



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

FIE CONGRESS

30 NOVEMBER 2019

LAUSANNE (SUI)

I. GENERAL DECISIONS

139 federations took part in the Congress: 136 were present and 3 were represented.

1. RATIFICATION OF THE NEW FEDERATIONS

The Congress approved the affiliation of the following federations:

- the Kenya Fencing Federation (KEN)
- the Cape Verde Fencing Federation (CPV)
- the Oman Fencing Federation (OMA)
- the Papua New Guinea Fencing Federation (PNG)

2. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT FROM THE 2018 CONGRESS HELD IN PARIS (FRA)

The report for the 2018 Congress was approved.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

The Executive Committee report for 2018 was approved.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT 2018, AUDITORS' REPORT, APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

The financial report, the accounts for 2018 and the Auditors' report were approved.

Discharge was granted to the Executive Committee and the Auditors.

5. BUDGET 2020

The budget for 2020 was approved.

6. NOMINATION OF AUDITORS

Ernst and Young were reappointed for one year.

7. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ana Irene Delgado Guerra (PAN) has been elected Member of the Executive Committee.

8. AWARDING OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organisation of the Senior World Championships 2021 was allocated to Egypt (Cairo).

9. CANDIDACIES FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

The following National Federations announced a candidacy for the organisation of:

- the Junior and Cadet World Championships: United Arab Emirates;
- the Senior World Championships: Hong Kong, Japan, Korea;
- the Veterans World Championships: Bulgaria.

10. AWARD OF THE 2019 CHEVALIER FEYERICK CHALLENGE

The 2019 Chevalier Feyerick Challenge was awarded to Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee.

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

Assaults and bouts

o.5

A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**. When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result **in an individual competition** it is called a **bout**.
The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called **periods**.

In a match (cf o.6) between teams each of the nine bouts is called a **relay**.

Match

o.6

The aggregate of the **bouts relays** fought between the fencers of two different teams is called a **match**.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

t.18

- 1 The **combat area** of the piste is ~~from~~ 1.50 meters ~~to 2 meters~~ wide.

Application: 1st January 2021

Fig.1 and Fig 2 have been modified.

t.18

- 3 The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for **poules, DE, and** finals and semi-finals, **including the pistes already having safety borders**, do not form part of the piste.

t.45

- 1 For a **sport trauma/injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 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 point when the delegate of the FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion. **This break should and** 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 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for a **sport trauma, injury** cramp, **or an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

- t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 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 **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

Lots are drawn by the computer at each stage of the table, but may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of any problem with the computer programme,

mistakes made by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts between category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE). In any case where the computer draw is modified, it must be with the agreement of the Directoire Technique and signed by both the Refereeing Delegate and the President of the DT. At each referees' meeting before any competition, the referees will be asked to declare their potential conflicts of interest to the Refereeing Delegate or to the President of the Directoire technique (for junior competitions). This information must be notified to the FIE by the Refereeing Delegate or the Directoire technique President (for junior competitions).

t.55

- 1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:
 - started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
 - which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.
 - ~~1—At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~
 - 32 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.170.**
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t.62

- 1 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.
 - 2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.
 - 3 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.62.2.~~
 - 4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.
 - 5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:
 - at the referees initiative
 - at the request of the athlete
 - in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
 - at the video consultants requestthe decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.
 - 6 Each time the referee consults the video, whether on his own initiative, following an appeal or at the suggestion of the video-consultant, the opinions of the referee and the video-consultant must be recorded on the match sheet.
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Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

t.124

The text in blue was presented in green and blue at the FIE Congress 2019.

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

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

When, **from** the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

- e) **If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.**
- f) **If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.**

2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

When, from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons.

If a replacement is made following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team in which a fencer has been sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

3 In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

a) The P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

b) In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled each penalty hit, and at the beginning of each period or relay.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

Updates to t. 170

OFFENCE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P- cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	1st time P-Yellow	2nd and 3rd times P-Red	From 4th time Penalisation

EXPLANATIONS	
P CARDS (t.124)	P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit), P-black (possible loss of the bout or match). In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERIAL RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

General description

m.2

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

- 1 A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted).

At all three weapons, the use of maraging steel blades is obligatory.

Application: The rule is already enforced for epee and foil. For sabre, the obligation will apply from the beginning of the 2020-2021 season. However, it is strongly recommended to the fencers to advance the date of application.

m.18.3 (new)

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block separately and then connected to the terminals.

Application: season 2020-2021

m.25.3

c) Characteristics of the clothing

Jackets, under-plastrons, breeches and trousers must be made entirely in cloth able to **resist a pressure of 800 Newtons**. Very particular attention must be paid to the way the seams under the armpits, if there are any, are made. **The fastenings of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the fastenings in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).**

An **under-garment** consisting of a protective under-plastron covering the vital upper areas of the body (following the design given in Annexe A to these Rules, 'Safety norms for manufacturers') resistant to 800 Newtons is also obligatory.

m.25.3

Characteristics of the clothing

- h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

A World Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in red.

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

Application: season 2020-2021

m.25

6 Glove

At all weapons, the **gauntlet of the glove** must, in all circumstances, fully cover approximately half the forearm of the competitor's sword arm to prevent the opponent's blade entering the sleeve of the jacket.

Under no circumstances should there be any hole in the hand of the glove, even to allow the passage of the body wire.

The closure of the glove should be from the middle of the wrist upwards towards the thumb.

m.32.4

The **electrical contact** between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white coloured 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 ~~another~~ a crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

m.32.5

The **electrical resistance** between the crocodile clip and any point on the mask must be less than 5 ohms. The crocodile clip(s), the design and size of which must conform to the conditions laid down in Article m.29.2(c), must be soldered to the end(s) of the wire. In addition, the electrical resistance in this wire (between ~~the two crocodile clips and crocodile clip or crocodile clip and soldering~~) must not exceed 1 ohm. ~~The wire must be white coloured or clear.~~

Annex A

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 **immediately** reported to the FIE SEMI Commission President. **These changes cover all aspects of the homologated items (appearance, composition, internal content, software and all other material changes).**
- 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~~ **the manufacturer** must submit it ~~to~~ **for** 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 (**e.g. 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 conforms 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.

Random quality control of Fencing Equipment

~~Whenever it deems necessary, t~~ 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~~ **certified** 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.

URGENT DECISIONS

m.29 Bodywire and attachment plugs

- 1 b) This bodywire has a **connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material**, at each 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 Bodywire and attachment plugs

- 2 The bodywire has a **connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material**, at each 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.

Application:

- For the Junior and Cadets: 2020 Junior and Cadet World Championships (the bodywires with transparent plugs will be provided by the FIE)
 - For the seniors: Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo (the bodywires with transparent plugs will be provided by the FIE)
 - For all fencers and competitions: compulsory from the start of the 2020-2021 season.
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Summary of decisions 2019 CONGRESS

MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

3.4 AGENDA

3.4.1 All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than ~~midnight 00:00 hrs~~ Lausanne time ~~7~~ 8 months before the opening day of the next Congress.

4.4.4.

Commissions:

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as~~ candidates been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

If there are fewer than 3 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates of such gender put forward who have received at least one vote and the remainder of the Commission will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

If there are fewer than 10 candidates for a Commission then the commission will consist of all candidates who have received at least one vote.

If there are no candidates for a Commission then the members of the Commission whose term had just ended shall hold over for the following year until new candidates can be presented and an election is held for that Commission at the following Congress.

Application: Elective Congress 2020

9.1.2 b)

This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, Councils and Ethics Committee of the FIE;
- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~

- All A or B referees of the FIE; and
- All coaches at an official competition of the FIE.

Application: season 2020-2021

9.1.5 *Application and Issue*

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.

b) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

e) The F.I.E. head office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

f) All persons listed in 9.1.2 b) and for whom an FIE licence is ordered by a national federation are committed to respect the FIE Code of Ethics, code of conduct and Safeguarding policy.
