



Dear President,

DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Following the Executive Committee meeting held on 26 June 2026 in Sofia (BUL), please find below the decisions taken.

1. CALL FOR BIDS

The FIE Executive Committee has recently been informed of obstacles and restrictions regarding the issuance of visas for the 2027 Junior and Cadet World Championships, scheduled to take place in Estonia. The granting of visas to all FIE member federations is therefore no longer guaranteed.

In accordance with the provisions of the FIE Statutes and Administrative Rules, as well as Information Letter 26-25 of 10 November 2025, the Executive Committee has decided to issue **an urgent call for bids** in order to reallocate the organisation of the 2027 Junior and Cadet World Championships.

Complete applications must be sent to the FIE at info@fie.ch, **no later than 21 August 2026**, so that the Executive Committee can take a decision on 15 September 2026.

Applications must include: a letter of application from the federation, the attached form duly completed, plans of the facilities, and the attached letter of commitment, completed and signed.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE FIE

The following chapters have been modified:

- Chapter 3: Articles 3.2.3, 3.6.2, 3.8.5 and 3.8.6
- Chapter 5: Article 5.1.1.3
- Chapter 8: Articles 8.2 to 8.10
- Chapter 9: Introduction paragraphs, articles 9.1.1.3, 9.1.1.4, 9.1.2.2, 9.1.2.3, 9.2, 9.2.1.5, 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, 9.4, 9.4.1, 9.4.5, 9.4.6, 9.5.1, 9.5.3 and 9.5.4

3. DEVELOPMENT

The development programme and action plan presented by the African Fencing Confederation have been adopted. The objectives of this programme are:

- To increase the number and standard of athletes across the continent;
- To create a robust and sustainable environment that supports them and helps them progress in their careers;
- To ensure equal opportunities and to increase women's participation.

Spanning three years, this plan will include training courses for athletes, coaches, referees, medical staff, and organisers. The Federations will be divided into three groups according to their level of development.

4. REFEREEING

Within the frame of the FIE Strategic Plan 2025–2028, an Initial Working Group (**IWG**) has been set up to develop a common, internationally recognised framework for the uniform, consistent and harmonised interpretation and application of the FIE Rules. This framework will also serve as the basis for future referee training, examinations, licensing and continuing professional development, whilst supporting the educational programmes of the future FIE Academy.

Bringing together representatives from the Executive Committee, the Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission, the Athletes' Commission and the Coaches' Council, as well as referees and technical experts, the Initial Working Group will carry out its work in two phases:

Phase I, target completion date: December 2026

- Review of current refereeing practices and the application of the FIE Rules at international competitions;
- Identification of areas requiring clarification or greater consistency;
- Development of a clear, consistent and internationally recognised framework for the interpretation and application of the FIE Rules;
- Preparation of recommendations to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval;
- Full dissemination and publication by the FIE.

Phase II, target completion date: first quarter of 2027

- Preparation of recommendations for an international referee training programme;
- Development of proposals concerning referee examinations, licensing and continuing professional development;
- Recommendations for internationally harmonised educational standards and digital learning resources;
- Contribution to the educational development of the future FIE Academy.

Member federations and the international fencing community will be kept informed of the progress of the Initial Working Group's work.

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