will not have to provide any referees**. The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee. All the **referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees**.

2) t.37.3

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among ~~7 to 8~~ **a list of** at least **4 to 5** referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table.

Following this, the 4 video-consultants will be assigned by drawing lots from among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.

3) t.37.5

For the final of 4, the Refereeing Delegates, immediately after the end of the direct elimination tables, select 4 referees by lot from among ~~7 to 8~~ **a list of** at least **4 to 5** referees, who must be of a different nationality from any of the fencers.

~~10~~ **15** minutes before the final, the Refereeing Delegates will draw lots to assign the referees for all the bouts ~~at the same time for the two semi-finals~~, in the following order: 1st semi-final, 2nd semi-final, ~~final, and 3rd place (Olympic Games)~~.

As soon as the two semi-finals are over, the Refereeing Delegates will establish a list of 4-5 referees and draw lots to assign the referee and the video-consultant for the final, as well as (at the OG) the referee and the video-consultant for the bout for the 3rd place.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2014, unless otherwise stated.

Delete the word « advisory » for the Athletes Commission:

- Contents
- Articles 4.4, 6.1.1, 6.2.4, 6.5.7 (title and text)

Replace the last paragraph of Chapter 1 by:

Fencing combines with cohesion and balance physical and mental skills, among other things: athletic qualities, dexterity, reaction, speed, creativity, anticipation and adaptability. Fencing is based on the fundamental values of the Olympic Movement, especially: respect of the athletes, officials, referees and spectators, politeness, loyalty, sportsmanship, discipline and observance of the rules.

2.1.1 Conditions of membership of national federations

b) Application for membership

Add a new sentence at the beginning of the paragraph: The practical process of affiliation requests is stated in the FIE Administrative Rules, chapter 8 "Membership of a national federation".

Application date: Congress 2015

3.1 MEETINGS

a) Congresses are held during the latter part of November or the first part of December each year.

i) The Elective Congress is held during the Olympic year.

In-principle, the following Congresses will handle the specific matters stated below:

ii) The Congress to handle proposals to change the Rules and Olympic Games issues shall occur in the 1st year after the Olympic year.

iii) The Congress to handle proposals to change the Statutes and all remaining matters concerning the Olympic Games shall occur in the 2nd year after the Olympic year.

iv) The Congress to handle all other matters ~~proposals to change the Statutes~~ shall occur in the 3rd year after the Olympic year.

Urgent proposals and decisions can be handled during any of the congresses mentioned above. A proposal will be deemed urgent if:

a) It is presented by the Executive Committee, or

- b) It is presented by a Commission, or
- c) It is co-presented by 20% of the member federations

3.2.1 *Modify as marked:*

Each year the Congress receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation, the report on the accounts for the financial year that has ended and the report of the auditors. It approves the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1) to 4) determined by the Executive Committee for the following season.

It votes on the provisional budget.

It approves the positive report of the auditors.

Should the accounts for the financial year that has ended not be approved by the auditors, the President and the Executive Committee are dismissed from their positions.

The Congress appoints professional auditors as auditors for ~~a period of one~~ the following fiscal year, which can be renewed.

3.3.1 *Modify:*

The FIE member Federations may be represented at a FIE Congress by 2 delegates, whose names must be made known to the FIE Head Office one month before the Congress in writing.

Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and the~~ Commissions ~~and the permanent councils~~ ("Councils") have the right to take part in the Congress.

The authority to vote for a member Federation is limited to its President or any other person designated by him in writing.

3.4.1 All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than 00:00 hrs Lausanne time ~~6~~ 7 months before the opening of the next Congress.

3.4.2 Any proposal presented must mention the number of the article of the Statutes or the Rules concerned, the deleted text, the added or modified text, as well as the motivation of the proposal. Proposals that do not respect this form will not be taken into account.

3.5.1 *Required majorities*

The decisions of the Congress are reached by a simple majority vote ~~of votes cast of the federations present or represented.~~

3.5.3 The Congress decisions concerning modifications to the Statutes are valid with a majority of 2/3 of the votes of the federations present or represented. The decisions of the Congress concerning the modifications of the Rules are valid with a simple majority of the federations present or represented.

Application date : Congress 2016

Revise the 3rd paragraph as follows:

3.6.2 The voting for the President, the Executive Committee and the Commissions is conducted by secret ballot.

If the vote is not conducted by electronic ballot, it must take place in a separate polling booth, to which the delegates of the federations go one after another to complete their voting slips, which should be a different colour for each Commission, and place them in one or more closed ballot-boxes.

If the number of candidates for an election does not exceed the number of persons to be elected, the candidate(s) is(are) deemed elected by acclamation without a formal election process.

(a) Chapter IV title: add 'and selection of the Councils'

(a) 4.1.1 Add to the first sentence:

The members of the Councils and the Disciplinary Panel are selected by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Elective Congress during the Olympic year. They are selected for four years.

Modify the second sentence to read:

They are eligible for re-election/re-selection respectively at the end of their term of office.

Application date : Congress 2016

4.1.3

All the candidatures shall reach the FIE Head Office no later than 00:00 hrs Lausanne time ~~30~~ 40 calendar days before the opening day of the Elective Congress.

The candidature must be presented by means of a form provided by the FIE (one single page of A4 format) - which must include the languages spoken as well as the degrees or other qualifications for the particular commission. A photocopy of an identity document stating the candidate's date of birth and nationality (passport, identity card, driving licence) must be provided with the candidature.

The administrative office of the F.I.E. will include the list of all the candidates as well as the CVs that have been received ~~for candidates for President and the Executive Committee~~ in the documents relating to the Congress.

~~All the CVs received, including those for the candidates for the commissions, will be displayed before the Congress is opened.~~

4.3.1

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

4.3.3 For the election to the Executive Committee the 15 ~~members candidates~~ who have obtained the most votes are elected. ~~provided they are of different nationalities.~~

4.3.4

~~At least 20% of the elected members must be women, if the 15 members who have obtained the most votes do not include 3 women, the Executive Committee will consist of the first 12 members elected and the 3 women candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes. If no woman has offered herself as candidate, or if the woman or women identified in accordance with the above process are of the same nationality as the 12 men of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes, the 15 men of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes are elected.~~

In order to secure the principle of equal treatment, women and men must be represented in overall view by at least 20% of the elected members of the Executive Committee. If the 15 candidates who have obtained the most votes do not include at least 3 persons of each gender, the Executive Committee will consist of the 3 candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes of the gender not otherwise being so represented and the 12 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If there are less than 3 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates put forward and the remainder of the Executive Committee will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

Application date : Congress 2016

4.4.2 *Replace the 5th paragraph* ~~“A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must be or have been an FIE referee at least at two weapons during the 4 years preceding his candidature, or already be a member of the Refereeing Commission (if he is already a referee)”~~ by:

A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must have both:

- must be or have been an FIE category B or A referees in at least two weapons; and
 - be a current member of the Refereeing Commission, or have refereed in official FIE competitions in each of at least two weapons in at least two (2) of the 4 fencing seasons (1 September to 31 August) preceding his candidature; and
 - have refereed, at least once, in one weapon, in the table of eight of a senior World Cup, or a Grand Prix, or a World Championships or the Olympic Games of the 4 fencing seasons preceding his candidature.
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4.6.2

~~Candidates for the D.P. may be proposed by an F.I.E. Member Federation, subject to the following conditions:~~

- ~~-only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for the D.P.~~
- ~~-a candidate for the D.P. can only be presented by the Member Federation of the candidate~~
- ~~-No candidate may be a member of the Executive Committee of the FIE, nor a member of one of its Commissions.~~

Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Disciplinary Panel and the Councils.

4.6.3

~~All candidatures for selection to the D.P. must reach the administrative office of the F.I.E., in writing, at least two months before the Elective Congress.~~

~~The candidature must be presented by means of a form signed under oath provided by the FIE (one single page of A4 format).~~ The form by means of which the candidature must be presented (cf. 4.1.3) must include the languages spoken as well as the degrees or other qualifications for the D.P.

~~The head office of the F.I.E. will include the list of all of the candidates, as well as the CVs that have been received for candidates for the D.P. and present them to the meeting of the Executive Committee held the day following the Elective Congress.~~ The FIE central office will compile all candidacy forms and joint documents about the Disciplinary Panel candidates, and will submit them to the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Elective Congress.

4.6.4, 2nd paragraph; move to 6.7 and modify to change "~~Disciplinary Committee~~" to "Disciplinary Panel."

Articles 4.6.5 and 4.6.7 to be moved to 7.2.2

4.6.6. (responsibilities of the DP) Delete

4.7 Replace all the current articles by the following new texts:
SELECTION OF THE ~~COACHES~~ COUNCILS.

4.7.1 ~~Becomes 4.7.7, last paragraph: When choosing the candidates for the Coaches Council, the Executive Committee can take into account the following criteria:~~

- ~~-either be current or have been a past national Team Coach~~
- ~~-or have participated with their team in a Cadet, Junior or Senior World Championships;~~
- ~~or - have fencers ranked in the FIE rankings~~

4.7.1 Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

4.7.2. The candidates to the Coaches Council cannot have received a black card during the four year period preceding their candidacy.

Moved to 6A.5.1: ~~referee in FIE competitions during their mandate~~

It is desirable that the candidates for the Veterans Council should be or have been active in veteran issues.

It is desirable that the candidates for the Women and Fencing Council have experience in activities that support or promote the role of women in fencing and/or sport.

4.7.3 Now included in 4.1.2, 4.3.1, 4.7.1

~~Any candidacy to the Coaches Council can be presented by a national federation member of the FIE according to the following clauses:~~

- ~~-each FIE member federation can only present one candidate to the Coaches Council;~~
- ~~-a candidacy to the Coaches Council can only be presented by a national federation with whom the candidate has nationality;~~
- ~~-no candidate can be a member of the FIE Executive Committee or of one of its commissions or councils~~

Application date : Congress 2016

Previous 4.7.4 3rd paragraph; now new 4.7.3

The candidacy packages must contain:

- a photocopy of an identity document proving the candidate's date of birth and nationality (passport, identity card, driver's licence);
- in the case of a Coaches Council candidate a copy of his/her coaching accreditation, if any, as well as his/her personal and professional curriculum vitae.

4.7.4 *Previous paragraphs 1, 2: Now included in 4.1.3*

~~All documents relative to the candidacies to the Coaches Council (forms and joint documents) must reach the FIE head office in writing at midnight Lausanne time at the latest, thirty (30) calendar days before the opening day of the Elective Congress.~~

~~The candidacy must be presented on the FIE form (one A4 format page), on which must be indicated the languages spoken by the candidate, as well as his/her diplomas and other qualifications relevant to the Coaches Council.~~

~~Deleted: The candidate must sign the form and swear that the information is accurate.~~

4.7.4 (Previous 4.7.4, last paragraph)

The FIE central office will ~~compile~~ **submit** all candidacy forms and joint documents about the **Councils' Coaches Council** candidates, ~~and will submit them~~ to the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Elective Congress.

4.7.5 The FIE Executive Committee will review the candidacies and ~~nominate~~ **select** the members of the **Councils Coaches Council** taking into account what is indicated in articles 4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.7.6, 4.7.7 and 4.7.8.
Remainder of this article: now becomes 4.7.6 and 4.7.7

~~Previous 4.7.6; to be moved to chapter 6A. The designated members will be part of the Coaches Council at the discretion of the Executive Committee, during its four year mandate.~~

4.7.6 Candidacies permitting, there must be at least two **persons women** of each gender on each of the **Councils**.

Previous 4.7.7;

~~Deleted – see 6.2.2 At its first meeting, the Coaches Council will elect its President.~~

~~Deleted - see 6A.4.1: During the years including an ordinary Congress, the Coaches Council meets to study the proposals made to the Congress, at least three months before the Congress, and according to the financial conditions provided for by the Administrative Rules).~~

4.7.7 **For the Coaches Council, candidacies permitting, the selections should include:**

- 4 representatives from the European zone
- 3 representatives from the Asian-Oceanian zone
- 2 representatives from the American zone
- 1 representative from the African zone;
- at least three representatives **of each of** the three weapons (foil, epee, sabre), preferably **in each case** from different zones.

*(Previous 4.7.1) When ~~choosing~~ **selecting** the Coaches Council, the Executive Committee can also take into account the following criteria:*

- either be current or have been a past national Team Coach
 - or have participated with their team in a Cadet, Junior or Senior World Championships;
 - or have fencers ranked in the FIE rankings.
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Application date : Congress 2016

4.7.8 **For each of the Veterans and Women and Fencing Councils, to the extent that there are sufficient candidates the selections should include at least one representative from each of the five continents.**

5.2.4 ~~In addition,~~ The President in office of each of the five geographic zones is an ex-officio member with full rights of the Executive Committee of the FIE. As such, he has the right to vote. The five zones are the following: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

5.2.5 The President in office of the Athletes Commission is a member with full rights of the FIE Executive Committee. As such, he/she has the right to vote.

5.9 Staff Officers

Responsibilities of the CEO; Cf. FIE Administrative Rules.

5.9 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General is responsible for: coordinating the works of the Commissions, representing the FIE and the FIE President during the meetings of International Organisations and coordinating the plan of development of fencing.

6.1.2 (re temporary councils) Move to 6A.1.2

6.1.3 Delete (~~“There is established a permanent Disciplinary Panel (see 4.6)”~~).

Application date : Congress 2016

6.2.2 Replace current 6.2.2 (~~“The elected members of the Commissions elect their President at their first meeting”~~.) by the following:-

The commissions will meet within two months of their election in order to elect their President and prepare their working calendar.

- Any elected member may propose any elected member, including himself.
 - Voting is by secret ballot among the elected members being present.
 - The candidate having an absolute majority of those voting shall be the president; if this is not achieved (3+ candidates) the candidate with fewest votes withdraws and a second ballot shall be held, at which a simple majority of the votes is required. In case of a tie in the second ballot (or the first ballot when there are only two candidates), the president will be the younger candidate.
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6.3.1 Modify the second paragraph as follows:

In the event of a member's death, ~~or resignation~~ ~~or absenteeism for two years, even if excused~~, he will be replaced by the candidate not elected who received the greatest number of votes at the Electoral Congress, always taking account of the electoral rules of nationality etc in article 4.4 – Commissions.

6.4.1 *Modify the current article as follows:*

~~The day after the elections, the commissions meet to elect their Presidents.~~ 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 ~~as requested by the Commission,~~ determine one or several additional meetings. Commissions may also ask the Executive Committee to agree to additional meetings.

Application date : Congress 2016

6.7.1 *add the following new article:*

Those selected as members of the Disciplinary Panel shall take office on the day following the Executive Committee meeting at which they were selected. Their mandate is the same as that of the Executive Committee that selected them. Any member already chosen to be a member of a tribunal when the Panel's mandate ends will complete his duties on that tribunal.

Renumber the existing 6.7.1 as 6.7.2

Move 6.A.1-3 to 6A.5.1-3 and create new chapter 6A

6A.1 THE COUNCILS

6A.1.1 The Councils of the F.I.E. are the following:

- Coaches Council
- Veterans Council
- Women and Fencing Council.

6A.1.2 The Congress or the Executive Committee, at their sole discretion, are also entitled to create Temporary Councils, in the cases when they deem it necessary.

6A.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCILS

6A.2.1. Each Council is made up of ten voting members selected by the Executive Committee.

6A.2.2 The selected members of the Councils elect their President at their first meeting, following the same procedure specified for the Commissions (cf. 6.2.2).

6A.2.3 The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to liaise and coordinate the work of each of the Councils (cf. 5.5.4).

The President of the FIE may, as agreed with the Executive Committee and after consultation with the President of the Council, have relevant experts involved in the councils' work.

6A.3 DURATION OF MANDATES

6A.3.1 Those selected by the Executive Committee will be members of their respective Councils at the discretion of the Executive Committee during its four year mandate. They shall take office on the first day of the month following the Executive Committee meeting at which they were selected.

6A.3.2 In the event of a member's death or resignation, the executive committee will replace him by another candidate, taking into account the zonal and any other guidelines as applicable from time to time. Members thus selected will only stay in office for the remaining period of the mandate.

6A.3.3 In the case of absenteeism of a member of a Council of the F.I.E. for two consecutive meetings, except for unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned.

6A.3.4 The duration of the mandate of special Temporary Councils is determined by the Executive Committee and may not be longer than the remaining period until the next Elective Congress.

6A.4 MEETINGS OF COUNCILS

6A.4.1 During the years including an ordinary Congress, Councils meet to study the proposals made to the Congress, at least three months before the Congress according to the financial conditions provided for by the Administrative Rules. The Executive Committee can, in case of necessity, determine one or several additional meetings. Councils may also ask the Executive Committee to agree to additional meetings.

6A.4.2 A Council's meeting has a quorum if the majority of members are present. Otherwise, the proposals taken at the meeting of the Council will be submitted by correspondence from the FIE Office to absent members within 5 days as of the meeting held, who shall express their opinion within 8 days following the receipt of the proposals. In the case no opinion is expressed within this 8-day deadline, it shall be deemed that the affected member of the Council has agreed with the proposal.

6A.4.3 Councils must admit to their meetings the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals submitted to the Congress and placed on its agenda by the Executive Committee of the FIE. The attendance of such a person, or his representative, is restricted to the time when that proposal in question is being discussed.

6A.5 FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCILS

6A.5.1 (was 6A.3) Coaches Council :

~~The Coaches Council is composed of 10 members, chosen according to the Chapter 4.7 clauses.~~

The Executive Committee can consult the Coaches Council on any subject it deems appropriate including all technical questions linked to fencing rules, training methods, training of coaches and instructors.

The Coaches Council can also propose to the Executive Committee all measures, which could contribute towards improving the techniques of fencing. ~~Members of The candidates to~~ the Coaches Council cannot referee in FIE competitions during their mandate.

6A.5.2 (was 6A.2) The Veterans Council ~~This council is appointed by the Executive Committee. It~~ gives its advice to the Executive Committee on all issues related to veteran fencing. The Veterans Council can also propose to the Executive Committee all measures, which could contribute towards improving veteran fencing.

6A.5.3 (was 6A.1) The Women and Fencing Council ~~is appointed by the Executive Committee and~~ performs the following functions:

- Increase the number of initiatives to encourage more women to participate in fencing, both as fencers and in the management of the sport
 - Encourage the organisation of training courses for women in the different areas of sport (leadership, management, supervisory staff, training, refereeing...).
 - Ensure equal opportunities in the management and participation of women and their representation in sport
 - Encourage women to work and contribute to the development of fencing throughout the world at all levels.
- The Women and Fencing Council can also propose to the Executive Committee all measures that could support the above.
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7.1.1

The Disciplinary Panel, selected by the Executive Committee, has sole jurisdiction to rule on all offences against the Rules, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the International Fencing Federation (F.I.E.), except the specific dispositions with respect to discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114 et seq. of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E.

The executive committee will assure the respect for and the execution of the decisions of the Disciplinary Panel.

7.2.2

Composition of the Disciplinary Tribunal

~~The Disciplinary Tribunal is chosen in conformity with Article 4.6 above~~

(was 4.6.5) When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal, the Legal Commission, or a subcommittee thereof selected for this purpose, will eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

(was 4.6.7) The proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Legal Commission.

9.2.3

~~In the case of other international competitions, the F.I.E., although still in favour of the same ruling, is more tolerant in the matter of countries represented as long as foreigners have actually been residing for five consecutive years in the country which they are invited to represent, and have not represented their own country for five years.~~

For ~~these same~~ the FIE competitions fencers who are legally stateless may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live.

After 9.2.3, add a new paragraph:

The practical process for a request of modification of nationality is stated in the FIE Administrative Rules, "Licences and nationality" chapter.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2014, unless indicated differently.

o.14

The order of bouts in the pools is as follows:

2. Pool of six
1-2 5-4 6-4
4-3 1-6 2-3
6-5 3-5 1-4
3-1 4-2 5-2
2-6 5-1 3-6

Application : season 2014-2015

o.15

3. Examples of the **order of fencers of the same nationality** in a pool of six:

- a) When a pool contains, among its six fencers,
— **two fencers of the same nationality A**, or
— **two fencers of the same nationality A and two of the same nationality B**
— **two fencers of the same nationality A, two of the same nationality B, and two of the same nationality C**,

the fencers' names are placed on the pool sheet in such a way that those of the same nationality fence each other in their first bout and the order of bouts of a pool of six is that shown in Article o.14 above.

~~When a pool contains among its six fencers the order of the bouts will be:~~

~~1-4 3-1 3-4
2-5 6-2 5-6
3-6 5-3 2-3
5-1 6-4 1-6
4-2 1-2 4-5~~

- b) When a pool contains among its six fencers,
— **three fencers of the same nationality A**, or
— **three fencers of the same nationality A and two fencers of the same nationality B**, or
— **three fencers of the same nationality A and three fencers of the same nationality B**, the order will be as follows:

1-2 6-4 4-2
4-5 2-5 3-6
2-3 1-4 5-1
5-6 5-3 3-4
3-1 1-6 6-2

the fencers' names are placed on the pool sheet in the following way:
— the fencers of nationality A are given numbers 1, 2 and 3;
— the fencers of nationality B are given numbers 4 and 5 or 4, 5 and 6.

~~The order of bouts will be as laid down in Article o.14.~~

o.27.2

- 1 The final, which is by direct elimination, **shall will preferably** consist of 4 fencers.
 - 2 The finals of men's and women's same weapons should **preferably** be held on the same day.
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o.31

- 2 The day before the competition, the organisers must publish **and send to the FIE** the pools **and relevant schedules**, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest at 3:00 p.m. (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE web site at the latest the day before the competition. **No addition may be made to the pools already published, unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf. o. 12.1).**
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TEAM COMPETITIONS

A. OPEN AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (AND OLYMPIC GAMES) TEAM EVENTS

o.43

- 1 The competition is run by **integral direct elimination** with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete (see **Figure 7b**)
- 2 At the **Junior and** Open World Championships the teams will occupy the places in the table according to the **most recent official team ranking of the FIE**. The teams that are not classified will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.
3. **At the Open World Championships, all places in the table up to 16th place** will be fought for. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.
- 4 At the **Junior World Championships** ~~the teams will occupy places in the table according to their ranking. This ranking is arrived at by adding together the positions obtained by their best three team members in the Junior individual event. On the other hand, if a fencer did not take part in the individual competition, but is participating in the team event, he will be assigned points equal to the total number of fencers appearing in the individual junior ranking plus one.~~ the **first four sixteen places** will be fought for. From ~~fifth~~ **seventeenth** place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.

B. WORLD CUP JUNIOR AND OPEN TEAM COMPETITION

o.45

Apart from the following aspects, the competition is run in accordance with rules laid down for the team events in the **Junior and Open World Championships** respectively.

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o.54

Entries by name for Senior and Junior World Cup competitions, Grand Prix competitions, Satellite competitions, Junior and Open World Cup team competitions and Zonal senior and junior Championships.

2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team

After the closing dead-line for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn, except for reasons of injury or force majeure. The national federation must inform the FIE and the organisers.

~~From the Tuesday preceding the competition, should a fencer have to be withdrawn for reasons of injury or force majeure, the national federation must inform the FIE and the organisers.~~

4 Addition of a fencer or a team after the dead-line

a) However, until the Tuesday preceding the competition (midnight, Lausanne time), one or more fencers and/or a team may be added by their national federation, after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional fencer.

To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE (by fax or e-mail) a request for the additional **fencer(s) and/or team** and a **written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days.**

b) From the Wednesday preceding the competition and until 12 am (local time) the day preceding the competition, one or more fencers and/or a team may be added by national federations after payment to the FIE of a higher penalty (cf article o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional fencer.

To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE (by fax or e-mail) a request for the additional **fencer(s) and/or team** and a **written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days.**

o.55

5. All participants in an official competition of the FIE who are under the age of majority in the country in which such competition is being held must either: 1) be accompanied by a person who is a parent or guardian of the participant or who has been delegated, on a form valid in the country of the competition, from a parent or guardian of such participant to act on behalf of the participant regarding health-related issues; or 2) have such power of attorney issued to a person who has achieved his/her majority and who will be at the competition site during the competition and has agreed to accept the responsibility delineated in such power.

Application : March 1st, 2014

o.62

For questions concerning the rules **during FIE competitions (including the World Championships and the Olympic Games)**, the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge ~~the value of~~ a referee's decisions **from the beginning to the end of the bout**.

At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, it is the Supervisor who fulfils this function.

The Supervisor settles any **other** disputes that might arise in Category A and Grand Prix competitions.

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any **other** disputes which arise at World Championships.

o.70.4

Neutral referees: At least two ~~Two or three~~ **international referees**, ~~depending on the importance of the event~~, from countries outside the region of the Games, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE **at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission**.

Introduction

o.75

The title "World Cup Competition" applies to the following competitions:

- The individual competitions of the Open World Cup and the Grand Prix competitions
- The competitions of the Junior World Cup
- The competitions of the **Junior and Open** Team World Cup

Application for the junior team World Cup competitions: season 2014-2015

o.82

1 *Application*

Junior and Open Team World Cup competitions take place at the three weapons, both male and female.

2 **Principles**

a) The **Open** Team World Cup tournament is composed of a maximum of five **integral competitions** (through to the first place) spread, if possible, across all continents. Points will be allocated at the end of each competition.

The Junior Team World Cup tournament is composed of four integral competitions and points will be allocated at the end of each competition.

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o.84

1 Official team ranking of the FIE

a) Principle

The official **Open** team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best four results** in the **Open** Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Open World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

The official Junior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's four results in the Team Junior World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the junior team World Championships and the junior team Zonal Championships.

3 Honours

The winner (first ranked team) of each official **Junior and Open team** ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the ~~Open~~-World Championships or Olympic Games.

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o.86 TABLE OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND FINES

	Article	Amount	Date of payment	To be paid to	By whom
Entry to World Championships after closing date	o.53.3	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date, until the Tuesday preceding the competition	o.54.4 a)	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date, from the Wednesday and until the day (12 am local time)	o.54.4 b)	250 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation

preceding the competition					
If a fencer or team duly entered does not turn up	o.31.4, o.33.3, o.54.5	500 euros per fencer or team	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the National Federation
Participation of a fencer or team not properly entered	o.54.6	1000 euros per improper participation	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the organiser
Required number of referees not respected	o.81.1	1000 euros per referee	At the same time as the information is sent to the organizer	Organiser	By the National Federation

All amounts are in euros only.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2014, unless indicated differently.

t.15

- 2 It is obligatory for any fencer who warms up or trains with another fencer on site at an official FIE competition (including in the training halls linked to the competition) to wear **fencing clothing and equipment** which conforms with the FIE regulations.

Any person giving a lesson must wear at least a fencing master's plastron as well as a fencing glove and a mask conforming with the regulations.

Any fencer taking a lesson must wear at least a mask and a glove.

The Supervisor of the competition or a member of the Directoire technique must penalize any person not respecting this rule with a yellow card, followed by a black card in case of a repeated infringement.

t.20.2

~~At foil and at sabre it is forbidden for a fencer to **cause corps à corps** (even without brutality or violence). Should such an offence occur, the Referee will penalise the fencer at fault as specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120, and any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.~~

Renumber t.20.3.

t.21.3

When a fencer **goes completely past** his opponent during a bout, the Referee must immediately call 'Halt!' and replace the competitors in the positions which they occupied before the passing took place

t.22.2

At foil and sabre, it is forbidden to **protect** the target area or to **substitute** another part of the body for the target area, ~~either~~ by covering it. ~~or by an abnormal movement~~ (cf. t.114, t.116, t.120); any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled

t.26.1

When a competitor **crosses one of the lateral boundaries** of the piste with **one or both feet completely off the piste**, the Referee must immediately call 'Halt!'

t. 32.4

When wireless apparatus is used, no hits registered after the end of fencing time will be awarded, even if a lamp is showing on the wireless apparatus.

t.39

~~The Directoire Technique, assisted for finals by the Official Supervisor of the FIE, applies the rules described in Articles t.37 and t.38, above.~~ Rules described in t.37 and t.38 above are applied by the Directoire Technique assisted for the finals by the official FIE Refereeing delegate.

t.45

After the entry for the bodywire (i.e. as the third item in the list) there should be added:

“ – with only one regulation mask wire; or”.

t.54.1

~~e) If a fencer's equipment does not conform to the provisions of Articles m.27 and m.28.3, a hit made off the target which is registered by the apparatus as valid will not be annulled.~~

t.56.4.

- Attacks by beats on the blade:

a) In an attack by beating on the blade, this attack is correctly carried out and retains its priority when the beat is made on the foible of the opponent's blade, i.e. the two-thirds of the blade furthest from the guard.

b) in an attack by beating on the blade, when the beat is made on the forte of the opponent's blade, i.e. the one-third of the blade nearest the guard, the attack is badly executed and the beat gives the opponent the right to an immediate riposte.

t.70.3

- In the French and Spanish Rules, move “It is forbidden to hit with the guard” to the list of forbidden actions in t.87.2.
 - In the English Rules, add to the list of forbidden actions in t.87.2 “blows struck with the guard”.
 - In the French and Spanish Rules, add as a 1st sentence of article t.70.3: « It is forbidden to hit with the guard ».
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t.71

“The **target** comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the top of the hip bones and then horizontally round the fencer's trunk”.

t.82

- 3 a) Everybody taking part in or present at a fencing competition **must remain orderly and must not disturb the smooth running** of the competition. During bouts no one is allowed to go near the pistes, to **give advice to the fencers**, to **criticise the Referee** or the judges, ~~to insult them~~ or to attempt to influence them in any way. Even the **team captain** must remain in the space assigned to him and he may only intervene in the situations and in the manner provided for in Article **t.90** of the Rules. The Referee must stop immediately any activity which disturbs the smooth running of the bout which he is refereeing (cf. **t.96.1–3**).

b) Any person who, for any reason, threatens or insults an official, commits an offence of the 4th group and is penalised according to article t.119.

t.87.2

All bouts must preserve the **character of a courteous and frank encounter**. All **irregular actions** (flèche attack which finishes with a collision jostling the opponent, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits achieved with violence, **blows struck with the guard**, hits made during or after a fall) **or anti-sporting behaviour** are strictly forbidden (cf. t.114–t.120). Should such an offence occur, any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

t.87

- 3 a) Before the beginning of each bout, the two fencers must perform a **fencer's salute to their opponent**, to the Referee and to the spectators. Equally, when the final hit has been scored, the bout has not ended until the two fencers have saluted each other, the Referee and the spectators: to this end, they must remain still while the referee is making his decision; when he has given his decision, they must **return to their on-guard line**, perform a fencer's salute and shake **hands** with their opponent. If either or both of the two fencers refuse to comply with these rules, the Referee will penalise him/them **as specified for offences of the 4th group** (cf. **t.114, t.119, t.120**).

b) During or after a bout, even if the fencer has already left the piste, any act against the spirit of sportsmanship such as violently or dangerously throwing one's mask (or any other piece of equipment) will be penalised as specified in article t.119 (cf. t.82.1, 2 and 3).

t.87.4.2

~~absence of blade contact or~~ excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

t.90

- 1 In team events, only the **team captain** has the right ~~to be placed with his fencers in the Piste Enclosure and~~ to approach **the Referee and or the President of** the Directoire Technique, ~~etc.,~~

in order to decide with **them** any technical matters, or to register protests. **The procedure for claims is set out in articles t. 122 and t .123.**

t.92

- 1 During the direct elimination of the individual events, the ~~trainers~~, fencer's coach, medical staff and technicians are not allowed to remain near their fencers; the ~~trainers~~ coaches are allowed to be inside the competition area in a place indicated by the organizers.**
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t.95

- ~~4 Every appeal must be accompanied by **the deposit of a guaranty** of US\$80, or its equivalent in another currency; this sum may be confiscated for the benefit of the FIE if the appeal is rejected on the grounds that it is 'frivolous'; this decision will be taken by the juridical authority responsible for hearing the appeal. However, appeals against the decisions of the Referee do not require the deposit of the guaranty mentioned above (cf. **t.122**).~~
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t.106

- 1 Exclusion from a competition** may also be imposed for a disciplinary offence (failure to appear on the piste as required, weapons not in accordance with the rules, reprehensible attitude towards an ~~judge official~~, etc.).
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t.120 (1)

This table is intended to be a convenient summary: it is not a substitute for the full texts of the articles concerned, which should be consulted in any case of doubt.

t.120.1.2

Delete point 1.2

~~Simple corps à corps (foil and sabre) *~~

t.120 1.7

Crossing lateral boundary of the piste to avoid being hit (*)

t.120 1.10

Placing weapon on the conductive piste to straighten it (t.46.2; t.6.2; t.70.5)

t.120.1.19 Add line 1.19 to first group:

Entering the Piste Enclosure without the Referee's permission (+) t 92.6

- In Explanation, under (*), add (+), and the following text in front:

Special YELLOW CARD for the whole team and valid for the whole team match. If, during the same match, a fencer commits an offence of the 1st group, the Referee penalises with a **RED CARD** each time.

t.120 2.5

Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)

t.120 (2)

Add the note to articles t.120.3.1 and t.120.3.4 as follows:

In the most serious cases, the referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).

t.120.3.5 Add to 3rd group :

Warming up or training without wearing fencing clothing and equipment which conforms with the FIE regulations (t. 15.2) - yellow/black.

t.120.3.6 Add to 3rd group :

Anti-sporting behaviour (t. 87.2) - yellow/black.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERIAL RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2014, unless indicated differently.

m.27.3

“In the case of a coiled wire, the maximum length of the free cable must not exceed 25 cm in length with a tolerance of +/- 5 cm.”

m.28.1

The first sentence should be altered to read:

The conductive surface of the conductive over-jacket which is worn over the protective jacket must cover the valid target of the fencer (cf t.47) entirely and without omission when in the on-guard position.

m.34.1

“..... when the fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer's trunk, the tops of the two hip bones.”

Annex A

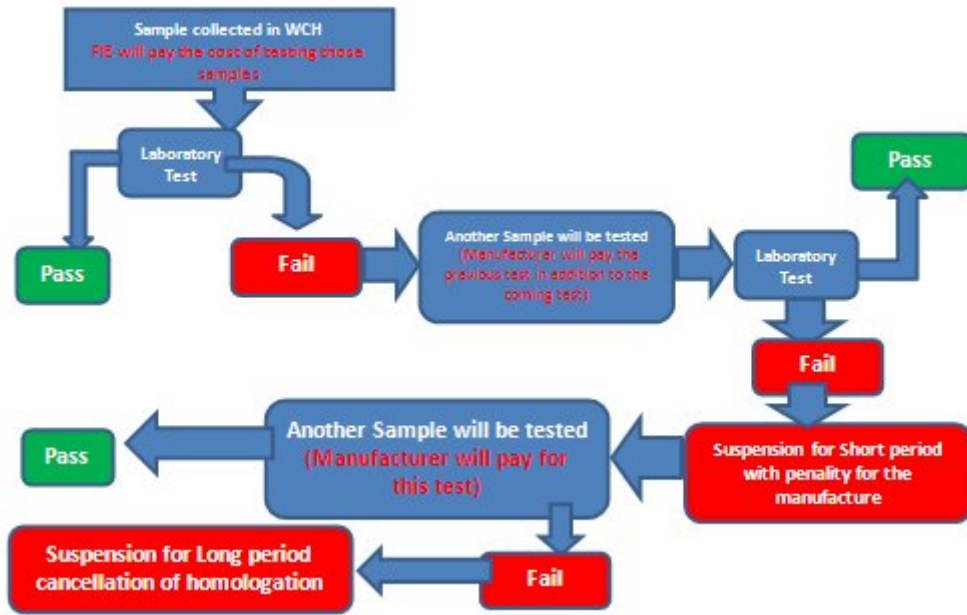
Insert in page 54 the new paragraph and text below, with the title “Random quality control of Fencing equipment”. After the last statement of the last paragraph with title “Withdrawal or suspension of a homologation”, and before “1. WEAPONS”, (page 55).

Page 54 (p. 35 in French, p. 40 in Spanish) of Annexe A to the Material Rules becomes:

“... modifications have not been submitted to a new homologation.

Random quality control of Fencing equipment

Whenever it deems necessary, the FIE SEMI Commission may obtain a random sample of any specific item of fencing equipment available on the market. Having obtained the equipment, the SEMI will submit it to technical analysis for quality control purposes. Should there be any doubt as to the quality of the item, the SEMI may send it directly to an agreed independent institute for testing; tests will be carried out in accordance with the existing FIE material rules and with CE/EC standards. Should the tests reveal any non-conformity or any lowering of quality level, the SEMI will take appropriate action, which may involve the application of a penalty. In extreme cases, the manufacturer may lose a previously awarded FIE homologation.



ANNEXE A

Manufacturers' Safety Standards for Fencers' Weapons, Equipment and Clothing

Add a new paragraph after "**Random quality control of Fencing equipment**":

Occasional check:

The SEMI alone may:-

- carry out each year occasional checks on blades (three blades);
- at World Championships, obtain a selection of blades bearing the official FIE guarantee stamp;
- have the blades tested at the approved laboratories, distributing the work evenly between them.

Should the blades fail the tests, the manufacturers will pay for the blades and for the costs of the tests, their homologation will be annulled and the manufacturer will have to submit ten further blades for a new homologation process. There will be no certificate issued for the occasional check.

To prohibit the use of masks with transparent visors in all weapons until a protocol is developed and instituted that will determine the integrity of the visors once they have been used.

ANNEXE A

2.1.2. TRANSPARENT MASKS

1. General

The wearing of the transparent mask is **forbidden optional** at all weapons and in all FIE competitions.
Application : 1st March, 2014 for sabre.

Delete the second paragraph.

Annex A

Weapons

1. Blades

3.2 Chemical analysis

~~“The FIE has accepted the use of non-Maraging steel of the following types for the manufacture of epee blades:~~

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~~-45Si7, 45SiCr Mo. 45 XH2 MFa.~~

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~~Blades made with these steels must, obviously, comply with the cycles of resistance to fatigue established by the SEMI.”~~

Application: Non-maraging steel epee blades will no longer be accepted for homologation after 01.01.2014 and non-maraging steel epee blades already homologated will not be accepted in FIE competitions from 31.12.2015.

Annex A, paragraph 6.9

Insert the word “blades” in the title after the word “test”, so the title becomes:

6.9 Fatigue resistance test of Blades (by bending or by cyclical buckling)

Remove from the text the phrase:

~~“Plans of these two machines may be obtained, on demand, from the SEMI Commission.”~~

The rest of the text becomes:

In order to examine the behavior of blades during normal fencing activity, the blades to be tested must undergo a test of their resistance to metal fatigue with a special apparatus, either mechanical ~~(Baiecco model)~~ or pneumatic ~~(Sofrane/Husarek model)~~ **homologated by the FIE SEMI Commission.**
