



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CONGRESS

04-05 DECEMBER 2010

MOSCOW (RUS)

111 federations took part in the Congress, among which 101 were present and 10 were represented.

1) GENERALITIES

1.1 APPROBATION OF THE REPORT ON THE 2009 CONGRESS IN PALERMO (ITA)

The report on the 2009 Congress has been approved.

1.2 2010 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1ST SEMESTER)

The 2010 annual report of the Executive Committee has been approved.

1.3. FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDIT OF THE 2009/2010 ACCOUNTS, AUDITOR'S REPORT

The financial report, the audit of the 2009/2010 accounts and the auditor's report have all been approved.

1.4. APPROBATION OF THE ACCOUNTS, AND QUIETUS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE AUDITORS

The accounts, and discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors have all been approved.

1.5. 2011/2012 BUDGET

The 2011/2012 budget has been approved.

1.6. NOMINATION OF THE AUDITORS

Ernst and Young have been renewed for another year.

1.7. ATTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- VETERANS 2011: Morocco
- J/C 2012: Moscow (RUS)
- VETERANS 2012: no candidate
- TEAMS 2012: Kiev (UKR)
- SENIORS 2013: Budapest (HUN)

1.8. ATTRIBUTION OF THE 2011 CONGRESS

The organisation of the 2011 Congress has been attributed to Philadelphia (USA).

The federation of Brazil informed of its candidature for 2013 and the Federation of Hungary announced that it might also be candidate for 2013.

1.9. NEW FEDERATIONS (TOTAL 142)

The Congress pronounced the definitive affiliation of the following national federations:

EQUATORIAL GUINEA (GEQ)
LIBYA (LBA)
NEPAL (NEP)
ANTIGUA-AND-BARBUDA (ANT)
BAHAMAS (BAH)
BERMUDA (BER)

DOMINICA (DMA)
GUYANA (GUY)

2) AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The following amendments to the articles in the Statutes have been adopted and come into force immediately, except when indicated otherwise:

2.1.1 Add in article 2.1.1. the following text:

“In case that the IOC has taken measures of sanction or injunction against a NOC for the protection of the Olympic movement and because of Olympic Charter violations, the FIE COMEX may adopt interim measures it considers appropriate in defence of the principles and values underlying its statutes, including the suspension, total or partial, of its membership, with the consequences and scope they deem appropriate, in relation to the National Federation of the NOC. In any case, the measure shall be adopted after the affected national Federation has the opportunity to be heard and must be endorsed by the next Congress. The FIE COMEX shall have the right to look for any arrangements for the fencers and referees who had been representing that National Federation.”

2.1.2 Members of Honour a) Nomination

Delete:

~~Besides the Member Federations the F.I.E. may also include Members of Honour.~~

All candidatures must be presented by a national federation or by a member of the Executive Committee, three months before the Congress which follows the Elective Congress.

Upon the proposal of the Honours Commission the Congress may grant the title of Member of Honour 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.

b) Procedure

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

The Central Office must seek the approval of the Executive Committee before presenting its proposals to the Honours Commission.

The Honours Commission is made up of:

- **the Secretary General, Chairman of the Commission**
- ~~• 4 representatives of member federations present at the Congress, designated by proposition of the President at the beginning of the Congress~~
- the Members of Honour present at the Congress

The Commission meets **during the Congress which follows the Elective Congress** and decides, by a secret vote, whether or not to present the candidate(s) to the Congress.

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

- by resignation
 - by expulsion
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2.2.2 Rights and Duties of Members of Honours

a) The Members of Honour of the F.I.E. are present by right at the Congresses of the F.I.E.

If they are not delegated by their national federations **to represent it**, they only have an advisory role, **i.e. they cannot vote**.

b) They also have the right to be present at the meetings of all the Commissions of the F.I.E., but in an advisory capacity only.

3.3.3 Proxies and mandates

Scratch the line in italics and underlined:

a) The right to vote at a Congress can be delegated to another federation *or a Member of Honour*. This proxy must be signed by the President of the member federation, and the mandate can be imperative for all statutory modifications.

In no instance may a proxy agent have more than one mandate for another member federation.

b) The only valid proxies are those received by the F.I.E. before the opening of the Congress: the proxy must bear the signature of the President of the member federation.

When a Member Federation *or Member of Honour* has already received a proxy, and now receives another proxy from another Member Federation, it must inform the latter that it cannot accept the proxy.

Every proxy may identify one or several other Member Federations *or Members of Honour* who could receive that proxy, in order of preference, should the Member Federation *or Member of Honour* receiving the proxy be prevented from taking it.

3.6.2 The voting for the President, the Executive Committee and the commissions is conducted by secret ballot.

The Executive Committee may decide that the vote be conducted by electronic ballot, in which case it will inform the member federations.

If the vote is not conducted by electronic ballot, it must take place in a separate polling booth, to which the delegates of the federations go one after another to complete their voting slips and place them in one or more closed ballot-boxes.

Application 2012 Congress.

4.1.2 Delete "*or by a Member of Honour*", "*- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member of Honour for each post.*" and "*or by a Member of Honour*".

4.1.3. Delete paragraph 4.1.3

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

Add :

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.

Application 2012 Congress.

- 4.4.2 Delete the mention of the **Disciplinary Commission** from 4.4.2
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- 4.5.8 One single ballot box will be provided **for all weapons** ~~throughout all the competitions of each of the six individual weapons.~~
- Application at the elections at the 2013 World Championships.**
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- 4.5.9 The voting will **be** open for **all weapons** ~~during the time each individual weapon is being fenced, from the beginning of the eliminations~~ and will begin at noon local time on the first day of the World Championships, and will end at noon local time on the last day of the World Championships.
- Application at the elections at the 2013 World Championships.**
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- 4.5.12 The Executive Committee, at its first meeting after these Open World Championships, will ~~select an athlete per weapon~~ **nominate up to 6 athletes**, ~~always~~ among the **list of athletes submitted** by their national federations. **The athletes are nominated** for a four year term, ~~it being noted that each country can only have one representative on the Athletes Commission~~ **If the submitted candidacies allow it, all 6 weapons and four zones – Europe, America, Africa and Asia/Oceania – must be represented within the commission.**
- Application at the elections at the 2013 World Championships.**
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- 4.6 Add a new 4.6 title **“Selection of the Disciplinary Panel”**
- Application 2012 Congress.**
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- 4.6.1 **Members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be individuals who have been practicing as a lawyer, judge, arbitrator, magistrates or professor of law.**
- Application 2012 Congress.**
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- 4.6.2 **Candidates for the D.P. may be proposed by either an F.I.E. Member Federation or by a Member of Honor**, subject to the following conditions:
- **only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for the D.P.**
~~only one candidate may be proposed by each Member of Honor for the D.P.~~
 - **a candidate for the D.P. can only be presented by the Member Federation of the candidate** ~~or by a Member of Honor with the agreement of the Member Federation of the candidate.~~
 - **No candidate may be a member of the Executive Committee of the FIE, nor a member of one of its Commissions.**
- Application 2012 Congress.**
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- 4.6.3 **All candidatures for selection to the D.P. must reach the administrative office of the F.I.E., in writing, at least two months before the Elective Congress.**
- The candidature must be presented by means of a form signed under oath provided by the FIE (one single page of A4 format). The form must include the languages spoken as well as the degrees or other qualifications for the D.P.**

The head office of the F.I.E. will include the list of all of the candidates, as well as the CVs that have been received for candidates for the D.P. and present them to the meeting of the Executive Committee held the day following the Elective Congress.

Application 2012 Congress.

4.6.4 The Executive Committee will examine the candidacies and establish the list of members (without restrictions as to how many) who fulfil the requirements of articles 4.6.1 and 4.6.3. If possible, this list will include at least two women, and one representative of each zone.

The chosen candidates shall be members of the Disciplinary Committee up until the Congress which follows the Elective Congress.

Application 2012 Congress.

4.6.5 When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

4.6.6 The D.P. is responsible for handling all offences against the Rules, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the F.I.E., in conformity with the Disciplinary Code of the F.I.E. (cf. chapter 7), except the specific dispositions with respect to the discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114ss of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E.

4.6.7 The proceedings of the D.P. and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, the D.P. and the Legal Commission.

6.1.1 In 6.1.1 eliminate **Disciplinary Commission**.

6.1.3 **There is established a permanent Disciplinary Panel** (see 4.6).

Application 2012 Congress.

6.5.4 Delete current 6.5.4

6.7 **The Disciplinary Panel**

6.7.1 **The Disciplinary Panel is charged with the handling of all infractions against the Rules (with the exception of anti-doping cases), the discipline or sportsmanship within the International Fencing Federation (FIE) pursuant to the disciplinary code of the FIE (See chapter 7) subject to the specific provisions regarding discipline taken at the site of the competition appearing in articles t.114 et seq. of the Rules for Competitions of the FIE.**

Chapter VII Change Disciplinary Commission to **Disciplinary Panel**. (7.1.2 (2 times), (7.1.4 after (d) change Commission to **Tribunal** – 3 times), 7.1.7 (2 times), 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.4, 7.2.6 (b) 2., 7.2.11 change Commission to **Legal Commission**, 7.2.12 (3 times)

7.1.1 **The Disciplinary Panel, selected by the Executive Committee, ...**
Application 2012 Congress.

7.2.2 **The Disciplinary Panel is chosen in conformity with Article 4.6 above.**
Application 2012 Congress.

7.2.3 Delete 1st 6 paragraphs of existing 7.2.3.
The head office of the F.I.E. shall send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within 15 days, the complaint, which was filed with the F.I.E.
The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint to the person (s) designated therein.

7.2.5 Delete existing 7.2.5.
The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will notify the defendant, the complainant and their federations of the decision (with justification and penalty) of the Disciplinary Tribunal. The notification is made by certified mail, with acknowledgement of receipt requested.
The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall also send copies of the decision to the President of the FIE and the president of the Legal Commission.

10.2.1 ***Candidatures for a World Championship, add:***
h) Requests to undertake the organisation of the Veteran World Championships for the following years, must reach the head office of the F.I.E two years before the organising of the competition.

10.5 **THE VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

10.5.1 ***Organization and rules***
The Organization Rules, the Technical Rules and the Competition Rules of Veterans Championships are defined in specific sections of the respective Rules. Rules related to all categories are applicable when not otherwise specified in those sections.

3) AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The following amendments to the articles in the Rules have been adopted and come into effect on January 1st, 2011, except when indicated otherwise:

3.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

o.4. The **Central Office of the FIE** controls the activities of the Directoire Technique at the Olympic Games, ~~and at~~ the World Championships and ~~at~~ the Junior and Cadet World Championships, as described in Article o.63.

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. ~~If not they will consist of 6 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 6.~~ Otherwise the pools will be of 7 and 6. **In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.**

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

o.31.2 **The day before the competition, the organizers must publish the pools, 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.**

o.31.3 ~~Confirmation of the presence of the exempted fencers is made at the time the fencers are entered.~~ The **16 fencers actually present entered**, who are **ranked highest in the most recent official FIE classification**, are exempt from the preliminary phase.

o.32.2 **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.**

o.33.3 **Should one of the seeded fencers who had been entered in accordance with the Rules** not present himself to fence (Cf. o.31)...

o.54.3 **Substitution of a fencer**
Until the Monday Tuesday preceding the competition (**midnight Lausanne time**), a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send the FIE, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

o.54.4 **Addition of a fencer after the deadline**
However, until the Monday Tuesday preceding the competition (**midnight Lausanne time**) one or more fencers may be added after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf. o.86 table of financial penalties and fine(s)) for each additional entry.

o.57.3 **Veterans World Championships**

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

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

o.81.3 Insert: '*The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee.*' after the words '...will not have to provide any referees.' and the following sentence begin with '*All the referees will be....*'.

'The Supervisor must.....application of this article.' should be moved to be the final line of o.81.2.

o.87 **VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**
The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

o.88 *Entries for competitions*
Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' national federation.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

o.90 *Composition of the pools*
When drawing the pools, the Directoire technique will take into account the following orders of strength:

1. The 32 highest ranked in the previous year's Championships, irrespective of age category changes;
2. The 32 highest ranked in the last Zone championships, irrespective of age category, if available;
3. All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.

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 (decalage).

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

If in any category there are fewer than 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.

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

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

- 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.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

- 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.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

Diagrams Add a note below each diagram stating that **This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence.**

Diagrams affected concern the articles mentioned hereafter: Valid target (at foil t.47, at epee t.62 and at sabre t.71).

t.35.1 ***The Referee***

All bouts at fencing are directed by a referee who must be an FIE referee licensed for the current season. For practical reasons, national referees who have paid and announced their candidature for FIE refereeing exams are authorised to referee at the **satellite competitions**.

t.37 That the heading before **t.37** be altered to **Attribution of referees and video-refereeing consultants**.

The video-consultant must:

- a) be a referee holding an FIE licence for the year in question;
- b) have been trained to assist with the video;
- c) be of a different nationality from the fencers on the piste;
- d) be of a different nationality from the main referee.

Application 2011 Junior/cadet World Championships.

t.37.6 **The drawing of lots is done with the help of a computer for the whole of the competition right through to the final. The computer programme must record each drawing of lots so that it is possible to know which referees were submitted for each draw. The computer programme should also be able to indicate whether the draw for any round was subsequently redone.**

Application 2011 Junior/cadet World Championships.

t.37.7 **In conformity with articles t.37.2 and t.37.3, the designation of the video-consultant must be made by drawing lots using a computer programme. The name and nationality of the video-consultant must also be written on the pool or match sheet, beside those of the referee.**

Application 2011 Junior/cadet World Championships.

t.42 **3 Video-refereeing**

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

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

ii) For World Cup team competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory **as soon as ~~from the table of 32 onwards~~ the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes** including the match for 3rd place, but excluding the other ranking matches.

iii) For individual and team competitions of the open World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory **in all three weapons as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing.**

iv) For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory **in all three weapons as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 4 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing.**
For team competitions in the conventional weapons, video-refereeing is compulsory from the table of 16. In epee, video-refereeing is compulsory from the table of 8.

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

b) Appeals

Both in team and individual events, only the fencer on the piste has the right to request a video review.

i) In the individual events, the fencer has:

- in **pools**, ~~in which the video-refereeing system is used~~, one possible appeal during each bout;
- in **direct elimination** bouts, two possible appeals.

Should **the referee agree with the fencer** who appealed for the video-refereeing, the latter is entitled to retain the right of appeal.

ii) In team events, the fencers have one possible right to appeal to the video-refereeing per relay and they are entitled to retain this right should the referee agree with the appeal.

iii) In the case of an appeal for video-refereeing, the referee will walk over to ~~the refereeing delegate~~ **the video consultant**, they will watch the video together and after having **analysed the action**, the referee will give his final decision.

c) There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

d) At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

e) If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing **before even giving his decision, except in the case specified in article t.42.3.d.**

f) ~~The refereeing delegate~~ The video consultant may at any time request that the referee ~~review his decision~~ **use the video-refereeing.**

g) Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is :

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit

- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

~~h) The video consultant(s) monitoring the referee's decisions do not have to be members of the Refereeing Commission. They can also be members of the group of referees trained for video refereeing. For the World Championships and the Olympic Games, the delegate from the Refereeing Commission who is in charge, will designate this or these person(s) the video consultant(s). For "Grand Prix" other FIE competitions, the delegate from the Refereeing Commission will designate this or these persons.~~

t.87

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

Clear unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

~~If two of the criteria below are combined, there is unwillingness to fight:~~

- ~~1. criterion of time : one minute of fencing without a hit~~
- ~~2. absence of blade contact~~
- ~~3. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step forward lunge).~~

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

- 1. criterion of time : approximately one minute of fencing without a hit**
- 2. absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.**

5. Individual events

a) If during the two first periods of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee ~~will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two fencers and~~ will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

~~b) If the offence is repeated, the Referee will each time award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.~~

b) ~~e)~~ When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, **the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing.** This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

~~i) if there has been no occurrence of the offence during the preceding periods, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each fencer, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

~~ii) if the offence has already been committed during the course of the preceding periods, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the fencers, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

6. Team events

a) If both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** during a team match, the Referee ~~will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two teams and~~ will proceed to the next bout.

~~b) If the offence is repeated, the Referee will each time award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the teams and will proceed to the next bout, and so on up to the last bout.~~

b) e) If both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** during **the last bout**, **the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing**. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

~~i) if there has been no occurrence of the offence during the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the teams, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

~~ii) if the offence has already been committed during the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the teams, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

t.120

Delete ligne 1.1.8 of the table.

3.3 AMENDMENTS TO THE MATERIAL RULES

Diagrams Add a note below each diagram stating that **This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence.**

Diagrams affected concern the articles mentioned hereafter: Dimensions and flexibility (at foil m.8.5, at epee m.16.5 and at sabre m.23.5c), épée design of pointe d'arret (m.19.1), épée details of tip of point (m.19.1.c), conductive jacket (foil m.28.7 and sabre m.34.5).

m.2.3 Begin the 2nd sentence with: **For foil and epee, the guard must contain a padding or cushion...**

m.5.2 a) Begin the 1st sentence with: **For foil and epee, inside the guard there must be a cushion (padding)** sufficiently wide to...

m.5.3. d) Add: **In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.**

m.8.5 b) Add **'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'** after "A 200 g weight".

m.11.4 Add: **The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.**

m.13.1 Delete the words **'as well as the pommel or the rear extremity of the handle,'**

m.16.5 b) Add **'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'** after "A 200 g weight".

m.19.4 a) Add: **The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.**

m.19.4 b) Add: **The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.**

m.23.2 The end of the blade must be folded over onto itself or be fashioned in one piece to form a button which, viewed end on, must have a square or rectangular section of 4 mm minimum and 6 mm maximum. The maximum dimensions must be not more than 3 mm from the end of the blade. **The edges of the folded-over tip or button must be chamfered to a radius of 0.5mm (minimum) so as to remove all sharp edges.**

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m.23.5 b) Add **'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'** after "A 200 g weight".

m. 24.2 Add the word **'longitudinal'** between the words 'the' and 'axis' – ie., **'being parallel with the longitudinal axis of the gauge'.**

m.27.3 To read:

Means of connection: the electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the bib of the mask must be ensured by means of a white-coloured or clear covered wire with two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the bib of the mask with one crocodile clip and to the jacket with the other. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long.

m.29.1 b) Add: **In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.**

m.31.2 Add: **In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.**

m.32.5 Add: **The wire must be white-colored or clear.**

m.44. 7 **The wireless apparatus is optional at the Veteran World Championships.**

ANNEX A

2.1.2 MASKS WITH A TRANSPARENT VISOR

1. General

1.1 **The wearing of the transparent mask is optional at all three weapons and in all FIE competitions.**

NB not included into the Rules: cf. FIE urgent letter 3-10 of February 8, 2010 still in force.

1.2 **Veteran World Championships**

The wearing of the transparent mask is optional at the Veterans World championships, at all three weapons.

2.1.2 **3. Safety Standards**

- Because of ageing of the plastic material, the polycarbonate visor must only be used for two years after its manufacture and, therefore, the date of manufacture **using the format of month (two digits) and year (four digits) e.g. 10-2010** must be indicated on it very clearly.

3.4 URGENT DECISIONS

Entries

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

~~2. The number of teams qualified is limited to 16 teams, according to the FIE Official Ranking, plus 16 teams allocated between the different zones, according to the FIE Official Ranking as follows: six from Europe, four from America, four from Asia/Oceania and two from Africa.~~

~~Should the organising country not have a team qualified, it will automatically have a place among the 16 teams allocated between the different zones.~~

~~In case of non-participation of a team, the next one in the ranking qualifies.~~

Referees — A Grade and Candidate A Grade competitions and Grand Prix

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1 **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** (cf. t.35) that must accompany teams to A Grade **junior** competitions is:

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

3 **For A Grade**, Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions, 7 referees, proposed by the Refereeing Commission ~~and in consultation with the organisers~~, will be designated by the Executive Committee, and delegations will not have to provide any referees. These 7 referees will be at the expense of the organisers, who will in return keep the entry fees.

Team World Cup

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2 **Principles**

a) The Team World Cup tournament is composed of a maximum of **five integral competitions** (through to the first place), **organised, if possible, on all continents** ~~two competitions will be organised in Europe, one in Asia/ Oceania, one in America and one in Africa.~~ Points will be allocated at the end of each competition. ~~One of the continents may add one additional competition within the limits of six competitions per weapon.~~

Individual World rankings

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1 **Official FIE individual ranking**

a) **Principles**

The official Open 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**, plus the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.

2 Scale of points

- b) Points obtained in an **individual A Grade World Cup** competition are multiplied by a factor of 1.0.
- 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 **Open World Championships** ~~or the Olympic Games~~ 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**. At the **Olympic Games**, **fourth** place is awarded 54 points.

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1 Official team ranking of the FIE

a) Principle

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