

MEMBERSHIP OF A NATIONAL FEDERATION

Any federation seeking FIE membership must provide the FIE head-office with the following documents:

- **8.1** A letter requesting the affiliation;
- **8.2** A recent letter <u>in the original</u> from the National Olympic Committee (NOC) certifying that the federation is the only acknowledged body governing fencing by the NOC of the federation;
- **8.3** The Statutes of the federation, which must mention that the federation and its members commit to complying with, and ensuring in all circumstances compliance with, the Statutes, Rules, Administrative Rules, Anti-Doping Code of the FIE as well as any other rule enacted by the FIE. These Statutes will be studied by FIE's Legal Commission, which may request any change necessary to align the Federation Statutes with FIE's rules;
- **8.4** The actual number of licenced fencers, fencing masters, coaches, fencing halls, and clubs in the country of the federation. The Executive Committee requires a minimum of 12 licenced fencers and 1 coach.
- **8.5** The composition and full address of the federation's Executive Committee;
- **8.6** The full address (address, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail) the logo of the federation, and the photograph of the President and General Secretary;
- **8.7** The list of activities already organised by the Federation at the national level;
- **8.8** Upon receipt of these documents, the FIE Executive Committee shall be consulted. Prior to taking a decision, it shall have the opportunity to ask for any additional information it will deem necessary, and, if it considers it useful, to delegate one of its members (who should be from a different continent as the one of the federation seeking affiliation) to visit the country of the federation requesting affiliation. Subsequently, the Executive Committee will make a decision regarding the provisional affiliation of the federation. This provisional affiliation will then have to be ratified by the FIE Congress. Any federation receiving provisional affiliation is also granted full rights and obligations in relation to the FIE.
- **8.9** Newly affiliated federations are exempted from paying their annual fee to the FIE for a period of 3 years starting from the announcement of their final affiliation to the FIE.