Organisation rules

BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES

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PART A: GENERAL RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Application

o.1

The **official competitions** of the FIE are organised according to the following rules.

o.2

1 The official competitions of the FIE are open to fencers (individual or team) of all FIE member countries.

2 Every competitor, coach, referee or designated official in a competition, irrespective of his status, is required to have an international **license for the current season** (cf. Statutes, Chapter IX).

Types of Competition

o.3 These Rules are obligatory **without modification** for the 'Official Competitions of the FIE', viz.:

- The fencing events at the Olympic Games
- The World Championships in all categories
- The Grands Prix
- The competitions of the World Cup cadet, junior and senior
- The Zonal Championships, junior and senior
- The Satellite competitions
- International competitions in which there are more than five nationalities, and which are approved by the FIE according to Article 1.2.6 of the FIE Statutes.

APPLICATION : immediate

Criteria for World Cup Competition

Admission

o.4

A competition can only be classed or kept as a World Cup competition if it satisfies the following criteria.

1 Participation must include fencers:
- from at least eight countries, for individual senior competitions in Europe.
- from at least five countries, for individual senior competitions outside Europe.
- from at least five countries, for individual junior competitions.
- from at least six countries, for team senior competitions in Europe.
- from at least four countries, for team senior competitions outside Europe.
- from at least four countries, for team junior competitions.

2 Participation in individual competitions must include a minimum of ten fencers listed in the top 32 in the official ranking of the FIE and representing at least five different countries for senior competitions in Europe (no requirement for juniors and cadet competitions outside Europe).

3 The competition must be attended by at least four FIE A or B Grade referees of different nationalities.

4 The Rules of the FIE must be faithfully applied, as well as the specifications for World Cup competitions. The organisers must use automatic judging equipment of which the prototype has been approved by the SEMI.

5 The finals must take place in a hall in which there is space allocated to the public.

6 There must be a sufficient number of pistes to allow the first round to take place in no more than two series of pools.

7 During the finals, the organisers must display signs on the piste indicating the names and nationalities of the fencers.

8 For the presentation of the prizes, the protocol rules of the FIE must be applied (cf. FIE Administrative Rules).

9 There must be a medical doctor present on the premises of the competition for the whole duration of the competition.

10 There must be an anti-doping test conforming to the regulations of the FIE (cf. o.107 and the FIE Anti-Doping Rules).

Chapter 2

GLOSSARY

Assaults and bouts

o.5

A friendly combat between two fencers is called an ***assault.*** When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result in an individual competition it is called a ***bout.***

The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called ***periods***.

In a match (cf o.6) between teams each of the nine bouts is called a ***relay***.

Match

o.6

The aggregate of the relays fought between the fencers of two different teams is called a ***match***.

Competition

o.7

1 A competition is the aggregate of the bouts (individual competitions) or of the matches (team competitions) required to determine the winner of the event.

2 Competitions are distinguished by weapons, by the competitors' sex, by their age and by the fact that they are for individuals or for teams.

Tournament

o.8 Tournament is the name given to a number of competitions, individual and team, held at the same place, at the same period and under the same aegis.

Championship

o.9 A championship is the name given to a competition held to determine the best fencer or the best team at each weapon for a federation, for a specific region or for the world and for a specific period of time.

Chapter 3

BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISATION AND CONTROL

The Organising Committee

o.10

1 The Organising Committee is the group of persons responsible for organising the competition.

2 The Organising Committee must take note of the instructions in the **Specifications** ('Cahier des Charges') specific to each category of competition.

3. If possible, both genders should be represented in the Organising Committee.

The Central Office of the FIE

o.11 The Central Office of the FIE controls the activities of the Directoire Technique at the Olympic Games, the World Championships, the Junior and Cadet and Veterans World Championships, as described in Article o.12.

Supervision by the FIE

o.12

1 With the aim of ensuring that the rules are observed at the World Championships and Olympic Games, the President and the members of the Bureau of the FIE have the right to attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique and of the official delegates of the FIE. The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

2 It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any disputes, other than concerning discipline, which arise at World Championships. With respect to disciplinary actions, see t.143.4 and t.176.

Technical delegate of the FIE

o.13

1 The Technical delegate of the FIE, who represents the FIE in accordance with the Olympic Rules for Regional Games, will be chosen by the President of the FIE, after consultation with the Executive Committee, according to criteria of recognised technical abilities.

2 The **expenses** incurred by this representative (tourist-class air fare, hotel and board) will be paid by the Organising Committee.

The Directoire Technique

o.14

The technical organisation of competitions is entrusted to a **Directoire Technique**, the functions and scope of whose activities are described in the Rules (**cf. t.139-141, o.15 - o.17**).

The Directoire Technique and the FIE delegates at official competitions

o.15

1 Apart from the specific areas of competence which are the responsibility of the other FIE technical delegates specified hereafter, the technical management of the official competitions of the FIE is entrusted to a **Directoire Technique**.

2 The members of the Directoire Technique and the other official delegates of the FIE cannot act in any other capacity at the competition, such as team captain, official delegate of their federation, referee, competitor, etc.

3 The Directoire Technique and the official delegates of the FIE must always attend events from beginning to end, so as to solve any problem which could arise and thus ensure that the event continues to run smoothly.

4 All the decisions of the Directoire Technique and the official delegates of the FIE must be displayed sufficiently in advance on a clearly visible notice-board to be consulted by the fencers and officials. In principle, fencers and officials are kept informed by their heads of delegation or captains, and they may not make any complaint against changes in the timetable or any other matter about which information has been displayed within the stipulated time limits.

5 The day before an individual or team competition, the DT must download the entry file, the day before the competition, from 12:00 noon local time from the FIE website.

- In individual competitions, the DT must publish and send to the FIE the pools and the relevant schedules, as well as the list of exempt fencers for senior competitions, no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time). No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf o.67.1).

- In team competitions, the DT must publish and send to the FIE the table and the relevant schedules no later than one hour after the end of the quarter finals of the individual event. No addition may be made to the published list.

6 In case of conflict between the decisions of the DT and the relevant official delegate of the FIE, the decision of the official delegate of the FIE shall prevail.

Nomination of the Directoire Technique

o.16

The **Directoire Technique** is composed of people **who have the experience and competence to organise competitions.**

1 World Championships and Olympic Games.

a) For the Olympic Games the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held. There must be at least one member from each gender.

b) **For the World Championships,** the Directoire Technique is composed of **8** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country. There must be at least two members from each gender.

c) The Directoire Technique (the President and the remaining members, one of whom will be in charge of the protocol) is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

2 World Cup and Grands Prix competitions.

The Directoire Technique is composed of three qualified persons from the country where the competition is held or invited by them. There must be at least one member from each gender.

Functions of the Directoire Technique

o.17

1 The functions of the Directoire Technique include the **strict organisation** of the different events, except the responsibilities of the other delegates of the FIE (cf o.12, o.19, o.20, o.21, o.22). It has the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot decide on any departure from the Rules except when circumstances arise in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2 The Directoire Technique is responsible for the **technical organisation** of the competitions and for ensuring their smooth running.

3 Hence:

a) It ensures the co-ordination between the Organising Committee, the Directoire Technique, the official delegates of the FIE and the other functions of the FIE;
b) It checks the **entries**;
c) It draws up the **pool sheets** and **direct elimination tables**;
d) It allocates the pistes;
e) It supervises the **progress** of the event(s);
f) It checks **results** with the help of the Organising Committee;
g) It prepares the **subsequent events** sufficiently in advance to be able to warn the fencers, officials and judges;
h) It supervises the **dissemination** of results.

4 Furthermore the Directoire Technique has **disciplinary responsibility** at competitions but only as a collective entity. In the event of a tied vote within the Directoire Technique, the **vote of the Directoire Technique President is decisive**.

Designation of refereeing, SEMI, and medical delegates

o.18

Refereeing delegates must be members of the FIE Refereeing Commission.
SEMI delegates must be members of the FIE SEMI Commission.
Medical delegates must be members of the FIE Medical Commission.

When all delegate designations are taken together (across all types of competitions and all weapons in one season) there must be a minimum of 20% representation of both genders, should the availability of the delegates and continental representation allow it.

Should the availability of the delegates and continental representation allow it, there must be at least one delegate of each gender from each of the Refereeing, SEMI and Medical Commissions designated at World Championships.

1 **World Championships**
A chief Refereeing delegate and 5 more Refereeing delegates, a chief SEMI delegate and 2 more SEMI delegates and **3** Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

2 **Grands Prix**
Two Refereeing delegates are appointed by the Executive Committee following the recommendation of the Refereeing Commission.

3 **Senior World Cup competitions**
One Refereeing delegate is appointed by the Executive Committee following the recommendation of the Refereeing Commission.

The SEMI delegate

o.19

1 The SEMI delegates check the technical installations and the homologation of the various items of equipment.

2 They organise the checking of the fencers' equipment and oversee its efficient functioning.

3 They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

4 They assist referees over material problems during matches.

The Refereeing delegates

o.20

1 The functions of the Refereeing delegates include the strict and complete organisation of the refereeing of events, ensuring their perfect running. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2 Hence:

a) They organise the referee's meeting on the day before the event.
b) They establish the list of referees the day before each competition.
c) They observe the referees at work and make selections as mandated in articles t.50 ss.
d) They review protests and provide solutions in conformity with the instructions in article t.171.

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

4 Furthermore, a Refereeing delegate is an entity who has disciplinary responsibility at competitions; Article t.139 ss defines the extent of his or her authority.

The Medical delegates

o.21

1 The functions of the medical delegates include the strict and complete organisation of the medical aspect. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2 Hence, medical delegates:

a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
b) Supervise the anti-doping control.
c) Evaluate the medical situation and supervise the intervention or recognized treatment of any injury or other medical reason in accordance with t.45.

Supervisor

o.22

1 The Organizing Committees of Grands Prix, Senior and Junior World Cup events, individual and team, and of Cadet World Cup events, must ensure the presence of a supervisor of the FIE from a country other than that where the competition is held, whose task it will be to verify that the competition properly fulfils the World Cup criteria.

2 The Supervisor is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, at the suggestion of the FIE Bureau.

3 At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate and no SEMI Commission delegate, it is **the Supervisor** who fulfils these respective functions. Where there is no Medical Commission delegate, the competition Medical Doctor on duty fulfils his/her functions. (cf. t. 45.1).

4 The Supervisor settles any other disputes that might arise in World Cup and Grand Prix.

5 In order to ensure the smooth running of competitions, the Supervisor should be present on site at least 1 day before the Installation of the Venue of the competition.

6 The **travel, board and lodging costs** of the supervisor are the responsibility of the organisers, in accordance with the standards updated from time to time by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

This supervisor is either:

o.23

- a member of a FIE Commission,
- a member of the FIE Executive Committee other than the members of the Bureau,
- **a member of a group of persons, appointed by the Executive Committee, available and experienced in the organisation of competitions.**

Refereeing

o.24

1 **Refereeing** at World Championships is carried out by referees chosen by the Executive Committee of the FIE at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission.

2 Referees' travel and board and lodging **costs** are paid by the Organising Committee, who in return will receive all the entry fees.

3 Referees **must** attend the **refereeing meeting** that takes place the day before the World Championships.

o.25

1 **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** that must accompany delegations to cadet and junior World Cup competitions and satellite competitions is:

1–4 fencers:	No obligation to provide a referee
5–9 fencers:	One referee
10 or more fencers:	Two referees
1 Junior Team:	**One referee**

For cadet and junior World Cup competitions and satellite competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be entered on the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

2 **Should a national Federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.**

3 In addition, the FIE Supervisor of cadet and junior World Cup competitions is required to report on gender diversity of the registered referees through the FIE Supervisor's report.

o.26

For **Senior World Cup, Grands Prix and World Cup team** competitions, 10 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 4) 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.**

If these referees are of a different nationality to that of the host federation, the list must be submitted at least one month before the event to the FIE Refereeing Commission and Executive Committee for approval.

Specialized personnel

o.27

The organising committee must appoint:

1 Scorers and time-keepers

The Organizing committee must appoint, on their own responsibility, **scorers** whose duty it will be to keep the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match and maintain the score-boards, and a **time-keeper** whose duty it will be to keep time for the duration of the bouts (cf. t.37ss).

For **finals**, the Directoire Technique must appoint a delegate or a referee, neutral wherever possible, to supervise the time-keeper, the scorer and the person responsible for the scoring apparatus.

2 The Organising Committee must choose **qualified persons**, who pay careful attention to the signals given by the apparatus in order that they may be able to advise the Referee as to what the apparatus has registered, and warn him, even during the course of a bout, as to any abnormal phenomena which may occur.

3 Experts

a) For each tournament, the Organising Committee must appoint **experts in matters relating to the electrical apparatus**. These experts are placed under the supervision of the Directoire Technique.

b) The experts may be consulted, separately or conjointly, by the referees or by the Directoire Technique regarding all questions relating to the electrical apparatus.

c) **Members of the Committee for Electrical Apparatus and Equipment** of the FIE (SEMI) who are present are ex officio qualified to act as experts.

4 Repairers

For each tournament, the Organising Committee must ensure the presence of **competent repairers** to remedy faults in the electrical apparatus and, possibly, in the personal electrical equipment of the fencers.

Checking of Equipment

o.28

The checking of the organization equipment, as well as the equipment of the fencers, must be carried out in accordance with the rules to be found in the Material Rules **by qualified personnel designated by the Organizing committee. If there are present designated members of the SEMI Commission, this function must be carried out by them or under their control.**

Chapter 4

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

o.29

1 No fencer may obtain an FIE licence, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13th birthday.

2 To be eligible to compete in the current season's official FIE Cadet individual events, including the current season's World Cadet Championships, fencers must be under 17 years of age at midnight on 31 December of the current season.

To be eligible to compete in the current season's official FIE Junior events, individual or team, including the current season's Zone Junior Championships and World Junior Championships, fencers must be under 20 years of age at midnight on 31 December of the current season.

3 Apart from the stipulations above, there is no maximum age limit for those taking part in any other official events of the FIE, except in regard to the different Veteran categories.

4 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:

a) be accompanied by a person who is a parent or guardian of the participant or who has **been delegated in 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 and doping control; or

b) have such power of attorney issued to a person who has achieved his/her majority in the country of the fencer and who will be at the competition site during the competition and has agreed to accept the responsibility delineated in such power.

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Chapter 5

FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND FINES

Table of Financial Penalties and Fines

o.31

	Article	Amount	Date of payment	To be paid to	By whom
Entry to World Championships after closing date	o.56	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.61.4 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 noon local time) preceding the	o.61.4 b)	250 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation

competition					
If a fencer or team duly entered does not turn up	o.85.4, o.87.3, o.61.5	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 **or without a valid FIE licence for the current season**	o.61.6	1000 euros per improper participation	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the organiser
Participation of a referee or coach **without a valid FIE licence for the current season**	o.2 9.1.2 statutes	150 euros per referee/ coach	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the National Federation

Required number of referees not respected	o.25.1.b	1000 euros per referee	At the same time as the information is sent to the organiser	Organiser	By the National Federation
Deadline to send the invitation not respected	o.51	1000 euros	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the National Federation
Deadline to send the invitation for Zonal Championships not respected	o.52	500 euros	On receipt of notification of the fine	FIE	By the National Federation

PART B: PROCEDURES BEFORE THE COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1
PROGRAMMING

Programme of the competitions

o.32

The Organizing Committee must submit the **programme of events** to the Executive Committee for its approval.

Timetable

o.33

1 The **programme must be displayed, communicated and respected and must take into account the time needed for the fencers to rest between bouts**. It should be arranged in such a way that no fencer is obliged to participate in events for **more than 12 hours in 24**. In any case, no pool, bout or match may begin after midnight, or at any time when it can be foreseen with certainty that it will end after midnight.

2 Whatever programme is adopted, **the final** shall start at a time which, having regard to local routines, will ensure that the results can be communicated to the media in sufficient time to allow them to be published.

o.34

In their timetable the Organizing committee must allow sufficient time for it to be possible to carry out **the checking of the fencers' equipment**, i.e. a minimum of one day per weapon.

o.35

The first round of all the individual and team competitions, including the World Championships and Olympic Games, must be displayed by 4 p.m. local time, at the latest the day before the competition.

SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.36

The programme of the **Senior World Fencing Championships** comprises twelve events, six individual and six team — male foil, female foil, male épée, female épée, male sabre and female sabre.

JUNIOR AND CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.37

The programme of the Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships comprises twelve individual events (six junior and six cadet), and six junior team events — at male foil, female foil, male épée, female épée, male sabre and female sabre. At each weapon, male and female, the World Championships begin with the individual junior events, followed by the individual cadet events and lastly the junior team events.

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TEAM WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

o.41

1 Application

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

2 Principles

a) The Senior Team World Cup is composed 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 is composed of eight integral competitions and points will be awarded at the end of each competition.

b) The teams are made up of **three fencers**, with or without a substitute.

c) The matches proceed according to the **team-relay formula**, as provided for in Article o.99 of these Rules.

3 Participation

Team participation is open to all countries and limited to one team per weapon per country.

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.42

1. The Zonal Championships recognised by the FIE are the Senior Zonal Championships and the Junior Zonal Championships. Other competitions may be organized by the Zonal Confederations (Veterans, U 23, Cadet circuit, etc.).

2. The program of the Senior Zonal Championships comprises twelve events, six individual and six team —men's foil, women's foil, men's epee, women's epee, men's sabre and women's sabre.

3. The program of the Junior Zonal Championships comprises 6 individual events, and 6 team events — men's foil, women's foil, men's epee, women's epee, men's sabre and women's sabre.

4. The formulae of the competitions are specified in the rules and in the following articles: o.100, o.101 and o.102 (o.102.1 first sentence and o.102.2).

5. For Senior and Junior Individual Zone Championships, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to four fencers. For Senior and Junior Team Zone Championships, at each weapon, each federation may enter 1 team (consisting of three fencers with or without a reserve).

OLYMPIC GAMES

o.43

The programme of fencing events at the **Olympic Games** currently comprises twelve events. Any change in the number of events must be approved by the Congress.

REGIONAL GAMES

o.44

1 The **Regional Games** recognised by the FIE are the same as those recognised by the International Olympic Committee, when fencing is on the programme (e.g. the Mediterranean Games, the Pan-American Games, the Central American and Caribbean Games, etc.) as well as the Commonwealth Games.

2 The Rules of the FIE are obligatory in cases which are not provided for by the Rules for Regional Games adopted by the International Olympic Committee.

o.45

SATELLITE COMPETITIONS

Satellite competitions may be organized at any of the 6 weapons.
There are no minimum participation standards.

Chapter 2

INVITATIONS

Official Invitation

o.46

For all the official competitions of the FIE except the Olympic Games, the **official invitation** is the letter in which the Organising Committee invites every FIE member federation to take part in the event.

o.47

For **World Championships**, this invitation must be sent to every FIE member federation four months before the competition.

Invitations for international officials

World Championships

o.48

1 Any proposed **candidature for organising the Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

2 The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, **at their own expense, invite** the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):

a) The **President of the FIE** or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.

b) **Eight members of the Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country and one is Head of Protocol.

c) **Three members of the SEMI Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

d) **Six members of the Refereeing Commission**, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
e) **Three members of the Medical Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
f) The **referees** designated by the Executive Committee at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission in accordance with the Handbook of Regulations.

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Grands Prix, Senior, Junior and Cadet World Cups, Satellites

Official invitation

o.51

For **World Cup competitions and Grands Prix,** the invitations must be sent out at least two months before the competition in question.

If an organising federation fails to comply with the above mentioned deadlines, it will be sanctioned with a fine amounting to 1000 €, paid to the FIE.

Zonal Championships

o.52

For Zonal Championships, invitations must be sent out at least three months before the competition.
If an organizing federation fails to comply with the above-mentioned deadline, it will be sanctioned with a fine of 500 € to be paid to the FIE.

Olympic Games

o.53

The rules for the invitation to and participation in the Olympic Games are established by the IOC.

Regional Games

Technical officials and referees

o.54

The Olympic Rules for Regional Games stipulate that **the control of all the technical organisation of the Games**, including appointing referees and officials, must be entrusted to the international federations. The Organising Committee must pay the expenses (tourist-class air fare, hotel and board) for the following officials:

1 **Directoire Technique: Two foreign members** if the Directoire Technique has three members; **five foreign members** if there are six members. The Directoire Technique is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

2 **Checking of Equipment: One or two representatives of the SEMI Committee**, depending on the importance of the fencing events at the Games. These representatives are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

3 **Refereeing delegate: A representative of the Refereeing Committee**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

4 **Neutral referees: At least two international referees** from countries outside the region of the Games, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission.

Chapter 3

ENTRIES

Senior and Junior World Championships, Zonal championships

Intention to participate in the World Championships

o.55

The **forms** must be sent to all federations at the same time as the official invitation. The federations must indicate their **intention to participate** three months before the beginning of the Championships.

Entries for World Championships (all categories) and Zonal Senior and Junior Championships

o.56

1 Three months before the start of the World Championships, the federations will receive an **entry form** from the Organising Committee, on which they are required to specify the **number** of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition's programme, two months before the start of the first event.

2 The entry of fencers and teams by name is to be made via the FIE website. This entry of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the entry of teams, must be made:

- fifteen days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the World Championships at the latest.
- seven days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the Zonal Championships at the latest.

3 **Withdrawal of a fencer.**

After the cut-off date for entries, there can be no further withdrawal of a name except in any case of force majeure duly justified.

Should a fencer or team who have been entered **not present themselves to fence**, their federation will be penalised by a **fine** (**cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines**), payable to the FIE, **except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.**

4 **Addition of fencer(s) after the cut-off date.**

Nevertheless, one or more fencers may be added, up until 10.00am (**local time in the town hosting the World or Zonal Championships**) on the day before the competition, after payment to the FIE of a **penalty (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) per fencer added**. To do this the national federation must address a request to the FIE to add a fencer, together with immediate payment of the penalty.

5 **Changes of names**, only with the agreement of the FIE, can only be made at the latest up to 24 hours before the start of each event.

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At the **Senior World Championships**, entries are limited to four fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events and one team per weapon per nation for the team events.

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The Junior and Cadet World Championships are open to all FIE member federations.

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For the Cadet World Championships, entries are limited to three fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events.

For the Junior World Championships, the entries are limited to four fencers per nation for each individual event, and one team per weapon per nation for the team events.

Zone Championship

o.60

For junior and senior Individual Zone Championship competitions, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to 4 fencers.

For junior and senior Team Zone Championship competitions, at each weapon, the federations may enter 1 team (consisting of three fencers with or without a reserve).

Grand Prix, Senior and Junior World Cups (individual and team), Cadet World Cups and Satellite competitions.

o.61

1 **The entry of the names** of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams with the indication of the names of those composing them, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time).

For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, up to the day before the competition, at the latest at the end of the quarter finals of the individual competition. However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or other medical reason duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

2 **Withdrawal of a fencer or team**.

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for injury, other medical reason or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.

3 **Substitution of a fencer.**

Until two days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time), a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

4 **Addition of a fencer or a team after the deadline.**

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.31, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional entry.

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 until 12 noon (local time) on 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 o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional entry.

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.

5 Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, except in cases of properly authenticated ‘force majeure’.

6 The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a fine payable to the FIE **(cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines),** 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.

o.62

1 For **Grand Prix competitions and Individual World Cup competitions**, Cadet, Junior and Senior, Senior and Junior, at each weapon, each national federation may enter a maximum of 12 fencers. The organising country may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

2 For **Individual World Cup competitions outside Europe**, the organising country may enter up to 30 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

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Olympic Games

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Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' National Olympic Committee.

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PART C: PROCEDURES DURING THE COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1
FORMULAE

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

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Individual competitions may be organised:

a) **By direct elimination with a mixed system** consisting of one round of eliminating pools and a preliminary direct elimination table, followed by a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

b) **By direct elimination with a mixed system** consisting of one round of eliminating pools, followed by a direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

c) **By direct elimination throughout**. (This tableau, applicable at the Olympic Games, is contained as an annexe.)

A. GENERAL RULES FOR THE ROUND OF POOLS

o.67

1 In **all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools**, these pools consist of **7** fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. Otherwise the pools are of 7 and 6. In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.

If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the Directoire Technique must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers in the same round of pools, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

Depending on the number of participants, the pool round may take place over several rounds. The Directoire Technique must then provide for each pool round, pools of 7 and 6 (if applicable) in order to balance one or more pools in the event of fencers absent at roll call in pools of 6.

2 **At World Cup and Grand Prix competitions** the organising country may add the necessary number of fencers of their own nationality for all the pools to consist of 7 fencers.

Composition of pools

o.68

1 The pools are composed taking account of the initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking. The pools are composed using the following method:

Pool	A	B	C
Fencer ranked	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
	18	17	16
	19	20	21

2 **The allocation of fencers in the pools** must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality in different pools, as far as possible. If a fencer is placed in a pool where there is already a fencer of the same nationality, he is moved one or more places down the ranking until he is placed in a pool without a fencer of the same nationality. If this is not possible, he must remain in the original pool.

3 **The order of fencers** on the pool sheet is decided by drawing lots.

4 The pools must be fenced **up to the last bout**.

o.69

The order of bouts in the pools is as follows:

1. Pool of seven

1–4	5–1	3–5
2–5	4–3	1–6
3–6	6–2	2–4
7–1	5–7	7–3
5–4	3–1	6–5
2–3	4–6	1–2
6–7	7–2	4–7

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

o.70

When there are several fencers from the same country in a pool:

1 If they **do not form the majority** of the competitors in the pool, they must fence off the bouts between themselves before meeting competitors of another nationality.

2 If they **form the majority** of the competitors in the pool, the Directoire Technique may establish a special order of bouts, departing as little as possible from the principle laid down in 3.a) below, in order to obviate excessive fatigue or delays for the competitors who form the minority in the pool.

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.69 above.

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.

c) When a pool contains among its six fencers **four fencers of the same nationality A** and two others of different nationalities, the four fencers of nationality A are placed on the pool sheet as 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the order of bouts in the pool is as follows:

3–1	1–2	4–5
4–2	3–4	6–2
1–4	1–6	5–1
2–3	2–5	6–4
5–6	3–6	5–3

4 Example of the order of fencers of the same nationality in a pool of seven:

a) When this pool contains, among the seven fencers,

- **two fencers of nationality A**, or
- **two fencers of nationality A and two fencers of nationality B**, or
- **two fencers of nationality A, two fencers of nationality B and two fencers of nationality C**,

the fencers of the same nationality are listed on the pool sheet so that they fence their first bout against each other while following the order of fights laid down in Article o.69 above for a pool of seven fencers.

b) When the pool contains, among the seven fencers,

- **three fencers of nationality A**, or
- **three fencers of nationality A and two fencers of nationality B**, or
- **three fencers of nationality A, two fencers of nationality B and two fencers of nationality C**

the three fencers of nationality A must be listed 1, 2 and 3 on the pool sheet, the two fencers of nationality B, 4 and 5, and the two fencers of nationality C, 6 and 7.

The order of bouts for the pool of seven, detailed in Article o.69, is no longer valid and must be replaced by the following order:

1–2	6–2	1–4
4–5	3–4	2–7
6–7	7–5	5–3
3–1	1–6	6–4
4–7	4–2	7–1
2–3	7–3	2–5
5–1	5–6	3–6

o.71

1 If a bout in a pool is **interrupted by an accidental cause**, and this interruption is likely to be prolonged, the Referee may (with the consent of the Directoire Technique, or possibly the Organising Committee) alter the order of bouts in such a way as to allow the normal progress of the competition to proceed.

2 **The time allowed for a fencer to rest** between two consecutive bouts in a pool is three minutes.

o.72

Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the **number of fencers who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the pools**.

o.73

1 After the pools, a **single general ranking** is established of all the fencers who have taken part in the pools, taking account, successively, of the indices *V*/*M*, *HS* – *HR*, *HS*.
(*V* = victories; *M* = bouts; *HS* = hits scored; *HR* = hits received.)

2 A **summary classification table** is then made in the following way:

a) The results written up on the summary table are added up to ascertain the **two indices** required.
b) The **first index**, for the initial classification, is obtained by dividing the number of victories by the number of bouts fought, using the formula *V*/*M*.
c) The fencer with the **highest index** (maximum 1) is seeded first.

d) In cases of **equality in this first index**, and to separate fencers with equal first indices, a second index is established, using the formula *HS – HR*, the difference between the total number of hits scored and hits received.
e) **In cases of equality of the two indices *V/M* and *HS – HR***, the fencer who has scored most hits is seeded highest.
f) In cases of **absolute equality** between two or more fencers, their seeding order is decided by drawing lots.

3 Should there be **absolute equality among the last to qualify** there is no barrage, and the fencers with equal indicators are all qualified, even if they are in excess of the number decided on.

Withdrawal

o.74

1 A fencer who **is not present at the start of the pool** is scratched from the pool and is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Did Not Start".

2 A fencer who abandons in the course of a pool is scratched from the pool and is recorded in the list of results with the information 'Did Not Finish'.

3. A fencer who **is excluded during the pool phase** is scratched from the pool, and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Excluded".

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B. GENERAL RULES FOR THE DIRECT ELIMINATION

o.76

The **direct elimination table (bout plan)** is established taking account of the classification table and the special rules for each competition (see Figure 7a). The principle of protection of nationality will not be applied.

o.77

The Organizing committee of a competition must **publish the direct elimination bout plan**, showing on it the scheduled time for each bout from the table of 64 onwards.

o.78

1 During the one-minute rests a person, named before the bout, may have access to the fencer.

2 A clock, incorporated into the electrical scoring apparatus, blocks the latter at the end of each period.

Withdrawal

o.79

1 From the beginning of the direct elimination tableau, if for whatever reason, a fencer does not fence, or **is unable to fence, or does not complete his bout**, his opponent is declared winner of that bout. A fencer who withdraws does not lose his place in the overall classification of the competition and is recorded in the result list with the information "Did Not Finish".

2 A fencer who **is excluded** is scratched from the direct elimination table and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "Excluded". Cf. t.149.2, t.170.

Order of bouts

o.80

1 In each round of the direct elimination table (256, 128, 64, 32, 16, 8 or 4), the bouts are always called **in the order of the bout plan**, starting at the top and ending at the bottom.

2 This rule must also be applied for **each quarter or eighth of the table**, when the direct elimination is taking place simultaneously on 4 or 8 pistes.

3 A fencer must always be allowed a **rest period of ten minutes** between two consecutive bouts.

The final

o.81

1 The final, which is by direct elimination, will preferably consist of 4 fencers.

2 The finals of both women's and men's events at the same weapon should preferably be held on the same day.

Classification

o.82

1 The **general classification** is obtained as follows:

First: the winner of the bout for the first place
Second: the loser of the bout for the first place

2 The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equal third, when it is not necessary to separate them.

3 When it is necessary to separate them, a bout for third and fourth places will be fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.

4 The remainder are placed, in each round of the tableau:

a) Competitions with a round of pools: according to the ranking for the drawing of the direct elimination tableau following the pools.

b) Competitions with no round of pools: according to the ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.

5 **The fencers eliminated in the round of pools** are ranked according to their classification in this round and they are placed after those who qualified for the direct elimination.

C. MIXED FORMULA A. SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SENIOR WORLD CUPS AND GRAND PRIX

Mixed formula A

o.83

One qualifying round of pools, a preliminary direct elimination table, a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers to qualify for a final by direct elimination.

This formula is used for the **individual competitions of the Senior World Championships** as well as for the **Senior World Cup competitions** and **Grand Prix competitions**.

o.84

Apart from the details that follow, the general rules for **pools and direct elimination** prescribed above apply.

o.85

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

2 The **16 fencers entered who are ranked highest in the most recent official FIE classification** are exempt from the preliminary phase.

3 **Should a fencer who has been entered not turn up, a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, is inflicted on the Federation of the fencer at fault** except in a case of force majeure which is duly justified.

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

o.86

1 **The preliminary phase** consists of one round of pools, from which 20%–30% of the participants in the pools are eliminated, based on the indices of all competing in them, and a preliminary direct elimination table. For Grand Prix competitions, the number of fencers eliminated on the indices of the pools must be 30%

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2 **After the round of pools,** the 16 fencers ranked highest on the general index (cf o.73) are exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table. Should there be a tie between two or more fencers for the 16th place, there will be a barrage for 5 hits to decide who is ranked 16th. Following the barrage, the ranking of the fencers is determined according to V, HS-HR, HS.

3 The remainder of the fencers qualifying from the pools will make up a **preliminary integral direct elimination table**. This will be based on the indices of the fencers in all the pools (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots). This table, be it complete or incomplete, will be fenced until only 32 fencers remain.

o.87

1 **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. Grand Prix competitions must be fenced either on four pistes or on eight pistes, all equipped with the video refereeing.

2 **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.

3 **Should one of the 16 exempted fencers** who had been entered **not present himself** to fence (cf. o.85), his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay to the FIE a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) unless his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside his control.

4 **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).

5 **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.

6 The drawing of lots and allocation of the qualified fencers in the main table (T64) shall be made at the end of the preliminary table in the presence of the Directoire Technique President.

o.88

There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will be placed **equal third**.

D. MIXED FORMULA B – JUNIOR AND CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, CADET WORLD CUPS, JUNIOR WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS AND ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Mixed Formula B

o.89

One qualifying round of pools, a direct elimination table to qualify for a final by direct elimination.

This formula is used for the individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, the Cadet and Junior World Cup competitions and Zonal Championships. The seeding rules for the Zonal Cadet Championships are established by the Zonal Confederations.

o.90

Apart from the details that follow, the general rules for pools and direct elimination described above apply.

o.91

The competitions are run on **one single day per weapon.**

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The competition consists of **one round of pools**, in which **all the fencers present take part**, and an integral direct elimination table.

o.93

1 All the fencers qualifying from the round of pools are placed in a direct elimination table, complete or incomplete, according to the **indices resulting from the pools**. This table is fenced right through to the final.

2 From the last 32 the direct elimination bouts will take place:

- either **on 4 pistes**, with each quarter of the table fenced on one piste.
- or on 8 pistes, with each quarter of the table fenced on 2 pistes.

o.94

There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will be placed **equal third**.

E. FORMULA C.

Olympic Games

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The organisation formulae for the Olympic Games are established by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the IOC. (See art. 9.1.2.1 of the Administrative rules).

Regional Games

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The organization formulae for the Regional Games are established by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the IOC. (See chapter 9 of the Administrative rules).

TEAM COMPETITIONS

A. SENIOR AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.97

At each weapon teams consist of **three fencers**, with or without a reserve.
A team may begin a match only **if it is complete**.

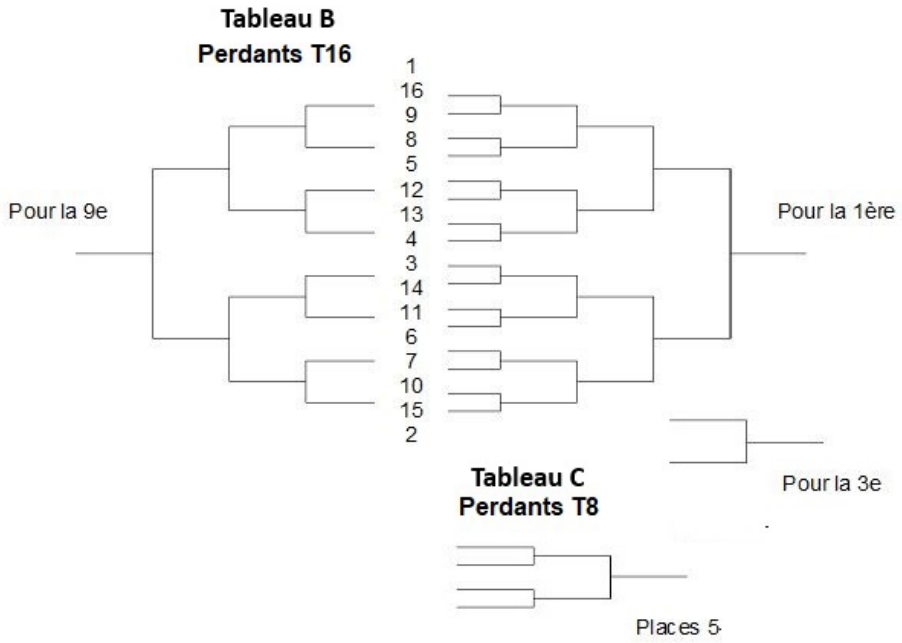
o.98

1 The competition is run by **integral direct elimination** with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete (see table Annex b).

2 At the Junior and Senior World Championships the teams occupy the places in the table according to the **most recent official team ranking of the FIE**. The teams that are not classified occupy the last places in the table and will be separated by drawing of lots.

3 **At the Senior and Junior World Championships,** all places in the table up to 16th place are fought for. From 17th place onwards teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.

ANNEXE B : TABLEAU TYPE D'ELIMINATION DIRECTE POUR LES COMPETITIONS PAR EQUIPES



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The **formula** for the competition is as follows.

1 The **relay formula** applies to all weapons.

2 The three fencers of one team fence the three fencers of the opposing team (**9 relay bouts**).

3 The bouts of each match have to be fought in the following **order**:

3–6	2–5
1–5	1–4
2–4	2–6
1–6	3–5
3–4	

If this order is **altered**, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored following the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order.

4 **The position of each team on the match score-sheet** is decided by drawing lots. **The order of the individual fencers** is then decided by the team captains.

5

a) In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to **substitute** for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout **of a substituted fencer** and **the announcement,** that a fencer is to be substituted, must be made at the latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced and must be reported by the Referee to the opposing team captain, except the substitution in case listed in o.99.6.a. However, the fencer who has been replaced may fence one more time during that match, but only to replace the fencer who originally substituted him. This second replacement is not allowed if the first replacement has been made for the reasons listed in article o.99.6. No further substitution for a fencer on the piste is allowed, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. At World Championships and Olympic Games, the referee must also report this immediately to the Directoire Technique.

b) If an **accident** occurs in the bout which follows the request for a substitution, the team captain may annul that request.

c) If the captain of the opposing team has also requested a substitution, this substitution may be **implemented or cancelled**.

6

a) If a member of a team is **obliged to retire** during a match as the result of **an accident** which has been **duly recognised** by a medical representative of the FIE, the captain of his team may ask to put in a reserve to continue the match at the point where the competitor who was obliged to retire withdrew, even during a bout in progress.

b) However, **a competitor who is thus replaced** cannot again take his place in the team **during the same match.**

7 a) If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to withdraw, and the team is therefore incomplete, it has lost the match and must withdraw from the competition. The team retains its place in the final ranking.

b) If a fencer is excluded during a team match, his/her team has lost the match and the team is excluded from the competition without any final ranking. Cf. t.160.

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8 When for any reason whatever a team does not complete an event in which it is taking part, the Directoire Technique will apply the rules laid down for a competitor who does not complete an event in an individual competition, **each team being considered in its entirety as being a single competitor**. Cf. t.124.3.b, t.170.

9 When a team **fails to appear** against another team it is considered:

a) as not completing the event in which it is taking part, if it has already fenced against another team (cf. o.79);

b) as not competing at all in the event, if it is its first match.

10 A 10-minute rest must always be given between two matches of the same team.

B. SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAM WORLD CUPS AND ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.100

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

o.101

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 other medical reason, duly attested by the duty doctor.

o.102

1 The **first four teams** are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.109); 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** based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.

At the Zonal Championships, teams without FIE ranking will occupy the last places in the table. They will be separated according to the final ranking obtained in the individual competition by the three best fencers in the team. The fencers of the teams who do not have a ranking in the individual competition will take the last place +1.

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C. OLYMPIC GAMES

o.104

The organisation formulae for the Olympic Games are established by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the IOC. (See art. 9.1.1.1 of the Administrative rules).

Chapter 2

VIDEO REFEREEING

Video Refereeing

o.105

Video-refereeing is compulsory at all three weapons at Grand Prix, Senior World Cup individual and team competitions, the Junior and Cadet World Championships, the World Championships and Olympic Games, Zonal Championships and qualification events for the Olympic Games. It is optional at the Veteran World Championships.

1 For World Cup individual, Grand Prix competitions, Zone Championships and qualification events for the Olympic Games, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on 4 pistes or 8 pistes, and in any case, **from the table of 64.**

2 For World Cup team competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory **as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes** including the match for 3rd place, but excluding the other ranking matches.

3 For individual and team competitions of the Senior World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory **as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing,** including ranking matches table 5-8.

4 For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing and in any case, **from the table of 32.**

For team competitions video-refereeing is compulsory **from the table of 16,** including ranking matches table 5-8.

5 For individual and team events at the Olympic Games, the video-refereeing system is mandatory **in all three weapons, at all stages of the competition.**

Competitions	Individual event VIDEO, from	Team event VIDEO, from	Number of pistes equipped with VIDEO	Teams and ranking matches
Senior World Cup	T 64	T16	4 or 8	T 1-8
Cadet and Junior World Cup	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory
Grand-Prix	T 64	----------	4 or 8	----------
Senior World Championships	T 64	T16	4 or 8	T 1-8
Junior/Cadet World Championships	T 32	T 16 (juniors)	8	T 1-8
Senior Zonal Championship	T 64	T 16	4 or 8	T 1-8
Junior Zonal Championship	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory
Veteran World Championships	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory	not mandatory
Zonal qualifying events for the Olympic Games	Pools	---------- -	All pistes	----------
Olympic Games	Mandatory for all phases of the Olympic competition			

Chapter 3

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping testing

o.106

An **anti-doping test** must be carried out at all official competitions of the FIE in accordance with the regulations in Article o.107 and the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIE. It may begin from the start of the competition and applies to fencers who have finished fencing.

o.107

1 Doping is forbidden by the FIE. Any breaking of this rule will incur disciplinary action.

2 Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Articles 2.1 to 2.8 of the FIE Anti-Doping Rules.

3 The FIE 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 FIE also adopts in full the WADA 'Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods' document.

4 The FIE reserves the right to conduct doping control during competitions — that is, at any competition organised under its control — as well as out-of-competition.

5 The athletes who participate in FIE competitions undertake to respect the FIE anti-doping Rules, to use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and to agree to submit to any anti-doping control, whether in- or out- of competition;

6 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 FIE.

7 The penalties and consequences of the penalties arising from violations of the anti-doping rules are those laid down in the Anti-Doping-Rules of the FIE.

8 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.

9 Doping offences committed and penalised in any 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.

10 Modification of the FIE Anti-Doping Rules falls within the competence of the Executive Committee.

PART D: PROCEDURES AFTER THE COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1
RANKING

Official FIE individual ranking

o.108

1 Principles

a) **The official Senior 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) **The official Cadet 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.

d) For Senior, Junior and Cadet rankings, the ranking is **rolling.**

The competitions are numbered in order of the dates provided in the calendar and by competition category (World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite events).

The points awarded in event 1 of the current season replace the points awarded in event 1 of the previous season and so on.

If an event is cancelled during the current season, the points acquired during the corresponding event of the previous season will be deleted on the date assigned to this event in the calendar of the current season.

e) **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.

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

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

2 Scale of points

a) The ranking **of Seniors, Juniors and Cadets** is based on the **following points system**:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place *ex aequo*	20 points
5th–8th places	14 points
9th–16th places	8 points
17th–32nd places	4 points
33rd–64th places	2 points
65th–96th places	1 point
97th-128th	0.5 point
129th-256th	0.25 point

b) Points obtained in an **individual World Cup competition** are multiplied by a factor of 1.

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

d) Points obtained in the individual events of the **Senior 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 3.0. At the **Olympic Games, fourth** place is awarded 54 points.

f) Only fencers who have **actually participated** in a direct elimination table can receive any points.

3 Honours

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each **senior** official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Senior 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.

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each **cadet** official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

o.109

Official team ranking of the FIE

1 Principle

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

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

The official team ranking of the FIE is rolling and **updated on a permanent basis**:

Team World Cup events are numbered in order of their scheduled dates in the calendar.

The points awarded in Event 1 of the current season replace the points awarded in Event 1 of the previous season and so on.

If an event is cancelled during the current season, the points acquired in the corresponding event of the previous season will be deleted on the date allocated to that event in the current season's calendar.

b) Should several teams **have equal points**, the same rules shall apply as for the official FIE individual ranking (cf. o.108)

c) 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	21 points
5th place 32 points	14th	20 points
6th place 30 points	15th	19 points
7th place 28 points	16th	18 points
8th place 26 points	17th–32nd	8 points
9th place 25 points	33rd to 64th	4 points

b) For the World Team Championships, the points indicated above are multiplied by two.

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 Senior World Championships or Olympic Games.

Chapter 2

NATIONS' GRAND PRIX RANKING

o.110

The FIE gold medal, which is the Grand Prix des Nations, is awarded each year as follows:
Grand Prix des nations Cadets
Grand Prix des nations Juniors
Grand Prix des nations Seniors
Grand Prix des nations Veterans

In each of the these categories, the Grand Prix des nations will be awarded to the nation which has won the most gold medals in all the individual and team events of the corresponding World Championships.

If two nations have equal scores, the winner will be the one which has won the most silver medals.

If there is still equality, the winner will be the one which has won the most bronze medals.
If there is still equality, both nations are declared winners, and both will receive the Grand Prix des nations.

PART E - VETERANS

BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISATION AND CONTROL

Organising Committee Veterans

o.111

The Directoire Technique is composed of people who have the experience and competence to organise competitions.

The Directoire Technique is composed of four members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held and, if possible, a representative of the country where the competition will be held the following year. There must be at least one member from each gender.

o.112

Appointment of refereeing, SEMI and medical delegates

Two Refereeing delegates, one SEMI delegate and three (3) Medical delegates must be the members of the FIE Commissions and be appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.
For the Veteran World Championships, of the six (6) designated delegates there must be at least two delegates of each gender, if the availability of the delegates and continental representation allow it.

APPLICATION: immediate

Refereeing

o.113

Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council.
Referees must attend the refereeing meeting that takes place the day before the World Championships.

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

o.114

The age groups in veteran competitions are:

a) Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.
b) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.
c) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.
d) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition.

Pre-competition procedures

PROGRAMMING

VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.115

1 The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises thirty-six events, twenty-four individual – four categories for each weapon - and twelve team — male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre (two categories for each weapon and gender). The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the corresponding two individual categories of each weapon.

2 No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.

3 Each competition must be held in one single day, except for team events for which the round of pools may be achieved the day before direct elimination avoiding long periods of inactivity.

INVITATIONS

Invitation to international officials

Veterans

o.116

1 Any proposed candidature for organising the Veteran World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

2 The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, at their own expense, invite the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):

a) The President of the FIE or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
b) Four members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country (see also o.111).
c) One member of the SEMI Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
d) Two members of the Refereeing Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
e) Three members of the Medical Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
f) The referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

The officials a) to e) should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.

APPLICATION: immediate

ENTRIES

Veterans World Championships

Entries for competitions

o.117

1 The **entry of the names** of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time).
For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, up to the day before the competition, not later than 4.00 pm (local time).
However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or other medical reason duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

2 **Withdrawal of a fencer or team.**

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for injury or other medical reason or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.

3 **Substitution of a fencer.**

Until the Wednesday preceding the competition (midnight, Lausanne time), a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

4 **Addition of a fencer or a team after the deadline.**
From the Wednesday preceding the competition until 12 noon (local time) on 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 penalty according to the scale in force (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines).

5 Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, will be imposed to the federation of the faulty fencer or team, except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.

6 The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a fine payable to the FIE (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), refuse any entry of either fencer or referee not in possession of an FIE license valid for the current season.

PROCEDURES DURING COMPETITIONS

Composition of the pools for the individual Veterans championships

o.118

The pools are composed taking into account the following orders of strength:

1 The fencers ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two Veterans World Championships, irrespective of age category changes.

Scores are awarded according to the following table:

1st place 80 points	31th place 7 points	61th place 3,2 points
2nd place 65 points	32th place 6,5 points	62th place 3,1 points
3rd place *ex aequo* 50 points	33th place 6 points	63th place 3 points
5th place 38 points	34th place 5,9 points	64th place 2,9 points
6th place 36 points	35th place 5,8 points	65th place 2,8 points
7th place 34 points	36th place 5,7 points	66th place 2,7 points
8th place 32 points	37th place 5,6 points	67th place 2,6 points

9th place 30 points	38th place 5,5 points	68th place 2,5 points
10th place 28 points	39th place 5,4 points	69th place 2,4 points
11th place 26 points	40th place 5,3 points	70th place 2,3 points
12th place 24 points	41th place 5,2 points	71th place 2,2 points
13th place 22 points	42th place 5,1 points	72th place 2,1 points
14th place 20 points	43th place 5 points	73th place 2 points
15th place 18 points	44th place 4,9 points	74th place 1,9 points
16th place 16 points	45th place 4,8 points	75th place 1,8 points
17th place 14 points	46th place 4,7 points	76th place 1,7 points
18th place 13,5 points	47th place 4,6 points	77th place 1,6 points
19th place 13 points	48th place 4,5 points	78th place 1,5 points
20th place 12,5 points	49th place 4,4 points	79th place 1,4 points
21th place 12 points	50th place 4,3 points	80th place 1,3 points
22th place 11,5 points	51th place 4,2 points	81th place 1,2 points
23th place 11 points	52th place 4,1 points	82th place 1,1 points
24th place 10,5 points	53th place 4 points	83th place 1 points
25th place 10 points	54th place 3,9 points	84th place 0,9 points
26th place 9,5 points	55th place 3,8 points	85th place 0,8 points
27th place 9 points	56th place 3,7 points	86th place 0,7 points
28th place 8,5 points	57th place 3,6 points	87th place 0,6 points
29th place 8 points	58th place 3,5 points	88th place 0,5 points
30th place 7,5 points	59th place 3,4 points	89th place 0,4 points
	60th place 3,3 points	90th place 0,3 points
		91th place 0,2 points
		92th place 0,1 points
		93th place and after 0 points

2 All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.

3 The allocation of fencers in the pools must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality in different pools, as far as possible (staggering).

4 If in any category there are fewer than ten competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique followed by direct elimination.

5 If in any category there are fewer than 6 competitors, they will fence with the next lower age category. A separate ranking for that category will be extrapolated from the combined categories' final rankings at the end of the competition.

6 If in any category there is only one competitor, the event in that category is cancelled.

7 No fencer is eliminated after the pools. All the fencers participate in the direct elimination phase.

VETERANS TEAM EVENTS

o.119

1 Participation

Each country may enter one team per category (Veterans and Grand Veterans) per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of twelve competitions. The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon.
2 The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:

Veterans: teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 40-49 or to age group 50-59, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 50-59, plus up to two reserves.

Grand Veterans: teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 60-69 or to age group 70 and over, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 70 and over, plus up to two reserves.

Fencing mode is 45 hits relay described in o.99 with application of non-combativity rule at any match.

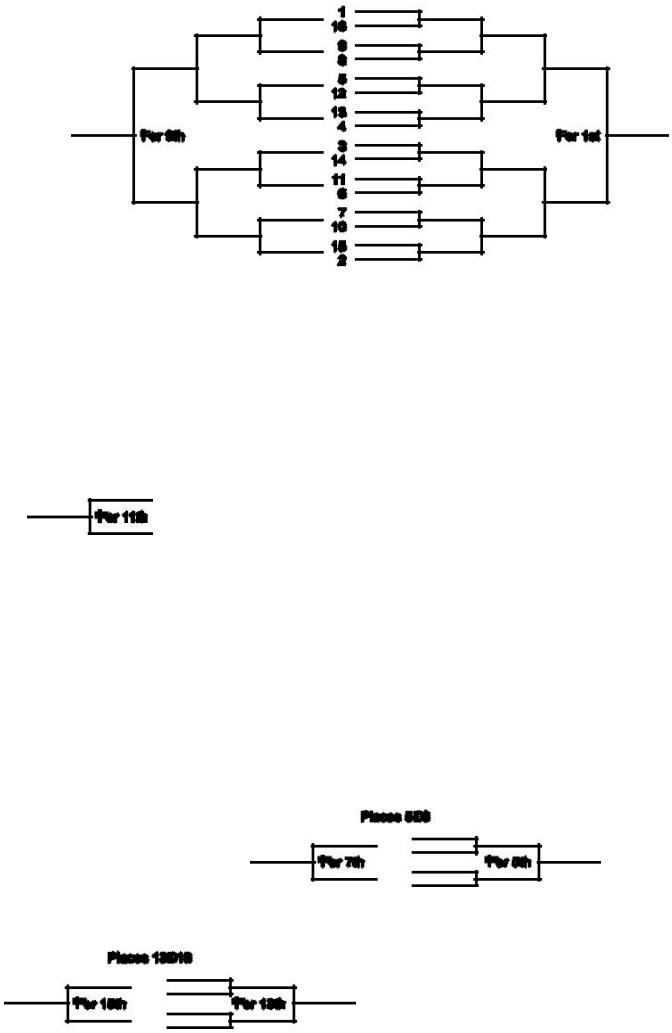
a) In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon or who is registered but has yet to compete, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.
b) The teams are placed in the direct elimination table according to the ranking of the two best fencers in each category in the individual championship, registered for the team event. In the table 16 the losers are placed in table B with direct elimination, losers from the table of 8 are placed in table C with direct elimination (Annexe B). Teams are ranked, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table. The losers of the semifinals will fight for the 3rd place. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of each match.
c) Each team may request, before a given relay, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or other medical reason, duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.
There can be up to two substitutions of reserves per match but must maintain compliance with the age category representation requirement.

A fencer, once substituted, may not fence again in that match.

ANNEX A : TABLEAU TYPE DE 64 TIREURS POUR LES COMPETITIONS INDIVIDUELLES

Figure 7a. Bout plan for individual direct elimination (table for 64 fencers)

ANNEX B: STANDARD DIRECT ELIMINATION TABLE FOR TEAM COMPETITIONS



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