

## Proposal from the Athlete Commission

### 1. Schedule

Motivation: To reduce fencing year-round. It is tough and expensive for non-professional fencers and those who are trying to work or go to school, and especially hard on the Juniors.

Proposal: Attach importance to the perspectives of fencers/athletes upon any discussion related to the competition calendar, such as considering the idea of 'tours' where tournaments can be held in zones and be back-to-back weekends to save on costs, flights, and time.

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### 2. Open Communication and Timely Relay of Information

Motivation: To find a better way to notify and communicate with athletes/coaches the important, changing information. Checking the FIE website on a constant basis and searching 'Letters' of information on the website are difficult for athletes. Letters are usually sent to the national federations but that information doesn't always reach the right people (athletes, coaches).

Proposal: Have an email notification as "FIE newsletter" when very important changes/decisions are made. Anyone with an FIE license can sign up on the FIE website to receive email notifications.

### 3. Venue Safety Standards

Motivation: To create a safety and security standard for the venues and especially flooring at competitions.

Proposal: Add regulations for floor materials of the Field of Play (Piste), not allowing fencers to compete directly on concrete, marble, or hard flooring.

### 4. Athlete Ambassador Program

Motivation: To expand notions of Fencing and to increase fencers worldwide

Proposal: Upon competing in a different country, the designated athlete should visit one school to promote the sport of fencing. (For example, when Yuki is competing in Budapest, Yuki visits the Japanese School in Budapest. Children as well as their parents may get interested in watching fencing competitions or experiencing the sport of fencing.) It will be an impact if the athletes in different countries visit schools and communities to connect (mainly with children) and get them excited about fencing, or an upcoming competition, ideally to use the top ranked fencers and big names in fencing, 'home town favorite' that can bring attention and excitement.

### 5. World League Team schedule and ideas

Motivation: ?

Proposal: have a World Team League

## 6. Referee Standards and Continuing Education

Motivation: To ensure competent, knowledgeable referees. Referees should have knowledge of the current trends in fencing.

Proposal: Obtaining your referee license should be a yearly process, because the trends change so quickly that the written rules become irrelevant. If they do not travel very often then to take part in a yearly training program that they then have to pass a test. More discussions on trends shall be organized with referees, fencers, and coaches.

In the 'FIE Refereeing Reform' papers that were given to us, it talks about referees being required to take tests in their Zone every 2 years. However, if not enough referees sign up for the event or the Zonal Commission does not organize it, the test will be cancelled. (In these papers it does say that every year there is a test for beginning referees and if they pass the test they can referee at satellite competitions only.)

## 7. Cadet World Championships

Motivation: To secure high level of Cadets

Proposal: Have a separate World Championships event from Junior and include team event so the fencers have more experience and it is a special/meaningful event for them

## 8. Weight of Épée Weapon

Motivation: To reduce injuries from overuse of heavy weapon

Proposal: make the women's épée lighter

## 9. Flexibility of Foil Blade

Motivation: Since London 2012 the foil blades have been manufactured to be too soft and flexible, negatively impacting the fencers. Some of the blades did not pass the Weapons Control at the London 2012 Games, although the blades were authorized by the FIE.

Proposal: Reconsider the regulations of the blades' flexibility at the manufacturing stage, to return to the same flexibility as it was before London. Or at least make the old style of blade available to buy again.

## 10. Standard of Equipment Control

Motivation: to reduce problems with every country/World Cup having different standards of what equipment will pass and what will not. There is a written rule of what equipment items will be checked at a competition and what are the standards to pass the inspection, it is certainly not followed.

Proposal: Take higher consideration on the standard of Equipment Control to secure the accuracy of Equipment Control as global standards.

## 11. 12 Olympic Medals but not new team event

Motivation: To have eventually get equality among the weapons.

Proposal: Continue to ask for 12 medals but we want the team events to be the classic team events. The new team events (2 men/2 woman team, 6 weapon team, etc.) should not be regarded as the way to get 12 medals.

#### 12. Support For Fencers- A Motivation System

Motivation: To have some motivation for future generations to compete, and to continue for more years if it is possible to have this support by increasing the level and the significance of a competition it will look more attractive to sponsors because it is put on in a professional manner.

Proposal: Support for the current fencers by providing prize money from a certain round (top 8, top 4?) guaranteed for the Grand Prix

#### 13. World Cup Winner Compensation

Motivation: In order to secure motivations for the athletes.

Proposal: Provide top 3 (at least) fencers in the world to be awarded at minimum 5,000€, 3,000€ and 2,000€ respectively at the end of the season.

#### 14. Live Streaming of Events

Motivation: to promote fencing worldwide

Proposal: Have live streaming video on the Internet of not only World Championships but ALL World Cups and Grand Prix events. Have live updates of scores and the tableau via Twitter or Facebook. Utilize technology by updating the website, making the website easier to navigate, gaining twitter and Facebook followers, etc.

#### 15. Grading of Referees

Motivation: To make sure that the referees are fair, competent, and kept on track as far as their understanding of the current trends. Also to provide a way for the athletes, coaches and FIE/Referee Commission to all be on the same page so to speak.

Proposal: At the end of the season during World Championships, the fencers not only get the opportunity to vote for the best referees (like we did in Budapest) but also give EVERY referee a 'grade' on their abilities. Each name of the referee should also have their picture

\*Throughout one season we encounter many of the same referees and they judge us at many levels from 64 to the finals. Based on our experiences of having them referee our bouts OR having watched them referee a final, the athletes can give a review or rating to a referee based on their overall performance that season.

## 1. Schedule:

\*we wish to propose a different schedule that does not require us to fence year-round. It is tough and expensive for non-professional fencers and those who are trying to work or go to school, and especially hard on the Juniors.

\*Have 'tours' where tournaments can be held in zones and be back-to-back weekends. Will save on money, flights, and time/days.

\*I have only just started to try to find places for all the sr/jr world cups and Grand Prix on a calendar. Apparently it is difficult to organize it all together but I believe it can be done. **Azza and I** can take a look at it, and anyone else if they think they can figure out this puzzle!

\*Does anyone see a problem with having competitions of different weapons on the same weekends? The new schedule currently has only one weapon (men's and women's) every weekend. If it is not a problem to have a men's foil World Cup in Paris the same weekend women's Sabre is in Tianjin, for example, I think it can be easier...

\*should we propose that ALL men and women's competitions be held together, not just Grand Prix? This could help a lot with the schedule....then the current locations could switch off every year, which brings down the cost for the organizer. If this were to happen, I would suggest the competitions be more balanced between the zones so it is more fair. For example, women's foil currently has 5 in Europe, 2 in Americas, 1 in Asia...change this to 2 in Asia and it will work better for the 'Tour' idea. Same with men's épée: 6 in Europe, 2 in Americas, they are only utilizing 2 zones which could work for the Tour idea but is unfair for non-Europeans.

\*Ultimately, if we can find something in the middle of how it was the past few years and this new calendar they propose I think it will be good.

## 2. Open Communication and Timely Relay of Information

\*finding a better way to notify and communicate with athletes/coaches the important, changing information

\*no one checks the FIE website on a constant basis. 'Letters' of information are hard to find on the website and many people don't know they are there. Letters are usually sent to the national federations but that information doesn't always reach the right people (athletes, coaches).

\*Therefore we suggest a FIE newsletter which is like an email notification when very important changes/decisions are made. For example: the fact that Budapest Jr World Cup will be fenced in the 3m distance. Why does this information have to come third hand to people, if they even get it on time or at all?!

\*anyone with an FIE license can sign up on the FIE website to receive email notifications.

## 3. Venue Safety Standards

\* Creating a safety and security standard for the venues and especially flooring at competitions.

\* do not allow fencers to compete directly on concrete, marble, or hard flooring! A country's organizing staff must get approval of their venue space (floors in particular) **prior** to the competition. If they fail to comply with standards for athlete safety then they no longer get to host that competition.

\* a few months ago I wrote up a letter about this. I can make it into an official proposal.

## 4. Athlete Ambassador Program

\*sending athletes to different countries to schools and communities to connect (mainly with children) and get them excited about fencing, or an upcoming competition

\*ideally to use the top ranked fencers and big names in fencing, but it doesn't necessarily have to be

those fencers. If there is a 'home town favorite' that can bring attention and excitement (but is not a highly ranked fencer) I think they should be considered too.

\***Yuki**, you had very good ideas about this and have had good experiences with this. Maybe you can write the proposal for this topic.

#### 5. World League Team schedule and ideas

\*are you all in favor of the World Team League, if it means no more team event at World Cups but extra travel to fence in these events?

\***Azza and Alaaeldin** you had good ideas on how to make this schedule work. Personally the group idea had me a little confused...but if you can work on this and also see how it would fit into a differently proposed tournament schedule (proposal #1 on this list)

#### 6. Referee Standards and Continuing Education

\* ensuring competent, knowledgeable referees

\* obtaining your referee license should be a yearly process..or every 2 years?

\* the goal is to make sure that referees have knowledge of the current trends in fencing, and if they do not travel very often then to take part in a yearly training program that they then have to pass a test

\* this can be reinforced by having very specific written rules about things like "what constitutes an attack" supplemented by video examples on the FIE website so everyone (athletes, coaches, referees) can know what is expected

\*In the 'FIE Refereeing Reform' papers that were given to us, it talks about referees being required to take tests in their Zone every 2 years. However, if not enough referees sign up for the event or the Zonal Commission does not organize it, the test will be cancelled....so I understand this as the referees must take tests but if the test is not organized it is ok not to take it? I'm sure there is no problem in Europe for them to organize this, but I am not sure about three other zones. I can check with my federation if we have been sending referees to these types of events.

\*also in these papers it does say that every year there is a test for beginning referees and if they pass the test they can referee at satellite competitions only.

\* one issue I have with this proposal is that there are already written rules! but the trends change so quickly that the written rules become irrelevant. Also, every referee has their own interpretations of the rules, and when it comes to the pressure of the bout I believe referees will keep their own style. I hope for change but this will always be a difficult topic.

#### 7. Cadet World Championships

\*it is very important to keep the cadet level of fencing.

\*Cadet/Junior World Championships is an expensive event over many days.

\*the proposal is to definitely keep Cadets, but have a separate World Championships event which includes team event so the fencers have more experience and it is a special/meaningful event for them

#### 8. Weight of Épée Weapon

\***Maureen** brought up the point that there are injuries from overuse, etc because the épée is very heavy

\*proposition to make the women's épée lighter

#### 9. Flexibility of Foil Blade

\*Since London 2012 the foil blades have been manufactured to be too soft and flexible, negatively impacting the fencers

\*proposition to return blades to same flexibility as it was before London. Or at least make the old style of blade available to buy again

\***Alaaeldin** you have good thoughts on this

#### 10. Standard of Equipment Control

\*problem with every country/World Cup having different standards of what equipment will pass and what will not.

\*having a written rule of what equipment items will be checked at a competition and what are the standards to pass the inspection (if this already exists then it is certainly not followed!)

\*this is a difficult proposition, especially if you go to countries that do not know fencing...but it is worth it to try because, again, it is hard on fencers to be able to be prepared and not stressed..if there is a standard to know what to expect it will be better

#### 11. 12 Olympic Medals

\*I believe that fencing will eventually get equality among the weapons. We must continue to fight for 12 medals!!

\*we propose to the FIE to continue to ask for 12 medals but we want the team events to be the classic team events.

\*do NOT try to take away the classic team events and instead ask for this crazy 2 men/2 woman team, 6 weapon team, etc. This is not the way to get 12 medals and proposing this to the IOC will only hurt fencing chances to get our real team events in the Olympics

\*according to Claudia who works within the IOC, she also says asking for medals for these new team events will severely hurt our chances and could even get events taken away from fencing.

\*Additionally these other style team events is harmful to smaller countries or countries that only specialize in 1 weapon, or only men's fencing, etc.

#### 12. Support For Fencers- A Motivation System

\*fencers train very hard to be able to compete on the world level. A majority of us are not professionals, yet we still compete because we love fencing.

\*To have some motivation for future generations and support for the current fencers by providing prize money from a certain round (top 8, top 4?) guaranteed.

\*we can begin by asking for prizes for the Grand Prix (after all, as Alaaeldin pointed out that does mean 'big prize' haha!)...and then see what we can do for the World Cups.

\*this will set a standard for our competitions as well, and will give more motivation to compete, and to continue for more years if it is possible to have this support

\*by increasing the level and the significance of a competition it will look more attractive to sponsors because it is put on in a professional manner.

\*Speaking of prize money, since 2009 there has been prize money at the World Championships as part of Uzmonov's "Future of Fencing" initiative. Yuki, if you got two bronze medals in 2010 you should have gotten something!!!

#### 13. World Cup Winner Compensation

\*as we learned, there is a vote for the top 3 referees every year, and they get 5,000€, 3,000€ and 2,000€ respectively. And yet, the fencers who work even harder all season to earn the #1 spot (not voted into the #1 spot!) don't get anything besides recognition and a (nice) FIE medal...and an

invitation to the Congress!

\*propose to ask for the top 3 (at least) fencers in the world to be awarded at minimum 5,000€, 3,000€ and 2,000€ respectively at the end of the season.

\*In the 'FIE Refereeing Reform' papers they gave us, it states that the 3 best referees who get the prize money are to be "selected by the Referee Commission, as well as consulting the Coaches and Athletes Commission." However it was said in our meeting that this year the athletes and coaches will **not** get the opportunity to vote in Kazan. Does anyone else see a problem with this??

#### 14. Live Streaming of Events

\*to promote fencing worldwide, the FIE must utilize technology! (Of course this includes updating the website, making the website easier to navigate, gaining twitter and Facebook followers, etc...but that is another issue)

\*Have live streaming video on the Internet of not only World Championships but ALL World Cups and Grand Prix events. Advertise this and provide results in a timely manner...whether this is on the FIE YouTube channel, the FIE website, the competition website, or wherever...

\*if it is impossible for an event to be live stream video, then at least have live updates of scores and the tableau via Twitter or Facebook...if done properly and on time, people can rely on these sources for results, and the FIE will gain followers and attention...which in turn looks good for sponsors, marketing, etc.

\*My federation does updates on their Facebook page (also linked to twitter) for all the national and international competitions. It is not difficult if you have designated administrators who can be sent results, and who can log on and update. Sometimes the posts are delayed due to time zone changes or inability to relay information but for the most part you can see everything there on Facebook. I think the Italian federation does a good job of this on twitter too. But of course for this proposition the first goal is to have live video stream.

#### 15. Grading of Referees

\*Another way to make sure that the referees are fair, competent, and kept on track as far as their understanding of the current trends

\*Also a way for the athletes, coaches and FIE/Referee Commission to all be on the same page so to speak..for example, the FIE thinks a referee is very good or one of the best but he comes back with a grade/score that is average or low, the FIE must take this into consideration.

\*The idea is that at the end of the season during World Championships, the fencers not only get the opportunity to vote for the best referees (like we did in Budapest but we will not do in Kazan) but also give EVERY referee a 'grade' on their abilities.

\*Throughout one season we encounter many of the same referees and they judge us at many levels from 64 to the finals. Based on our experiences of having them referee our bouts OR having watched them referee a final, the athletes can give a review or rating to a referee based on their overall performance that season

\*each name of the referee should also have their picture

\*I said something about this briefly on the first day, but we did not get to discuss it in much detail.

**PROPOSITIONS DE MODIFICATIONS DU REGLEMENT  
PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES**

**CONGRES – CONGRESS – CONGRESO – 2014**

*Soumises à la Commission des Athlètes  
Submitted to the Athletes Commission*

**Propositions du Comité exécutif  
Proposals of the Executive Committee**

**Proposal 1**

**ANG**

**Motivation :** In order to make the World Championships easier to organise, of a shorter duration and to help to find organisers. Actually, the organisation of the junior and cadet World championships is too heavy and the FIE does not find organisers, or only one organizer at the last minute. Besides, the FIE does not have any Cadet World Cups, while confederations, or some confederations, have cadet circuits opened to all the federations.

1.1 MISSION

The Aims of the F.I.E. are:

d) to organise the ~~Open-Senior~~ World Championships, as well as Junior, ~~Cadet~~ and Veteran World Championships;

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not in favor. The commission considers Cadet World Championships as one of the important events, with the objective of motivating young fencers who are/will be in the category of Cadet.**

**Propositions du Samuel David Cheri, (MH)  
Proposals of Samuel David Cheri, (MH)**

**Proposal 1**

**ANG**

**Motivation :** Chest protectors (currently hard plastic) are required for Woman's Foil and are optional for Men's Foil. The current material is too hard and the change of timing in 2005 has created a situation the foil point bounces off the valid target in the area where the chest protector covers without registering a hit. This occurs even when the chest protectors are worn under the plastron. This has created a situation where the attack landing on the valid target area fails to register, permitting the counter-attacker to score even though their action did not have right of way.

M.25.4 (c) should be amended to require the following for both for Men's and Woman's Foil.

The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material. (The material can be attached to the current plastic or manufactured on new chest protectors.) The duocity (hardness) of the outside of the material must be 20-30% hardness. This is the typical hardness of wet suit material for scuba diving (neoprene).

N.B. Local fencing manufacturers have produced samples of this product and it has proven



itself to be a simple solution to the issue noted above.

Effective start date: Jan 2015 for FIE competitions.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

**Propositions de la Commission SEMI  
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**Proposal 1**

**ANG**

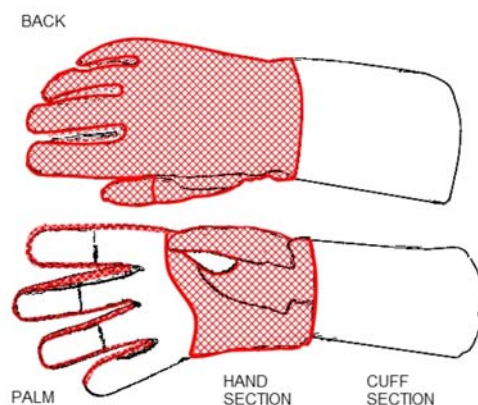
**Motivation :** At the conclusion of the work of the dedicated team to put an end to many minor accidents occurred in recent years, it was decided to produce a new type of glove with safety features increased.

The glove made its debut at the Junior Championships in Plovdiv, its debut was positive and fencers responded well to the new gloves.

**m.33.**

**1. The material of the fencing glove must have a level of protection of 800N on the areas as in the diagram below, the seams a minimum strength of 200N and cuff a level of protection of 350N.**

**The conductive material which can be removable or fixed** cover all of the gauntlet of the glove down to below the external cubital styloid (small prominent bone of the wrist), both when the fencer is in the 'on-guard' position and when the sword arm is straight. **Inside the glove is the FIE quality label, granted after the approval procedure, with the year of manufacture and the mention 800N.**



**This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence**

**2. The conductive material must** be turned over into the inside of the gauntlet to a depth of at least 5 cm.

**3. In order to guarantee a good contact** with the sleeve of the conductive jacket, it is necessary to use an elastic band, a popper button or any system which will guarantee conductivity and which has been approved by the SEMI Committee.

**4. The conductive tissue (lamé) must satisfy the specified control conditions (cf**

m.28.5).

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor with the condition of making the rule effective after the 2016 Olympic Games. There were some opinions from the athletes that the new gloves are a bit too solid to take some time to be accustomed with their hands. We agree to adapt the usage of new gloves but with the flexibilities of admitting the former gloves.**

**Propositions de la Fédération Iranienne d'escrime  
Proposals of the Iran Fencing Federation**

**Proposal 19**

**ANG**

**Motivation :**

1. increase competition atmosphere in team competitions,
2. reduce the time of the competitions,
3. prevent boring matches,
4. increase the attraction of the spectators, and
5. attract the media and increase the enjoyment of TV viewers.  
we propose to add the following sub-article to o.44.8:

**o.44.8**

**a)**The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time.

**b)** If a team scores exceed its opponent's by 15 hits, the match will be stopped, and the team who has scored 15 more hits will be considered as the winner of that team match.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not in favour** because of the following reasons;

- 15 hits may come from behind. Need more investigation of deciding the number of hits.
- Competitions with 15-hit-difference can be ended earlier (Motivation 2 is inconsistent.)
- Reducing time does not causally relate to Motivation 1, 3, and 4.

**Propositions de la Fédération Russe d'escrime  
Proposals of the Russian Fencing Federation**

**Proposal 1**

**ANG**

**Motivation:** Increase of the saber bout duration; spectators will get some additional time for analysis and understanding of the things happening on the piste. Fencers will get an additional tactical maneuver.

**t.27**

1. Should a competitor cross the rear limit of the piste completely — i.e. with both feet — a hit will be scored against him.

2. An athlete has the right to cross the rear limit one time with both feet in saber fencing. The referee will call him back to the piste in this case so that the forefoot would be on the two meter distance from the rear limit of the piste. The hit will be scored against the fencer if he will cross the rear limit right after coming to «en garde» position at the two meters distance. The fencer gets the right to cross the rear limit after the referee's decision to score the hit to any side.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not in favor.**

**Proposal 2**

**ANG**

**Motivation:** Decrease the number of simultaneous attacks in saber fencing. Increase the number of weapon actions in order to make matches more spectacular.

**t.17.2.** In foil and epee fencing the Referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that the front foot of each is 2 meters from the center line of the piste (that is, behind the 'on-guard' lines).

**t.17.3.** In saber fencing The Referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that the back foot of each is 2 meters from the center line of the piste (that is, in front of the 'on-guard' lines).

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not in favor because of the following reasons ;**

**-It will lose the speed of actions.**

**-It will confuse the spectators to see the different starting positions with each weapon.**

**-It will make the changes in the distance of the initial step by their heights.**

**Propositions de la Fédération Suisse d'escrime  
Proposals of the Swiss Fencing Federation**

**Proposal 1**

**ANG**

**Motivation :**

- To dislodge the nearly immobile rankings of the top 8 teams, which currently lead teams to fencing the same opponents very frequently.
- To allow underdog nations a chance to fence on the main stage
- 400 € for a minimum of 2 pool matches would be more attractive

**B) JUNIOR AND SENIOR WORLD CUP TEAM COMPETITION**

Mixed format – one round of pools to determine ranking, followed by a main table of 16 for a direct elimination final.

**o.45.**

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

This format would apply to both senior and junior team World Cups.

**o.46.**

~~1. All places in the table down 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 seeding in the table.~~

~~2. If a team does not begin a match they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any World Team Cup points, unless this is because of an injury or illness, duly attested by the duty doctor.~~

1. Competitions would take place in one day.
2. The competition comprises of one round of pools of 3 teams to determine ranking, followed by a complete direct elimination table of 16 teams.
3. Among the teams present, 2, 3 or 4 of the highest FIE-ranked teams (cf. table of exempted teams) are to be exempted from the round of pools and entered directly into the main table.
4. After the round of pools, the highest ranked teams qualify to complete the table of 16 and take positions 3 through 16, respectively, or 4 through 16 or 5 through 16, in accordance with the number of exempted teams at the start of the competition.
5. The 2, 3 or 4 exempted teams will be assigned positions 1 and 2; 1, 2 and 3; or 1, 2, 3, 4 in the direct elimination table by drawing of lots. The drawing of lots is to occur after the round of pools.
6. Every position from 1 to 16 are to be fought for. From 17<sup>th</sup> place onwards, teams will be ranked according to their pool results and will receive the number of points previously determined by the FIE.
7. If a team does not begin a bout, it will be disqualified from the competition and will not receive any Team World Cup points, except in the case of injury or illness as determined by a medical professional.

**o.47.**

~~1. The first four teams will be placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.86); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table by drawing of lots in pairs.~~

~~The teams that are not classified will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.~~

~~2. The table will be drawn up~~The pools will be drawn up based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not In favour**

**Motivation** : The participation in the Olympic Games is very limited. At the same time, the multiplier of the points given at the Olympic Games is 3 in individual competition and 2 in team competitions (World Cup:1, Grand Prix 1,5, World Championships:2). This creates an imbalance in the world ranking in the year after the Olympics, which is not corrected until the next World Championships and may have consequences in the ranking even longer.

## INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKINGS

### o.83.

#### 1. Official FIE individual ranking

##### Principles

**a) The official Open ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best five results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships ~~or Olympic Games~~ and the Zonal Championships.

**b) The official Junior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.

**c)** For both Open and Junior rankings, the ranking is **kept permanently up to date**. The competition in the current year cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season. If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

From the end of the Olympic Games to the next World Championships, only the results of the World Championships organised for the events not within the Olympic programme are included in the official FIE ranking. For the other weapons, the World Championship points of the previous year will be annulled following their Olympic event.

**d) In the event of equal points**, the ranking is based on who has gained the most first places, then second places, etc.  
If there is a complete tie, the fencers are ranked equal.

**e)** After each competition which is taken into account to establish the ranking, this is updated automatically after verification of the results by the FIE.

**f)** Except where special rules apply, the official up-to-date FIE ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, exemptions, etc.

##### Scale of points

#### 2. a) The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	20 points
5th–8th places	14 points

9th–16th places	8 points
17th–32nd places	4 points
33rd–64th places	2 points

**b)** Points obtained in an **individual A Grade World Cup** competition are multiplied by a factor of ~~1~~ as listed above.

**c)** Points obtained in a **Grand Prix** competition of the FIE and a **Zonal Championship** are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

**d)** Points obtained in the individual events of the **Open World Championships and in the Junior World Championships** are multiplied by a factor of 2.5.

**e)** Points obtained in the individual events of the **Olympic Games** are multiplied by a factor of ~~3.025~~. At the **Olympic Games**, **fourth** place is awarded ~~5445~~ points. ~~Points from the Olympic Games are to count only used to calculate the winner (first ranked fencer)~~ of each **senior** official ranking of the FIE ~~at the end of the Olympic Games~~.

**f)** Except where special rules apply, the official up-to-date FIE ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, exemptions, etc.

## Honours

**3. The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **senior** official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Open World Championships or Olympic Games. **The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **junior** official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

## TEAM WORLD RANKINGS

**o.84.**

### 1. Official team ranking of the FIE

#### Principle

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

**b)** The official team ranking of the FIE is **updated on a permanent basis**: the event which is held during the current year cancels out the corresponding event held the year before, just as the points obtained during the new event replace the points obtained the year before. If an event does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same event in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the event.

From the end of the Olympic Games to the next World Championships, only the results of the World Championships organised for the events not within the Olympic programme are to be included in the official FIE ranking. For the other weapons, the previous year's World Championship points will be annulled following their Olympic event.

**c)** Should several teams **have the same points**, the same rules shall apply as for the official FIE individual ranking (cf. o.83).

d) Except where special rules apply, the updated official team ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, etc.

## 2. Team scale of points

a) The ranking will be based on the following scale of points:

1st place	64 points	10th place	24 points
2nd place	52 points	11th place	23 points
3rd place	40 points	12th place	22 points
4th place	36 points	13th place	21 points
5th place	32 points	14th place	20 points
6th place	30 points	15th place	19 points
7th place	28 points	16th place	18 points
8th place	26 points	17th–32nd	8 points
9th place	25 points		

b) For the World Team Championships, and Olympic Games team events, the points indicated above are multiplied by two. Olympic Games points are only used to calculate the winner (highest first ranked team) of each official senior team ranking of the FIE following the Olympic Games.

c) Points obtained in a Zonal Team Championship have a factor of 1.0.

## 3. Honours

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

### Opinion of the Athletes commission:

Not In favor

## Proposal 3

ANG

Establishment of a cycle for the Olympic programme based on the principle of gender equality and equality between the different weapons (o.48.1)

**Motivation:** The situation with 10 gold medals for fencing at the Olympic Games has now been a fact since 2004 and there is no indication of an increase in this respect. Up to this point, the Congress has taken the decision on the programme three years in advance (e.g. in November 2013 for the Olympic Games in Rio 2016). This is clearly too late to allow athletes and national federations to prepare and plan their activities in an orderly way.

It is therefore desirable to clearly establish in the rules the cycle of the Olympic programme in order to ensure stability and fairness between different genders and weapons.

The Swedish Fencing Federation proposes that the cycle implemented for the Olympic Games in Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro is continued.

**o.48. 1.** The programme of fencing events at the **Olympic Games** currently comprises ten events. Until such time when 12 events can be organised, the team competition programme of the Olympic Games will vary in such a way that each Olympic year two weapons shall not be present. For those weapons, the FIE will organise World Championships.

The competition cycle will be:

First Olympic Games: Women's foil, men's foil, women's épée, men's sabre. (In women's sabre

and men's épée, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Second Olympic Games: Women's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, men's sabre. (In men's foil and women's épée, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Third Olympic Games: Men's foil, men's épée, women's épée, women's sabre. (In women's foil and men's sabre, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Any change of the above cycle or in the number of events must be approved by the Congress.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not In favor**

**PROPOSITIONS DE MODIFICATIONS DES STATUS  
PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES**

**CONGRES – CONGRESS –2014**

*Soumises à la Commission des Athlètes  
Submitted to the Athletes Commission*

**Propositions du Comité exécutif  
Proposals of the Executive Committee**

**Proposal 1**

**ANG**

Motivation: In order to make the World Championships easier to organise, of a shorter duration and to help to find organisers. Actually, the organisation of the junior and cadet World championships is too heavy and the FIE does not find organisers, or only one organizer at the last minute. Besides, the FIE does not have any Cadet World Cups, while confederations, or some confederations, have cadet circuits opened to all the federations.

1.2 MISSION

The Aims of the F.I.E. are:

d) to organise the ~~Open~~ Senior World Championships, as well as Junior, ~~Cadet~~ and Veteran World Championships;

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not in favor. (same reason as the above mentioned)**

**Proposal 15**

**ANG**

**Motivation :** To be in line with the duties of the other members of the Executive Committee.

5.2.5

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



**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

**Proposal 17**

**ANG**

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**Motivation :** To be in line with articles on Commissions and Councils.

5.5.3

The Executive Committee outlines the work of ~~the Commissions and~~ the Congresses and ~~monitors the work of the Commissions~~. To this end, it has to gather information by every possible means on the views, tendencies, and desires of the affiliated groups.

It decides the date and the place of ~~the meetings of~~ Congresses, ~~commissions and councils~~.

It may convene an Extraordinary Congress.

It establishes and approves the agenda of the Congress.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

**Proposal 24**

**ANG**

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**Motivation :** Clarification of the current text.

6.1 THE COMMISSIONS

FIE Commissions are technical bodies. The Executive committee consults the Commissions about all necessary issues.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

**Proposal 25**

**ANG**

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**Motivation :** In order to clarify the responsibility of the members of the Executive Committee delegated in Commissions and also to open the meetings to experts who propose their services to the FIE.

6.2.3

The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to ~~liaise~~ monitor and coordinate the work of the commissions (cf. 5.5.7).

The President of the FIE may, ~~as agreed with the Executive Committee and~~ after consultation with the ~~President of the Commission~~ Secretary General and CEO, have relevant experts involved in the commissions' work.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

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Motivation : In order to clarify the rules regarding the expenses and also to be in line with article 6.2.3.

6.4.3

Commissions 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 F.I.E. The attendance of such a person, or his representative, is restricted to when the proposal in question is being discussed. **The expense for such attendance is borne by the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals,** Commissions must also admit to their meetings any person designated by the President of the FIE.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

**Motivation :** Consequence of proposal 1 and same motivation.

10.2.2

Participation in a World Championship

A member federation which is not up to date with its financial obligations towards the FIE at midday the day before the opening of a ~~Gadet~~, Junior, Senior or Veteran World Championship may not participate in this World Championship, unless exception is justified and granted by the Executive Committee.

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not in favor.**

**Motivation :** Consequence of proposal 1 and following and same motivation.

### **10.1 OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF THE F.I.E.**

10.1.1 The official competitions of the FIE include the Olympic Games, the ~~Open Senior~~ Junior, ~~Gadet~~ and Veteran World Championships, the individual and team Open World Cups (Category A candidates, Category A, Grand Prix, satellites) and the Junior World Cup, the zonal Championships, as well as the Masters and Super Masters that are organised, any qualifying events for the Olympic Games that are organised, and any other competitions designated by the Congress of the FIE.

10.1.2 Of these official events the Olympic Games and the ~~Open Senior and Junior and Gadet~~ World Championships take priority. No other official F.I.E. competitions in the same age category may coincide with them or be organised on dates which prevent a fencer from taking part in these World Championships.

10.4 JUNIOR ~~AND CADET~~ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 10.4.1 General Rules

The World Junior Championship ~~and World Cadet Championships are~~ is to be held ~~together~~ annually under the auspices of the F.I.E., comprising individual competitions at men's and women's foil, épée and sabre. A team event under the same principles as for the ~~Open Senior~~ World Championships shall be held for the Juniors.

The Junior ~~and Cadet~~ World Championships are held every year, during the first two weeks of April, under the auspices of the FIE.

#### **Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor with changing the word "open" to "senior" but not in favor with deleting the word "Cadet"**

### **Propositions du Conseil Femmes et Escrime de la FIE Proposals of the FIE Women and Fencing Council**

#### **Proposal 1**

**ANG**

**Motivation :** In 2007 the Olympic Charter was amended to include, for the first time in history, the following reference:

*"The IOC encourages and supports the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women."*  
Rule 2, paragraph 7, Olympic Charter in force as from 07.07.2007.

The Olympic Movement and the sports community at large have undertaken initiatives to allow broader participation by women in sport. More sports and disciplines have been opened up to women at all levels and in most countries of the world. In the last 20 years especially, the IOC in cooperation with the respective International Sports Federations (IFs) and the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games (OCOGs) have pressed for the women's programme at the Olympic Games to be enlarged. This development has been further reinforced by the IOC's decision that all sports seeking inclusion in the programme must include women's events. The IOC also pressed for women's deeper inclusion and involvement at leadership levels in sport in 1981, under the initiative of former President Juan Antonio Samaranch, who wanted to have women co-opted as IOC members. As a result, 24 members out of 107 are women (22.4%). The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has publically committed itself to increasing the number of women occupying leadership positions within the Olympic Movement, including in the IOC itself.

Eleven years ago, in 2003, the FIE Congress took the decision to require minimum representation of 20% of men and women on the FIE Executive Committee and all FIE Commissions.

Since 2003, the membership of all Commissions (apart from the Medical Commission and the Executive Committee which exceed the 20% requirement by one) still has not exceeded the 20% requirement in regard to female members. Additionally, if we want to further encourage growth in fencing in terms of athletes, supporting the growth for women in leadership roles is imperative. For this reason, many FIE member federations believe that it is time to lift the minimum requirement for representation of either gender to 30%. This policy change reflects the vision and desire of FIE leadership to increase the participation of women in all areas of the sport and to ensure that the leadership of the FIE is increasingly representative of the entire fencing family and society in general.

#### **Proposal**

That the minimum representation of men and women on the FIE Executive Committee and all FIE Commissions should be raised from at least 20% to at least 30%.

#### **Proposed changes to FIE Statutes (with changes shown in red and blue)**

4.3.4: In order to secure the principle of equal treatment, women and men must be represented in overall view by at least ~~32~~20% of the elected members of the Executive Committee. If the 15 candidates who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~53~~ persons of each gender, the Executive Committee will consist of the ~~53~~ candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes of the gender not otherwise being so represented and the ~~102~~ candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If there are less than ~~53~~ 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.

4.4.4: If the 10 first members elected do not include ~~two~~three members of each gender, the Commission

will consist of the first ~~78~~ members elected and the ~~two~~three members of the other gender who are candidates for the commission and who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of either gender has offered herself/himself as candidates, the 10 candidates of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes are elected.

#### **Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

In favour.

### **Propositions de Sam CHERIS (MH) and Peter JACOBS (MH) Proposals of Sam CHERIS (MH) and Peter JACOBS (MH)**

#### **Proposal 2**

**ANG**

**Motivation :** Establishment of a clear procedure for the Athletes Commission.

#### 3.6.5

The President, **the members** of the Executive Committee and **of** the permanent commissions (**except the Athletes Commission**) take office on the first day of the month following the closing day of the Olympic Games or of the Elective Congress, whichever is the latter.

**The members of the Athletes Commission take office on the first day of the month following the meeting at which the Executive Committee selects the final six members.**

#### **Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

In favor.

#### **Proposal 4**

**ANG**

**Motivation :** Establishment of a clear procedure, according to the same principle applied to other commissions.

#### 6.2.4 *The Athletes Commission.*

The Athletes Commission is made up of 12 athletes of different nationalities., ~~being two (2) representatives of each of the six (6) weapons.~~

~~The Commission elects its own President~~

The Athletes Commission will meet within two months of the date on which they take office in order to elect its President and prepare its working calendar. The procedure for the election of the President is the same as that for the other commissions (cf.6.2.2).

**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**In favor.**

**Propositions de la Fédération Italienne d'escrime  
Proposals of Italian Fencing Federation**

**Proposal 3**

**FRA**

**Motivation** : In consideration of the age of the Cadet category, it could be enough the participation only to the Zonal Competition. It being understood that if a Federation wants a Cadet to participate in a Junior competition will be allowed to do it.

Furthermore, we must add the fact that organizing a tournament of the two categories together, Junior and cadet, could be more difficult than organizing the Senior World Championships for certain aspects, and therefore, excluding the Cadet category would make the World Championships period shorter and to find organizers would be easier. As far as the qualification for the Youth Olympic Games, this could be through the Zonal cadet Championships. This would also make these competitions more interesting.

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**Opinion of the Athletes commission:**

**Not In favor.**