



LIST OF DECISIONS

FIE CONGRESS

NOVEMBER 21st, 2014

ROME (ITA)

I. GENERAL DECISIONS

124 federations took part in the Congress, with 118 present and 6 represented by proxy.

1. RATIFICATION OF NEW FEDERATIONS

The Congress ratified the affiliation of the following federation: Uganda (UGA)

2. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE 2013 CONGRESS IN PARIS (FRA)

The 2013 Congress Report was approved.

3. 2013-2014 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 2013-2014 Executive Committee Annual Report was approved.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2013/2014, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE AUDITORS

The Financial Report, the 2013 /2014 Accounts, and the Auditors' Report were approved.

The Executive Committee and the Auditors were discharged.

5. BUDGETS FOR 2014 AND 2015

The 2014 (six months) and 2015 budgets were approved.

The financial year is a twelve-month period from January 1 to December 31. Application: from the 2014 financial year of six months.

6. DESIGNATION OF THE AUDITORS

Ernst & Young were contracted for another year.

7. ATTRIBUTION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) Tashkent (UZB) was awarded the organization of the 2015 Junior and Cadet World Championships.
- b) Bourges (FRA) was awarded the organization of the 2016 Junior and Cadet World Championships,
- c) Rio de Janeiro (BRA) was awarded the organization of the 2016 Team World Championships.
- d) Leipzig (GER) was awarded the organization of the 2017 Senior World Championships.
- e) Limoges (FRA) was awarded the organization of the 2015 Veteran's World Championships.

f) Stralsund (GER) was awarded the organization of the 2016 Veteran's World Championships.

g) Maribor (SLO) was awarded the organization of the 2017 Veteran's World Championships.

8. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CANDIDATES

During the year 2015, the FIE will send a call for applications for the organization of the 2017 Junior and Cadet World Championships.

2018 senior World Championships: the Chinese Fencing Federation announced its intention to present a candidature.

9. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS

Please find enclosed the modifications to the Statutes and Rules accepted by the Congress.

9. URGENT DECISIONS

Please find enclosed the urgent decisions accepted by the Congress

10. DATES OF THE 2015 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

In order to take into account the dates of the 2015 Pan-American Games, the Congress agreed to hold the 2015 Moscow (RUS) Senior World Championships from July 13 to 19, 2015.



LIST OF DECISIONS 2014 CONGRESS, ROME (ITA) AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2015, unless otherwise stated.

1.1 MISSION

The Aims of the F.I.E. are:

k) to apply appropriate measures to contribute to the respect of the environment.

1.2. MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE AIMS

1.2.2 The F.I.E. must not interfere in the purely internal functioning of its constituent members, **except in case of violation of the FIE Statutes or Rules or of the Olympic charter. The FIE executive committee is responsible for addressing the issue.**

1.2.4 The F.I.E. requires each member national Federation to apply the principle of political, racial and religious non-discrimination.

In particular, no competitor from a member national Federation may take part in an official competition of the F.I.E. or in any other international competition if he **or she** refuses **for any reason** to fence against any other **registered** competitor, unless his refusal is authorized by the Statutes or the Rules.

1.2.5 The member Federation which applies as a candidate to organise congresses, official competitions, or any other F.I.E. international events, must ~~be solemnly bound to make the maximum effort~~ **document that the organizer has used all means to enable** all the member Federations to take part in those events, without any discrimination whatever.

Failure to comply will subject the member federations to sanctions by the FIE.

1.2.6 b)

International competitions which are not organized by a member federation and in which there are more than five nationalities must have the approval of the F.I.E. and must appear on the International Calendar.

Sub-regional international competitions with fewer than six nationalities may seek the approval of the FIE provided that the FIE rules and safety standards are implemented.



1.4 FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year is a twelve-month period from ~~July 1 to June 30~~ January 1 to December 31.

Application date: from the 2014 financial year of six months

2.1 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

2.1.2 *Members of Honour*

a) Nomination

All candidatures must be presented by a national federation, ~~or by~~ a member of the Executive Committee, ~~any commission or a member of honour~~, three months before the Congress, which follows the Elective Congress. The nomination shall include a detailed rationale of the candidate's eligibility for being awarded the title of Member of Honour.

A candidate can be nominated multiple times by a new timely submitted nomination.

b) Eligibility

All individuals currently holding, or having previously held, FIE licenses are eligible to be nominated, except for the current members of the Executive Committee.

The title of Member of Honour may be granted by the Congress to any person who, through a long and loyal service to international fencing has proved his or her constant commitment to the F.I.E. This is granted as a mark of appreciation towards this person and also in order to secure for the F.I.E., in all its activities, the enlightened advice of that person.

Members of Honour may continue to seek elected office with their Member Federations and the FIE.

~~b~~ c) Procedure

Before the Congress, which follows the Elective Congress, the Bureau may single out ~~one or more persons~~ ~~between one and six persons~~ with the intention of proposing their nomination as Members of Honour at the Congress.

The Bureau must seek the approval of the Executive Committee before presenting its proposal to the Honours Commission.

The Honours Commission is made up of:

- the Secretary General, Chairman of the Commission
- the Members of Honour present at the Congress

The Commission meets during ~~the lunch break (on the first day)~~ of the Congress, which follows the Elective Congress and decides, ~~by a series of secret votes, whether or not to present each candidate for Member of Honour~~ to the Congress.

~~e~~ d) Loss of membership

The Members of Honour may lose their membership of the F.I.E.:

- by resignation
 - by expulsion
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2.2 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

2.2.1 *Rights and duties of member Federations*

f) Official documents issued by a National Federations shall be signed by the President or the Secretary General or equivalent. It is within the internal governance of the National Federations to determine whether specific documents require the approval of their Board.



3.6 SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ELECTIVE CONGRESS

3.6.5 The President, [the members](#) of the Executive Committee and [of](#) the permanent commissions ([except the Athletes Commission](#)) take office on the first day of the month following the closing day of the Olympic Games or of the Elective Congress, whichever is the latter.

[The members of the Athletes Commission take office on the first day of the month following the meeting at which the Executive Committee selects the final six members.](#)

4.3 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.3.1 To be candidate to the Executive Committee a person must:

- hold a licence from his Member Federation except for Members of Honour
- be at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections
- ~~and~~ enjoy the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs
- ~~Besides, a candidate to the Executive Committee must~~ be able to understand and speak one of the three working languages of the FIE and it is desirable that he should be able to understand and speak one of the two other working languages
- [Commit to respect the principle of sports autonomy applicable within the Olympic Movement](#)
- [Commit to actively take part in all activities resulting from the function of Executive Committee member.](#)

[It is desirable that he or she has experience as a leader \(President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer or any other similar function\) in his national federation, his National Olympic Committee or any entity.](#)

A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation.

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

Being a member of the Executive Committee is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. [Being a member of the Bureau is incompatible with the role of Fencing Master.](#)

[Once elected, the Executive Committee member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Executive Committee member and his/her national federation.](#)

Application date: 2016 Elective Congress

4.4 ELECTION OF COMMISSIONS (OTHER THAN THE ATHLETES COMMISSION)

4.4.2 (4th paragraph) Being a member of the Refereeing Commission is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain. [Once elected, the Refereeing Commission member shall send to the FIE head-office a letter of commitment signed by both the Refereeing Commission member and his/her national federation.](#)

5.2 STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



5.2.5 The President in office of the Athletes Commission is a member ~~with full rights~~ of the FIE Executive Committee **with full rights and obligations**. As such, he/she has the right to vote.

5.3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TENURE

5.3.4 (2nd paragraph) In the case of absenteeism of a member of the Executive Committee, **including a Confederation President**, for two consecutive meetings, except through unavoidable circumstances, of which the Executive Committee will be the sole arbiter, the party in question will be regarded as having resigned.

In the case of a Confederation President, the FIE Executive Committee will inform the Confederation that such individual is no longer a member of the FIE Executive Committee.

5.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

5.5.3 The Executive Committee outlines the work of the Commissions and the Congresses. ~~To this end, it has to gather information by every possible means on the views, tendencies, and desires of the affiliated groups.~~ For this purpose, it can use all means of communication to gather relevant information.

It decides the date and the place of **the meetings of Congresses, commissions and councils**.

5.5.12 The Executive Committee approves the final version of the FIE official calendar ~~which has been finalised at the calendar meeting held at the Junior World Championships.~~

5.5.16 (delete article). ~~The Executive Committee awards the title of FIE Vice-President of Honour.~~

5.8 BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER

5.8.1 e) Payments of the management account can be made with the sole signature of the President, with the prior approval of the Treasurer and the CEO, with the sole signature of the Treasurer and the CEO, with the prior approval of the President, or with the signature of the Secretary General with the prior approval of the President or the Treasurer and the CEO (who advise the President).

The prior agreement can be made by fax **or e-mail**.

5.9 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General is responsible for: coordinating the works of the Commissions, **supervising the work of the Sport department**, representing the FIE and the FIE President during the meetings of International Organizations and coordinating the plan of development of fencing.

6.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSIONS

6.2.4 *The Athletes Commission.*

The Athletes Commission is made up of 12 athletes ~~of different nationalities, being two (2) representatives of each of the six (6) weapons.~~



~~The Commission elects its own President~~

The Athletes Commission will meet within two months of the date on which they take office in order to elect its President and prepare its working calendar. The procedure for the election of the President is the same as that for the other commissions (cf.6.2.2).

Application date: next election of the Athletes Commission

6.5 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS

6.5.1 *The Legal Commission*

a) It presents [to the Executive Committee](#) a report [which will be submitted](#) to the Congress on all the proposals to modify the Statutes submitted for consideration by the Congress.

6.5.3 *The Refereeing Commission*

It presents [to the Executive Committee](#) a report [which will be submitted](#) to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it.

6.5.4 *The Electronic Signaling Equipment and Installations Commission (S.E.M.I.)*

c) It presents [to the Executive Committee](#) a report [which will be submitted](#) to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their final form, must be submitted to the Rules Commission for approval by the Executive Committee.

6.5.5 *The Promotion and Publicity Commission*

Last paragraph:

It presents [to the Executive Committee](#) a report [which will be submitted](#) to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The definitive formulation of texts for the decisions taken by the Congress must be entrusted to the Rules Commission or the Legal Commission as applicable for approval by the Executive Committee.

6.5.6 *The Medical Commission*

3rd paragraph:

It presents [to the Executive Committee](#) a report [which will be submitted](#) to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their final form, must be submitted to the Rules Commission or Legal Commission as applicable for approval by the Executive Committee.

6A.1 THE COUNCILS

[FIE Councils are technical bodies. The Executive committee consults the Councils about all necessary issues.](#)



6A.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCILS

6A.2.3 The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to ~~liaise~~ monitor and coordinate the work of each of the Councils (cf. 5.5.4).

The President of the FIE may, ~~as agreed with the Executive Committee and~~ after consultation with the ~~President of the Council~~ Secretary General and CEO, have relevant experts involved in the councils' work.

6A.4 MEETINGS OF COUNCILS

6A.4.3 Councils must admit to their meetings the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals submitted to the Congress and placed on its agenda by the Executive Committee of the FIE. The attendance of such a person, or his representative, is restricted to the time when that proposal in question is being discussed.

The expense for such attendance is borne by the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals. Councils must also admit to their meetings any person designated by the President of the FIE.

9.1 LICENCES

9.1.7 Refusal to Grant a licence by a member federation

Should a member federation refuse to apply for an international licence, it should inform the F.I.E. Bureau and explain the motivations in order to prevent a fencer living in a foreign country from applying again through a different channel.

10.3 THE OPEN SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.3.1 General Rules

The official championships called "Senior World Championships" are held annually, between July 15th and August 15th, under the auspices of the F.I.E.

10.3.2 The national group responsible for organising the Open Senior World Championships must arrange at the same time and at the same venue, individual and team competitions in: men's and women's foil, epee and sabre.

10.3.3 In addition to the special rules listed in this chapter, the F.I.E. Rules must be followed faithfully at the Open Senior World Championships.

10.3.4 The fencing events at the Olympic Games are under the direction of the F.I.E. and constitute the Open Senior World Championships of the Olympic year.

All special rules for the Open Senior World Championships apply to the Olympic Games as well, except when they happen to conflict with the Olympic rules. A World Championship will be organised for those events which are not included into the Olympic programme.

10.5 THE VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.5.1 Organization and rules

The Rules ~~Organization Rules, the Technical Rules and the Competition Rules~~ of Veterans Championships are defined in specific sections of the respective FIE



Rules. Rules related to all categories are applicable when not otherwise specified in those sections.



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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

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ORGANISATION RULES

o.43.3 At the Open and Junior World Championships, all places in the table up to 16th place will be fought for. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.

~~**o.43.4** At the Junior World Championships the teams will occupy places in the table according to their ranking. This ranking is arrived at by adding together the positions obtained by their best three team members in the junior individual event.~~

~~On the other hand, if a fencer did not take part in the individual competition, but participating in the team event, he will be assigned points equal to the total number of fencers appearing in the individual junior ranking plus one.~~

~~The first four places will be fought for. From fifth place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.~~

o.44.10

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. **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 is allowed.** ~~The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match in order to replace a fencer on the piste,~~ 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.

Application : season 2015-2016

- o.46** ~~1. All places in the table down to 16th place will be fought for. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial seeding in the table.~~
- ~~2.~~ 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 illness, duly attested by the duty doctor.
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- o.55.6** The age groups in veteran competitions are:
- Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.
 - Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.
 - Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition.
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Technical management of Directoire technique and FIE delegates at official FIE competitions

- o.56**
- Apart from the specific areas of competence which are the responsibility of the other FIE technical delegates hereafter officials, the technical management of the official competitions of the FIE is entrusted to a Directoire Technique, ~~whose composition and nomination must respect the specific rules for each competition.~~
 - 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. ~~(except at World Cup competitions).~~
 - 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.
 - 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.
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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**
- The ~~technical organisation is undertaken by a~~ Directoire Technique is composed of six members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.
 - The President of the Directoire Technique and the other members are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - ~~Should there be a tied vote among the members of the Directoire Technique, the President of the Directoire Technique has the casting vote.~~
- 2. World Cup competitions**
- The Directoire Technique is composed of three qualified persons from the organising country or invited by it.

~~b) For Grand Prix competitions, the Supervisor of the competition, designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE, is also the President of the Directoire Technique.~~

3. Veterans World Championships

a) ~~The Directoire Technique for Veterans World Championships is composed of four~~ members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

Functions of the Directoire Technique

o.58

~~1-~~ The functions of the Directoire Technique include the **strict but complete organisation** of the different events, ~~except the responsibilities of the other delegates of the FIE (cf o.61, o.62, o.63).~~ ~~and~~ It has the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to ~~they~~ and cannot ~~itself~~ 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 ~~checks technical installations~~ 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 table**;

d) It allocates ~~referees as proposed by the Refereeing delegate, as well as~~ the pistes;

e) It supervises the **progress** of the event(s);

f) ~~It examines complaints and resolves them;~~

g) It checks **results** with the help of the Organising Committee;

~~h) g)~~ It prepares the **subsequent events** sufficiently in advance to be able to warn the fencers, officials and judges;

~~i) 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.

o.59 ~~The members of the Directoire Technique cannot act in any other capacity at the meeting, such as team captain, official delegate of their federation, referee, competitor, etc. (except at World Cup competitions).~~

Designation of refereeing, SEMI, and medical delegates

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 member of the FIE Medical Commission.

1. World Championships and Olympic Games

A chief refereeing delegate and 5 more refereeing delegates; a 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 in question.

2. Senior World Cup

One refereeing delegate is appointed by the Executive Committee



following the recommendation of the Refereeing Commission.

3. Veteran 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.

~~o.60 1. The Directoire Technique 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.~~

~~2. All the decisions of the Directoire Technique 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 informed by their heads of delegations 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.~~

Functions of the Refereeing delegates

1. The functions of the Refereeing delegates include the **strict** and complete **organisation** of the refereeing 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. 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
- b) They establish the list of referees on the day before of each competition
- c) They observe the referees at work and make selections as laid down in articles t.37, t.38 and t.39.
- d) They review protests and provide solutions as laid down 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 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.

~~o.61 For the World Championships and the Olympic Games the Directoire Technique must meet at least 24 hours before the first event to draw the first round of the first event.~~

SEMI and medical delegate duties

1. The functions of the SEMI delegate include the strict and complete organisation of the equipment 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 equipment control and oversee its operations
- b) verify the technical installations and the homologation of the various equipment
- c) assist referees over material problems during matches.

4. 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.

3. Hence, medical delegates:

- a) verify the medical services and oversee their operation
- b) supervise the anti-doping control
- c) oversee the evaluation and treatment of an injury or cramp in accordance with t.33.

Supervisor

o.62 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.

At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, **SEMI Commission delegate** or **Medical Commission delegate**, it is the Supervisor who fulfils these respective functions (cf o.77).

The Supervisor settles any other disputes that might arise in **Category-A World Cup** and Grand Prix competitions.

~~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.~~

Supervision by the FIE

o.63 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.

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**.

o.83

2 Scale of points

a) The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

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| - 1st place 32 points | - 9th–16th places 8 points |
| - 2nd place 26 points | - 17th–32nd places 4 points |
| - 3rd place <i>ex aequo</i> 20 points | - 33rd–64th places 2 points |
| - 5th–8th places 14 points | - 65th–96th places 1 point |

Application : season 2015-2016

TECHNICAL RULES

t.28.1 If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste **with one or two feet**, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre (but cf t.29).

t.45.4

- b) Wearing his national uniform **and logo** (cf. m.25.3). Application as follows:
- i) **Senior**, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;
 - ii) **Individual:** Senior World Cup competitions and ~~in individual~~ **Senior Zonal Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination;**
 - iii) **Teams: Senior** World Cup ~~team~~-competitions **and Senior Zonal Championships**, all bouts in every match.

In case of violation of this rule:

For the competitions mentioned in items i) and iii) above, the Referee shall eliminate the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.

For the competitions mentioned in item ii) above, the Referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red Card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, Second Group). The fencer at fault shall however be allowed to remain on the piste and fence the bout concerned.

~~The same penalty is also applied for the absence of name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket at Junior World Cup competitions, at Individual Senior World Cup competitions before the last 64, and at Zonal Championships.~~

In the table of offences and penalties, the fault 2.4 should be mentioned the word "Senior".

t.86.4 The fencers must arrive on the piste, to fence their bouts, with **two weapons** (one as a spare), **and two bodywires** (one as a spare) **and two mask wires (one as a spare)** which satisfy the regulations and are in perfect working order (cf. **t.45.1, t.114, t.116, t.120**).

The team captain

t.90 ~~In~~ team events, only the team captain has the right to be to approach the Referee and/or the **refereeing delegates** ~~Directoire Technique~~ in order to decide with them any technical matters or to register protests. The procedure for claims is set out in articles t.122 and t.123.

The Directoire Technique at official FIE competitions (cf. o.56–o.62)

- t.97**
1. The Directoire Technique, **the refereeing delegates or the supervisor have** ~~has~~ jurisdiction over all the fencers who take part in or are present at a competition which ~~it is~~ **they are** running.
 2. When necessary **it they** can intervene on ~~its~~ **their** own initiative in all

disputes.

3. ~~It is~~ They are also responsible for maintaining order and discipline during competitions, and may use the penalties specified in the Rules.

4. ~~It sends~~ The Directoire Technique is responsible for sending ~~direct~~ to the FIE Headoffice announcements of disciplinary penalties pronounced during the competitions, as well as any requests for censure, suspension, extension of penalty or permanent suspension, and requests for ultimate appeals.

5. The Directoire Technique activates any penalty imposed against which no appeal is possible or which is not subject to suspension (cf. t.95).

6. The disciplinary decisions of the Directoire Technique, the Refereeing delegates or the Supervisor that ~~it~~ they take spontaneously or in ~~its~~ their own right (as the first level of authority) are subject to appeal to the Disciplinary Commission of the FIE

7. All the decisions of the Directoire Technique, the refereeing delegates or the supervisor are immediately enforceable. No appeal against a decision can suspend that decision during the competition.

t.102 If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste **with one or two feet**, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre.

t.104. A competitor may have a **hit awarded against him** which he has not in fact received, either because he has crossed the rear limit of the piste (cf. **t.27**), or because he has committed an offence which has prevented his opponent fencing (**a flèche attack which jostles the opponent, a corps à corps at foil or sabre**, the use of the unarmed hand while fencing, etc.) (cf. **t.96.2, t.114.3.a/b, t.116, t.117, t.118.1, t.120**).

Fault 0.1 of t.120 Absence of name **and nationality** on the back, absence of **national logo** or national **uniform colours** when compulsory, at World Championships, **Senior** Team World Cup competitions **and at team Zonal Championships**.

Fault 2.4 of t.120 Absence of name **and nationality** on the back, absence of **national logo colours** when compulsory, at individual **Senior** World Cup competitions and **Senior individual** Zonal Championships.

Other protests and appeals

t.123 1. Complaints and protests **which are not concerned with a referee's decision** must be made in writing without delay; they must be addressed to the Directoire Technique.

2.) If a complaint or protest contests a decision taken by the Directoire Technique or the official FIE delegate, it should be addressed to the FIE Bureau.

~~2. Protests over the composition of the first round at World Championships and the Olympic Games may only be made up to 7 p.m. of the day before the event (cf. o.10).~~

MATERIAL RULES

Chronometers showing 100th of seconds should be introduced,

Application: obligatory for the 2015/2016 season. A full text should be provided by the SEMI Commission by the end of January 2015.

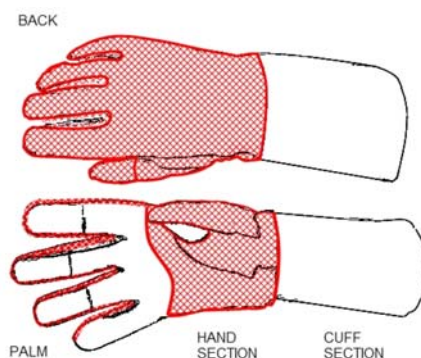
m.25.4 (c) Chest protectors for Men's and Woman's Foil

The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material. (The material can be attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors.) The hardness of the outside of the material must be 20-30% hardness of wet suit material for scuba diving (neoprene).

Application date: 2015/2016 season. Meanwhile, the SEMI Commission is to supply the specifications and testing procedures.

m.33

1. **The material of the fencing glove must have a level of protection of 800N on the areas shown in the diagram below, the seams a minimum strength of 200N and cuff a level of protection of 350N. The conductive material which can be removable or fixed must cover all of the gauntlet of the glove down to below the external cubital styloid (small prominent bone of the wrist), both when the fencer is in the 'on-guard' position and when the sword arm is straight. Inside the glove there must be fixed the FIE quality label, granted after the homologation procedure, with the year of manufacture and stating 800N.**



This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence

2. **The conductive material must** be turned over into the inside of the gauntlet to a depth of at least 5 cm.
3. In order to guarantee a **good contact** with the sleeve of the conductive jacket, it is necessary to use an elastic band, a popper button or any system which will guarantee conductivity and which has been approved by the SEMI Committee.
When a conductive overlay is worn, the overlay must contain a device which fixes the

position of the overlay on the arm so that its position on the arm cannot be changed during the bout.

4. The conductive tissue (lamé) must satisfy the specified control conditions (cf m.28.5).

Application date: already in force.

Urgent decisions of the Executive Committee

May 2014, up-dated following the opinion of the Rules Commission

Proposal 1

Motivation :

- 1) The GP should be GP also by the number of participants thus to boost the strength of the competition
- 2) Increasing the income of the organisers.

~~o.78.1.~~

For **Grand Prix competitions and Individual Category A World Cup competitions**, both Senior and Junior, at each weapon, each national federation may enter a maximum of 12 fencers. The organising country (~~competitions in Europe~~) may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

o.79

~~o.78.2.~~ For **Individual Category A World Cup competitions outside Europe**, the organising country may enter up to 30 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

~~o.79. For Grand Prix competitions, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter up to 12 fencers, plus the number of fencers needed to make up the pools, up to a maximum of 20 fencers.~~

Application : 2014/2015 season.

Proposal 2

Motivation :

To start the new season with the new calendar the rules has to be amended as proposed in order to avoid any confusion and misunderstanding caused by the new order of GPs and World Cup competitions.

o.83.1 c)

For both Open and Junior rankings, the ranking is ~~kept permanently up to date rolling~~.

~~The competition in the current year cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.~~

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 Cups in the year.

The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the corresponding 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.

Application : 2014/2015 season.

Proposal 3

Motivation:

During the 2013 Congress, we modified o.27.1 as follows:

o.27.1

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

The proposal below simply aims at harmonizing o.76.5 with what we decided previously, to avoid the discrepancy of texts.

o.76.5

The **finals** (~~of 4 fencers~~) must take place in a hall in which there is space allocated to the public.

Application : immediate

Urgent decisions of the Executive Committee July 2014

Proposal 1

Motivation:

Following the 2013 Congress decision concerning the creation of Junior Team World Cup events, it seems that no rule exists defining the number of referees required nor who is to provide them. Therefore, a quota of referees must be added to the Rules to ensure that events run smoothly.

o.81. 1. a)

The number of FIE A or B Grade **referees** (cf. t.35) that must accompany delegations to junior A Grade competitions and Veteran World Championship 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 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 inflicted on it.

Proposal 2

Motivation:

The 2013 Congress voted for the creation of Junior Team World Cup events. Given that there is no junior team ranking at the beginning of this season, one must be proposed for the first event in each weapon.

Temporary measure concerning article o.84 a) of the Rules, solely applicable to the first event of each weapon for the 2014-2015 season:

For the first event starting the Junior Team World Cup circuit, the teams will occupy places in the table according to their ranking. This ranking is arrived at by adding together the positions obtained by their best three team members in the Junior individual event. On the other hand, if a fencer did not take part in the individual competition, but is participating in the team event, he will be assigned points equal to the total number of fencers appearing in the individual junior ranking plus one.

As of the second event, the updated junior team ranking will be used.

URGENT DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, November 2014

m.25.3.g.iii

g) For the following events, the wearing of national strips (logos) is compulsory on both legs, optional on the arm(s). All the logos worn by any one fencer must be identical.

i) World Championships and World Junior and Cadet Championships: every bout, in the pools, in the direct elimination and in team matches;

ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions: all direct elimination bouts from the 64 onwards;

iii) **Senior** World Cup team competitions: all bouts in every match.

They must be identical for all fencers of the same federation for the competitions i) and iii) above.