

CHANGES TO ENGLISH RULES FOR COMPETITIONS, 2010 EDITION – DECEMBER 2015 VERSION

1) DECEMBER 2010: DECISIONS AT THE 2010 CONGRESS, APPLICATION 1st JANUARY 2011 OR THE APPROPRIATE SUBSEQUENT COMPETITION

t.35.1 – *REPLACE last line with:*

have paid to take them are authorised to referee satellite competitions.

t.37 – *Add to title, which becomes:*

ATTRIBUTION OF REFEREES AND VIDEO-CONSULTANTS

New text to be inserted before the heading Individual Competitions and t.37.1:

The video-consultant must:

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

t.37.6 and 7 - *REPLACE t.37.6 and add new t.37.7 as per the following:*

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

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

t.42.3 (video refereeing) - *REPLACE t.42.3 with the following:*

- t.42** **3** a) Video-refereeing is compulsory at all three weapons at **Grand Prix, Senior World Cup individual and team competitions, the World Championships and Olympic Games, Zonal Championships** and qualification events for the **Olympic Games**. It is optional at the **Veteran World Championships**.
- i) For World Cup individual, Grand Prix competitions, Zone Championships and qualification events for the OG, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes, and in any case, **from the table of 64**.
 - ii) For World Cup team competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory **as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes** including the match for 3rd place, but excluding the other ranking matches.
 - iii) For individual and team competitions of the open World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory **as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing**.
 - iv) For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 4 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing.
For team competitions in the conventional weapons, video-refereeing is compulsory **from the table of 16**. In epee, video-

refereeing is compulsory **from the table of 8.**

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

b) Appeals

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

i) **In the individual events**, the fencer has:

- in **pools**, one possible appeal during each bout;
- in **direct elimination** bouts, two possible appeals.

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

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

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

c) There shall only be a maximum of **4 repetitions of the action.**

The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

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

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

f) **The video consultant** may at any time request that the referee **use the video-refereeing.**

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

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

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

t.87.4-6 (non-combativity) - REPLACE t.87.4/5/6 with the following:

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

Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

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

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

5. Individual events

a) If during the **first two periods** of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which will be

fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

6. Team events

a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee will proceed to the next bout.

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

t.120 (table) - DELETE line item 1.18 in the first group: present 1.19 becomes 1.18.

Figures (diagrams) in book t.

Page 34, Valid target at foil

Page 41, Valid target at epee

Page 45, Valid target at sabre

ADD the following words below the title of each figure:

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

o.4 - REPLACE the second line by the following:

Olympic Games, the World Championships and the Junior and Cadet World Championships, as

o.12.1 - REPLACE the article with the following

In **all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools**, these pools will consist of 7 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. –Otherwise the pools will be of 7 and 6. In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.

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

o.31.2 - REPLACE the article with the following

The day before the competition, the organizers must publish the pools, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest at 3:00 p.m. (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE Web site at the latest the day before the competition

o.31.3 - REPLACE the article with the following

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

o.32.2 - REPLACE the article with the following

After the round of pools, the 16 fencers ranked highest on the general index (cf o.19) are exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table. Should there be a tie between two or more fencers for the 16th place, there will be a barrage for 5 hits to decide who is ranked 16th.

o.33.3 - DELETE the words 'in accordance with the Rules'.

o.54.3 and o.54.4, first paragraph – in both cases **REPLACE** the word 'Monday' with 'Tuesday'.

o.57.3 – ADD a new sub-article:

Veterans World Championships

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

o.81.2 – ADD the following to the end of the Article:

The Supervisor must ensure the proper application of this article.

o.81.3 – REPLACE the article with the following:

For **Open A-grade, Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions**, 7 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.

Before new Article o.87 – ADD the following title

WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.87-o.93 – ADD new articles as follows:

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

o.88 **Entries for competitions**

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

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

o.90 **Composition of the pools**

When drawing the pools, the Directoire technique will take into account the following orders of strength:

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

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

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

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

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

o.91 **Duration of the matches**

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

o.92 **Referees**

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

o.93 **Invitations for international officials**

1. Any proposed candidature for organising the World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by a delegate designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

s2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, at their own expense, invite the following international officials (tourist-class

return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):

- a) The President of the FIE or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
- b) Three members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.
- c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
- e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

m.2.3, 2nd sentence – *REPLACE the first 4 words, 'The guard may contain' with:*
For foil and épée, the guard must contain

m.5.2.a) - *REPLACE the first line with:*
For foil and épée, inside the guard there must be a cushion (padding) sufficiently wide to

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

m.8.5b) - *ADD after the words "A 200 g weight":*
'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'

m.11.4, -*ADD to the end:*
The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05m

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

m.16.5.b) - *ADD after the words "A 200 g weight":*
'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'

m.19.4.a) - *ADD to the end:*
The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05m

m.19.4.b) - *ADD to the end:*
The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05m

m.23.5.b) - *ADD after the words "A 200 g weight":*
'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'

m.24.2 - *REPLACE the last phrase to read:*
, the blade being parallel with the longitudinal axis of the gauge.

m.27.3 - *REPLACE with the following text:*
Means of connection: the electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the bib of the mask must be ensured by means of a white-coloured or clear covered wire with two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the bib of the mask with one crocodile clip and to the jacket with the other. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long.

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

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

m.31.2 - *DELETE the 2nd sentence, "The wire must be attached, either by means of a crocodile clip or by being soldered, to the mesh of the mask, and must be between 30 cm and 40 cm long.*

m.32.5 - *ADD to the end:* The wire must be white-coloured or clear.

m.44.7 – *New text:*
The wireless apparatus is optional at the Veteran World Championships.

m. annexe A, 2.1.2.1. (page 59 in new 2010 version) *New text:*

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

1.2 Veteran World Championships

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

m.annexe A, 2.1.2.3 (transparent masks, safety standards) paragraph 3 - REPLACE the last line with the following:

manufacture, using the format of month (two digits) and year (four digits), e.g. 10-2010, must be indicated on it very clearly.

Figures (diagrams) in book m.

Page 11: Dimensions and flexibility at foil, figure 8

Page 15 Dimensions and flexibility at epee, figure 9.

Pages 21 and 23: Dimensions and flexibility at sabre, figure 12 and figure 13.

page 17: Epée design of pointe d'arret, figure 10.

page 17: Epée details of tip of point, figure 11.

page 28: Conductive jacket at foil, figure 14.

page 33: Conductive jacket at sabre, figure 15.

ADD the following words below the title of the figure:

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

2) DECEMBER 2010: DECISIONS AT THE 2010 CONGRESS, APPLICATION 2011-12 SEASON

m.23.2 - *ADD to the end*

The edges of the folded-over tip or button must be chamfered to a radius of 0.5mm (minimum) so as to remove all sharp edges.

3) AUGUST 2011: Correction and Decision of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

t.120, 1.6 *add the words*

'dressing and...' before 'undressing in public'

m.23.2 *Delete the final sentence:*

~~The edges of the folded over tip or button must be chamfered to a radius of 0.5mm (minimum) so as to remove all sharp edges.~~

(By decision of the Executive Committee, this requirement has been postponed indefinitely.)

4) NOVEMBER 2011: Urgent Decision by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

o.80: *Amended text:*

o.80 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.

t.15.2: *New text:*

This urgent decision was modified at the 2012 Congress – see below for final text

5) DECEMBER 2011 : Decisions at the 2011 Congress. Applicable from 1st January 2012

t.15.2 *Add a new t.15.2*

It is obligatory for any fencer who warms up or trains with another fencer on site at an

official FIE competition (including in the training halls linked to the competition) to wear **fencing clothing and equipment** which conforms with the FIE regulations.
Any person giving a lesson must wear at least a fencing master's plastron, as well as a fencing glove and a mask conforming with the regulations.

Any fencer taking a lesson must wear at least a mask and a glove

The present t.15.2 becomes t.15.3.

t.23.2 *add t.72. to the cf's*

t.28.1 *New text:*

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

t.37 *Add as an introduction:*

Whenever video refereeing is used, there shall be designated video consultants who will watch the match live, then, should the need arise, subsequently on the video screen, and interact with the referees specified in t.42.3.

t.38 *Add and 7) as follows: remainder of text unchanged:*

The same rules as those in article t.37.3), 4), 5), 6) and 7) are applied...

t.45.3.a *i) Add new text as follows as v):*

v) has been wilfully altered (i.e., in a manner other than by accidental cause or by conditions during the bout) so that it would not pass a preliminary check;

ii) Renumber existing subsections v) and vi) as vi) and vii) respectively;

iii) Following expanded text to be follow vii);

In cases iii), v), vi), and vii) above, the Referee must immediately confiscate the equipment (weapon, bodywire, if necessary conductive jacket, mask, protective under-plastron, jacket, Breeches, etc.), and have it examined by the expert on duty.

t.45.3.b *Reference numbers in last sentence to be changed as follows:*

- in cases iii), v), vi), and vii) the Referee will penalise him as specified for offences of the 4th group (cf. Articles t.114, t.119, t.120).

t.102. *New text:*

Loss of ground on the piste (cf. t.28)

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

t.118.3.b *Delete the words:*

and/or expulsion from the competition venue.

t.120 *Delete notes (1), (2) and (3) in lines 3.1 and 3.4 and in the "Explanations" section.*

t.120, 4.1 *Change article reference t.45.3.a) vi to t.45.3.a) vii).*

t.120, 4.2 *Change article reference to t.45.3.a) iii) iv) v).*

t.120, 4.8 *Delete the asterisk.*

o.53.3 **Withdrawal of a fencer.**

Add new text as second paragraph:

Should a fencer or team who have been entered **not present themselves to fence**, their federation will be penalised by a **fine** (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines), payable to the FIE, except in cases of properly authenticated 'force majeure'.

o.54.1 *Add the following text to the second paragraph:*

However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or illness duly certified by the official competition medical doctor.

o.54.2 **Withdrawal of a fencer or team.**

Add the words "For the individual event," to the beginning of the last sentence.

For the individual event, the fencer may not be replaced.

o.81.1 Add the following text to the end of **o.81.1**:

The name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be announced via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

o.81.2 Delete all text after the words '... will be inflicted on it.'

o.81.1, 2 and 3 Change the numbering so that **o.81.1, 2 and 3** become: **o.81.1.a), b)** and **2**

o.86 i) :Delete the last line of the table:

ii): Delete from previous (now last) line the words:
(organisers informed 15 days in advance) :

iii):Change amount in third column to:
€1000 per referee

m.8.6 Add the following text:

The curve of the blade must be measured as follows:

- i) the blade is placed on a flat surface so that the curve is uppermost;
- ii) the maximum distance between the flat surface and the blade is measured: this distance is deemed to be the curve of the blade (cf Fig 8)

m.16.2 Add the following text:

The curve of the blade must be measured as follows:

- i) the blade is placed on a flat surface so that the curve is uppermost;
- ii) the maximum distance between the flat surface and the blade is measured: this distance is deemed to be the curve of the blade (cf Fig 9).

m.23.4 Add the following text:

The curve of the blade must be measured as follows:

- i) the blade is placed on a flat surface so that the curve is uppermost;
- ii) the maximum distance between the flat surface and the blade is measured: this distance is deemed to be the curve of the blade (cf Fig 13).

m.28.5.a) In the second sentence, delete the words 'copper or brass' and substitute: 'conductive metal'.

m.38.1 In the last sentence, change 'two body-wires' to 'three body-wires' and 'two mask-to-jacket leads' to 'three mask-to-jacket leads'

m.53.1 Add the following new text as a second paragraph:

The control of the fencing apparatuses must be done before the competition using a checking device that is able to verify that the fencing apparatuses fulfil all requirements related to reaction times and electrical resistances.

m.57.9 The following new text to be added as **m.57.9**:

Pistes used in the World Championships and in the Olympic Games must be tested before competition by SEMI Commission Delegates using the Slip-Meter.

m.57.10 The following new text to be added as **m.57.10**:

The specifications of the Slip-Meter must fulfill the specifications defined in the homologation manual.

Annex A in the Material Book: replace the introductory page with the following text:

Introduction:

Fencing material used in official FIE competitions and carrying the FIE logo must, without exception, have obtained a certificate of homologation, certifying that a specific item of fencing material complies with FIE Rules.

The homologation procedure is carried out by the **FIE SEMI Commission** under the supervision of an Executive Committee representative.

The homologation certificate is delivered following the successful passing of the homologation process described hereafter.

The manufacturer must wait for the result of the homologation process to be published and for the certificate to be issued prior to beginning production and/or commercialization.

The FIE SEMI Commission is composed of 10 elected members and the FIE COMEX

representative and, in case of need, the SEMI Commission may consult experts from different fields to ensure the quality and expertise of the homologation process.

For **software homologation**, a delegate from the **Rules Commission** is mandatory.

For **video-refereeing**, a delegate from the **Refereeing Commission** is mandatory.

Field of application:

Homologation is compulsory for blades, points, protective clothing (jackets, breeches and under plastrons) including masks and gloves, fencing scoring apparatuses(both with wires and wireless), pistes, video refereeing systems and competition management software.

This list is not exhaustive and can be extended at any time by the Executive Committee.

Homologation process:

- 1) The homologation request must be addressed in written form to the President of the SEMI Commission. The request must contain all the documents requested in the appropriate technical handbook.
- 2) The President of the SEMI checks the request for theoretical conformity (completeness of the file, complying descriptions...) and replies within 14 days to the person making the request. An application which fails is sent back to the person making the request with explanations for the rejection. A successful application is forwarded to the FIE SEMI Commission members with a copy to the person making the request.
- 3) The Manufacturer and the independent Institute of his choice should both send the laboratory compliancy test results to the President of the SEMI Commission, together with the request for homologation. The only specialized institutes approved by the SEMI are CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for clothing (jackets, breeches and under plastron) and masks; and CRITT, Sofranel and Visti for blades.
Equipment failing to pass the tests may be modified following SEMI instructions and submitted again for the homologation process.
- 4) Equipment needing to be tested in a competition will be given a provisional homologation to be used at a specific competition, agreed with the representative of the Executive Committee and the organizer of the chosen competition **at the proposal of the SEMI President**.
- 5) After successfully passing all tests a sample of each piece of equipment should be sent to the President of the SEMI for analysis and reference; if the results of this analysis are satisfactory the specification of the equipment is given FIE homologation
- 6) Every step in the homologation process is documented in conformity with the technical handbooks. The person making the request has free access to the documentation. Every member of the SEMI Commission must receive the full documentation. However, to protect intellectual property these documents are not available to the public at large.
- 7) The final homologation is published on the FIE website.
- 8) **CE certificates and tests** are given by specialized institutes. The SEMI provides lists of equipment which has received homologation, published on the FIE website and with the appropriate certificates.

Modification management:

- 1) The homologation is valid for the duration specified in the technical handbooks as long as no modification is made to the equipment or its manufacturing process.
- 2) Any change must be reported to the **FIE SEMI Commission President**.
- 3) The modified equipment must pass the whole homologation process again.
In particular, if a manufacturer intends to change the material or the manufacturing of his FIE certified equipment, he must submit it to a new homologation process and wait for the result.

Technical handbooks:

- 1) Technical handbooks are elaborated by the SEMI and submitted to the Executive Committee.
- 2) Technical handbooks are **specific to each item** of equipment.

Marks:

The FIE emblem is a registered trademark.

It can only be used on equipment that has successfully undergone the FIE homologation process.

By affixing the FIE label of quality to their equipment manufacturers guarantee that such marked equipment fulfils FIE technical and security requirements.

Expenses:

All the expenses and costs related to the homologation of the equipment (masks, blades, breeches, jackets, under-plastron), pistes and apparatus, software and video systems are chargeable to the requester.

Withdrawal or suspension of a homologation:

- Homologation can be withdrawn or suspended when the SEMI Commission becomes aware that:

- a) the homologated material no longer conform with the Rules; or
b) after the homologation has been granted, the material has been modified significantly and the modifications have not been submitted for a new homologation.

6) DECEMBER 2011 : Decisions at the 2011 Congress. Applicable for the London Olympic Games or from start 2012-13 season

a) Applicable for the London Olympic Games

m.42.2 g) *Add the following new text as m.42.2.g:*

In the World Championships and Olympic Games the control of blades by Foucault current is mandatory.

The current g) and h) accordingly become h) and i) respectively.

b) Applicable from start 2012-13 season

New numbering of fights:

o.44.3 The bouts of each match must be fought in the following order:

3-6, 1-5, 2-4, 1-6, 3-4, 2-5, 1-4, 2-6, 3-5.

If this order is **altered**, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored following the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order. (cf. t.86).

m.18 **m.18 becomes m.18.1 and the following text is added as m.18.2:**

The handle must have, at the end which is in contact with the guard, a notch of 2 mm minimum depth, which allows the electric wires and their insulating sheaths to pass towards the sockets inside the guard without being squashed.(cf m.31.7)

m.23.1 *Text of the second part of the second sentence to be modified as follows:*

'...is 4 mm; its **minimum** thickness, also **measured** immediately below the button, must be at least 1.2 mm.'

Relevant text in Figure 12 to read: Minimum thickness of blade, **measured** at the base of button: 1.2 mm.'

m.28 **Title for m.28 to become:** Conductive jacket and conductive T-shirtT.

m.28.1 *New text to be added to m.28.1:*

The jacket must have a conductive flap, minimum 2 cm by 3 cm, near the middle of the back, just below the collar, to which the crocodile clip from the mask can be attached.

This flap should also be added to the diagram of the foil jacket, (Figure 14) with the text:

'Tag for crocodile clip on the back of the jacket.'

m.28.4 *New text as follows:*

The conductive **collar** must have a minimum height of 3 cm and the foil conductive jacket must have a conductive flap, minimum 2cm by 3 cm, near the middle of the back, just below the collar, to which the crocodile clip from the mask can be attached.

m.28.8: *Add the following new text as m.28.8:*

8. For compliance of the T-shirt's electrical resistance with a **wireless manufacturer's requirements**, the maximum electrical resistance:

- a. between any two points of the electrically conductive belt on the T-shirt (including both flaps for crocodile clip connection) should be not more than 15 Ohms;
- b. between any two points on the electrically conductive fabric-belt portion of the T-shirt (including both flaps for the crocodile-clip connection) and any point of the electrically conductive fabric on the sleeves or on the neck, should be not more than 50 Ohms;
- c. these checks must be carried out by a wireless equipment manufacturer."

m.34.1 *Delete the final sentence and replace with the following text:*

The conductive part is made of a conductive fabric: the maximum electrical resistance between any two points of the electrically conductive t-shirt fabric (including both flaps for crocodile clip connections) must be not more than 15 Ohms. These checks must be carried out by a wireless equipment manufacturer.

m.34.2 Insert the word 'minimum' before '2cm x 3cm'

Annex A to Material book

2.1.2

1) General

Add the following text as the second paragraph:

The transparent visor, when used, must be a minimum of 3.0 mm in thickness and must also have a separate replaceable outer covering (a "sacrificial" layer) at least 1 mm in thickness. The visor must be made of **polycarbonate resin thermoplastic**, and each mask and each replacement visor must be accompanied, at the time of purchase, with a statement that guarantees the authenticity and origin of the **polycarbonate resin thermoplastic**. The visor must correspond to the required norms of materials and manufacture as indicated in 2.1.2. of the annex to chapter 3 (Materials) of the rule book.

7. APRIL 2012: Corrections following minor corrections to French texts.(applicable immediately)

o.81: Add the words ' Veteran World Championships ' before the words 'A Grade and Candidate A Grade competitions...' *in the title which comes immediately before o.81.*

o.81.1.a. :After the words' junior A Grade competitions ' , add the words ' and Veteran World Championships ' .

o.86: in the last item (Required number of referees not respected) , replace the article reference 0.81.3 with 0.81.1.

8. APRIL 2012: Correction following minor addition to French texts (applicable immediately)

o.81.1.a: 2nd paragraph

Add the following words to the beginning of the 2nd paragraph

For junior A Grade competitions_

(the first line of the 2nd paragraph therefore now reads' For junior A Grade competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have)

9. MARCH 2013, URGENT DECISIONS

1) o.81.2, application 2013-2014 season

For Open A-grade, **Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions, 8 referees**, proposed by the Refereeing Commission, will be designated by the Executive Committee **and delegations will not have to provide any referees**. The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee. All the **referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees**.

2) t.37.3

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table. Then, the 4 video-consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among at least 4 to 5 referees.

3) t.37.5

For the final of 4, the Refereeing Delegates, immediately after the end of the direct elimination tables, select 4 referees by lot from among at least **4 to 5** referees, who must be of a different nationality from any of the fencers. 15 minutes before the final, the Refereeing Delegates will draw lots to assign the referees for all the bouts for the two semi-finals, in the following order: 1st semifinal, 2nd semi-final.

As soon as the two semi-finals are over, the Refereeing Delegates will establish a list of 4-5 referees and draw lots to assign the referee and the video-consultant for the final, as

well as (at the OG) the referee and the video-consultant of the bout for the 3rd place.

10) DECEMBER 2013: DECISIONS AT THE 2013 CONGRESS, APPLICATION 1st JANUARY 2013 OR THE APPROPRIATE SUBSEQUENT COMPETITION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

t.15.2 – *Add to the end of the Article the following text:*

The Supervisor of the competition or a member of the Directoire Technique must penalize any person not respecting this rule with a yellow card, followed by a black card in case of a repeated infringement.

t.20.2

DELETE the Article and RENUMBER 2.20.3 as t.20.2.

t.21.3 – *REPLACE the Article with:*

When a fencer **goes completely past** his opponent during a bout, the Referee must immediately call 'Halt!' and replace the competitors in the positions which they occupied before the passing took place.

t.22.2 – *REPLACE the first paragraph with:*

At foil and 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.114, t.116, t.120); any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

t.26.1 – *REPLACE the first paragraph with:*

When a competitor **crosses one of the lateral boundaries** of the piste with **one or both feet completely off the piste**, the Referee must immediately call 'Halt!'.

t.32.4 – *Add to the end of Article t.32 the following t.32.4:*

When wireless apparatus is used, no hits registered after the end of fencing time will be awarded, even if a lamp is showing on the wireless apparatus.

.39 – *REPLACE the Article with:*

Rules described in t.37 and t.38 above are applied by the Directoire Technique, assisted for the finals by the official FIE Refereeing delegate.

t.45.1 – *ADD to the 2nd item ('with only one regulation bodywire; or' a new item:-*

with only one regulation mask wire; or

t.54.1.c):

DELETE this paragraph.

t.56.4 ADD this Article after t.56.3, as follows:-

t.56.4.

- Attacks by beats on the blade:

a) In an attack by beating on the blade, this attack is correctly carried out and retains its priority when the beat is made on the foible of the opponent's blade, i.e. the two-thirds of the blade furthest from the guard.

b) in an attack by beating on the blade, when the beat is made on the forte of the opponent's blade, i.e. the one-third of the blade nearest the guard, the attack is badly executed and the beat gives the opponent the right to an immediate riposte.

t.70.3, 2nd sentence, REPLACE 'Any hits caused by hitting with the guard'with:-

Any hits registered by hitting with the guard....

.71, 2nd para. REPLACE with:-

The **target** comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the tops of the hip bones and then horizontally round the fencer's trunk

t.82.3 – *REPLACE the Article with:*

- 3 a) Everybody taking part in or present at a fencing competition **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 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.90** of the Rules. The Referee must stop immediately any activity which disturbs the smooth running of the bout which he is refereeing (cf. **t.96.1–3**).
- b) 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.119.

t.87.2 – *REPLACE the words after ‘with violence’ with the following:*

All bouts must preserve the **character of a courteous and frank encounter**. All **irregular actions** (flèche attack which finishes with a collision jostling the opponent, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits achieved with violence, blows struck with the guard, hits made during or after a fall) or anti-sporting behaviour, are strictly forbidden (cf. t.114–t.120). Should such an offence occur, any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

t.87.3 – *RENUMBER as t.87.3.a) and ADD a new t.87.3.b) as follows:*

- b) 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.119 (cf. t.82.1, 2 and 3).

t.87.4.2 – *DELETE ‘absence of blade contact or’ from the last sentence.*

.90.1 – *REPLACE the Article with:*

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

.92.1 – *REPLACE the Articles with:*

- 1 During the direct elimination of the individual events, the fencer’s **coach, medical staff and technicians** are not allowed to remain near their fencers; **the coaches** are allowed to be inside the competition area in a place indicated by the organizers.

t.95.4 – *DELETE this Article.*

t.106.1 – *REPLACE the Article with:*

- 1 **Exclusion from a competition** may also be imposed for a disciplinary offence (failure to appear on the piste as required, weapons not in accordance with the rules, reprehensible attitude towards an official, etc.).

t.120

- *ADD a new note to the Article heading*

This table is intended to be a convenient summary: it is not a substitute for the full texts of the articles concerned, which should be consulted in any case of doubt

- *DELETE point 1.2*

- *1.7 ADD an asterisk (*)*

- *1.10 REPLACE reference 70.6 by 70.5*

- *ADD a new line 1.19*

Entering the Piste Enclosure without the Referee’s permission + t.92.6

- *2.5 ADD an asterisk (*)*

3.1 and 3.4: ADD in the left hand box for articles t.120.3.1 and t.120.3.4 :

In the most serious cases, the referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).

- ADD a new line 3.5 as follows in the 'YELLOW/BLACK' section:

Warming up or training without wearing fencing clothing and equipment which conforms with the FIE regulations (t. 15.2).

- ADD a new line 3.6 as follows in the 'YELLOW/BLACK' section:

Anti-sporting behaviour (t. 87.2)

- ADD to the 'EXPLANATIONS 'after *, as follows:

+ **Special YELLOW CARD** for the whole team and valid for the whole team match. If, during the same match, a fencer commits an offence of the 1st group, the Referee penalises with a **RED CARD** each time.

o.14 – o15.3.b) – REPLACE these Articles with:

IMPLEMENTATION: 2014-15 SEASON

o.14. The order of bouts in the pools is as follows:

| 1. Pool of seven | 2. Pool of six |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1-4 5-1 3-5 | 1-2 5-4 6-4 |
| 2-5 4-3 1-6 | 4-3 1-6 2-3 |
| 3-6 6-2 2-4 | 6-5 3-5 1-4 |
| 7-1 5-7 7-3 | 3-1 4-2 5-2 |
| 5-4 3-1 6-5 | 2-6 5-1 3-6 |
| 2-3 4-6 1-2 | |
| 6-7 7-2 4-7 | |

o.15. When there are several fencers from the same country in a pool:

1. If they **do not form the majority** of the competitors in the pool, they must fence off the bouts between themselves before meeting competitors of another nationality.

2. If they **form the majority** of the competitors in the pool, the Directoire Technique may establish a special order of bouts, departing as little as possible from the principle laid down in (a) above, in order to obviate excessive fatigue or delays for the competitors who form the minority in the pool.

3. Examples of the **order of fencers of the same nationality** in a pool of six:

a) When a pool contains, among its six fencers,

— **two fencers of the same nationality A**, or

— **two fencers of the same nationality A and two of the same nationality B**

— **two fencers of the same nationality A, two of the same nationality B, and two of the same nationality C**,

the fencers' names are placed on the pool sheet in such a way that those of the same nationality fence each other in their first bout and the order of bouts of a pool of six is that shown in Article o.14 above.

b) When a pool contains among its six fencers,

— **three fencers of the same nationality A**, or

— **three fencers of the same nationality A and two fencers of the same nationality B**, or

— **three fencers of the same nationality A and three fencers of the same nationality B**, the order will be as follows:

| | | |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 1-2 | 6-4 | 4-2 |
| 4-5 | 2-5 | 3-6 |
| 2-3 | 1-4 | 5-1 |
| 5-6 | 5-3 | 3-4 |
| 3-1 | 1-6 | 6-2 |

the fencers' names are placed on the pool sheet in the following way:

— the fencers of nationality A are given numbers 1, 2 and 3;

— the fencers of nationality B are given numbers 4 and 5 or 4, 5 and 6.

o.27.2 – ADD a second sentence the Article and renumber as follows:-

o.27 The final

1. The final, which is by direct elimination, will preferably consist of 4 fencers.
2. The finals of men's and women's same weapons should preferably be held on the same day.

o.31.2 – REPLACE the Article with:

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

o.43.2-4 – REPLACE these Articles with:

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

2. At the Junior and Open World Championships the teams will occupy the places in the table according to the **most recent official team ranking of the FIE**. The teams that are not classified will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.
3. At the Open World Championships, **all places in the table up to 16th place** will be fought for. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.
4. At the **Junior World Championships** the **first sixteen places** will be fought for. From seventeenth place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.

Title – B. Preceding o.45: change to:

WORLD CUP JUNIOR AND OPEN TEAM COMPETITIONS

o.45 – REPLACE the Article with:

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

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

o.54 – REPLACE the Article TITLE with:

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

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

o.54. 2 – REPLACE the Article with:

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

o.54. 4 – REPLACE the Article with:

4. **Addition of a fencer or a team after the dead-line**
 - a) **However, until the Tuesday** preceding the competition (**midnight, Lausanne time**), one or more fencers and/or a team may be added by their national federation, after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) for each additional fencer.

To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE (by fax or e-mail) a request for the additional **fencer(s) and/or team and a written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days.**
 - b) **From the Wednesday** preceding the competition and until 12 noon (local time) the day preceding the competition, one or more fencers and/or a team may be added by national federations after payment to the FIE **of a higher penalty** (cf. article o.86, table

of financial penalties and fines) for each additional fencer.

To do this, the national federation must send to the FIE (by fax or e-mail) a request for the additional **fencer(s) and/or team and a written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days.**

o.55. 5 – ADD this new para (APPLICATION 1st MARCH, 2014):

5. All participants in an official competition of the FIE who are under the age of majority in the country in which such competition is being held must either: 1) be accompanied by a person who is a parent or guardian of the participant or who has **been delegated, on a form valid in the country of the competition**, from a parent or guardian of such participant to act on behalf of the participant regarding health-related issues; or 2) have such power of attorney issued to a person who has achieved his/her majority and who will be at the competition site during the competition and has agreed to accept the responsibility delineated in such power

o.62 – REPLACE the Article with:

For questions concerning the rules **during FIE competitions (including the World Championships and the Olympic Games)**, the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge a referee's decisions from the beginning to the end of the bout.

At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, it is the Supervisor who fulfils this function.

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

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any other disputes which arise at World Championships

o.70.4 – REPLACE the Article with:

Neutral referees: At least two international referees, from countries outside the region of the Games, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission.

o.75 – REPLACE the Article with:

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

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

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

o.82. 1-2 – REPLACE the Articles with:

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

- 1 Application**
Junior and Open Team World Cup competitions take place at the three weapons, both male and female.

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

The Junior Team World Cup tournament is composed of four integral competitions and points will be allocated at the end of each competition.

o.84. 1 – REPLACE the Article with:

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

- 1 Official team ranking of the FIE**

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

The official **Junior** team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's four results in

the Team Junior World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the junior team World Championships and the junior team Zonal Championships.

o.84.3 – *REPLACE the Article with:*

(IMPLEMENTATION RE JUNIOR WORLD CUP: 2014-15 SEASON)

3 Honours

The winner (first ranked team) of each official **Junior and Open team** ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the World Championships or Olympic Games.

o.86– *REPLACE the Article with:*

NOTE: CONGRESS VOTED TO SHOW ONLY EUROS

o.86 TABLE OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND FINES

1) Delete all CHF values throughout the table. Fines are to be quoted in euros only.

2) Modify the 2nd category as follows:

| | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date, until the Tuesday preceding the competition | o.54.4 a) | 150 euros per entry | With the entry | FIE | By the National Federation |
|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------------|

3) Introduce a new category after the 2nd category as follows:

| | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Entry to other FIE competitions after closing date, from the Wednesday and until the day (12 noon local time) preceding the competition | o.54.4 b) | 250 euros per entry | With the entry | FIE | By the National Federation |
|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------------|

m.27.3 – *ADD to the end of this Article the following:*

In the case of a coiled wire, the maximum length of the free cable must not exceed 25 cm in length with a tolerance of +/- 5 cm.

m.28.1 – *MODIFY the first sentence of this Article to read as follows:*

The conductive surface of the conductive over-jacket which is worn over the protective jacket must cover the valid target of the fencer (cf t.47) entirely and without omission when in the on-guard position.

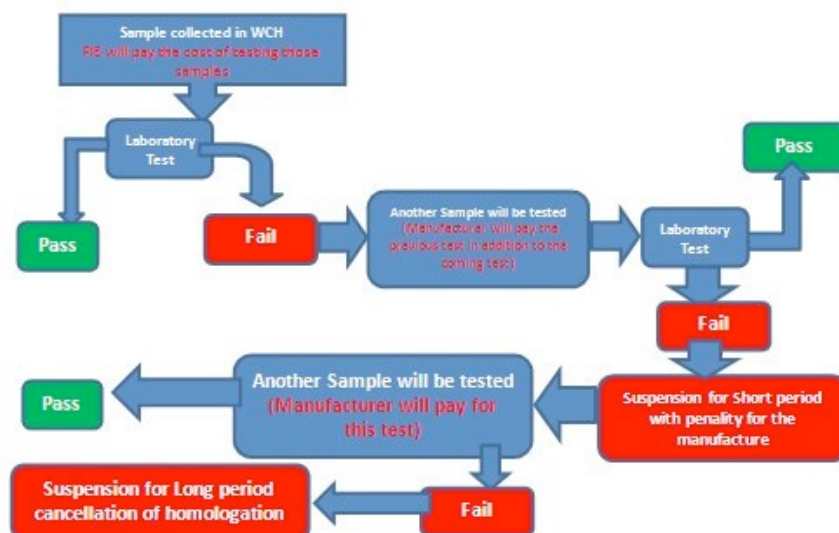
m.34.1– *MODIFY the first sentence of the Article as follows:*

The fencer must wear, over his jacket, a **conductive over-jacket**, the conductive surface of which must cover entirely and without omission the valid surface of the body above a horizontal line which, when the fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer’s trunk, the tops of the two hip bones.

ANNEXE A TO BOOK M, PAGE 54 OF CURRENT (WEB) EDITION, at end of Homologation process system ('modifications have not been submitted for a homologation', ADD:-

Random quality control of Fencing equipment

Whenever it deems necessary, the FIE SEMI Commission may obtain a random sample of any specific item of fencing equipment available on the market. Having obtained the equipment, the SEMI will submit it to technical analysis for quality control purposes. Should there be any doubt as to the quality of the item, the SEMI may send it directly to an agreed independent institute for testing; tests will be carried out in accordance with the existing FIE material rules and with CE/EC standards. Should the tests reveal any non-conformity or any lowering of quality level, the SEMI will take appropriate action, which may involve the application of a penalty. In extreme cases, the manufacturer may lose a previously awarded FIE homologation.



Occasional check

The SEMI alone may:-

- carry out occasional checks on blades (three blades);
 - at World Championships, obtain a selection of blades bearing the official FIE guarantee stamp;
 - have the blades tested at the approved laboratories, distributing the work evenly between them.
- Should the blades fail the tests, the manufacturers will pay for the blades and for the costs of the tests, their homologation will be annulled and the manufacturer will have to submit ten further blades for a new homologation process. There will be no certificate issued for the occasional check.

ANNEXE A 1.3.2 of book m.end of the Article, REPLACE "The FIE has accepted the use of non-Maraging steel of the following typesestablished by the SEMI"with the following:

Application: Non-maraging steel épée blades will no longer be accepted for homologation after 01.01.2014 and non-maraging steel épée blades already homologated will not be accepted in FIE competitions from 31.12.2015.

ANNEXE A 1.6.9 of book m.

- MODIFY TITLE TO

'Fatigue resistance test of Blades (by bending etc)'

- REPLACE first paragraph with:-

In order to examine the behavior of blades during normal fencing activity, the blades to be tested must undergo a test of their resistance to metal fatigue with a special apparatus, either mechanical or pneumatic, homologated by the FIE SEMI Commission.

ANNEXE A 2.1.2.1 of book m. APPLICATION 1ST MARCH 2014

REPLACE "The wearing of the transparent mask is optional at all weapons and in all FIE competitions.

Veteran World Championships

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

With:-

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

11) JUNE 2014: URGENT DECISIONS AT THE MAY 2014 FIE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

A) IMMEDIATE APPLICATION

o.76.5 – DELETE the words: ‘of 4 fencers’

B) APPLICATION 2014-15 SEASON

o.78.1: MODIFY the first clause to read

For Grand Prix competitions and Individual Category A competitions

o.79: DELETE this article

o.83.1.c): REPLACE with the following

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

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

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

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

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

12) DECEMBER 2014: DECISIONS AT THE 2014 CONGRESS

A) IMMEDIATE APPLICATION

t.28.1 – ADD after ‘of the piste’ in the first line the following:

with one or both feet

t.45.4.b): REPLACE with the following

b) Wearing his national uniform and logo (cf. m.25.3). Application as follows:

- i) Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;
- ii) Individual: Senior World Cup competitions and Senior Zonal Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination;
- iii) Teams: Senior World Cup competitions and Senior Zonal Championships, all bouts in every match.

t.86.4: REPLACE with the following

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

t.90: DELETE the numbering of paras 1 and 2 and REPLACE the text of para 1 with the following

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

t.971: REPLACE with the following

1. The Directoire Technique, the refereeing delegates or the supervisor have jurisdiction over all the fencers who take part in or are present at a competition which they are running.
2. When necessary they can intervene on their own initiative in all disputes.
3. They are also responsible for maintaining order and discipline during competitions, and may use the penalties specified in the Rules.
4. The Directoire Technique is responsible for sending to the Central Office of the FIE announcements of disciplinary penalties pronounced during the competitions, as well as any requests for censure, suspension, extension of penalty or permanent suspension, and requests for ultimate appeals.
5. The Directoire Technique activates any penalty imposed against which no appeal is possible or which is not subject to suspension (cf. t.95).
6. The disciplinary decisions of the Directoire Technique, the Refereeing delegates or the Supervisor that they take spontaneously or in their own right (as the first level of authority) are subject to appeal to the Disciplinary Commission of the FIE.
7. All the decisions of the Directoire Technique, the refereeing delegates or the supervisor are immediately enforceable. No appeal against a decision can suspend that decision during the competition.

t.102 – ADD after 'of the piste' in the first line the following:

with one or both feet

t.104 – DELETE in the penultimate line the words ⁴“a corps à corps at foil or sabre”

t.120.0.1(chart of offences and penalties): REPLACE with the following

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

t.120.2.4. (chart of offences and penalties): REPLACE with the following

Absence of name and nationality on the back, absence of national logo when compulsory, at individual Senior World Cup competitions and Senior individual Zonal Championships.

t.123: REPLACE with the following

1. Complaints and protests which are not concerned with a referee's decision must be made in writing without delay; they must be addressed to the Directoire Technique.
2. If a complaint or protest contests a decision taken by the Directoire Technique or the official FIE delegate, it should be addressed to the FIE Bureau.

t.43.3: REPLACE with the following

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

o.43.4: DELETE this ARTICLE

o.46.1: DELETE this ARTICLE and renumber 0.46.2 as o.46

o.55.6: ADD this new ARTICLE as follows:

Age of participants

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.

o.56 - o.63. REPLACE with the following

Directoire Technique and FIE delegates at official FIE competitions

o.56

- a) Apart from the specific areas of competence which are the responsibility of the other FIE technical delegates specified hereafter, the technical management of the official competitions of the FIE is entrusted to a Directoire Technique-
- b) The members of the Directoire Technique and the other official delegates of the FIE cannot act in any other capacity at the competition, such as team captain, official delegate of their federation, referee, competitor, etc-
- c) The Directoire Technique and the official delegates of the FIE must always attend events from beginning to end, so as to solve any problem which could arise and thus ensure that the event continues to run smoothly.
- d) All the decisions of the Directoire Technique and the official delegates of the FIE must be displayed sufficiently in advance on a clearly visible notice-board to be consulted by the fencers and officials. In principle, fencers and officials are kept informed by their heads of delegation or captains, and they may not make any complaint against changes in the timetable or any other matter about which information has been displayed within the stipulated time limits.

o.57

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) The Directoire Technique is composed of six members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

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

2. World Cup competitions

a) The Directoire Technique is composed of three qualified persons from the organising country or invited by it.

3. Veterans World Championships

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

Functions of the Directoire Technique

o.58

The functions of the Directoire Technique include the strict organisation of the different events, except the responsibilities of the other delegates of the FIE (cf o.61, o.62, o.63). -It has the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot itself decide on any departure from the Rules except when circumstances arise in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

The Directoire Technique is responsible for the technical organisation of the competitions and for ensuring their smooth running.

Hence:

- a) It ensures the co-ordination between the Organising Committee, the Directoire Technique, the official delegates of the FIE and the other functions of the FIE;
- b) It checks the entries;
- c) It draws up the pool sheets and direct elimination table;
- d) It allocates the pistes;
- e) It supervises the progress of the event(s);
- f) -It checks results with the help of the Organising Committee;
- g) It prepares the subsequent events sufficiently in advance to be able to warn the fencers, officials and judges;
- h) It supervises the dissemination of results.

Furthermore the Directoire Technique has disciplinary responsibility at

competitions, but only as a collective entity.

In the event of a tied vote within the Directoire Technique, the vote of the Directoire Technique President is decisive.

o.59

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 members of the FIE Medical Commission.

1. World Championships and Olympic Games.

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

2. Senior World Cup competitions

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

3. Veteran's World Championships

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

o.60

Functions of the Refereeing delegates

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

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

3. Hence:

a) They organise the referee's meeting on the day before the championships or event.

b) They establish the list of referees the day before each competition.

c) They observe the referees at work and make selections as laid down in articles t.37, t.38 and t.39.

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

4. For questions concerning the rules during FIE competitions (including the World Championships and Olympic Games), the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge a referee's decision from the beginning to the end of the bout.

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

o.61

SEMI and medical delegate duties

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

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

3. Hence, SEMI delegates:

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

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

5. Hence, medical delegates:

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

o.62

Supervisor

For questions concerning the rules during FIE competitions (including the World Championships and Olympic Games), the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge a referee's decision from the beginning to the end of the bout.

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

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

Supervision by the FIE

o.63

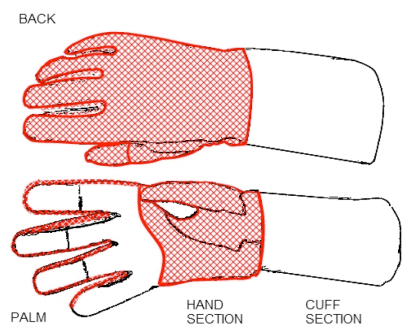
With the aim of ensuring that the rules are observed at the World Championships and Olympic Games, the President and the members of the Bureau of the FIE have the right to attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique and of the official delegates of the FIE. The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.

It is the responsibility of the Bureau of the FIE or of its designated representative to settle any other disputes which arise at World Championships.

m.33.1-4: RENUMBER as m.33.2-5 respectively

m.33.1: ADD as new m.33.1 the following:

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



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

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m.25.4: ADD to the end of the Article the following:

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

Note: the SEMI commission is to supply the specifications and testing procedures.

o.44.10.a): REPLACE with the following

In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to substitute for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. However, the fencer who has been replaced may fence one more time during that match, but only to replace the fencer who originally substituted him. This second replacement is not allowed if the first replacement has been made for the reasons listed in article o.44.11. No further substitution for a fencer on the piste is allowed, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted must be made at the latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced and must be reported by the Referee to the opposing team captain. At World Championships and Olympic Games, the referee must also report this immediately to the Directoire Technique.

o.83.2.a): ADD to the bottom of the list:

- 65th-96th places 1 point

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t.17.9: REPLACE with:

If a fencer crosses the lateral boundaries of the piste, with one or both feet, he must be placed on guard at the correct distance, even if this means that he is placed behind the rear line and thus causes a hit to be awarded against him. (*cf t.28, t.102*).

o.40.2 REPLACE by:

From the last 32 the direct elimination bouts will take place

- Either **on 4 pistes**, with each quarter of the table fenced on one piste.
- Or **on 8 pistes**, with each quarter of the table fenced on 2 pistes.

At the cadet and junior World Championships video refereeing is obligatory on these pistes.

o.53 REPLACE by:

Entries for World Championships (all categories) and junior and senior zonal championships

1. Three months before the start of the **World Championships** the federations will receive an **entry form** from the Organising Committee, on which they are required to specify the **number** of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition's programme, two months before the start of the first event.

2. The entry of fencers and teams by name is to be made via the FIE website. This entry of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the entry of teams, must be made:

- **fifteen days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the World Championships at the latest.**

- **seven days (by midnight, Lausanne time) before the first event of the Zonal Championships at the latest.**

4. Addition of fencer(s) after the cut-off date.

Nevertheless one or more fencers may be added, up until 10.00am (local time in the town hosting the World or Zonal Championships) on the day before the competition, after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) per fencer added. To do this the national federation must address a request to the FIE to add a fencer, together with immediate payment of the penalty.

5. Changes of names, only with the agreement of the FIE can only be made at the latest up to 24 hours before the start each event.

o.54 DELETE the words:

and Zonal senior and junior Championships

o.72 REPLACE by:

For the cadets World Championships, entries are limited to **three fencers per nation** for the individual events.

For the junior World Championships, the entries are limited to **four fencers per nation** for each individual event, and **one team per nation** for the team events.

o.78 and 0.79 REPLACE by:

o.78. 1. For Grand Prix competitions and Individual World Cup competitions, both Senior and Junior, at each weapon, each national federation may enter a maximum of 12 fencers. The organising country may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools.

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

o.79 For junior and senior Individual Zone Championship competitions, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to 4 fencers.

For junior and senior Team Zone Championship competitions, at each weapon, the federations may enter 1 team (consisting of three fencers with or without a reserve).

o.87 REPLACE by:

1. The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

2. 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.

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

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

o.88 REPLACE by:

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.

o.89 ADD:

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

o.90 - REPLACE by:

Composition of the pools for individual championships

When drawing the pools, the Directoire Technique will take into account the following orders of strength:

1. The 64 highest ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two years Championships, irrespective of age category changes;
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.

o.92 - REPLACE by:

o.92 Team championships

1. Participation

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

2. The rules for team championships 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 "B" and one "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, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be the last ranking at that weapon plus 1.
 - c) The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the highest place for the team having the lowest total. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of the match.
 - d). Each team may ask to substitute a fencer before the start of a bout, except in case of injury duly recognized by the Medical delegate, when the substitution can be immediate. There can be only one substitution 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.); 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 regular 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 "toss a coin" 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 a maximum of 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their place after the round of pools.
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.

o.92 IS RENUMBERED o.93:

o.93 IS RENUMBERED o.94 and:

o.93 b now reads:- b) Four members of the Directoire Technique

ADD to the end of the Article:-

These officials should preferably be selected from the Zone in which the Championships are being held.

m.25 first sentence NOW READS:

The national uniform includes the socks, the trousers, and the jacket.

m.25.3.e) NOW READS:

There shall be only one national uniform per country, with the exception that the manufacturers' marks and sponsors' logos may be different.

m.25.3.g) NOW READS:

For the following events, the wearing of national strips (logos) is **compulsory** on both legs, optional on the arm(s) (cf. t.45.4). All the logos worn by any one fencer must be identical.

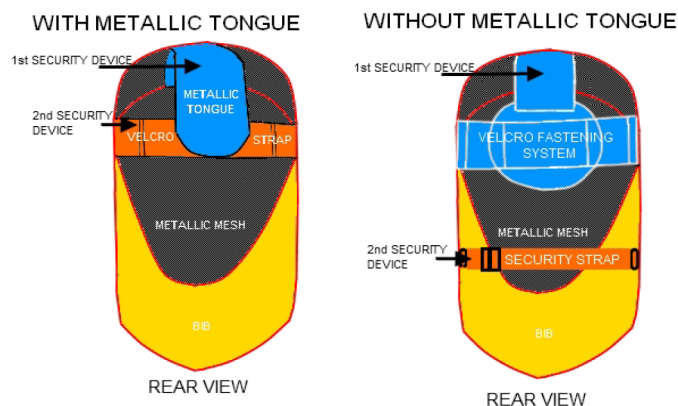
- i) Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;
- ii) Individual: Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination;
- iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.

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

m.25.7:- MODIFY paras a) and f) as follows:

- a) The **mask** must be made with meshes (space between the wires) of maximum 2.1 mm and from wires with a minimum gauge of 1 mm diameter. The mask must include two different safety systems at the rear.
- .f) **The mask must contain two different safety systems at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask. These straps may be elastic or of any other material that is approved by the S.E.M.I. Commission.**

Please refer to the examples in the drawings below:



These images are only provided for information. When in doubt, the wording of the relevant text prevails.

m. Annexe A, EQUIPMENT, STANDARDS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF

**MASKS, 2. STANDARDS FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF MASKS,
SECTION "2.2, 4 - Essential constituent elements, last para, a NOW READS:-**

In particular the rear fixing devices must ensure that the mask is located in the correct position on the fencer's head and that it remains in a perfect position, even after blows or shocks.

p.10 (Publicity Code) NOW READS:

Position and sizes

1 The articles of the fencers' **equipment** may carry the following visible marks:

- a) **mask**: one mark on the rear of the spring. Maximum size: 12.5 cm².
- b) **jacket**: one mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip on the side of the non-sword arm. Maximum size: 30 cm².
- c) **trousers**: one mark at the bottom of the trouser leg, on one side only. Maximum size: 30 cm².
- d) **socks**: one mark on each sock. Maximum size: 10 cm².
- e) **shoes**: the name of the brand on each shoe. Maximum size: 10 cm² or the usual logos (e.g.: bands).
- f) **glove**: One mark: maximum size: 10 cm². If the mark is fixed on the glove as a label (glued or sewn), it must be on the cuff.
- g) **weapon**: -Maximum size: 2.5 cm².
- h) **electric jacket** one mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip of the non-sword arm side. Maximum size: 30 cm².

p.12.2 (Publicity Code) NOW READS:

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, maximum 125 cm² in size, may be affixed at the top of the sleeve of the fencing jacket (non-sword arm), on the side of the trousers (left or right), or on the socks. At sabre, a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.

The sponsor's logo may be displayed on each side of the mask. Maximum size: 100 cm² on each side of the mask.

- b) The **number of logos** shall not exceed five. The **total surface** of all logos added together may not exceed a total of 500 square centimetres.

**p.12.5.b) and p.13 (Publicity Code) ARE DELETED. SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES TO BE
RENUMBERED.**

***B) APPLICATION 2016-17 SEASON (IE 1ST SEPTEMBER
2016)***

t.17.2: REPLACE PROVISIONALLY September – December 2016 (then to be reviewed)

For foil and épée, the **Referee places** each of the two competitors in such a way that the front foot of each is 2 metres from the centre line of the piste (that is, behind the 'on-guard' lines).

For sabre, the referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that the back foot of each is 2 m from the centre line of the piste (that is, in front of the "on-guard" lines).

t.18.5: ADD a second para as follows:

At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm (cf.t.19). If a competitor does so he is liable to incur the penalties enumerated in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120. Any hits scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.

t.120.1: ADD:

t.120.1.19 Reversing the line of the shoulders at foil

o.32.2:

Following the barrage, the ranking of the fencers is determined according to V, TD-TR, TD.

m.27.3 last sentence WILL READ:-

A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

m.32.4 WILL READ,-

The electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white-colored or clear covered wire with one or two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the mask with one crocodile clip or by soldering and to the jacket with a crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

m. Annexe B, SECTION C, SABRE, PARA 8, CHANGE:-,

120 milliseconds to 170 milliseconds.