



Dear President.

Qualifications for the Olympic Games 2016

The federations which have not yet sent us information about the athletes who have qualified by team (who will also be fencing in individual competitions) need to do so as quickly as possible, so that we can include this information in the qualification document.

The IOC has been in close collaboration with the KSA NOC to promote the participation of women in sport activities and ensure the presence of women from KSA in international competitions, including the Olympic Games.

In this regard, some athletes in different sports have been identified after a technical analysis.

The IOC has decided to grant the athlete Lobna Alomair (KSA, Women's Individual Foil) the exceptional opportunity to participate in Fencing at the Olympic Games Rio 2016.

As a consequence, the IOC confirmed that the FIE will exceptionally be allowed to make one (1) additional quota place available for Lobna Alomair to compete in Rio. Thus, the number of fencers participating in Rio will be increased from 212 to 213.

The FIE is proud and grateful to the IOC for the opportunity given to our sport to promote the participation of women in sport activities.

Following the meeting of the Executive Committee in Sofia (BUL) on 10 June 2016, please see below the decisions taken:

1. Administrative Rules

The following articles have been changed: 7.1.1.5, 7.1.2.5 and 9.1.1.3. The Administrative Rules have been updated accordingly.

2. Homologation of material and equipment

a) We remind you that the material and equipment used in FIE competitions must have been approved by the SEMI Commission, including the equipment which has undergone changes subsequent to receiving initial approval.

The SEMI Commission will contact the World Championships and Grand Prix organisers in order to make sure that these rules are followed. The Commission will also make sure, in advance, onsite where the competition is held, that the equipment used does actually feature in the SEMI homologation documents.

Manufacturers who fail to comply with the above will receive a fine of 5,000 Euro and the organisers will be informed that it will not be possible to use the equipment concerned in FIE competitions.

b) As a result of a number of irregularities coming to light, the decision was taken to suggest that the manufacturers use electronic chips to allow their equipment to be identified and traced, and any counterfeits detected.

These chips are ready and the SEMI Commission will contact the manufacturers directly.

3. Mixed team events in the junior calendar 2016-2017

Mixed team events by team consisting of 6 fencers (1 fencer per weapon) was successfully tested in Tashkent (2015) and Bourges (2016) during the cadet competition. As acceptance has been positive overall, the decision was taken to keep this type of mixed team event in the programme for the World Championships for juniors and cadets 2017.

In 2015, the Executive Committee decided to test another competition formula for mixed teams in which the teams consist of 2 boys and 2 girls at the same weapon, possibly with 1 boy and 1 girl as substitutes.

During the season 2015-2016, this formula was successfully tested on the European cadet circuit.

In February 2016, the Executive Committee decided to continue the tests during junior competitions in the 2016-2017 season. It approved the junior calendar for the 2016-2017 season for each weapon as follows:

- 8 individual competitions
- 5 traditional team competitions + 3 mixed team competitions

The procedures and rules are attached.

4. Affiliation

The Executive Committee decided the provisional affiliation of the Haitian Fencing Federation. The number of FIE member federations has risen to 151.

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President

