



## **MODIFIED**

### **ANNEX**

#### **OLYMPIC GAMES REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES FOR TEAM EVENTS**

The **teams** will have the possibility of replacing a fencer in the two following cases:

- 1) for injury
- 2) for tactical reasons

Once a replacement has been made for one of the above reasons, no further replacements may be made for any reason.

This procedure for replacements due to injury and for replacement for tactical reasons applies to those teams qualified under the qualification system and for teams composed of 3 fencers qualified individually in that competition.

#### **1) Process for accreditation of replacement athletes**

NOCs may name a replacement athlete for each team event for which they are qualified through the qualification system and for teams composed of 3 fencers qualified individually in that competition. NOCs who are entitled to a replacement athlete must submit to ATHOC an Application for Accreditation form for each replacement athlete, which must be received according to the deadline established by ATHOC, with a copy also being passed to the FIE.

Before July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 (ATHOC Entry by Name deadline), NOCs must confirm all athletes to fill their qualified positions, and also nominate the replacement athletes to which they are entitled for team events.

Specifically for fencing, the IOC recognizes that athletes can be replaced at any time for duly verified injuries. Only one replacement is authorized for tactical reasons and only before the beginning of the team match. The replacement is definitive. Replacement athletes get access rights for training and competition venues. Consequently each NOC is allocated a number of replacement athletes (35 replacement athletes in total, entirely managed by FIE). More specifically, athletes with "P" accreditation may replace an athlete even at the very last moment. The replaced athlete must return his accreditation card to the Olympic Village Accreditation Centre in order for the athlete replacing him/her, holding the "P" accreditation, to receive the replaced athlete's accreditation card. The replacement athlete will stay at the Olympic Village only in the case he/she has replaced another athlete.

#### **Venue Access**

*Training venue:* Access to the training sessions reserved by the NOC concerned will be allowed with the "P" category Games accreditation card.

The replacement athletes may take part in the competition through replacement due to injury or replacement for tactical reasons in accordance with the following procedures.

**2) Replacement due to injury**

The circumstances under which a team member may be replaced for injury are described within *The FIE Rules for Competitions*, Book 2, Chapter 6, Section o.44, Point 11 (see clause 1.d) of this annex).

The following describes the special rules for the substitution of athletes injured in the Team Events of Olympic Games, Athens 2004.

An injured athlete may be replaced either by an already accredited athlete from another weapon or by a replacement athlete duly appointed by his/her NOC under the process outlined in 1) above. The replacement will be made through the following process which will be managed by the FIE:

- a)** *Verification of the accredited athlete's injury:* At the venue, the FIE Medical Officer(s) personally and physically examine the athlete after the injury, before the athlete leaves the venue. At least one medical officer must be present constantly at the venue during the competition to be able to perform this task in the time required (less than 10 minutes following the injury being reported);

Away from the venue, an injury report signed by the medical officer responsible for the site where the injury happened (e.g. training site or village) must be submitted by the team captain to the FIE Medical Officers as soon as possible after the incident.

After carefully verifying the type and extent of the injury, the FIE Medical Officers decide whether the injury justifies the withdrawal of the fencer from the team event. The Directoire Technique provides them with a Replacement Activation Form and one or both FIE Medical Officers sign the medical verification portion of the form.

*The determination of injury by the FIE Medical Officer(s) will be final. There shall be no right of appeal against this decision.*

- b)** The replacement athlete is present within the venue and ready to fence without delaying the team event. He enters the venue through the use of the accreditation system outlined in clause 1).

- c)** The President of The Directoire Technique provides the team captain with a Replacement Activation Form to confirm the replacement of the injured athlete, which the team captain shall complete and return to the President of the Directoire Technique. This form is then passed to the results staff.

Once this notification to the results staff has taken place, the competition shall then proceed from the point at which the injury took place.

- d)** Only one replacement per team is authorized throughout the competition. A competitor who is replaced cannot again take his place in the team either during the same team match or the rest of the competition.

Note: *The FIE Rules for Competitions*, Book 2, Chapter 6, Section o.44, Point 12: "If a fencer or the reserve, if any, are forced to retire or are excluded, their team has lost the match".

### 3) Replacement for tactical reasons

The circumstances under which a team member may be replaced for tactical reasons are described within *The FIE Rules for Competitions*, Book 2, Chapter 6, Section o.44, Point 10.

The following **special rules will apply for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games** and take precedence over the above rules where specified. **This provision specifically excludes teams composed of three selected individuals from different weapons.**

This replacement can intervene only before the beginning of a team match and will be final. A competitor who is replaced cannot again take his place in the team either during the same team match or the rest of the competition.

An athlete can be replaced either by an already accredited athlete from another weapon or by a replacement athlete duly appointed by his/her NOC under the process outlined in 1) above. The replacement will be made through the following process which will be managed by the FIE:

- a) *Replacement by a nominated replacement athlete:* The team captain informs the President of the Directoire Technique that the replacement has been made prior to the commencement of the team match, and provides proof that the latter is ready to fence without causing any delay in the competition.
- b) *Replacement by a fencer accredited in another weapon:* The team captain provides the proof that the latter is ready to fence without causing any delay in the competition.

In both cases, the President of Directoire Technique provides the team captain with a Replacement Activation Form, which the team captain must complete and return to the President of the Directoire Technique. This form is then passed to the results staff prior to the commencement of the team **match.**

**ANNEX TO THE RULE FOR EVENTS IN THE 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES**

**PLACEMENT AND DRAWING OF LOTS**

***INDIVIDUAL EVENTS***

**Formula with direct elimination throughout:**

1) The individual competitions at weapons having a team event, which will bring together approximately 36 fencers per weapon, and those having only an individual event, with approximately 24 fencers per weapon, will be run with an incomplete direct elimination table of 64 and an incomplete direct elimination table of 32 respectively.

2) The initial order of the fencers will be established according to the adjusted FIE official ranking, as of July 19, 2004, at midnight.

3) If there are fencers qualified who do not appear in the FIE official ranking and/or if in the rankings there are fencers classified ex-aequo, the FIE will carry out preliminary drawing of lots as follows:

- a) First, we will carry out a drawing of lots for the fencers ranked ex-aequo;
- b) Then, we will carry out a drawing of lots for the fencers who do not appear in the FIE official ranking.

**4) As soon as all the fencers have an initial classification, we will carry out a drawing of lots in pairs, from the first to the last fencer.**

***TEAM EVENTS***

The classification of the teams will be made according to the Adjusted FIE Team Official Ranking at each weapon. In case there are teams ranked ex-aequo, a drawing by lots will be carried out.

The teams will be placed in a complete direct elimination table of 8 or an incomplete direct elimination table of 16, depending on the number of teams participating, the teams keeping their initial place without a drawing of lots.

The team of the organising country, which has been allocated 8 places, will be placed in the direct elimination table according to its place in the current Adjusted FIE Team Official Ranking at the weapon concerned.

The team events will be run by direct elimination throughout and the places 5 to 8 will be fenced.