

RULES FOR COMPETITIONS
BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES

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BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES CHAPTER 1.

COMPETITIONS

o.1.

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

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1. The official competitions of the FIE are open to fencers (individual or team) of all **FIE members National Federations**. ~~of member countries~~
2. Every competitor or designated official in a competition, irrespective of his status, is required to be **licensed for the current season** (cf. Statutes, Chapter IX).

CHAPTER 2.

~~BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISATION AND CONTROL~~

TERMINOLOGY

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

o.3

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

THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE FIE

o.4

The Central Office of the FIE controls the activities of the Directoire Technique at the Olympic Games, the World Championships, ~~and~~ the Junior and Cadet World Championships, ~~and the Veterans World Championships~~, as described in Article **o.63**.

THE DIRECTOIRE TECHNIQUE

o.5. The technical organisation of competitions is entrusted to a Directoire Technique, ~~the functions and scope of whose activities~~ ~~whose functions and activities~~ are described in the Rules (cf. t.97, **o.56-62**).

~~AUXILIARY SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL~~

o.6

The **Organising Committee will must** appoint:

1. Scorers and time-keepers

The ~~organisers~~ **Organising Committee must** appoint, on their own responsibility, **scorers** whose duty ~~is 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 ~~is it will be~~ to keep time for the duration of the bouts (cf. t.30ss).

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

2. The Organising Committee must appoint qualified personnel to oversee the functioning of the electrical apparatus, in order to ensure the referee of the signalling and inform him, even during the bout, of any irregularity.

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~~ **should the need arise**, in the personal electrical equipment of the fencers.

CHECKING OF EQUIPMENT

o.7

The checking of the organisers' 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 3. ENTRIES FOR COMPETITIONS~~

~~o.8. Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' national federation (for the Olympic Games by their national Olympic Committee).~~

CHAPTER 4. 3

TIMETABLE

~~o.9~~ o.8

1. The ~~programme~~ **timetable** 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** ~~should~~ **must** start at a time which, having regard to local routines, **will ensures** that the results can be communicated to the media in sufficient time to allow them to be published.

3. In their timetable the ~~organisers~~ **Organising 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.10~~ o.9

The first round of all the individual and team competitions, **including** ~~for~~ the World Championships and Olympic Games, must be displayed at the latest by 4 p.m. **of** the day before the competition. ~~(cf. t.123).~~

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1. Competition programmes

The programmes and the dates of the competitions are decided by the Executive Committee. See article 9.2.1 of the Administrative rules.

CHAPTER 5 4.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

o.11

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~~ 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~~ 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

c) By direct elimination throughout. (This formula, applicable at the Olympic Games, is contained in annexe.)

GENERAL RULES FOR THE ROUND OF POOLS

o.12

1. In all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools, these pools ~~will~~ consist of 7 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. Otherwise the pools ~~are will be~~ of 7 and 6. In no case may the pools be ~~planned-drawn up~~ to have 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 ~~organisers~~ *Directoire technique* must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers ~~of in the same group of pools~~, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

2. At World Cup 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.13

1. The pools are composed taking *into* account ~~of~~ the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking.

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.

3. The order of fencers on the pool sheet is decided by drawing lots, with the exceptions that follow.

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

o.14

The order of bouts in the pools is as follows:

1. Pool of seven fencers: 1-4 2-5 3-6 7-1 5-4 2-3
 6-7 5-1 4-3 6-2 5-7 3-1
 4-6 7-2 3-5 1-6 2-4 7-3
 6-5 1-2 4-7

2. Pool of six fencers: 1-2 4-3 6-5 3-1 2-6 5-4
 1-6 3-5 4-2 5-1 6-4 2-3
 1-4 5-2 3-6

o.15

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 (3a) below ~~above~~, in order to ~~obviate~~ avoid 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~~ the pool of six is that shown in Article o.14 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 of the bouts becomes: ~~will be:~~

1-2 4-5 2-3 5-6 3-1 6-4
2-5 1-4 5-3 1-6 4-2 3-6
5-1 3-4 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.
- The order of bouts will be as laid down in Article o.14.

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 4-2 1-4 2-3 5-6 1-2 3-4 1-6 2-5 3-6 4-5 6-2 5-1 6-4 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.14 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.14, is no longer valid and must be replaced by the following order:

1-2 4-5 6-7 3-1 4-7 2-3 5-1 6-2 3-4 7-5
1-6 4-2 7-3 5-6 1-4 2-7 5-3 6-4 7-1 2-5 3-6

o.16

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.

DURATION OF THE BOUT

o.17

A.

1. ~~Duration of the bout is held to mean means~~ The effective duration, ~~that~~ of the bout is the total of the intervals of time between the orders 'Play!' 'Allez' and 'Halte'.

2. The duration of the bout is controlled by the Referee or by a time-keeper. For the finals of all official competitions, as well as for all bouts for which a chronometer is visible to the spectators, the chronometer must be so placed that it is visible to the two fencers on the piste and to the Referee.

3. The effective duration of a bout is:

— For pools, 5 hits, maximum 3 minutes.

— For direct elimination bouts, 15 hits, maximum 9 minutes divided into 3 periods of 3 minutes, with one minute's pause between any two periods. As an exception, at sabre, the first period ends either after three minutes or when the score of one fencer reaches 8 hits.

For Veterans the direct elimination is limited to 10 hits, maximum 6 minutes, with one minute's pause between the two periods; at sabre the pause is after 5 hits.

— For team matches, 3 minutes for each bout (~~see art. 43, 5 and 7~~).

B.

In the pools a **bout ends** when:

1. One of the fencers **has scored 5 hits**.

a) In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is the final score of the bout ($V5 - Dn$, where n = the number of hits scored by the losing fencer).

b) **At épée**, if the two fencers reach a score of 4-all, they must fence for a deciding hit, up to the time limit. Any double hit will not be counted (and the fencers will therefore remain where they are on the piste).

2. **Three minutes of effective fencing time** have passed. (~~There is no warning for the last minute.~~)

a) If **when the time limit expires** there is a difference of at least one hit between the scores of the two fencers, the fencer who has scored the greater number of hits is declared winner. The score registered on the score-sheet is the actual score achieved in the bout ($VN - Dn$, where N = the number of hits scored by the winning fencer and n = the number of hits scored by the losing fencer).

b) If at the end of regulation time the scores are equal, ~~the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute,~~ before allowing an additional minute for the deciding hit, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner ~~should if the score still be~~ equal at the end of the extra minute.

c) In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is always the **actual score achieved in the bout**: (VN – Dn if a deciding hit is scored within the extra minute; ~~time limit for the bout.~~ V4 – D4 or V3 – D3 or V2 – D2 or V1 – D1 or V0 – D0 if the winner is designated by drawing lots).

o.18

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

o.19

1. After the pools, a **single general ranking** will be 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** ~~shall~~ **is** then ~~be~~ made in the following way:

a) The results ~~written up recorded~~ on the summary table ~~will be~~ **are** added up to ascertain the **two indices** required.

b) The **first index**, for the initial classification, ~~shall be~~ **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) will be seeded first.

d) In cases of **equality in this first index**, and to separate fencers with equal first indices, a second index ~~will be~~ **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 will be seeded highest.

f) In cases of **absolute equality** between two or more fencers, their seeding order will be decided by drawing lots.

3. Should there be **absolute equality among the last to qualify** there ~~will not be~~ **is not** a barrage, and the fencers with equal indicators ~~will be~~ **are** all **qualified**, even if they are in excess of the number decided on.

Withdrawal

o.20

A fencer who **withdraws, or who is excluded**, is scratched from the pool, and his results are annulled as if he had not taken part.

GENERAL RULES FOR DIRECT ELIMINATION

o.21

1. The **direct elimination table (bout plan)** is established taking account of the classification table (see annex) and the special rules for each competition, ~~(see Figure 7a). The principle of without~~ protection of nationality. ~~will not be applied.~~

o.22

The ~~organisers~~ **Organising 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.23

~~1. The direct elimination bouts are for 15 hits or end when the three periods of three minutes, with a one-minute rest between each period, have passed. As an exception, at sabre, the first period ends either at the expiry of the three minutes or when one of the fencers has scored eight hits.~~

1. During the one-minute rests ~~a~~ the person named before the bout may have access to ~~his~~ the fencer.
2. A clock, incorporated into the electrical scoring apparatus, ~~must~~ block~~s~~ the latter at the end of each period.

o.24

1. The **bout ends** when:
 - One of the fencers has **scored 15 hits, or 10 for the Veterans**; or
 - **9 minutes of effective fencing time, or 6 minutes for the Veterans**, have passed.
2. in this case the fencer who has scored **the greater number of hits** is declared the winner.
3.) If **at the end of regulation time the scores are equal**, ~~the fencers fence for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute~~, before **allowing an additional minute for the deciding hit**, the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner **should if the score** still be equal at the end of the extra minute.
4. In this case the score recorded on the score-sheet is the **real actual score** achieved in the bout.

o.25

Withdrawal

When, for whatever reason, a fencer **cannot fence, or cannot 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.

o.26

Order of bouts

1. In each round of the direct elimination table (i.e. 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.

o.27

The final

1. The final, which is by direct elimination, ~~will preferably~~ consists of 4 fencers.
2. The finals of both men's and women's events at the same weapon should preferably be held on the same day.

Classification

o.28

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.~~ **except in the Olympic Games.**
3. ~~When it is necessary to separate them,~~ **In the Olympic Games** a bout for third and fourth places ~~will be~~ **is** fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.
4. The remainder are placed, within each round of the direct elimination, in accordance with their **classification for the composition of the direct elimination table.**

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.

A. MIXED FORMULA - 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 (OPEN SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN SENIOR WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS)

o.29

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

o.30

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

o.31

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

~~2. The day before the competition, the organisers Organising Committee must publish and send to the FIE the pools and relevant schedules, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest at 3:00 p.m. (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE web site at the latest the day before the competition. No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf o.12.1).~~

2. **From among the entered fencers, the 16 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.86**, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, **is will be** inflicted on the Federation of the fencer at fault, except in a case **of duly justified force majeure. which is**

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

5. ~~The day before the competition, the organisers Organising Committee must publish and send to the FIE the pools and relevant schedules, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest by at 3:00 p.m. (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE web site at the latest the day before the competition. No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf o.12.1).~~

o.32

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 **is must be** 30%.

2. **After the round of pools**, the 16 fencers ranked highest on the general index **(cf o.19)** 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.

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 either~~ complete or incomplete, ~~is~~ ~~will be~~ fenced until only 32 fencers remain.

o.33

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 on ~~(only)~~ four pistes.

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.31)~~, his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay to the FIE a fine ~~(cf o.86,~~ 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~~ **placed** 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.

~~o.34. There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will be placed equal third.~~

B. MIXED FORMULA - ~~ONE~~ QUALIFYING ROUND OF POOLS, ~~A~~ DIRECT ELIMINATION TABLE TO QUALIFY FOR A FINAL BY DIRECT ELIMINATION (JUNIOR AND CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, **VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND JUNIOR WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS)**

~~o.35~~ **o.34.**

This formula is used for the individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, **Veterans World Championships** and the Junior World Cup competitions.

~~o.36~~ **o.35**

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

~~o.37~~ **o.36**

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

~~o.38~~ **o.37**

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

~~o.39~~ **o.38**

When drawing pools in the **World Cadet Championships**, the Directoire Technique ~~will~~ **must** take account of the following orders of strength:

- 1. The top 8** in the previous year's **World Cadet Championships**;
- 2. The 64 highest** ranked in the **official FIE junior ranking of the year in course**;
- 3. Those placed 9–32** in the previous year's **World Cadet Championships**;
- 4. Those ranked 65 onwards** in the **official FIE ranking of the year in course**;
- 5. The seeding** provided by the **national federations**;
- 6. The DT's decision.**

o.39

1. When drawing the pools in the Veteran World Championships, the Directoire Technique must take into account the following orders of strength:

- a) The 32 highest ranked in the previous year's Championships, irrespective of changes in age category;
- b) The 32 highest ranked in the last Zone championships, if available, irrespective of changes in age category, if available;
- c) All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.

2. If in any category there are fewer than ten (10) competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique.

3. If in any category there are fewer than six (6) competitors, they will fence with an adjacent age category. A separate ranking for this category will be extrapolated from the other category at the end of the competition.

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

o.40

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 **on 4 pistes**, with each quarter of the table fenced on one piste.

~~o.41.~~

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

CHAPTER 6- 5

TEAM COMPETITIONS

A. SENIOR AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (AND OLYMPIC GAMES) TEAM EVENTS

~~o.42~~ **o.41**

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

~~o.43~~ **o.42**

1. The competition is run by **integral direct elimination** with a ~~direct elimination~~ table which may be incomplete (~~see Figure 7b~~). (~~see annex B page ?~~)

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

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

~~o.44~~ **o.43**

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 ~~must have to~~ be fought in the following **order**:

3–6 1–5 2–4 1–6 3–4 2–5 1–4 2–6 3–5

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. (cf. t.86).

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. Each 'lap' (bout) of the relay match consists of **five hits** (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.); the maximum time for each bout is **3 minutes**.

6. The first two opponents fence until one of them has scored five hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes.

The next two opponents fence until one of their scores has reached ten hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes, and so on with successive bouts, cumulatively, of five hits.

7. If by the expiry of 3 minutes ~~of fencing time~~ **the intended score for the bout has not been achieved**, the next two fencers take up the score where it was left off and fence up to the maximum score intended for their bout as normal, within the time limit of 3 minutes.

8. The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits ~~after~~ **at the end-expiry** of regulation time.

9. If at the end of regulation time for the last bout the scores are **equal**, the match continues for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute, fought for by the fencers of the last bout in the match. Before the fencing recommences the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

10. 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. ~~(Until 09/15) The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match in order to replace a fencer on the piste, (From 09/15)~~ **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.44.11. No further substitution for a fencer on the piste is allowed, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. 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. 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.

11.

a) If a member of a team is obliged to ~~retire~~ withdraw 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.

12. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team has **lost the match**.

13. 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**.

14. 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.25);

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

B) VETERAN TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

TEAM COMPOSITION

o.44

1. The above rules (o.42 +) are applicable with the following exceptions:

2. For each weapon, the teams are made up of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one "B" and one "C", with or without one reserve for each category. Only the fencers who have participated in the individual championship may take part of in the team. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.

3. In the case of a team being short of one not having available a fencer in a particular weapon, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon. Fencers that who did not participate in that weapon in the individual championship are ranked with the worst lowest result plus 1.

4. The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the highest place for those having the lowest total.

5. The names of team members must be submitted to the D.T. by 5 pm on the day of the last category of the individual championships at that weapon.

6. Each team may ask to substitute a fencer before the start of the a bout, except in case of injury duly recognized by the Medical delegate, when the substitution can be immediate. There can be only one replacement per match.

7. The A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury may not fence again during that match the competition in that weapon.

If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team has lost the match.

APPLICABLE FORMULA

o.45

1. The relay system is always applied for all categories and weapons.

2. The three fencers of a team fence against the opponent of the same category in the opposing team. Each fencer fences twice his/her opponent twice, for giving a total of 6 bouts. The bouts are for 5 hits (5-10-15-20- etc.); the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes

3. The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regular time.

4. The order of categories for each match is established by drawing lots with in the presence of the team captains.

5. The competition consists of a round of pools of 3 or 4 teams, in which all the teams participate, and a direct elimination phase for a maximum of 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their place after the round of pools.

6. If there are 3, 4 or 5 teams: the teams fence in a poule unique only and the ranking is as indicated in art. **o.19**, without direct elimination.

B C. SENIOR AND JUNIOR WORLD CUP AND ZONEAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COMPETITION

~~e.45~~ **o.46**

1. Apart from the following aspects, the competitions ~~is~~ **are** run in accordance with rules laid down for the team events in the Junior and Senior World Championships.

~~e.46~~ **o.47**

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

~~e.47~~ **o.48**

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

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

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

CHAPTER ~~7.~~ 6

ORGANISATION OF OFFICIAL FIE COMPETITIONS

A. COMMON CONDITIONS

PROGRAMME OF COMPETITIONS

~~e.48~~ **o.49**

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

2. The programme of the Senior World ~~Fencing~~ Championships comprises 12 events, 6 individual and 6 team — ~~male men's~~ foil, ~~female women's~~ foil, ~~male men's~~ épée, ~~female women's~~ épée, ~~male men's~~ sabre and ~~female women's~~ sabre.

3. The programme of the **Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships** comprises twelve individual events (6 junior and 6 cadet), and 6 junior team events — at ~~male men's~~ foil, ~~female women's~~ foil, ~~male men's~~ épée, ~~female women's~~ épée, ~~male men's~~ sabre and ~~female women's~~

sabre. These begin with the cadet events, followed by the individual junior events and lastly the junior team events.

4. The programme of the Veterans World Fencing Championships comprises eighteen individual events (6 for A category, 6 for B category, 6 for C category), and 6 team events — at men's foil, women's foil, men's épée, women's épée, men's sabre and women's sabre.

4-5. The **organisers Organising Committee** must submit the **programme of events** to the Executive Committee for its approval.

VENUES – INSTALLATIONS – MATERIALS –ACCREDITATIONS – CIRCULATION IN THE COMPETITION AREAS – ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - PERSONNEL – PRINTOUTS AND OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

e-49 o.50

The Organising Committee must take **note of into account** the instructions in the **Book Of Regulations** ('Cahier des Charges') specific to each type of competition.

ENTRIES TO COMPETITIONS

Official invitation

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

2. For the **World Championships**, this invitation must be sent to all the member federations, without exception, at least six months before the competitions.

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

~~-Advance programme~~

~~o.51. A brochure, comprising an 'advance programme' of the Championships, must be sent to the member federations together with the official invitation. It should contain at least the following information:~~

- ~~a) the official name of the Organising Committee, postal address, e-mail address and telephone and fax numbers;~~
- ~~b) the proposed timetable;~~
- ~~c) organisational details;~~
- ~~d) information on means of transport, visas, customs duties, etc.;~~
- ~~e) information on hotels, their price, their location relative to the competition venue~~

ENTRY FORMS

o.52

Commitment to take part in the World Championships

The entry form **shall must** be sent to all **national** Federations together with the official invitation. The Federations must indicate their **intention to participate** three months before the beginning of the Championships.

o.53

Entries for World Championships (all categories)

1. Three months before the start of the events, the **national** Federations **will must** 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 ~~the~~ teams, must be made at the latest fifteen days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the Championships.

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.86, 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 10.00 am (local time in the town hosting the World Championships) on the day before the competition, after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf o.86, 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 and only for reasons of 'force majeure', can only be made at the latest up to 24 hours before the start of each event.

o.54

Entries by name for Senior and Junior World Cup competitions, Grand Prix competitions, Satellite competitions, World Cup team competitions and Zonal senior and junior Championships.

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 ~~organisers~~ **Organising Committee** 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 illness duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

2. Withdrawal of a fencer or team.

After the closing dead-line for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn ~~except~~ for reasons of injury or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the ~~organisers~~ **Organising Committee**.

3. Substitution of a fencer.

Until the Tuesday 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~~ fencers or a team after the dead-line.

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.86, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional ~~fencer-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.86, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional fencer.

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 **national Federation** will be penalised with a **fine (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines)**, payable to the FIE, except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.

6. The ~~organisers~~ **Organising Committees** of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a fine payable to the FIE (**cf o.86, 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.

Age of participants

o.55

1. No fencer is allowed to take part in an official event of the FIE unless he or she is **at least 13 years old** on 1 January in the year of the competition.

2. Fencers taking part in all the official FIE Cadet competitions must be under 17 years old at midnight on the 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place.

3. Fencers taking part in all the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, must be under 20 years old at midnight on 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the competition takes place (**cf o.80**).

4. 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.

5. All participants in an official competition of the FIE who are under the age of majority in the country in which ~~such the~~ 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 ~~where-of~~ the competition **is held** from a parent or guardian of ~~such the~~ participant to act on behalf of the participant regarding health related issues; or

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

~~6. The age groups in veteran competitions are:~~

~~a) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.~~

~~b) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.~~

~~c) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition.~~

6. The age categories for Veterans events are:

A. Age group between 50 and 59 years : participants must be not less than 50 years and less than 60 years old at midnight on 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the event is held,

B. Age group between 60 and 69 years : participants must be not less than 60 years and less than 70 years old at midnight on 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the event is held,

C. Age group over 70 years : participants must be not less than 70 years at midnight on 31st December of the year preceding the year in which the event is held.

DIRECTOIRE TECHNIQUE AND FIE DELEGATES AT OFFICIAL FIE COMPETITIONS

o.56

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~~ which can be consulted by the fencers and officials. ~~In principle~~ Normally, 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.

Nomination of the Directoire Technique

o.57

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

1. World Championships and Olympic Games.

a) The Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom ~~must~~ represents the ~~organising~~ country where the competition is held.

b) The President of the Directoire Technique and the other members are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

2. World Cup competitions.

a) The Directoire Technique is composed of three qualified persons from the ~~organising~~ country where the competition is held or invited by them.

3. Veterans World Championships

The Directoire Technique for Veterans World Championships is composed of three members of different nationalities, one of whom ~~must~~ represents the ~~organising~~ country where the competition is held.

Functions of the Directoire Technique

o.58

1. The functions of the Directoire Technique include the strict organisation of the different events, except **in regard to** the responsibilities of the other delegates of the FIE (cf o.61, o.62, o.63). 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~~ inform 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.59

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

1. Junior and Senior World Championships and Olympic Games

~~A~~ The chief Refereeing delegate and 5 more Refereeing delegates, ~~a~~ the chief SEMI delegate and 2 more SEMI delegates and 2 Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

2. Senior World Cup competitions

One Refereeing delegate is appointed by the Executive Committee following the recommendation of the Refereeing Commission.

3. Veteran's World Championships

One Refereeing delegate, one SEMI delegate and one Medical delegate are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

Functions of the Refereeing delegates

o.60

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

2. Refereeing delegates are responsible for organising the refereeing aspect of events and ensuring that they run smoothly.

3. Hence:

a) They organise the referee's meeting on the day before ~~the championships or event~~ each ~~competitions~~

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.37, t.38 and t.39.~~

d) They review protests and provide solutions in conformity with the instructions in article ~~t.122.~~

4. 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 a~~ bout.

5. Furthermore, a Refereeing delegate is an entity who has disciplinary responsibility at competitions; ~~Article t.97~~ defines the extent of his or her authority.

~~SEMI and medical delegate duties~~ Functions of SEMI Delegates

o.61.

1. The functions of the SEMI delegates include the strict and complete organisation of the weapon control and the installations of events. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered

to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except when circumstances arise in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2. SEMI delegates are responsible for organising the ~~aspects of~~ equipment and installations at events and ensuring that they run smoothly.

3. Hence, SEMI delegates:

- a) Organise the equipment control and oversee its operations.
- b) Verify the technical installations and the homologation of the various items of equipment.
- c) Assist referees over material problems during matches.

Functions of Medical Delegates

o.62

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 when circumstances arise in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2. Hence, medical delegates:

- a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
- b) Give assistance during the anti-doping control.
- c) Oversee the evaluation and treatment of any injury or cramp in accordance with **t.33**.

Supervisor

~~o.62~~ o.63

~~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.~~

1. At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, it is the Supervisor who fulfils ~~these his~~ respective functions (**cf o.77**).
2. The Supervisor settles any other disputes that might arise in World Cup and Grand Prix competitions.

SUPERVISION BY THE FIE

~~o.63~~ o.64

~~With the aim of ensuring~~ **In order to ensure** 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. It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any other disputes which arise at World Championships.

ANTI-DOPING TESTING

~~o.64~~ o.65

An anti-doping test must be carried out at all official competitions of the FIE in accordance with the regulations in **Article t.127** 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.

B. SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

~~ANNUAL~~ YEARLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries

~~e.65~~ o.66

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

Referees

~~e.66~~ o.67

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

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.

Invitations for international officials

~~e.67~~ o.68

1. Any proposed candidature for organising the 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 ~~nation~~ national 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~~ oversees the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
- b) A **Head of Protocol** designated by the President of the FIE.
- c) **Six members of the Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the ~~organising~~ country where the competition is held.
- d) **Three members of the SEMI Committee**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- e) ~~Four~~ **Six members of the Refereeing Committee**, one of whom is designated ~~principal~~ chief delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- f) **Two members of the Medical Committee**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- g) The **referees** designated by the Executive Committee (maximum 34).

C) REGIONAL GAMES

~~-~~ o.69

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.

Technical delegates of the FIE

~~e.69~~ o.70

1. ~~The~~ A Technical delegate of the FIE, who represents the FIE in accordance with the Olympic Rules for Regional Games, ~~will be~~ is appointed ~~chosen~~ by the President of the FIE, after consultation with the Executive Committee, ~~according to criteria~~ on the basis 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.

Technical officials and referees

~~e.70~~ o.71

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~~ **One 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.

D) JUNIOR AND CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

~~ANNUAL~~ YEARLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries

~~e.71~~ o.72

The Junior and Cadet World Championships are open to all FIE member **national Federations**.

~~e.72~~ o.73

Entries are limited to three fencers per weapon ~~per nation of the same nationality~~ for the individual events and one team per ~~nation~~ **national Federation** for the team events.

Referees

~~e.73~~ o.74

1. Refereeing at World Junior and Cadet Championships is carried out by referees chosen by the Executive Committee of the FIE on the proposal of the Refereeing Committee.

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.

Invitations ~~for~~ of international officials

~~e.74~~ o.75

The **Organizing committee** of the World Championships, who receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, at their own expense, invite the same list of international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances) as is set out (**cf. o.67**) for the Senior World Championships.

E) VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yearly Championships

~~e.75~~ o.76

The Veterans World Championships are open to all national Federations which are members of the FIE.

~~e.76~~ o.77

Entries are limited to four fencers of the same nationality per weapon and category for the individual events and one team per national Federation and gender for the team events.

~~e.77~~ o.78

Entries for competitions

Entries must be sent to the Organising Committee by the competitors' national Federation.

Refereeing

~~e.78~~ o.79

1. Refereeing at Veterans World Championships is carried out by referees accompanying the delegations (see. Art. 81).

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

Invitations for international officials

~~e.79~~ o.80

The Organising Committee, 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, oversees the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
- b) Three members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the country where the competition is held.
- c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

F) WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

INTRODUCTION

~~e.75~~ o.81

The title 'World Cup Competition' applies to the following competitions:

- The individual competitions of the Senior World Cup and the Grand Prix competitions
- The individual competitions of the Junior World Cup
- The competitions of the Junior and Senior Team World Cups

Criteria

Admission criteria

~~e.76~~ o.82

An individual 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 senior competitions in Europe;
- from at least five countries, for senior competitions outside Europe;
- from at least five countries, for junior competitions.

2. Participation 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 competitions outside Europe).

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

4. Full application of FIE Rules ~~The Rules of the FIE must be faithfully applied,~~ as well as the ~~specification~~ Book of Regulations for World Cup competitions. The ~~organisers~~ Organising Committee must use automatic ~~judging signalling~~ equipment of which the prototype has been ~~approved~~ homologated 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. **t.127** and the FIE Anti-Doping Rules).

The Supervisor

~~e.77~~ **o.83**

1. ~~The organisers of~~ In the World Cup events, individual and team, junior and senior, ~~must ensure the presence of~~ a **Supervisor of the FIE** from a country other than that of the organisers ~~must be present~~, whose task ~~it will be~~ is to verify that the competition properly fulfils the World Cup criteria.

The Supervisor is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE following proposals from the FIE Bureau.

2. **The travel, board and lodging costs** of the Supervisor are the responsibility of the ~~organisers~~ Organising Committee, in accordance with the ~~standards levels~~ updated from time to time by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

3. **This Supervisor is either :**

- ~~a~~ member of a FIE Commission,
- ~~a~~ member of the FIE Executive Committee,
- ~~or a~~ member of a group of persons, appointed by the Executive Committee, available and experienced in the organisation of competitions.

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

Supervisors' role

o.84

1. The Supervisor has authority ~~for~~ concerning:

- The application and the interpretation of the Rules, the Statutes and the Administrative rules;
- Issues whether they are provided for in these documents or not.

2. By accepting his designation as Supervisor, the latter formally accepts the following role:

- To make sure that the pools and tables are sent to the FIE
- To make sure that the rules on entries are respected
- To be the Chief of Protocol
- ~~- Establish that each fencer and international referee are FIE licensees for the current season.~~
- To check the conformity of the apparatuses, make sure that the equipment of the fencers conforms with the regulations (name on the back of the jacket and where required, fencing clothes with national colours) and that the **organisers** Organising Committee has designated a person to be in charge of the checking of material.
- To sanction with a fine ~~the~~ any federations ~~that did not bring~~ which have not brought the required number of referees.
- To send to the FIE office a copy of the doping control forms duly filled in and make sure that the control is carried out in a laboratory that has received the agreement of the AMA/WADA.
- To make sure that the results (XML transfer files) are sent on the FIE Internet Web site at the end of the tournament.
- To send a photo of the venues to the FIE office. The supervisor ~~has~~ should contact the Organising Committee to request ~~to the~~ organisers that a digital camera be made available.
- To fill in and validate the Supervisor report on the FIE Internet Web site within 8 days after the competition. A copy of this report can be **provided** handed to the **organisers** Organising Committee **on demand** if they request it.
- ~~- For the senior individual and team World Cup competitions and the Grand Prix competitions, the refereeing delegate appointed by the FIE is in charge of refereeing~~

Participation

~~e.78~~ **o.85**

For Grand Prix competitions and Individual World Cup competitions, both Senior and Junior, at each weapon, each national federation may enter a maximum of 12 fencers. The **Organising committee** ~~country~~ may enter up to 20 fencers **from the country where the competition is held** plus the number needed to make up the pools.

~~e.79~~ **o.86**

For Individual World Cup competitions outside Europe, the **Organising committee** ~~country~~ may enter up to 30 fencers **from the country where the competition is held** plus the number needed to make up the pools.

~~e.80~~ **o.87**

Only fencers who are of an age to qualify for the next Junior World Championships may fence in the official FIE Junior competitions, individual or team, of the current fencing season.

Referees — Veteran World Championships, A Grade and Candidate A Grade competitions and Grand Prix

~~e.84~~ **o.88**

1.

a) The number of FIE A or B Grade referees (~~cf. t.35~~) **that who** must accompany teams to junior A Grade competitions and Veteran World Championships is:

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|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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 junior A Grade 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 notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees, a fine (cf o.86), table of financial penalties and fines) ~~will be~~ is inflicted on it.

2. For Senior A-grade, Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions, 8 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 5) ~~will be~~ are provided by the Organising committee. All the referees will be at the expense of the ~~organisers~~ Organising Committee who in return ~~will keep~~ receive the entry fees.

3. For Senior A-grade, Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions the refereeing delegate appointed by FIE is responsible for the refereeing.

TEAM WORLD CUP

~~e.82~~ o.89

1. Application

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

2. Principles

a) The Senior Team World Cup tournament is composed of a maximum of five ~~integral~~ competitions (~~through to the first place~~) spread, if possible, across all continents. Points will be ~~allocated~~ awarded at the end of each competition.

The Junior Team World Cup tournament is composed of four ~~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 are~~ fought according to the team-relay formula, as ~~provided for~~ defined in Article o.44 of these Rules.

3. Participation

Team participation is open to all ~~countries~~ national Federations and limited to one team per weapon ~~per country~~ and per gender.

SATELLITE COMPETITIONS

o.90

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

Formula

o.91

1. The Satellite competitions must use the F.I.E. formula for junior competitions except that:

1) If there is a pre-tournament in which all the participants in the satellite tournament take part, the composition of the round of pools of the satellite competition will be based on the results of this pre-tournament (the composition of the pre-tournament pools uses the satellite rules).

2. The Organising Committee has the right to organize additional bouts in order to establish the final classification for places 9 onwards. In this case, the classification (9+) will be based on these additional bouts.

o.92

The following scale of points for Satellite competition applies:

1st	4 points
2nd	3 points
3rd	2 points
5th-8th	1 point

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries

o.93

1. Entries of fencers and teams is carried out on the FIE Internet (article o.54 of the Organisation Rules)
2. For individual competitions of Junior and Senior Zone Championships, maximum 4 fencers per weapon and per national Federation.
3. For team competitions, 1 team (composed of three fencers with or without reserve) per weapon and per national Federation

Formula of competitions

o.94

1. Individual competitions
 - a) no exempted fencers
 - b) use of the FIE ranking for the individual and team events (in particular articles **o.45, o.46** of the Organisation Rules) .
 - c) 1 round of pools to eliminate 20 to 30 % of fencers, then direct elimination table.
 - d) two medals for the third place in the individual competitions.
 - e) The points of all Senior zonal championships are taken into account in the FIE official ranking when the last senior zonal championships have been held.
 - f) The points of all Junior zonal championships are taken into account in the FIE official ranking when the last junior zonal championships have been held.

2. Team competitions

The competitions ~~are held according to~~ are run in accordance with the rules for team competitions of the Senior and Junior World Championships respectively.

Equipment

o.95

The material and the fencers' equipment must comply with the FIE norms.
Video-refereeing and wireless apparatus are optional at the Junior Zone Championships.
Wireless apparatus is optional at the Senior Zone Championships.
Video-refereeing is mandatory at the Senior Zone Championships
Only video-refereeing and wireless systems which have received FIE homologation and which respect the FIE Handbook of Regulations for video-refereeing may be used.

Anti-Doping Controls

o.96

An anti-doping control must be held in accordance with the article 5.6.1 of the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIE.

Officials

o.97

The payment of expenses for the officials and referees must be the subject to of an agreement reached beforehand between each Confederation and each Organizing Committee.

Individual world rankings

~~e.83~~ o.98

1. Official FIE individual ranking

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) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is kept permanently up to date.

The first Grand Prix event of the current year cancels out the first Grand Prix event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the Grand Prix events.

The first World Cup event (individual and team) of the current year cancels out the first World Cup event (individual and team) of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup events in the season.

The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.

If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

d) In the event of equal points, the ranking is based on who has gained the most first places, then second places, etc.

If there is a complete tie, the fencers are ranked equal.

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

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

2. Scale of points

a) The ranking 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

b) Points obtained in an individual A Grade World Cup competition are as listed above (factor = 1).

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

d) Points obtained in the individual events of the 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.
- f) At the Olympic Games, fourth place is awarded 54 points.
- g) 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.

Team world rankings

~~o.84~~ **o.99**

1. Official team ranking of the FIE

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.

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

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

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

2. Team scale of points

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

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

b) For the World Team Championships, the points indicated above are multiplied by **a factor of** 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

F. NATIONS' GRAND PRIX

~~o.85.~~

~~For the scale of points for the Nations' Grand Prix at the World Championships and the Olympic Games, please refer to the Administrative Rules of the FIE.~~

o.100

The ranking for the Nations Grand Prix in the World Championships and the Olympic Games takes into account the points achieved in all individual and team competitions according to the following scale:

Individual Championships:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place equal	20 points
5th to 8th places	14 points
9th to 16th places	8 points
17th to 32nd places	4 points
33rd to 64th places	2 points

Team Championships:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place	20 points
4th place	18 points
5th place	16 points
6th place	14 points
7th place	12 points
8th place	10 points
9th to 16th places	8 points
17th to 32nd places	4 points
33rd to 64th places	2 points

When there is a tie for this "Grand Prix" award, the winner will be the Federation with the most gold medals. If **both** the Federations have won the same number of gold medals then the award goes to the winner of the most silver medals, and if there is still a tie, to the winner of the most bronze medals.

~~o.86~~ **o.101** Table of Financial Penalties and Fines

	Article	Amount	Date of payment	To be paid to	By whom
Entry to World Championships after closing date	o.53.3	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.54.4 a)	150 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation
Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date, from	o.54.4 b)	250 euros per entry	With the entry	FIE	By the National Federation

the Wednesday and until the day (12 noon local time) preceding the competition					
If a fencer or team duly entered does not turn up	o.31.4, o.33.3, o.54.5	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	o.54.6	1000 euros per improper participation	On receipt Of notification of the fine	FIE	By the organisers Organising Committee
Required number of referees not respected	o.81.1	1000 euros per referee	At the same time as the information is sent to the organisers Organising Committee	organisers Organising Committee	By the National Federation

Chapter 8

~~Veterans World Championships~~

~~o.87 The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.~~

~~o.88 Entries for competitions~~

~~Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' national federation.~~

~~o.89 At the Veterans World Championships, entries for the individual events are limited to four fencers in each category per gender, per weapon and per nation.~~

~~o.91 Duration of the matches~~

~~The direct elimination bouts are for 10 hits or end when two periods of three minutes, with one minute rest between the periods, have passed. As an exception, at sabre, the first period ends either at the expiry of the three minutes or when one of the fencers has scored five hits.~~

~~o.92 Referees~~

~~Participating countries must notify at least one month in advance whether they will either bring the required number of referees or pay the penalty, in order to allow enough time to the organizers to recruit other referees.~~

~~o.93 Invitations for international officials~~

~~1. Any proposed candidature for organising the World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by a delegate 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) Three members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.~~

~~c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.~~

~~d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.~~

~~e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.~~

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Figure 7b. Bout plan for direct elimination for team competitions (16 teams)

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