



Proposals for the 2023 Congress
Modifications of the Organisation Rules

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2024, unless mentioned otherwise.

Article: o.10

P. 1

Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council

Motivation:

Advance gender equality in Organising Committees, to assist in the development of more females in all roles in fencing and to ensure that both genders have representation.

Demonstrate the FIE's commitment to the IOC objective to advance gender equality in all aspects of Olympic sport and help ensure that the FIE meet the gender representation quotas for participation in the Olympics.

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- 1 The Organising Committee is the group of persons responsible for organising the competition.
- 2 The Organising Committee must take note of the instructions in the Specifications ('Cahier des Charges') specific to each category of competition.
3. The Organising Committee is expected to have representation of both genders.

Women and Fencing Council: In favour

Rules Commission: Not in favour. The matter is already covered by the Administrative Rules.

There's nothing in our statutes or administrative rules to indicate that a council can make direct proposals for modifications in the rules (Statute 6A.5.3).

The function of councils is to suggest solutions to the Executive Committee to promote the objectives indicated in the statutes.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour as follows:

- 1 The Organising Committee is the group of persons responsible for organising the competition.
- 2 The Organising Committee must take note of the instructions in the Specifications ('Cahier des Charges') specific to each category of competition.
3. If possible, both genders should be represented in the Organising Committee.

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Article: o.15 and o.85

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Group the procedure for uploading and publishing registration files o.85.1 in o.15.5. This proposal concerns the procedure and the responsibility of the DT.

FIE Directoire Technique and delegates for official events

o.15

- 5 The day before an individual or team competition, the DT must download the entry file, the day before the competition, from 12:00 noon local time from the FIE website.
 - In individual competitions, the DT must publish and send to the FIE the pools and the relevant schedules, as well as the list of exempt fencers for senior competitions, no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time). No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf o.67.1).
 - In team competitions, the DT must publish and send to the FIE the table and the relevant schedules no later than one hour after the end of the quarter finals of the individual event. No addition may be made to the published list.

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- 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 organizers must publish and send to the FIE the pools and relevant schedules, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest by 4:00 pm (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE web site the day before the competition at or after 12h00, local time. No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf o.67.1).~~

3 2 The **16 fencers entered who are ranked highest in the most recent official FIE classification** are exempt from the preliminary phase.

4 3 Should a fencer who has been entered not turn up, a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, is inflicted on the Federation of the fencer at fault except in a case of force majeure which is duly justified.

5 4 In the case of a tie in the official FIE ranking between two or more fencers for the 16th exempt place, lots are drawn to decide which of these fencers will benefit from exemption from the preliminary phase.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.16

P. 3

Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council

Motivation:

Advance gender equality in the Directoire Technique, to assist in the development of more females in all roles in fencing and to ensure that both genders have representation.

Demonstrate the FIE's commitment to the IOC objective to advance gender equality in all aspects of Olympic sport and help ensure that the FIE are able to meet the gender representation quotas for participation in the Olympics.

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Nomination of the Directoire Technique

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

1 *World Championships and Olympic Games.*

- a) **For the Olympic Games** the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held. **There must be at least one member from each gender.**

- b) **For the World Championships**, the Directoire Technique is composed of **8** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country. **There must be at least two members from each gender.**

2 *World Cup and Grands Prix competitions.*

The Directoire Technique is composed of three qualified persons from the country where the competition is held or invited by them. **There must be at least one member from each gender.**

3 *Veterans World Championships*

The Directoire Technique is composed of four members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held. **There must be at least one member from each gender.**

Women and Fencing Council: In favour.

Veterans Council: In favour.

Rules Commission: Not in favour. The matter is already covered by the Administrative Rules.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.18

P. 4

Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council

Motivation:

Advance gender equality in refereeing, SEMI and medical delegates, to assist in the development of more females in all roles in fencing and to ensure that both genders have representation.

Demonstrate the FIE's commitment to the IOC objective to advance gender equality in all aspects of Olympic sport and help ensure that the FIE are able to meet the gender representation quotas for participation in the Olympics.

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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** members of the FIE Medical Commission.

1. World Championships

A chief Refereeing delegate and 5 more Refereeing delegates, a chief SEMI delegate and 2 more SEMI delegates and 3 Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions. **Across all the delegates there must be at least 30% of Refereeing delegates and at least one of SEMI and medical delegates from each gender.**

2. Grands Prix

Two Refereeing delegates are appointed by the Executive Committee following the recommendation of the Refereeing Commission. **There must be a minimum representation of at least 20% of each gender when all Grand Prix appointments across all weapons are considered together.**

3. Senior World Cup competitions

One Refereeing delegate is appointed by the Executive Committee following the recommendation of the Refereeing Commission. **There must be a minimum representation of at least 20% of each gender when all Senior World Cup appointments across all weapons are considered together.**

4. Veterans World Championships

Two Refereeing delegates, one SEMI delegate and two Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions. **There must be at least one delegate from each gender within the total of 5 appointments.**

Rules Commission: In favour.

Medical Commission: In favour, with one decent - In principle, they agree, but cannot be a rule. It can make a lot of problems with scheduling.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour. In view of the increase in size of the Veteran World Championships a second SEMI Delegate should be appointed and consideration also be given to a SEMI Delegate for Grand Prix events.

Veterans Council: In favour.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed as amended.

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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 members of the FIE Medical Commission.

When all delegate designations are taken together (across all types of competitions and all weapons in one season) there must be a minimum of 20% representation of both genders. There must be at least one delegate of each gender from each of the Refereeing, SEMI and Medical Commissions designated at World Championships, except Veteran World Championships, where of the 5 designated delegates there must be at least one of each gender.

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4. Veterans World Championships

Two Refereeing delegates, one SEMI delegate and two Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions. **There must be at least one delegate from each gender within the total of 5 appointments.**

Opinion of the Executive Committee: The delegates proposed by the commissions are based on the availability of these delegates to the different competitions. For the Refereeing delegates, additional criteria should also be taken into consideration, such as the weapons specialty of each member and continental representation. In addition, for the Veterans World Championships, article o.50.2 mentions that “*The officials a) to e) should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.*”

Therefore, the Executive Committee is in favour of the following revised proposal:

When all delegate designations are taken together (across all types of competitions and all weapons in one season) there must be a minimum of 20% representation of both genders, **should the availability of the delegates and continental representation allow it.** **Should the availability of the delegates and continental representation allow it,** there must be at least one delegate of each gender from each of the Refereeing, SEMI and Medical Commissions designated at World Championships. **For the Veteran World Championships, of the 5 designated delegates there must be at least one of each gender, if the availability of the delegates and continental representation allow it.**

Article: **o.25.3**

Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council

Motivation:

To assist in the FIE gaining better understanding of the numbers of female referees.

o.25.3

3 In addition, the organising committee of junior World Cup competitions and satellite competitions is required to monitor and report on gender diversity of the registered referees.

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Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

Rules Commission: Not in favour. The data is available in the results of the competitions.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed as amended:

o.25.3

3 In addition, the FIE Supervisor or President of the Directoire Technique **organising committee** of junior World Cup competitions and satellite competitions is required to monitor and report on gender diversity of the registered referees. Reporting will be done through the FIE Supervisor's report.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: Referees at these competitions are selected and brought by participating delegations (if required by o.25 of the Rules) or hired by the organising federations if not enough referees are brought by delegations (which is sometimes known only 7 days before the competitions). Therefore, the organising committees are not able to monitor gender diversity of the referees. In addition, most of the time, there is no supervisor in satellite competitions, and therefore there is no supervisors' report. Therefore, in favour of the following revised proposal:

3 In addition, the FIE Supervisor of junior World Cup competitions is required to report on gender diversity of the registered referees through the FIE Supervisor's report.

Article: **o.26**

P. 6

Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council

Motivation:

Advance gender equality in refereeing, to assist in the development of more females in all roles in fencing and to ensure that both genders have representation.

Demonstrate the FIE's commitment to the IOC objective to advance gender equality in all aspects of Olympic sport and help ensure that the FIE are able to meet the gender representation quotas for participation in the Olympics.

Where it is not possible to meet minimum expectations then written reports will assist in exploring solutions.

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- 1 Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council. **There must be a minimum representation of at least 30% of each gender across all such appointments.** Referees must attend the refereeing meeting that takes place the day before the World Championships.
- 2 For **Senior World Cup, Grands 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. There must be a minimum of one person from each gender, if possible. If this is not possible a written explanation must be provided to the FIE.

The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee. **All the referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees.** There must be a minimum of one person from each gender, if possible. If this is not possible a written explanation must be provided to the FIE.

Rules Commission: Not in favour. The matter is already covered by the Administrative Rules.

Refereeing Commission: only o.26.1 in favour

o.26.2 not in favour

Veterans Council: In favour.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed as amended:

o.26

- 1 Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council. **Either, there must be a minimum representation of at least 30% of each gender across all such appointments or the Refereeing Commission must provide a written explanation to the Executive Committee of the FIE.**

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

- 2 For **Senior World Cup, Grands 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. **Either there must be a minimum of one person from each gender, if possible. If this is not possible or the Refereeing Commission must provide a written explanation must be provided to the Executive Committee of the FIE.**

The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee. **All the referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees.** **Either there must be a minimum of one person from each gender, if possible. Or if this is not possible or a written explanation must be provided to the FIE in the FIE Supervisor's report.**

Opinion of the Executive Committee:

o.26.1: This proposal is duplicating article 9.2.3 of the FIE Administrative Rules. Article 9.2.3 also takes into account weapons, continental representation and other criteria which are not considered in this proposal. Therefore, the Executive Committee is **not in favour** of the proposal.

o.26.2: This is impossible to implement in each competition as the criteria of availability of referees, weapons and continental representation must also be taken into account. Therefore, the Executive Committee is **not in favour** of the proposal.

Article: o.16, o.18, o.26, o.29, o.39, o.50, o.63, o.75, o.103, o.104

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Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Creation of new Veterans chapters.

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~~3—Veterans World Championships~~

~~The Directoire Technique is composed of four members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held.~~

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~~4—Veterans World Championships~~

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

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- ~~1.—Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council.~~

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

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For **Senior World Cup, Grands 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 provided by the organising committee. **All the referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees.**

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~~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 groups in veteran competitions are:~~

a) Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.

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

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

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

Application : during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024).

VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.39

1—The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises twenty-four events, eighteen individual—three categories for each weapon—and six team—male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre. The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the three categories of each weapon.

2—No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.

3—Each competition must be held in one single day, avoiding long periods of inactivity.

o.39

1—The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises thirty-six events, twenty-four individual—four categories for each weapon—and twelve team—male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre (two categories for each weapon and gender). The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the corresponding two individual categories of each weapon.

2—No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.

3—Each competition must be held in one single day, except for team events for which the round of pools may be achieved the day before direct elimination avoiding long periods of inactivity.

Application: during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024).

Veterans

o.50

~~1—Any proposed candidature for organising the Veteran 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 federation.~~

~~2—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, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.~~

~~b) —Four 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) —Two members of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.~~

~~f) —The referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.~~

~~The officials a) to e) should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.~~

Entries to competitions

o.63

~~1—Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' national federation. Entries must be sent not later than one month before the beginning of the championships.~~

~~2—However, up to two days before the competition at noon (local time), fencers may be added by their national federation after payment to the Organizing Committee of a penalty equal to 100 % of the registration fee.~~

~~3—Entries for team championships must be forwarded to the Directoire Technique not later than 4.00 pm (local time) of the day before the competition.~~

~~4—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. The names must be the same as those on the FIE licences.~~

Composition of the pools for Veteran individual championships

o.75

~~The pools are composed taking into account the following orders of strength:~~

- ~~1. The fencers ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two years Championships, irrespective of age category changes. Scores are awarded according to the following table:~~

<u>1st place 80 points</u>	<u>31th place 7 points</u>	<u>61th place 3,2 points</u>
<u>2nd place 65 points</u>	<u>32th place 6,5 points</u>	<u>62th place 3,1 points</u>
<u>3rd place ex aequo 50 points</u>	<u>33th place 6 points</u>	<u>63th place 3 points</u>
<u>5th place 38 points</u>	<u>34th place 5,9 points</u>	<u>64th place 2,9 points</u>
<u>6th place 36 points</u>	<u>35th place 5,8 points</u>	<u>65th place 2,8 points</u>
<u>7th place 34 points</u>	<u>36th place 5,7 points</u>	<u>66th place 2,7 points</u>
<u>8th place 32 points</u>	<u>37th place 5,6 points</u>	<u>67th place 2,6 points</u>
<u>9th place 30 points</u>	<u>38th place 5,5 points</u>	<u>68th place 2,5 points</u>
<u>10th place 28 points</u>	<u>39th place 5,4 points</u>	<u>69th place 2,4 points</u>
<u>11th place 26 points</u>	<u>40th place 5,3 points</u>	<u>70th place 2,3 points</u>
<u>12th place 24 points</u>	<u>41th place 5,2 points</u>	<u>71th place 2,2 points</u>
<u>13th place 22 points</u>	<u>42th place 5,1 points</u>	<u>72th place 2,1 points</u>
<u>14th place 20 points</u>	<u>43th place 5 points</u>	<u>73th place 2 points</u>
<u>15th place 18 points</u>	<u>44th place 4,9 points</u>	<u>74th place 1,9 points</u>
<u>16th place 16 points</u>	<u>45th place 4,8 points</u>	<u>75th place 1,8 points</u>
<u>17th place 14 points</u>	<u>46th place 4,7 points</u>	<u>76th place 1,7 points</u>
<u>18th place 13,5 points</u>	<u>47th place 4,6 points</u>	<u>77th place 1,6 points</u>
<u>19th place 13 points</u>	<u>48th place 4,5 points</u>	<u>78th place 1,5 points</u>
<u>20th place 12,5 points</u>	<u>49th place 4,4 points</u>	<u>79th place 1,4 points</u>
<u>21th place 12 points</u>	<u>50th place 4,3 points</u>	<u>80th place 1,3 points</u>
<u>22th place 11,5 points</u>	<u>51th place 4,2 points</u>	<u>81th place 1,2 points</u>
<u>23th place 11 points</u>	<u>52th place 4,1 points</u>	<u>82th place 1,1 points</u>
<u>24th place 10,5 points</u>	<u>53th place 4 points</u>	<u>83th place 1 points</u>
<u>25th place 10 points</u>	<u>54th place 3,9 points</u>	<u>84th place 0,9 points</u>
<u>26th place 9,5 points</u>	<u>55th place 3,8 points</u>	<u>85th place 0,8 points</u>
<u>27th place 9 points</u>	<u>56th place 3,7 points</u>	<u>86th place 0,7 points</u>
<u>28th place 8,5 points</u>	<u>57th place 3,6 points</u>	<u>87th place 0,6 points</u>
<u>29th place 8 points</u>	<u>58th place 3,5 points</u>	<u>88th place 0,5 points</u>
<u>30th place 7,5 points</u>	<u>59th place 3,4 points</u>	<u>89th place 0,4 points</u>
	<u>60th place 3,3 points</u>	<u>90th place 0,3 points</u>
		<u>91th place 0,2 points</u>
		<u>92th place 0,1 points</u>
		<u>93th place and after 0 points</u>

2— All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.

3— The allocation of fencers in the pools must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality, as far as possible, in different pools, by moving them down the ranking as necessary.

4— If in any category there are fewer than ten competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique followed by direct elimination.

5— If in any category there are fewer than 6 competitors, they will fence with the next lower age category. A separate ranking for that category will be extrapolated from the combined categories' final rankings at the end of the competition.

~~6—If in any category there is only one competitor, the event in that category is cancelled.~~

~~7—No fencer is eliminated after the pools, all are entered into the direct elimination.~~

C. VETERANS

Team championships

o.103

~~1—Participation~~

~~Each country may enter one team per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of 6 competitions.~~

~~The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon, but c.f. o.103.2 b below.~~

~~2—The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:~~

~~a) For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one from "B" and one from "C", with or without a reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.~~

~~b) In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon or who is registered but has yet to compete, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.~~

~~c) The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the team having the lowest total being ranked highest. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of the match.~~

~~d) Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or other medical reason duly recognized by the Medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.~~

~~There can only be one substitution per team per match.~~

~~3—A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury may not fence again during that match. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team is deemed to have lost the match.~~

~~4—The relay system is always applied. The three fencers of a team fence against their opponent of the same category. Each fencer fences his/her opponent twice giving a total of 6 bouts. The bouts are for 5 hits (5-10-15-20 etc.). Exceptionally, a relay may end at more than 5,10,15 etc. if a fencer scores a valid last hit of the relay and is at the same time awarded an additional penalty hit: in this case both hits will be counted; the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.~~

~~5—The team that first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time, is the winner.~~

~~6—The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will draw lots and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.~~

~~7—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 the highest placed 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their ranking after the round of pools.~~

~~a) —The order of fights in a pool of 4 is as follows:~~

~~b) —Match 1 : The team ranked 1 vs the team ranked 4~~

~~—Match 2 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3 Match 3 : The winner of Match 1 vs the loser of Match 2~~

~~—Match 4 : The winner of Match 2 vs the loser of Match 1~~

~~—Match 5 and Match 6 : The two remaining matches.~~

~~b) —The order of fights in a pool of 3 is as follows:~~

~~—Match 1 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3~~

~~—Match 2 : The team ranked 1 vs the loser of Match 1~~

~~—Match 3 : The team ranked 1 vs the winner of Match 1~~

~~The initial ranking on which the drawing of the pools is based is established from the results of the fencers in the individual events. (cf. o.103.2.c)~~

~~Using the results of the pools, an overall ranking is established, from which the top 16 (or 8 if there are fewer than 16 teams taking part) are promoted to a direct elimination tableau, in which the teams are placed according to this ranking. Should there be absolute equality in results between teams ranked 16 and 17 (or 8 and 9), the team ranked higher before the round of pools will be qualified.~~

~~However, teams which have already fenced each other in the pools should not meet again immediately in the direct elimination. To avoid this, the lower ranked of the two teams in question may be moved:~~

~~—in the case of a tableau of 16, the team ranked 9 may change places only with the team ranked 10, the team ranked 11 may change places only with the team ranked 12, the team ranked 13 may change places only with the team ranked 14 and the team ranked 15 may change places only with the team ranked 16.~~

~~—in the case of a tableau of 8, the team ranked 5 may change places only with the team ranked 6 and the team ranked 7 may change places only with the team ranked 8.~~

~~8—If there are fewer than 6 teams, they all fence in a poule unique; a match for the 3rd and 4th places is then held, followed by a match for the first place between the teams who came 1st and 2nd in the pool.~~

~~9—The places in the final ranking table from 5th onwards are not fought for and teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their ranking after the poules.~~

o.103

4—Participation

~~Each country may enter one team per category (Veterans and Grand Veterans) per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of twelve competitions.~~

~~The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon, but c.f. o.103.2 b below.~~

~~2—The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:~~

~~**Veterans:** teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 40-49 or to age group 50-59, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 50-59, plus up to two reserves.~~

~~**Grand Veterans:** teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 60-69 or to age group 70 and over, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 70 and over, plus up to two reserves.~~

~~Fencing mode is 45 hits relay described in o.99 with application of passivity rule at any bout.~~

~~The competition begins with a round of pools of 3 and 4 teams established according to o.103 c) and followed by a direct elimination phase according to o.103 7.~~

~~Particular cases depending on the number of teams:~~

- ~~• 1 team: the organisers must inform all nations that there will be no competition at that weapon.~~
- ~~• 2 teams: only one match between these two teams.~~
- ~~• 3 teams: one poule of three followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 4.~~
- ~~• 4 teams: one poule of four followed by D.E. from a tableau of 4.~~
- ~~• 5 teams: one poule of five followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 8.~~

~~The losers of the semi-finals have to fence for the Bronze medal.~~

~~a) — In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon or who is registered but has yet to compete, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.~~

~~b) — The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the team having the lowest total being ranked highest. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of the match.~~

~~c) — Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or other medical reason, duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.~~

~~There can be up to two substitutions of reserves per match but must maintain compliance with the age category representation requirement.~~

~~3—A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury or other medical reason may not fence again during that match. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team is deemed to have lost the match.~~

~~4—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 the highest placed 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their ranking after the round of pools.~~

~~a) —The order of fights in a pool of 4 is as follows:~~

~~Match 1 : The team ranked 1 vs the team ranked 4~~

~~Match 2 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3~~

~~Match 3 : The winner of Match 1 vs the loser of Match 2~~

~~Match 4 : The winner of Match 2 vs the loser of Match 1~~

~~Match 5 and Match 6 : The two remaining matches.~~

~~b) —The order of fights in a pool of 3 is as follows:~~

~~Match 1 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3~~

~~Match 2 : The team ranked 1 vs the loser of Match 1~~

~~Match 3 : The team ranked 1 vs the winner of Match 1~~

~~The initial ranking on which the drawing of the pools is based is established from the results of the fencers in the individual events. (cf. o.103.2.c)~~

~~Using the results of the pools, an overall ranking is established, from which the top 16 (or 8 if there are fewer than 16 teams taking part) are promoted to a direct elimination tableau, in which the teams are placed according to this ranking. Should there be absolute equality in results between teams ranked 16 and 17 (or 8 and 9), the team ranked higher before the round of pools will be qualified.~~

~~However, teams which have already fenced each other in the pools should not meet again immediately in the direct elimination. To avoid this, the lower ranked of the two teams in question may be moved:~~

~~– in the case of a tableau of 16, the team ranked 9 may change places only with the team ranked 10, the team ranked 11 may change places only with the team ranked 12, the team ranked 13 may change places only with the team ranked 14 and the team ranked 15 may change places only with the team ranked 16.~~

~~– in the case of a tableau of 8, the team ranked 5 may change places only with the team ranked 6 and the team ranked 7 may change places only with the team ranked 8.~~

~~5—If there are fewer than 6 teams, they all fence in a poule unique; a match for the 3rd and 4th places is then held, followed by a match for the first place between the teams who came 1st and 2nd in the pool.~~

~~6—The places in the final ranking table from 5th onwards are not fought for and teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their ranking after the poules.~~

Application : during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024)

D-C. OLYMPIC GAMES

o.104

The organisation formulae for the Olympic Games are established by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the IOC. (See art. 9.1.1.1 of the Administrative rules).

PART E - VETERANS

BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISATION AND CONTROL

Organising Committee Veterans

o.111

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

The Directoire Technique is composed of four members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held **and, if possible, a representative of the country where the competition will be held the following year.**

Appointment of refereeing, SEMI and medical delegates

o.112

Refereeing delegates must be members of the FIE Refereeing Commission.

SEMI delegates must be members of the FIE SEMI Commission.

Medical delegates must be members of the FIE Medical Commission.

Veterans World Championships

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

Refereeing

o.113

Refereeing at Veteran World Championships is carried out by referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, selected by the Refereeing Commission on indication of the Organizing Committee and Veterans Council.

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

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

o.114

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.

The age groups in veteran competitions are:

- a) Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.
- b) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.
- c) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.
- d) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition.

Application : during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024)

Pre-competition procedures

PROGRAMMING

VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.115

- 1 The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises twenty-four events, eighteen individual – three categories for each weapon - and six team — male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre. The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the three categories of each weapon.
 - 2 No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.
 - 3 Each competition must be held in one single day, avoiding long periods of inactivity.
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- 1 The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises thirty-six events, twenty-four individual – four categories for each weapon - and twelve team — male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre (two categories for each weapon and gender). The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the corresponding two individual categories of each weapon.
- 2 No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.
- 3 Each competition must be held in one single day, except for team events for which the round of pools may be achieved the day before direct elimination avoiding long periods of inactivity.

Application: during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024)

INVITATIONS

Invitation to international officials

Veterans

o.116

- 1 Any proposed candidature for organising the Veteran 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 federation.
- 2 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, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
 - b) Four 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~~-Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - d) ~~One~~ **Two** members of the Refereeing ~~Committee~~-Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - e) Two members of the Medical ~~Committee~~-Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - f) The referees appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

The officials a) to e) should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.

ENTRIES

Veterans World Championships

Entries for competitions

o.117

- 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 organizers, up to the day before the competition, not later than 4.00 pm (local time). 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 other medical reason duly certified by the competition medical doctor.
- 2 **Withdrawal of a fencer or team.**

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for injury or other medical reason or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.
- 3 **Substitution of a fencer.**

Until the Wednesday 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 fencer or a team after the dead-line.

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 penalty according to the scale in force (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines).

5 Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, will be imposed to the federation of the faulty fencer or team, except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.

6 The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a fine payable to the FIE (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines), refuse any entry of either fencer or referee not in possession of an FIE license valid for the current season.

PROCEDURES DURING COMPETITIONS

Composition of the pools for the individual Veterans championships

o.118

The pools are composed taking into account the following orders of strength:

- 1 The fencers ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two **years** Veterans World Championships, irrespective of age category changes.

Scores are awarded according to the following table:

1st place 80 points	31th place 7 points	61th place 3,2 points
2nd place 65 points	32th place 6,5 points	62th place 3,1 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i> 50 points	33th place 6 points	63th place 3 points
5th place 38 points	34th place 5,9 points	64th place 2,9 points
6th place 36 points	35th place 5,8 points	65th place 2,8 points
7th place 34 points	36th place 5,7 points	66th place 2,7 points
8th place 32 points	37th place 5,6 points	67th place 2,6 points
9th place 30 points	38th place 5,5 points	68th place 2,5 points
10th place 28 points	39th place 5,4 points	69th place 2,4 points
11th place 26 points	40th place 5,3 points	70th place 2,3 points
12th place 24 points	41th place 5,2 points	71th place 2,2 points
13th place 22 points	42th place 5,1 points	72th place 2,1 points
14th place 20 points	43th place 5 points	73th place 2 points
15th place 18 points	44th place 4,9 points	74th place 1,9 points
16th place 16 points	45th place 4,8 points	75th place 1,8 points

17th place 14 points	46th place 4,7 points	76th place 1,7 points
18th place 13,5 points	47th place 4,6 points	77th place 1,6 points
19th place 13 points	48th place 4,5 points	78th place 1,5 points
20th place 12,5 points	49th place 4,4 points	79th place 1,4 points
21th place 12 points	50th place 4,3 points	80th place 1,3 points
22th place 11,5 points	51th place 4,2 points	81th place 1,2 points
23th place 11 points	52th place 4,1 points	82th place 1,1 points
24th place 10,5 points	53th place 4 points	83th place 1 points
25th place 10 points	54th place 3,9 points	84th place 0,9 points
26th place 9,5 points	55th place 3,8 points	85th place 0,8 points
27th place 9 points	56th place 3,7 points	86th place 0,7 points
28th place 8,5 points	57th place 3,6 points	87th place 0,6 points
29th place 8 points	58th place 3,5 points	88th place 0,5 points
30th place 7,5 points	59th place 3,4 points	89th place 0,4 points
	60th place 3,3 points	90th place 0,3 points
		91th place 0,2 points
		92th place 0,1 points
		93th place and after 0 points

- 2 All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.
- 3 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 (staggering).
- 4 If in any category there are fewer than ten competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique followed by direct elimination.
- 5 If in any category there are fewer than 6 competitors, they will fence with the next lower age category. A separate ranking for that category will be extrapolated from the combined categories' final rankings at the end of the competition.
- 6 If in any category there is only one competitor, the event in that category is cancelled.
- 7 No fencer is eliminated after the pools. All the fencers participate in the direct elimination phase.

VETERANS TEAM EVENTS

o.119

1 Participation

Each country may enter one team per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of 6 competitions.

The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon, but c.f. o.103.2 b below.

- 2** The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:
 - a)** For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one from "B" and one from "C", with or without a reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.
 - b)** In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon or who is registered but has yet to compete, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.
 - c)** The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship. The team ranked 1 is the one having the lowest total. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of each match.
 - d)** Each team may request, before a given relay, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or other medical reason duly recognized by the Medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

There can only be one substitution per team per match.

- 3** A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury may not fence again during that match. If both a fencer and the reserve are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team is deemed to have lost the match.
- 4** The relay system is always applied. The three fencers of a team fence against their opponent of the same category. Each fencer fences his/her opponent twice giving a total of 6 relays. The relays are for 5 hits (5-10-15-20- etc.). Exceptionally, a relay may end at more than 5,10,15 etc. if a fencer scores a valid last hit of the relay and is at the same time awarded an additional penalty hit: in this case both hits will be counted; the maximum time for each relays is 3 minutes.
- 5** The team that first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time, is the winner.
- 6** The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will draw lots and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.
- 7** 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 the highest placed 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their ranking after the round of pools.
 - a)** The order of matches in a pool of 4 is as follows:
 - Match 1 : The team ranked 1 vs the team ranked 4
 - Match 2 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3
 - Match 3 : The winner of Match 1 vs the loser of Match 2
 - Match 4 : The winner of Match 2 vs the loser of Match 1
 - Match 5 and Match 6 : The two remaining matches.
 - b)** The order of matches in a pool of 3 is as follows:
 - Match 1 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3

Match 2 : The team ranked 1 vs the loser of Match 1
Match 3 : The team ranked 1 vs the winner of Match 1

The initial ranking on which the drawing of the pools is based is established from the results of the fencers in the individual events. (cf. o.103.2.c)

The composition of the direct elimination table of 16 teams (or 8 if there are less than 16 teams) is established according to the general ranking established by the results of all the teams in the pool round. In the event of an absolute tie between the teams ranked 16 and 17 (or 8 and 9), the highest ranked team in the initial pool ranking shall qualify.

However, in no case, teams which have already fenced each other in the pools should meet again immediately in the direct elimination. To avoid this, the lower ranked of the two teams in question may be moved:

- in the case of a tableau of 16, the team ranked 9 may change places only with the team ranked 10, the team ranked 11 may change places only with the team ranked 12, the team ranked 13 may change places only with the team ranked 14 and the team ranked 15 may change places only with the team ranked 16.
 - in the case of a tableau of 8, the team ranked 5 may change places only with the team ranked 6 and the team ranked 7 may change places only with the team ranked 8.
- 8** If fewer than 6 teams participate in the competition, they all fence in a poule unique; a match for the 3rd and 4th places is then held, followed by a match for the first place between the teams who came 1st and 2nd in the pool.
- 9** Ranking matches from 5th place onwards will not be fenced and teams will be ranked, in each round of the table, according to their ranking after the pools.
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1 Participation

Each country may enter one team per category (Veterans and Grand Veterans) per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of twelve competitions.

The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon, but c.f. o.103.2 b below.

2 The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:

Veterans: teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 40-49 or to age group 50-59, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 50-59, plus up to two reserves.

Grand Veterans: teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 60-69 or to age group 70 and over, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 70 and over, plus up to two reserves.

Fencing mode is 45 hits relay described in o.99 with application of non-combativity rule at any match.

The competition begins with a round of pools of 3 and 4 teams -established according to o.103 c) - and followed by a direct elimination phase according to o.103 7.

Particular cases depending on the number of teams:

- only 1 team: the organisers must inform all nations that there will be no competition at that weapon.

- 2 teams: only one match between these two teams.
- 3 teams: one poule of three followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 4.
- 4 teams: one poule of four followed by D.E. from a tableau of 4.
- 5 teams: one poule of five followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 8.

The losers of the semi-finals have to fence for the Bronze medal.

- In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon or who is registered but has yet to compete, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.
- The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship. The number 1 team is the one with the least points. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of each match.
- Each team may request, before a given relay, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or other medical reason, duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

There can be up to two substitutions of reserves per match but must maintain compliance with the age category representation requirement.

Application : during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024).

Medical commission: vote 10/10 support of the proposal.

SEMI Commission: In favour. In view of the increase in size of the Veteran World Championships it is essential that a minimum of 2 SEMI Delegate should be appointed for efficient running of the competition.

Veterans Council: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission:

- **In favour** with creation of new chapter for Veterans World Championship
- Modification of o.112 in proposal to reduce unnecessary repetitions as below

o.112

Two Refereeing delegates, one SEMI delegate and two Medical delegates must be the members of the FIE Commissions and be appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal with the modification from the Refereeing Commission.

Article: o.29 and o.30

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Rewrite the rule for a better understanding of its application.

o.29

- 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.30)~~.

To be eligible to compete in the current season's official events, including the current season's World Junior Championships, fencers must be under 20 years of age at midnight on 31 December of the current season.

o.30

~~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.~~

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.42 and o.102

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: To add the team event formula to the zone championship which is an organisational rule in the administrative regulations.

o.42

- 4 The formulae of the competitions are specified in the **administrative** rules ~~(see art. 9.4.3)~~ and in the following articles: o.100, o.101 and o.102 (o.102.1 first sentence and o.102.2).

o.102

- 1 The **first four teams** are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.109); 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.

- 3 At the Zonal Championships, teams without FIE ranking will occupy the last places in the table. They will be separated according to the final ranking obtained in the individual competition by the three best fencers in the team. The fencers of the teams who do not have a ranking in the individual competition will take the last place +1.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal. If it is accepted by the Congress, then the second part of article 9.4.3. b) will be removed from the FIE Administrative Rules in order to avoid duplication of texts.

Article: o.50

P. 10

Proposal from: Veterans Council

Motivation: We think it would be appropriate that a representative of the Veterans' Council to be a part of the official guests at the Veterans World Championships. His role would be to listen to the fencers, the heads of delegation and the organizers in order to collect all their remarks and suggestions, which would be gathered in a report that would allow the members of the Council to study and propose the improvements that would seem relevant.

o.50

(...)

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) A representative of the Veterans Council.

~~b)~~ c) Four members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.

~~e)~~ d) One member of the SEMI ~~Committee~~ Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

d) e) One member of the Refereeing **Committee Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

e) f) Two members of the Medical **Committee Commission**, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

e) g) The referees designated by the Executive Committee of the FIE

Veterans Council: In favour.

Rules Commission: Not in favour with the point 2 b). A representative of the Veteran Council, proposed by the Veteran Council, is a member of the the Directoire Technique.

In favour with the other points.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: The Directoire Technique of the Veteran World Championships already includes a member of the Veterans Council proposed by the Veterans Council. Therefore, item 2 b) would add a second member of the Veterans Council and increase the costs for the organisers. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal but without item 2b).

Article: o.99

P. 11

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Define the rest time between two matches per team.

o.99

10 A 10-minute rest must always be given between two matches of the same team.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.100

P.12

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: The team events of the Zone Championships are run according to the rules of the Senior and Junior World Cups

TEAM EVENTS

A. SENIOR AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, ~~ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS~~

B. SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAM WORLD CUPS AND ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.100

Apart from the following aspects, the competition is run in accordance with rules laid down for the team events in the Junior, ~~and~~ Senior World Championships and Zonal Championships respectively.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.105

P.13

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: the zone championships benefit from a coefficient of 1.5. 4 or 8 pistes must be equipped with video refereeing.

Video-refereeing

o.105

4. For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing and in any case, from the table of 32.

For team competitions ~~in the conventional weapons~~, video-refereeing is compulsory **from the table of 16**, including ranking matches table 5-8.

~~In epee, video-refereeing is compulsory from the table of 8, including ranking matches table 5-8.~~

Senior zonal championships	T 64	T 16	4 or 8	T 1-8
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Rules Commission: In favour as modified:

Motivation : the zone championships benefit from a coefficient of 1.5. 8 pistes must be equipped with video refereeing.

Senior zonal championships	T 64	T 16	4 8	T 1-8
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Refereeing Commission: In favour with modification o.105.4 and o.105.5 as below

Senior zonal championships	T 64	T 16	4 or 8	T 1-8
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SEMI Commissio : In favour with amendments: ~~deleted 4 or —maximum of~~

- 4 For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a ~~maximum of~~ 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing and in any case, from the table of 32.

Senior zonal championships	T 64	T 16	4 or 8	T 1-8
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Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of o.105.4 and of “4 or 8 pistes”:

Senior zonal championships	T 64	T 16	4 or 8	T 1-8
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Article: o.108

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Add "Juniors" to the scale

o.108

2 Scale of points

a) The ranking of **Seniors and Juniors** is based on the following **points system**:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	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
97th-128 th	0.5 point
129th-256 th	0.25 point

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.109

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Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: To complete o.109.1 b). The cancellation of many competitions in the 2020/2021 season has caused problems with the allocation of points.

o.109

1 Official team ranking of the FIE

b) The official team ranking of the FIE is **rolling and updated on a permanent basis**:

~~the first World Cup team event which is held during the current year cancels out the first World Cup team event held the year before, and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup team events.~~

~~The points obtained at an event replace the points obtained at the corresponding event held 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.~~

Team World Cup events are numbered in order of their scheduled dates in the calendar.

The points awarded in Event 1 of the current season replace the points awarded in Event 1 of the previous season and so on.

If an event is cancelled during the current season, the points acquired in the corresponding event of the previous season will be deleted on the date allocated to that event in the current season's calendar.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: o.109

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Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Awarding of points to teams placed between 33rd and 64th .

o.109

2 Team points scale.

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
		33rd to	4 points
9th place	25 points	64th	

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal but starting from the season 2024-2025 in order not to impact the Olympic qualification which is currently taking place.

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Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: -

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Veterans Council: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour after correction of the numbering ((PART ~~G~~ E – VETERANS).

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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World Championships: o.11-12, o.16.3, o.18.2, o.20.3, o.24, o.26, o.31, o.35-36, o.37-39, ~~o.39~~, o.47-48, o.50.1, o.55-59, o.63, ~~o.75~~, o.103, o.105, o.108, o.109, o.110

- Cadet World Championships: o.11, o.37-38, o.48.1, o.58-58, o.89-96, o.105.4

- Junior World Championships: o.11, o.30, o.35, o.37, o.48, o.59, o.97, o.89.3, o.105, o.108.2/3, o.109.3

- Senior World Championships: o.35-36, o.48, o.55, o.57, o.105, o.108-109

- Veteran World Championships: o.11, o.16.3, o.18.4, o.26, o.29, o.39, o.63, o.50, o.75, o.103

World Championships (formula):

- Senior individual events: o.83-88

- Junior and Cadet events: o.89-96

- Team events: o.97-99

Zonal Championships:

- Junior: o.60, o. 89-96, o.100-102

- Senior: o.42, o.55, o.60, o.89-96, o.100-102, o.105, o.108.2.d

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.



Proposals for the 2023 Congress
Modifications of the Technical Rules

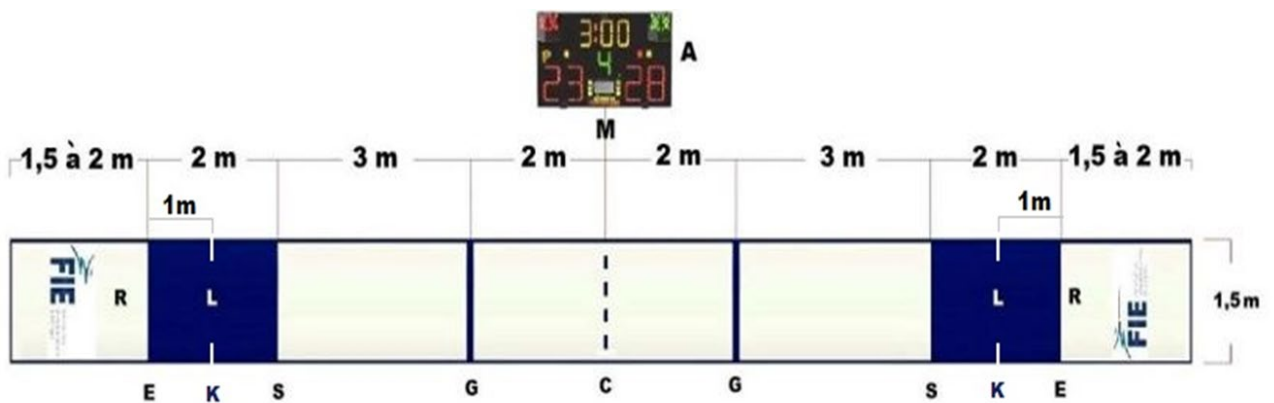
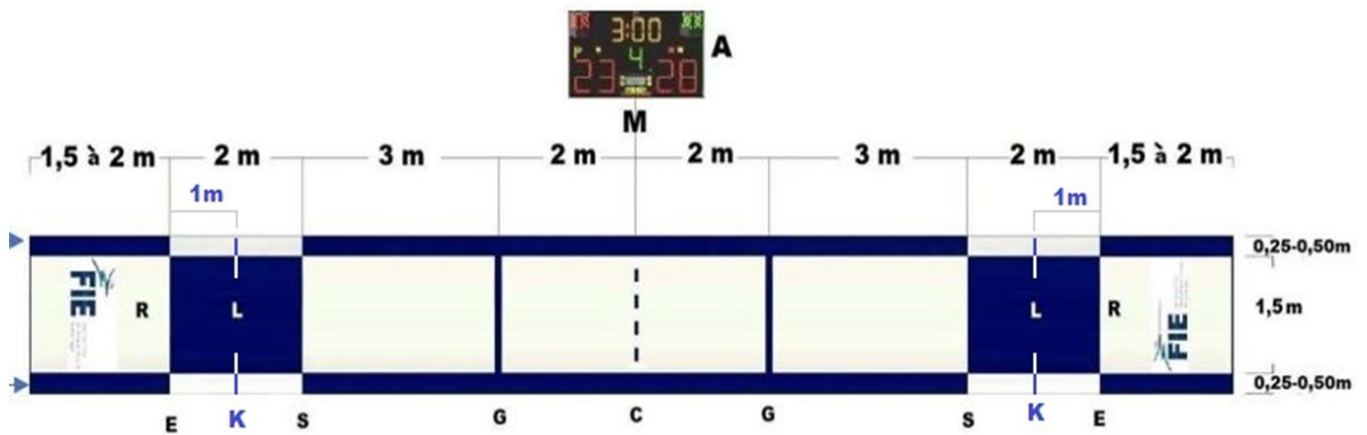
The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2024, unless mentioned otherwise.

Article: t.18

P. 19

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: In the last 2m of the piste, draw a line down the middle (1m). This allows the Referee to define more precisely the lateral exit of the foot(s) to judge whether or not the rear limit has been left.



Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

SEMI Commission: Not in favour. Unless the Referees Commission can justify the benefits versus the high cost and technical difficulties of altering existing pistes with conductive replacement sections

Rules Commission: Proposal deleted.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: The proposal has been removed by the Rules Commission and will not be dealt with.

P.20

Article: t.18.2

Proposal from: SEMI Commission

Motivation: Based on the experience on the field of play, the metal frames, when hooking one element to another, leave a gap of 2/3 mm, this means that a tolerance of 4 cm must be foreseen in the total length; the same tolerance has to be considered for the carpet piste because off the material is more stretching, so when the piste is fully extended, there may be a stretch of the material similar to the metal piste.

t.18.2

The piste is 14 metres long, with a total tolerance on the whole length of 4 cm, so that each competitor, being placed at 2 metres from the centre line, has at his disposal for retreating a total distance of 5 metres without it being necessary for him to cross the rear limit of the piste with both feet.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

P.21

Article: t.23, t.25, t.26, t.27, t.29, t.35, t.43, t.45, t.55, t.71, t.73, t.76, t.90,

t.96, t.110, t.116, t.120, t.123, t.125, t.128, t.133, t.172.

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Add and correct the groups of sanctions in the main article to be consistent with t.170

t.23

- 6 The Referee may not allow a fencer to **leave the piste**, save in exceptional circumstances. If a competitor does so without permission he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 1st group](#).

t.25

- 2 **At all three weapons** it is forbidden for a fencer to **cause corps à corps intentionally** to avoid being hit, or to jostle his opponent. Should such an offence occur, the Referee will penalise the fencer at fault as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 1st group](#) and any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

t.26

- 1 The 'flèche ending systematically in a corps à corps' referred to in this article must not be confused with the 'flèche resulting in a shock which jostles the opponent', which is considered as an act of **intentional brutality** at all three weapons and is punished as such (cf. t.121.2, t.170)~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 2nd group](#).

t.27

- 2 It is forbidden to **turn one's back** on one's opponent during the bout. Should such an offence occur, the Referee will penalise the fencer at fault as specified in articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 1st group](#) and any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

t.29

- 1 The use of the **non-sword hand** and **arm** to carry out an offensive or defensive action is forbidden (cf t.158-162, ~~t.165,~~ **t.166**, t.170). Should such an offence occur, the hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled and the latter will be penalized as specified for offences of the 2nd group (red card).
- 2 If a fencer **substitutes a non-valid part of his target for a valid part**, either by covering it or by any abnormal movement, the Referee must penalise him by applying the penalties specified in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 1st group](#) and any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.
- 3 During the fight, the fencer must not, under any circumstances, **take hold of any part of the electrical equipment** with his non-sword hand; [the referee imposes him/her the penalties for the offences of the first group](#) (cf. t.158-162, t.165, t.170); any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

t.35

- 3 A competitor who crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet — e.g. when making a flèche — **to avoid being hit** will be penalised as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 1st group](#).

t.43

- 2 Any fencer who attempts improperly to **cause or to prolong interruptions** to the bout is penalised as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170~~-,~~ [for the offences of the 1st group](#).

t.45

- 3 Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170 [for the offences of the](#)

2nd group.

t.55

- 2 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.166, t.170-**, for the offences of the 2nd group.

t.71

If a fencer appears on the piste:

- with only **one** regulation **weapon** (cf. t.114, 115); or
 - with only **one** regulation **bodywire**; or
 - with only **one** regulation **mask wire**; or
 - with a **weapon or a bodywire which does not work** or which **does not conform** with the Rules; or
 - without his **protective under-plastron** (cf. t.64.5); or
 - with a **conductive jacket** which does not fully cover the valid target; or
 - with a mask whose 2nd security device is not securely fixed to the body of the mask; or
 - with **clothing** which does not conform with the Rules;
- the Referee will apply the penalties stipulated in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170-, for the offences of the 1st group.

t.73

- 1 If, when a fencer appears on the piste or during a bout, it is established that the equipment used by the fencer:
- a) **does not bear the marks** applied at the preliminary check, the Referee will:
 - annul the last hit, if any, scored by the fencer at fault;
 - penalise him as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.166, t.170-**, for the offences of the 2nd group.
 - b) does not conform to the rules in a way **not covered by the preliminary check**, the Referee will:
 - penalise him as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.166, t.170.**, for the offences of the 2nd group.

t.76

- 2 **Pushing or letting drag** the point of the electric weapon on the electric piste is forbidden during the actual bout (between 'Play!' and 'Halt!'). Placing the weapon on the piste at any time to **straighten** it is also forbidden. Any breaking of these rules will be punished according to Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170-, for the offences of the 1st group.

t.90

- 2 **Pushing** or letting the point of the electric weapon **drag** on the electric piste is forbidden during the actual bout (between 'Play!' and 'Halt!'). Placing the weapon on the piste at any time to **straighten** it is also forbidden.
Any breaking of this rule will be penalised according to Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170-, for the offences of the 1st group.

t.96

- 3 It is forbidden to **hit with the guard**. Any hits registered by hitting with the guard must be

annulled, the fencer so hitting being penalised as specified in Articles t.158-163, t.165, t.170., for the offences of the 2nd group.

5 Placing the weapon on the piste at any time to straighten it is forbidden. Any breaking of this rule will be punished according to Articles t. 158-163, t.165, t.170., for the offences of the 1st group.

t.110

Smoking in competition halls is forbidden. Smoking will be considered as a disturbance of the smooth running of the competition (cf. t.111).

Any breach of these rules will be punished as laid down in Articles **t.158-162, t.167, t.168, t.170.** , for the offences of the 3rd group.

t.116

Under no circumstances should the fencers **dress or undress in public** except in the case of an accident duly recognised by the doctor on duty or by the representative of the Medical Commission (cf. **t.126, t.158-162, t.165, t.170.**)-, Any infringement will be sanctioned for the offences of the 1st group.

t.120

Should a fencer **abandon a bout** by leaving the piste (cf. **t.23.6**), he will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170.** , for the offences of the 1st group.

t.123

During or after a bout, even if the fencer has already left the piste, any act against the spirit of sportsmanship such as violently or dangerously throwing one's mask or any other piece of equipment will be penalised as specified in article **t.169 (c.f. t.108.1, 2 and t.109)**- , for the offences of the 4th group.

t.125

The fencer, whether on or off the piste, must **keep his mask on** until the Referee calls 'Halt!' He may under no circumstances address the Referee until the Referee has made his decision (cf. **t.158- 162, t.165, t.170)**- , Any infringement will be sanctioned for the offences of the 1st group.

t.128

Competitors must **fence to their utmost ability** in a sportsmanlike manner until the end of the competition in order to obtain the best possible classification, without giving away hits or seeking to be favoured by being given hits by anyone (cf. **t.158-162, t.169, t.170)**- , Any infringement will be sanctioned for the offences of the 4th group.

t.133

Spectators are obliged not to **interfere with the good order** of a competition, to do nothing which may tend to influence the fencers or the Referee, and to respect the decisions of the latter even when they do not agree with them. They must obey any instructions which the Referee may deem it necessary to give them (cf. **t.109-110, t.167-168, t.170)** . , the penalties for the offences of the 3rd group.

t.172

- 2 If a fencer infringes this principle, **casting doubt** on the decision of the Referee **on a point of fact** during the bout, he will be penalised according to the rules (cf. **t.158-162, t.165, t.170)**- , for the offences of the 1st group. But if the Referee **is ignorant of or misunderstands a definite rule**, or applies it in a manner contrary to the Rules, an appeal on this matter may be entertained. A point of fact includes, but is not limited to, any ruling by the referee analysing what happened on the piste, such as the validity or priority of a hit, whether a fencer left the

side or end of the piste or if a person's behaviour is a Group 3 or Group 4 offence.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission: not in favour of the additional text concerning a group of penalties but in favour for correctness of article numbers as below :

t.29

1 The use of the **non-sword hand** and **arm** to carry out an offensive or defensive action is forbidden (cf t.158-162, ~~t.165~~, **t.166**, t.170). Should such an offence occur, the hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled and the latter will be penalized as specified for offences of the 2nd group (red card).

t.55

2 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162**, ~~t.165~~, **t.166**, **t.170**, ~~for the offences of the 2nd group~~.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal of the Rules Commission.

Article: **t.35**

P.22

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Add in t.35.3 the cancellation of the fencer's hit to be consistent with t.170

t.35

3 A competitor who crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet — e.g. when making a flèche — to avoid being hit will be penalised as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170. **Any hit made by the offending fencer is annulled.**

Rules Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission: not in favour as it is clear in the rules:

t.33.2 If the fencer goes off the piste with both feet, the Referee must annul everything that has occurred after the boundary has been crossed, except a hit received by the competitor who has crossed the boundary even after he has crossed it, provided that this hit results from a simple and immediate action.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: t.41

P.23

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: In epee, the first two opponents can both reach the score of 5 hits by a double hit.

Team competitions

t.41

2 The first two opponents fence until one **or both of them have** scored five hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes.

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

*this modification occurs in English only

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour, but with the new correction.

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(Correction valid only in English).

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Rules Commission.

Article: t.45

P.24

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: It is incomprehensible that for a match or a round of 3 min. a medical break of 5 min. can be given, so the medical break time exceeds the time of a match.

If it is a real injury then the athlete cannot continue because the health of the athlete is much more important than the competition. 3 minutes is enough time to diagnose if the athlete wants to continue or if it is an injury that can be managed very quickly.

A great majority of athletes now use the 5 minutes as a tactical break and especially when the athlete is in difficulty either physically or when he is behind in the score, and this is a kind of cheating and it is necessary to safeguard our sport from these practices. We have found ourselves in many situations where the athlete uses the 5 minutes much more to be able to recover physically or to stop the progress of the opponent.

In other individual sports, the medical break does not exceed 3 minutes in the most mediatized sports, because it is considered that if the athlete is injured, he cannot be healed during a medical break, so he must leave the competition because his health is much more important.

For example, in tennis, the individual sport with the most media coverage in the world, the athlete has the right to only one break for a match that can last 3 or even 4 hours, this break is 3 minutes, in judo the athlete does not have the right to any break, it is the direct intervention of the doctor who must determine if he can continue or not, if the athlete must be touched to intervene has an injury, it is considered that it is a serious injury and the athlete must leave the competition because in judo it is considered that the state of health of the athlete is much more important than the competition in itself

It is necessary to change the concept of the medical intervention. We propose that, on request of the referee, the doctor can intervene directly or on request of the official doctor and the 3 minutes are counted as soon as the intervention is done by the doctor of the team, the delegate his role is to diagnose if the athlete wants to continue or not in a maximum time of 3 minutes. These 3 minutes are valid only once per match. As in the boxe, the official doctor intervenes only to decide if the athlete can continue or not.

We suggest to make the test during the 2024 Junior and Cadet World Championship in Saudi Arabia, the 3 minutes of medical break will be applicable from the season 2024/ 2025 from September 2024.

t.45

1. For any injury or other medical reason which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his/her absence, by the doctor and/or medical provider on duty, ~~the Referee will allow a break in the fight~~ lasting no longer than ~~5~~ **3** minutes. ~~Only the doctor and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted. This break~~ should be timed from the intervention of the delegate of the FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, ~~of~~ the doctor. ~~gave his opinion~~. This break should be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the ~~5~~ **3** minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he/she will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

Rules Commission: In favour.

Medical Commission: The Rules Commission has proposed an amendment to Article: t.45 to reduce the duration of a medical timeout from five minutes to three, based on the belief that the existing rule is occasionally or often misused by athletes for strategic advantage. They suggest trialing this rule change at the 2024 Junior and Cadet World Championship in Saudi Arabia.

While the Medical Commission recognizes the need to prevent misuse of medical timeouts, the proposal was **unanimously rejected** due to the lack of empirical evidence supporting the claim of misuse and potential compromise on athlete health due to reduced time for medical evaluation and

treatment. Additionally, the proposed three-minute medical intervention period may not offer sufficient flexibility to manage diverse medical situations effectively.

The Commission acknowledges the need for an evidence-based approach to such decisions. To this end, there is significant potential to collect and analyze data across FIE events. Recording and examining crucial data points—such as strip calls, medical timeouts (awarded and denied), quick interventions, time taken to award a timeout/medical assessment and intervention/treatment duration, athlete's country, handedness, and bout score at injury time and which opponent was down in correlation to injury request—can create a substantial evidence base.

This approach aligns with the IOC Consensus Statement of 2020 and provides crucial epidemiological insights into sport-specific injuries. It also offers an excellent opportunity to improve the quality of medical coverage at over 97.5% of international events through targeted training for local organizers and healthcare professionals. This strategy could encompass a brief 10-15 minute educational presentation and a subsequent quiz, enhancing adherence to FIE competition rules and reducing medical assessment and treatment times.

In conclusion, while the motivation behind the proposed amendment to Rule t.45 is understood, it requires comprehensive, empirical data to underpin any modifications. The Commission believes that capturing and analyzing pertinent data from FIE events, and bridging educational gaps among local organizers and medical staff, will serve the interests of athlete health, ensure fairness, and improve the effectiveness of the rules across all competitions. Such an ambitious proposal has a strong endorsement from the Medical Commission and would be interested in a joint proposal to the executive committee to improve the healthcare quality of and running of international events.

Athletes Commission: Disagree, leave the medical break at 5 minutes.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: Agrees with the Medical Commission's comments on health risks. **Not in favour** of the proposal.

Article: t.56.3

P.25

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: Remove t.47.2 (Duties of referees) from t.56.3

t.56.3

A competitor who makes any modification in or who changes his equipment without being asked by the Referee to do so, before the Referee has given his decision, loses all right to the annulment of the hit (cf. t.47.2.d).

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: t.56 and t. 170

P.26

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: intentional dropping the weapon during the bout should be penalized stronger and added to the second group of penalties.

11. A competitor who, intentionally drops weapon during the fencing phrase will be penalized as specified in Articles t.166, t.170. However, a hit scored by the opponent is valid, provided that the action was started before the 'Halt!'.

	2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand *	t.29.1, t.30	RED	RED	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for medical reason deemed unjustified by doctor	t.45.3			
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks *	t.73.1a			
2.4	Intentionally dropping a weapon during the fencing phrase	t.56.11			
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent *	t.55.3			
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.121.2, t.147, t.149.1			

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: t.61

P.27

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: To clarify the use of video refereeing in the pool phase of the Zonal Qualifying Event for the O.G.

Appeals for Video Refereeing

t.61

In the individual events, the fencer has :

- in pools, ~~one possible appeal during each bout;~~ only in the zonal qualifying event for the Olympic Games is video refereeing compulsory in the pools. The fencer has only one possibility of appeal in each period.
- 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.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour as it is clear in FIE Organisation rules o.105.5.

Rules Commission: In favour, but with the new correction.

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in pools, one possible appeal during each bout; (Cf. o.105, zonal qualification for Olympic Games). ~~only in the zonal qualifying event for the Olympic Games is video refereeing compulsory in the pools. The fencer has only one possibility of appeal in each period.~~

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Rules Commission.

Article: t.64 and t.170.4.1

P.28

Proposal from: Fencing Federation of Jamaica

Motivation: The motivation for this proposal is to enable fencers and federations who are unable to provide a coach at a competition to have access to a coach via virtual means in the future. This would help to level the playing field by removing financial and resource constraints that can limit a fencer's opportunities. By providing virtual coaching, fencers would have access to guidance and support that they might not otherwise have, which would help them to perform at their best and reach their full potential. Ultimately, this proposal aims to promote greater inclusivity and equity in fencing, allowing more athletes to participate and compete on a fair and equal footing.

Insert item #7

Regulation equipment and checking of equipment by the referee

t.64

7. the virtual coaching mechanism is activated, and in the unobstructed designated area for coaches.

t.170, 4.1

Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting them to receive communications during bout, unless previously authorized virtual coach device to communicate with fencer during authorized moments, in coaching area.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

Coaches Council : Not in favour.

t.64. The referee should check the fencers' equipment before the bout. No electronic communication equipment is allowed for communication during the bout.

But nothing stops the fencer, coach, administrator, or anybody else from using any communication equipment between the bouts or during the one-minute break in Direct Elimination when the fencer can have advice from the coach.

If it is unclear to the referees, we should ask the rules commission to make the necessary adjustments.

SEMI Commission: Not in favour, require further verification of systems to be used.

Athletes Commission: Agree in theory - but change the language to clearly state: the authorized time is during the one-minute breaks. The athlete should not be allowed to listen to their coach during the fencing. Specify what the mechanism is.

Rules Commission: Not in favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: Not in favour of the proposal as it is drafted because it seems to involve practices that are currently forbidden and sanctioned during the bout.

Article: t.70

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Add m.11 Fixation of the tip to t.70 material not in conformity.

Non-standard equipment

t.70

In whatever circumstances a fencer on the piste is found to be in possession of equipment which is non-regulation or defective (cf.m.8, m.9, m.11, m.12, m.13, m.16, m.17, m.23), the referee confiscates the equipment and submits it to the experts on duty for examination. The equipment in

question will only be returned to the owner after the measures necessitated by this examination have been completed and, if appropriate, after the payment of any expenses for repairs. The equipment must be rechecked before it is used again.

Refereeing Commission: Modify proposition as below:

t.70

In whatever circumstances a fencer on the piste is found to be in possession of equipment which is **non-regulation or defective in accordance with FIE Material rules (cf.m.8, m.9, m.11, m.12, m.13, m.16, m.17, m.23)**, the referee confiscates the equipment and submits it to the experts on duty for examination. The equipment in question will only be returned to the owner after the measures necessitated by this examination have been completed and, if appropriate, after the payment of any expenses for repairs. The equipment must be rechecked before it is used again.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour, with the new correction.

In whatever circumstances a fencer on the piste is found to be in possession of equipment which is **non-regulation or defective (cf.m.8, m.9, m.11, m.12, m.13, m.16, m.17, m.23) according to Material Rules)**, the referee confiscates the equipment and submits it to the experts on duty for examination. The equipment in question will only be returned to the owner after the measures necessitated by this examination have been completed and, if appropriate, after the payment of any expenses for repairs. The equipment must be rechecked before it is used again.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Rules Commission.

Article: t.77, t.91 and t.98

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Update of the drawings concerning the valid target at the three weapons.

t.77

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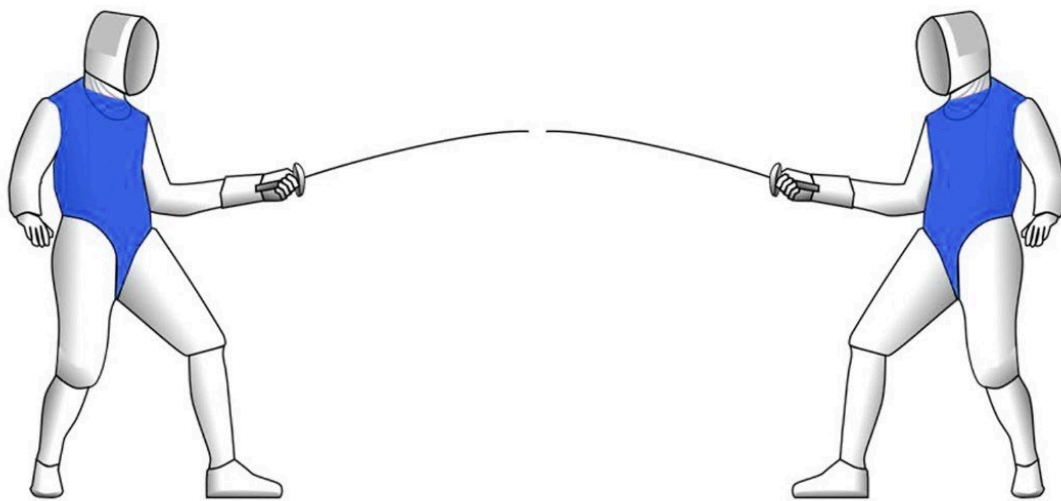


Figure 4 Valid target at foil

t.91

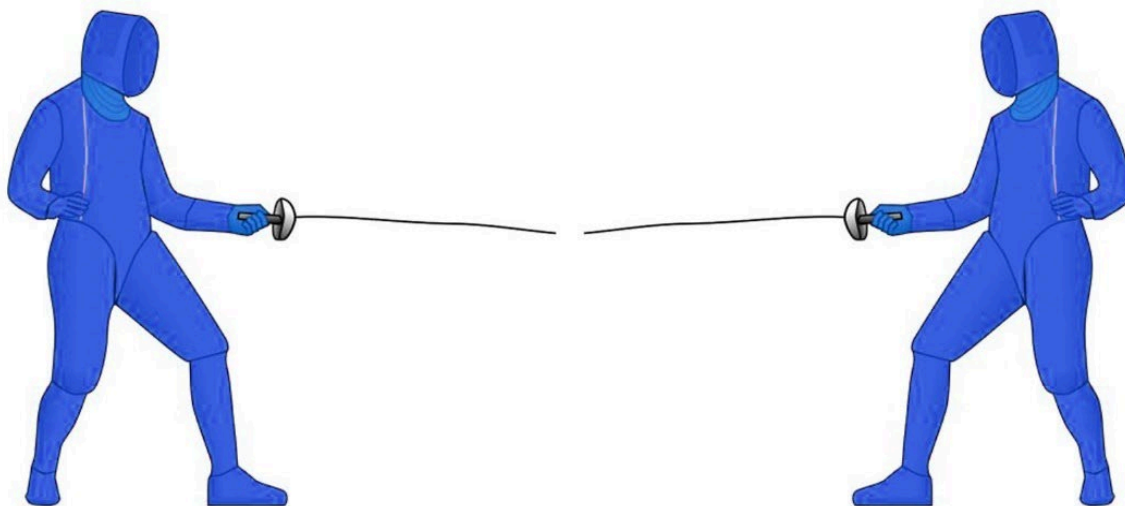


Figure 5 Valid target at épée

t.98

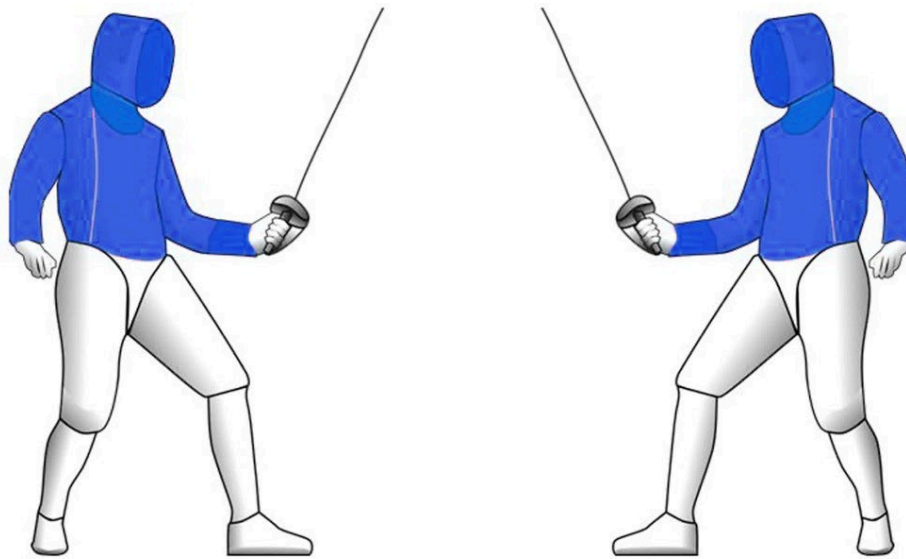


Figure 6 Valid target at sabre

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour. Request additional drawings showing

- 1 Rear of targets for Foil and Sabre showing the hips
- 2 Details of the sabre glove
- 3 Bib on foil mask

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal. The SEMI Commission's request should be considered as a future proposal to be dealt with by the Rules Commission.

Article: t.84

P.31

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: in foil, it should be no difference between movement forward with step or step with legs crossing one another and follow by lunge and counted as an attack if it is correct executed when the straightening of the arm precedes the end of the step forward (without or with the legs crossing one another).*

However continuous steps forward constitute a preparation.

t.84

3 Continuous steps forward, ~~with the legs crossing one another~~, constitute a preparation and on this preparation any simple attack has priority.

*This modification concerns English only.

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Coaches Council: In favour.

Athletes Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: Not in favour.

We can't modify a convention with a simple proposal, this is not the correct procedure, we propose to create a working group with members of the Coaches' Council, Athletes' Commission, Refereeing Commission and Rules Commission. As the FIE has in the past for sabre, the working group conducted tests during competitions.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee agrees to establishing a working group. **The proposal must therefore be postponed.**

Article: t.97

P.32

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: Irrelevant as in sabre a hit on non-valid part of the target is not registered by the apparatus.

t.97

1 Only hits which arrive on the target are counted as valid.

The target comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the top of the hip bones and then horizontally round the fencer's trunk (see Figure 6).

2 At sabre, it is forbidden to **protect** the target area or to **substitute** another part of the body for the target area, by covering it (cf. t.158-162, t.165, t.170); any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

a) If, during the fencing phrase, there is protection or substitution of a valid surface, the fencer at fault will be penalised as specified for offences of the 1st group (cf. also t.29).

~~b) If, during the fencing phrase, as a result of protection or substitution of a valid surface, a hit correctly given is registered as not valid, the fencer at fault will be penalized as specified for offences of the 1st group (cf t.158 – 162, t.165, t.170) and the hit will be awarded.~~

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: t.109**Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council****Motivation:**

- 1) To clarify the expectation on all participants in a competition to respect the FIE statutes and rules, including the Ethical Code and Safeguarding Policy.
- 2) To clarify the minimum reporting expectations if people witness a breach of the Ethical Code and Safeguarding Policy.

t.109

Everybody taking part in or present at a fencing competition **must respect the FIE statutes and rules, including but not limited to the FIE Ethical Code and Safeguarding Policy. They must remain orderly and must not disturb the smooth running of the competition.** During bouts no one is allowed to **go near the pistes, to give advice to the fencers, to criticise the Referee** or the judges, to insult them or to attempt to influence them in any way. Even the **team captain** must remain in the space assigned to him and he may only intervene in the situations and in the manner provided for in Article t.130 of the Rules. The Referee must stop immediately any activity which disturbs the smooth running of the bout which he is refereeing (cf. t.137.1–3). Any person who, for any reason, threatens or insults an official commits an offence of the 4th group and is penalised according to article t.169.

Any person present who witnesses a breach of the FIE Ethical Code and the Safeguarding Policy must report this to the Directoire Technique.

Medical Commission: Vote – 10/10 in **support** of proposal.

PCM Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour with amendment

Any person present who witnesses a breach of the FIE Ethical Code and the Safeguarding Policy must report this to the Safeguarding Officer if present, or to the Directoire Technique.

Coaches Council : Not in favour.

Only referee can determine the rules breaking or any other infringements in the designated area of the bout and “ Referee must stop immediately any activity which disturbs the smooth running of the bout which he is refereeing”

Any other person present at the competitions who has problem with another person can follow the normal legal procedures.

Athletes Commission: In favour.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed.

Rules Commission: Not in favour.

The matter is already covered by the FIE Ethical Code and the Safeguarding Policy.

Veterans Council: In favour.

Fair Play Council: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In World Cups, the Supervisor is in charge of Safeguarding. Therefore, in favour of the proposal but with the following revised paragraph:

Any person present who witnesses a breach of the FIE Ethical Code or the Safeguarding Policy must report this to the Safeguarding Officer if present, or to the Supervisor or to the Directoire Technique.

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Article: t.111

Proposal from: Women and Fencing Council

Motivation: To clarify that disturbing good order or smooth running can include failures to act in accordance with the FIE statutes, rules, Ethical Code and Safeguarding Policy.

t.111

The Referee and/or the Directoire Technique, on their own authority or at the request of an official delegate of the FIE or of the Organising Committee, can decide to expel from the competition venue, with or without a warning, any person who by his gestures, attitude, ~~or~~ language or failure to act in accordance with the FIE statutes, rules, Ethical Code and Safeguarding Policy, disturbs the good order or smooth running of the event.

Medical Commission: Vote – 10/10 in **support** of proposal.

PCM Commission: In favour.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Athletes Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: Not in favour. The matter concerns the Statutes.

Fair Play Council: In favour.

Coaches Council: Not in favour.

Only referee can determine the rules braking or any other infringements in the designated area of the bout and “ Referee must stop immediately any activity which disturbs the smooth running of the bout which he is refereeing”

Any other person present at the competitions who has problem with another person can follow the normal legal procedures.

Women and Fencing Council: Agreed.

Veterans Council: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: Referees and the Directoire technique cannot be required to and be responsible for interpreting the FIE Statutes or Ethical Code. In favour of the proposal amended as follows:

The Referee and/or the Directoire Technique, on their own authority or at the request of an official delegate of the FIE or of the Organising Committee, can decide to expel from the competition venue, with or without a warning, any person who by his/her gestures, attitude, or language [or by breaching the FIE Safeguarding Policy](#) disturbs the good order or smooth running of the event.

Article: [t.124](#) and [o.68](#)

P.35

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: To have an initial ranking in competitions to separate unranked fencers.

[t.124](#)

Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

1 Individual events – Direct elimination

- c) When, for the third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows:
 - i) If the scores of the two fencers are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking [and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking](#), with a P-Black card. The fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

Composition of pools

[o.68](#)

- 1 The pools are composed taking account of [the initial seeding in the competition, which is based on](#) the latest official FIE ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking. The pools are composed using the following method:

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Coaches Council: In favour.

Athletes Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: t.124

P.36

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: remove part of table of penalties t.170 from t.124, as for all other Articles in the rules book connected to t.170 are no copies of the table in the text and this part of the table in text is not identical to the part in question in table t.170.

t.124

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

In the event of **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' as a decision of "fact" (cf.t.136.2).

Unwillingness to fight is sanctioned as follows (t.170):

0.5	Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P-cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	1 st time P-Yellow	2 nd time P-Red	3 rd time Penalisation
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Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Article: t.147

P.37

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: add missing references to t.147

t.147

Although a competitor may in fact have hit his opponent on the target, **this hit may be disallowed**, either because it did not arrive during the period of time during which fencing is allowed, or because the competitor had crossed the boundaries of the piste, or because of defects in the electrical equipment, or because violence was involved in the making of the hit, or because of other reasons as laid down in the Rules (cf. t.25.2, t.27.2, t.28.2, t.29, t.33.2/4, t.35.3, t.44.2, t.56.1, t.73, t.79, t.80, t.89.2, t.93.1, t.94, t.95, t.96.3, t.97.2, t.99.1-2, t.101.5, t.106, t.121.2, t.137.2, t.161, t.170).

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour to add more and more article number references and remove all of them as below

t.147

Although a competitor may in fact have hit his opponent on the target, **this hit may be disallowed**, either because it did not arrive during the period of time during which fencing is allowed, or because the competitor had crossed the boundaries of the piste, or because of defects in the electrical equipment, or because violence was involved in the making of the hit, or because of other reasons as laid down in the Rules. (cf. t.25.2, t.27.2, t.28.2, t.29, t.33.2/4, t.35.3, t.44.2, t.56.1, t.73, t.79, t.80, t.89.2, t.93.1, t.94, t.95, t.96.3, t.97.2, t.99.1-2, t.101.5, t.106, t.121.2, t.137.2, t.161, t.170).

Rules Commission: In favour, with the new correction.

Although a competitor may in fact have hit his opponent on the target, **this hit may be disallowed**, either because it did not arrive during the period of time during which fencing is allowed, or because the competitor had crossed the boundaries of the piste, or because of defects in the electrical equipment, or because violence was involved in the making of the hit, or because of other reasons as laid down in the Rules (cf. t.25.2, t.27.2, t.28.2, t.29, t.33.2/4, t.35.3, t.44.2, t.56.1, t.73, t.79, t.80, t.89.2, t.93.1, t.94, t.95, t.96.3, t.97.2, t.99.1-2, t.101.5, t.106, t.121.2, t.137.2, t.161, t.170) according to the Technical Rules).

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Rules Commission.

Article: t.148

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: add missing references to t.148

t.148

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.34), or because he has committed an offence which has prevented his opponent fencing (a flèche attack which jostles the

opponent, the use of the unarmed hand while fencing, etc.) (cf. **t.22.9, t.137.2, t.162.1/2, t.165, t.166, t.167.1, t.170, t.79.1.b, t.97.2.b, t.124.**)

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour to add more and more articles number references and remove all of them as below

t.148

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.34), or because he has committed an offence which has prevented his opponent fencing (a flèche attack which jostles the opponent, the use of the unarmed hand while fencing, etc.)

Rules Commission: In favour, with the modification

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.34), or because he has committed an offence which has prevented his opponent fencing (a flèche attack which jostles the opponent, the use of the unarmed hand while fencing, etc.) (**cf. t.22.9, t.137.2, t.162.1/2, t.165, t.166, t.167.1, t.170, t.79.1.b, t.97.2.b, t.124.** according to the Technical Rules.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal as revised by the Rules Commission.

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Article: **t.170.1.16**

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation:

Rationale: t.56.10, touching during and after a fall, does not specify a yellow card sanction; however, intentionally falling to avoid the touch (*) is sanctioned by a yellow card.

t.170

1.16	Irregular movements on the piste (*); hits made with violence of during or after falling (*) Intentional fall to avoid the hit (*)	t.121.2			
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Refereeing Commission: there is the same P.41 of Refereeing Commission.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

Articles: t.170. 1.1, 1.4, 1.12, 2.1, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.4, 4.1, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8.

P.40

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: add missing references to t.170

1st group		1st fault	2nd fault	3rd fault and following
1.1	Leaving piste without permission	t.23.6; t.120		
1.4	Covering/substitution of valid target (*)	t.29.2; t.30.1; t.79; t.97		
1.12	At sabre, hit made with the guard (*); any forward movement crossing the legs or feet (*)	t.96.3; t.101.5; t.121.2		

2nd group		1st fault	2nd fault	3rd fault and following
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	t.29.4; t.30		
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	t.55.3-2		
2.6	Dangerous, violent, or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.121.2; t.26.1; t.147; t.149.1		

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.1	Fencer disturbing order when on the piste. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card (t.168) immediately.	t.108.2; t.109; t.110; t.137.2; t.139.3	
3.4	Any person not on the pist disturbing good order. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168).	t.109; t.110; t.111; t.130; t.132.2; t.133;	

	t.137.3/4; t.152; t.162.4; t.168		
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4th group		PENALTIES (Cards)	
4.1	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during bout.	t. 64.6; t.68; t.73.1.g	
4.5	Offence against sportsmanship.	t.121.2; t.122; t.123; t.129; t.144.2; t.149.1	
4.6	Refusal of a fencer to salute his opponent, the referee and the spectators before the beginning of the bout or after the last hit.	t.122; t.145.2	
4.8	Deliberate Intentional * brutality	t.26.1; t.149.1	

*This modification concerns English version only.

Refereeing Commission: Not in favour with all references marked in yellow as they are not correct and add in 4.8 a text as in the rules book t.149.1

1st group		1st fault	2nd fault	3rd fault and following
1.1	Leaving piste without permission	t.23.6; t.120		
1.4	Covering/substitution of valid target (*)	t.29.2; t.30.1; t.79; t.97		
1.12	At sabre, hit made with the guard (*); any forward movement crossing the legs or feet (*)	t.96.3; t.101.5; t.121.2		

2nd group		1st fault	2nd fault	3rd fault and following
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	t.29.1; t.30		
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	t.55.3-2		
2.6	Dangerous, violent, or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.121.2; t.26.1; t.147; t.149.1		

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.1	Fencer disturbing order when on the piste. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card (t.168) immediately.	t.108.2; t.109; t.110; t.137.2; t.139.3	
3.4	Any person not on the piste disturbing good order. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168)	t.109; t.110; t.111; t.130; t.132.2; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.152; t.162.4; t.168	

4th group		PENALTIES (Cards)	
4.1	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during bout.	t. 64.6; t.68; t.73.1.g	
4.5	Offence against sportsmanship.	t.121.2; t.122; t.123; t.129; t.144.2; t.149.1	
4.6	Refusal of a fencer to salute his opponent, the referee and the spectators before the beginning of the bout or after the last hit.	t.122; t.145.2	
4.8	Deliberate Intentional *brutality Violent or vindictive actions	t.26.1; t.149.1	

Rules Commission: In favour, with the modifications:

1st group		1st fault	2nd fault	3rd fault and following
1.1	Leaving piste without permission	t.23.6; t.120		
1.4	Covering/substitution of valid target (*)	t.29.2; t.30.1; t.79; t.97		
1.12	At sabre, hit made with the guard (*); any forward movement crossing the legs or feet (*)	t.96.3; t.101.5; t.121.2		

2nd group		1st fault	2nd fault	3rd fault and following
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	t.29.4; t.30		

2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	t.55.3-2			
2.6	Dangerous, violent, or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.121.2; t.26.1; t.147; t.149.1			

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.1	Fencer disturbing order when on the piste. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card (t.168) immediately.	t.108.2; t.109; t.110; t.137.2; t.139.3	
3.4	Any person not on the pist disturbing good order. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168).	t.109; t.110; t.111; t.130; t.132.2; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.152; t.162.4; t.168	

4th group		PENALTIES (Cards)		
4.1	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during bout.	t. 64.6; t.68; t.73.1.g		
4.5	Offence against sportsmanship.	t.121.2; t.122; t.123; t.129; t.144.2; t.149.1		
4.6	Refusal of a fencer to salute his opponent, the referee and the spectators before the beginning of the bout or after the last hit.	t.122; t.145.2		
4.8	Deliberate Intentional * brutality	t.26.1; t.149.1		

*This modification concerns English version only.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the revised proposals from the Rules and Refereeing Commissions, summarized as follows:

1st group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
1.4	Covering/substitution of valid target *	t.29.2, t.30.1, t.79, t.97	YELLOW	RED

2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.4	Intentionally dropping a weapon during the fencing phrase	t.56.11	RED	RED
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent *	t.55.3-2	RED	RED
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.26.1, t.121.2, t.147, t.149.1	RED	RED

OFFENCE		ARTICLES	PENALTIES (Cards)	
3rd group			1st time	2nd time
3.1	Fencer disturbing order when on piste. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168)	t.108.2, t.109, t.110, t.137.2, (t.168)	RED	BLACK

4th group		PENALTIES (Cards)		
4.1	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during bout	t.64.6, t.68, t.73.1.g	BLACK	
4.8	Deliberate brutality Violent or vindictive actions	t.149.1		

Article: t.170.0.5, 1.16 and 2.6

P.41

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: modification of t.170 in accordance with text of Technical rules book

a) proposal to modify as below

0.5	Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P-cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	1 st time P- Yellow	2 nd time P-Red	3 rd time Penalisatio n-P-Black
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Add text to 1.16 according to modification after Congress 2022 of t.121.2

1.16	Irregular movements on the piste (*); hits made with violence or during or after falling (*) Intentional fall to avoid the hit (*)	t.121.2			
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b) Remove article number t.149.1 from 2.6 as a penalty according to this article means "exclusion" and not fit to the red card penalties of the second group

c)	2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand *	t.29.1, t.30	RED	RED	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for medical reason deemed unjustified By doctor	t.45.3			
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks *	t.73.1a			

2.4					
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent *	t.55.3			
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.121.2, t.147, t.149.4			

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour and for 0.5 add t.124.1 and t.124.2 in the column of articles.

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Article: t.170. 3.4

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: Add to t.170 sanctions of the 3rd group, article t.110: smoking in competition halls. This practice is becoming more and more frequent with the appearance of electronic cigarettes.

3.4

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
Any person not on piste disturbing the good order. Smoking in the competition halls. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168).	t.109; t.110; t.111; t.130; t.132.2; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.152; t.162.4; t.168		

Refereeing Commission: In favour for additional text, references numbers as in P.40 and for the first time “yellow card”

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.4	Any person not on piste disturbing the good order. Smoking in the competition halls . In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168) .	t.109; t.110; t.111; t.130 ; t.132.2 ; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.152 ; t.162.4 ; t.168	

Rules Commission: In favour, with the proposed modification:

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.4	Any person not on piste disturbing the good order, including smoking in the competition halls including electronic cigarettes . In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168) .	t.109; t.110; t.111; t.130 ; t.132.2 ; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.152 ; t.162.4 ; t.168	

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the revised proposal:

	OFFENCE	ARTICLES	PENALTIES (Cards)	
			1st time	2nd time
	3rd group			
3.4	Any person not on piste disturbing good order ; smoking in the competition halls (including with electronic cigarettes) . In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.168) .	t.109, t.110, t.111, t.132.2 , t.133, t.137.3/4, t.168	YELLOW	BLACK

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Article: t.170. 3.6

Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: In accordance with Article t.121.2, a (*) must be added to t.170 to indicate the cancellation of the hit scored.

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.6	Anti-sporting behaviour (*)	t. 121.2	

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

	OFFENCE	ARTICLES	PENALTIES (Cards)	
			1st time	2nd time
3.6	Anti-sporting behaviour *	t.121.2	RED	BLACK

Article: Index to articles

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Proposal from: Rules Commission

Motivation: -

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Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.



**Proposals for the 2023 Congress
Modifications of the Material Rules**

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2024, unless mentioned otherwise.

Article: m.25.3.h**Proposal from:** SEMI Commission

Motivation: The growing number of past Word Champions (36 per year) means that in about ten years we will end up with at least 250 red writings on the field.

In this way there is no longer any added value for the different colour.

On the other hand, it is acceptable that there are no time limits for the writing of the Olympic Champions.

m.25.3.h

A World Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in red [for the following season](#).

An Olympic Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in gold.

PCM Commission: In favour.

Athletes Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour, with the modification:

An Olympic Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in gold [until the end of the next Olympic Games](#).

SEMI Commission: In favour as amended. It is difficult in weapon control to verify who is entitled.

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Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the following proposal:

A World Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in red [for the following season](#).

An Olympic Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in gold [until the end of the next Olympic Games](#).

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Article: [m.30.1](#)

Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

Motivation: To make clear that foil and sabre masks cannot be used in epee events

RULES SPECIFIC TO EPEE

Mask

m.30. 1. The mask must not be covered, in whole or in part, by [conductive material](#) or material which can **cause the point to glance off** (cf. m.25).

2. The mask must be so shaped that the **bib** reaches below the prominences of the collar bones (clavicles).

Refereeing Commission: In favour.

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.

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Article: [Annex A 4 Label of quality, Material Rules \(see Urgent letter 2/2022\)](#)

Proposal from: SEMI Commission - deferred proposal from the 2022 Congress

Motivation: The installation of this RFID into the fencing clothing (mask, under plastron, jacket and breeches) is suspended until further notice.

Therefore, the manufacturers will be allowed to use for 2022 (is yearly dated) the old technical FIE mark (round). It will also be necessary to postpone the final date at which all the equipment must have the RFID and the new quality seal, from the season 2026/2027 to the season 2027/2028.

Due to the current situation, the orders to the company and deliveries of RFID are currently suspended. In the meantime, we are trying to find other companies that can produce and deliver these chips.

2. Chip and label installation requirements. Page 80

From 01.03.2021, the **obligatory** chipping of new fencing equipment (jacket, trousers, plastron mask) has been introduced. **It will be mandatory from 01.01.2023.**

Both variants of the FIE seal of quality are acceptable up to and including the **2026/2027 2025/2026** season.

For the **2027/2028 2026/2027** season, masks, jackets, breeches and plastrons must have the new quality seal with a chip securely located underneath.

SEMI Commission: In favour as amended also delete drawings

Therefore, the manufacturers will be allowed to use ~~for 2022 (is yearly dated)~~ the old technical FIE mark (round). It will also be necessary to postpone the final date at which all the equipment must have the RFID and the new quality seal, ~~from the season 2026/2027 to the season 2027/2028.~~

3 Chip and label installation requirements **are suspended**

~~From 01.03.2021, the obligatory chipping of new fencing equipment (jacket, trousers, plastron mask) has been introduced. It will be mandatory from 01.01.2023.~~

~~Both variants of the FIE seal of quality are acceptable up to and including the 2026/2027 2025/2026 season.~~

~~For the 2027/2028 2026/2027 season, masks, jackets, breeches and plastrons must have the new quality seal with a chip securely located underneath.~~

~~Cancellation of the text while waiting for a new system.~~

Rules Commission: Cancelled pending a new system.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: Agrees with the SEMI and Rules Commissions. The rule on chipping must be cancelled until a new viable solution is found and submitted to the Congress.

Article: **Annex A, 4.4**

Proposal from: SEMI Commission

Motivation: The sentence is remaining into the rule after the introduction of the tests for the sabre maraging blades, but is no more actually and the test to carry on at today is the K1C.

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Annex A, 4.4

4.4. Test of strength at the fracture toughness point, K_{1C}

The ~~K_{1C}~~ K_{1C} value of the steel must be measured by traction on a CT sample which has the dimensions indicated at the end of this annexe (Table VIII), made from materials subjected to the same thermal treatment as required for the blades, notched mechanically initiating a fatigue crack at the apex of the notch. The test must be conducted according to the methods indicated by the standard ASTM E 399. The value must conform to that laid down in Table I.

~~In cases where it is not possible to obtain a CT sample, the factor of increasing levels of dynamic loading (K_{1d}) may be determined instead of the K_{1C} value.~~

SEMI Commission: In favour.

Rules Commission: In favour.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.



Proposals for the 2023 Congress

Modifications of the Publicity Code

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2024, unless mentioned otherwise.

Article: p.12.2

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Proposal from: SEMI Commission

Urgent decision of the 27.03.2023 (cfr. Information letter 3-23)

Motivation: During the European Championships has been noted the lack on the Publicity Rules of a regulation concerning the application of the advertising logos on the thigh of the sabre fencers instead of the arm.

To avoid misunderstanding for the next World Championships in Cairo and to clarify once for all the rule, applying a custom of twelve years now, the following modification of the Publicity Rulebook is proposed:

p.12.2. Fencing clothing and equipment

a) If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a **sponsorship contract** with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner may be fixed **at a rate of maximum of 3 logos, with a maximum area of 85 cm² each;**

In foil and epee: at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket; **in sabre:** at the top of the thigh of the non-sword side of the fencing breeches and clearly separated from the national logo.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: In favour of the proposal.
