

TECHNICAL RULES

Article t.86. Modified text. Immediate application

For any fencer not present, or any team which does not have all its members present, when called for the first time by the Referee at the time published for the beginning of the pool or the match, or the beginning of the direct elimination bouts:

The fencer or team member not present will be penalised with a yellow card;

A second call will be made, one minute after the first call, followed by a red card for the fencer or team member not present;

A third and last call will be made, one minute after the second call followed by a black card (exclusion from the competition), for the fencer who is not present in the case of an individual competition, and for the complete team in the case of team competitions.

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 fencer or team member not present will be penalised with a yellow card;

A second call will be made, one minute after the first call, followed by a red card for the fencer or team member not present;

A third and last call will be made, one minute after the second call, followed by a black card (exclusion from the competition) for the fencer or team member not present.

The yellow cards (warning) and red cards (penalty hit) only apply to the first bout of the individual fencer or team member at fault.

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).

Article t.87, last paragraph. Modified text. Immediate application

Immediately after the end of a pool, the fencers must sign the pool score sheet, under the responsibility of the Referee who must check the accuracy of the results on this score sheet. Before the score sheet is returned to the Directoire Technique, the Referee must indicate in writing if a fencer refuses to sign it. No subsequent appeal relating to the results will be allowed.

Article t.105. Modified text. Immediate application

A competitor who, while fencing, commits certain violent or vindictive actions against his opponent, or who does not fence to his utmost ability, or who profits from a fraudulent agreement with his opponent, may be excluded from the competition.

A competitor who is excluded from a competition may not continue to take part in that competition, even if he is already qualified for promotion to the next round. He loses the right to his individual classification and all the fencers ranked after the disqualified fencer move up one place in the results of the competition. If necessary the 2 third places are decided according to their ranking for the composition of the table. Under all circumstances, only fencers who have actually received points in the competition can move up a place in the competition's results.

Nevertheless, the points obtained by the fencer up to the moment of his expulsion remain valid for the classification of the team in the team event, providing that he actually takes part in that team event.

Article t.128, to be deleted

Article t.129 , new text. Immediate application

ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS

t.129

- (a) Doping is forbidden by the FIE. Any breaking of this rule will incur disciplinary action.
- (b) Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Articles 2.1 through 2.8 of the F.I.E. Anti-doping Rules.
- (c) The F.I.E. has committed itself to the Wada Anti-Doping Code. The FIE Anti-Doping Rules are based on the WADA 'Models of Best Practice' and adopt in their entirety the 'mandatory clauses' of the above document. The F.I.E. also adopts in full the WADA 'Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods' document.
- (d) The F.I.E. reserves the right to conduct doping control during competitions – that is, at any competition organised under its control - as well as out-of-competition.
- (e) The International Licences issued by the FIE shall stipulate that licence holders undertake not to use prohibited substances or prohibited methods, and agree to submit to any doping control, whether in- or out-of-competition. These licences must be signed by the holder.
- (f) All the details concerning the doping controls at official FIE competitions, as well as out of competition, are to be found in the Articles of the Anti-doping Rules of the F.I.E.
- (g) The penalties and consequences of the penalties arising from violations of the anti-doping rules are those laid down in Anti-doping Rules of the F.I.E.
- (h) Fencers found to have contravened these anti-doping rules will be subject to the procedures provided for in the Anti-doping Rules. The publication of test results and decisions relating to application of penalties will be announced by the Central Office of the FIE which alone has the right to bring them to the notice of all member Federations.
- (i) Doping offences committed and penalised in one of the member countries of the FIE will be taken into account and the penalties ("sanctions") will be applied by all member countries of the FIE.
- (j) Modification of the FIE Anti-doping Rules falls within the competence of Executive Committee.

Article t.129, Annexe. DELETED.

ORGANISATION RULES

Article o.31, Modified text. Application October 1st, 2004

The competition consists of two phases, a preliminary phase and a main phase, each of which are run on one day.

The 16 fencers actually present who are classed highest in the most recent official FIE classification are exempt from the preliminary phase. Confirmation of the presence of the exempted fencers is made with the entering of the fencers (with the organisers in the case of a category A competition or on the FIE internet site for World Championships, Grand Prix or A-grade Team competitions).

Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine of CHF750/500 euros except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.

In the case of a tie in the official FIE ranking between two or more fencers for the 16th exempt place, lots will be drawn to decide which of these fencers will benefit from exemption from the preliminary phase.

Article o.33, Modified text. Application October 1st, 2004

The main phase consists of an integral direct elimination table, which is fenced on four pistes, one quarter of the table per piste. The first round of the table of 64 may, however, if required for the organisation of the competition, be fenced on eight pistes.

The seeded fencers exempted from the preliminary phase occupy places 1–16 in this table, drawing lots in pairs in the order of their official FIE classification.

Should one of the seeded fencers who had been entered either with the organisers, in the case of a category A competition, or on the FIE internet site, for Grand Prix not present himself to fence (cf.o.31), his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay a fine of CHF750/500 euros to the FIE. This penalty will not apply if his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside his control..

The 16 fencers who have the highest indices after the round of pools and who are thus exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table will take places 17–32, classified in the order of their indices (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots).

The 32 fencers qualifying from the preliminary direct elimination table will occupy places 33–64, classified according to their indices after the round of pools.

Article o.54, Modified text. Application October 1st, 2004

For Grand Prix competitions and team World Cup competitions, the entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made 15 days before the competition at the latest.

The entries are to be made via the FIE web-site. As the referees are designated by the FIE, the delegations are no longer required to provide referees (Cf. Article o.31).

Confirmation of the presence of the fencers and teams is made with the entering of the fencers and teams.

Should a fencer or team who has been entered not present himself to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine of CHF750/500 euros, payable to the FIE, except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.

For the other World Cup Competitions delegations are advised to send their entries announcing their intention to compete at least three weeks before the competition.

The names of those entered must reach the organisers no later than midnight, local time, of the Tuesday preceding the weekend on which 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 confirmation of the presence of the fencers is made [with the entering of the fencers with the organisers](#).

[Should a fencer who has been entered not present himself to fence, his federation will be penalised with a fine of 500 euros/CHF750, payable to the FIE, except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.](#)

The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a 1500 CHF / 1000 euro fine, refuse the entry of any fencers not appearing on lists conforming with the above, any entry not requested by a federation and any entry of either fencer or referee not in possession of an FIE licence valid for the current season.

MATERIAL RULES, PAGE 39

[New text for Rules m, annexe A, 6.9, 'Fatigue Resistance Test'](#)

In order to examine the behaviour of the 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 (Baiocco model) or pneumatic (Husarek/Sofranel model). Plans of these two machines may be obtained, on demand, from the SEMI Commission.

The test consists of bending the blade without exceeding the limit of elasticity of the material, i.e. to the point where the bend in the blade is the equivalent of a shortening of the blade by approximately 0.25 m. and then allowing it to straighten, in alternate directions (i.e. first in one direction, then in the other).

The test machine must be able to allow the bending and straightening of the blade at a frequency of 1 Hz (1 hertz = 1 cycle per second).

The test benches are designed to reproduce the stresses to which a blade is subjected in normal fencing activity. The stresses do not go beyond the limits of the elasticity of the blades; a permanent deforming of the blade should not take place. The number of bends to which a blade is subjected before breaking defines its resistance to metal fatigue.

The test benches can be used for bending either without impact (with the end of the blade attached to a revolving support) or with impact (with the end of the blade unattached).

The test should continue until the blade breaks. For the result to be acceptable, it must be ascertained that the blade does not break before:

18,000 cycles for foil blades;

7,000 cycles for épée blades.

[Before the heading 3.1 RESISTANCE OF CLOTH AGAINST PERFORATION PAGE 39](#)

For the manufacture of fencing clothing it is obligatory to use material which is able to resist perforation by a force of at least 800 Newtons. This resistance must be verified by the tests defined in the following paragraphs.