

Minutes of the meeting of the Rules Commission

Place : Lausanne

Dates: 30 June – 1 July 2017

Present:

Pascal Tesch, Representative of the Executive Committee

Stephen Higginson M-H, President of the Commission

Members : Medhat El-Bakry, Manuel Belmonte, Abbas Faryabi, Ziad Feriani, Dieter Lammer, Janine Lamon, Pierre Thullberg

Excused : Giuseppe Cafiero, Rusni Abu Hassan

Part-time present : Krisztian Kulcsar, Nathalie Rodriguez

Agenda

1. Update on current restructuring situation and contemplation of next stage: work on 'm' and contact with SEMI Commission.
2. Discussion of proposals for rules changes to be presented to 2017 Congress.
3. Presentation of fencing rules application

1. Rule restructuring

The complete new versions of the restructured Organisational and Technical rules will be available in all three official languages. All lay-out will need to be redone and the finished product will be needed to be checked again. They will be presented to the Executive Committee and then to the Congress.

2. Examination of proposals for the 2017 submitted to the Rules Commission

Statutes

Modifications of the Statutes, Proposals of Sam Cheris: Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the proposal. 6 votes in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

Modifications of the Statutes, Proposals of the Legal Commission Proposal 5

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour with the following wording

7.2.11 Procedure in the case of a black card

When a black card is awarded at an ~~international~~ competition ~~organised under the aegis~~ of the FIE or of any Confederation which has subscribed to the FIE Disciplinary Code, it shall be reported within 10 days, to the president of the F.I.E., who assesses the

appropriateness of prosecuting before the Disciplinary Tribunal the offence, which led to the penalty of the black card. Depending upon the severity of the offence committed, he will then send the report made by the F.I.E. supervisor or by the Directoire Technique to the president of the Legal Commission, requesting them to establish a Disciplinary Tribunal.

Rules

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee: Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee: Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee: Proposal 3

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 4

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 5

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour with the following wording

Ranking

o.28

1. The **general classification** is obtained as follows:
First: the winner of the bout for the first place
Second: the loser of the bout for the first place
2. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equal third, **when it is not necessary to separate them.**
3. When it is **necessary to separate them**, a bout for third and fourth places will be fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.
- ~~4. The remainder are placed, within each round of the direct elimination, in accordance with their original classification for the composition of the direct elimination table.~~
4. The remainder are placed, in each round of the tableau:
 - a) Competitions with a round of pools: according to the ranking for the drawing of the direct elimination tableau following the pools.

- b) Competitions with no round of pools: according to the ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 6

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 7

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 8

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour with the following wording

Nomination of the Directoire Technique

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

1. World Championships and Olympic Games.

a) **For the Olympic Games** the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

b) **For the World Championships**, the Directoire Technique is composed of **8** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country

c) The ~~President of the~~ **Directoire Technique** (the President and the remaining members, one of whom will be in charge of the protocole) ~~and the other members~~ are appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 9

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour. The proposal is consistent with current practice and the provisions in the Handbook of regulations. The Commission proposes the following wording

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1. Any proposed **candidature for organising the World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must invite, **at their own expenses**, the following international officials (tourist-class return airfare, accommodation and daily allowances):
- a) The **President of the FIE** or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.
 - ~~b) A head of protocol designated by the President of the FIE.~~
 - ~~c) Eight Six~~ **Eight** members of the **Directoire Technique** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, of whom one must belong to the organising country **and one is Head of Protocol**.
 - ~~d) c) Three members of the SEMI Commission~~ **Three members of the SEMI Commission** appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - ~~e) d) Six Four~~ **Six** members of the **Refereeing Commission**, one of whom is designated principal delegate, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - ~~f) e) Two members of the Medical Commission~~, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
 - ~~g) f) The referees designated by the Executive Committee ~~on~~ at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission in accordance with the Handbook of Regulations (maximum 34).~~

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 10

Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Commission is in favour of the proposal to clarify the referee obligation for the satellite competitions. The Commission is also in favour of the proposal of the Italian Federation where referees will be brought by federations only to satellite competitions. The following wording is therefore proposed

Proposal 1

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1.

- a) **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** that must accompany teams to ~~junior A Grade competitions, satellite competitions and Veteran World Championships~~ is:

1–4 fencers: no obligation to provide a referee

5–9 fencers: 1 referee
10 or more fencers: 2 referees
1 Junior Team : 1 referee

For ~~junior A Grade competitions and~~ satellite competitions, the name(s) of the referee(s) (who must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered) must be notified via the FIE website 7 days before the competition (midnight, Lausanne time).

- b) Should a national federation not provide the required number of referees for satellite competitions, a fine (cf. o.86, table of financial penalties and fines) will be inflicted on it.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 11

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 12

Opinion of the Rules Commission: By votes 5 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention, the Commission believes that there would be favourable effects from this proposal. In favour of the quality coefficient as it was presented originally by the Executive Committee. In favour of the following wording:

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2.

- g) For Senior Individual World Cup competitions, with the exception of Grand Prix competitions, the final points attributed are calculated on the basis of the following coefficients :

- quality coefficient ; calculation based on the number of fencers in the top 32 of the ranking who are present at the competition,
- strength coefficient ; calculation based on the number of fencers taking part in the competition,
- countries-represented coefficient ; calculation based on the number of countries represented in the competition.

The points gained at a Senior Individual World Cup competition are multiplied by the following coefficients :

Quality coefficient	
Ranking position up to 32	Multiplying Coefficient
> 25 athletes	+0.2

17-24 athletes	+0.1
≤16 athletes	No multiplying coefficient

Strength coefficient	
Number of athletes	Multiplying Coefficient
>151	+0.2
121 - 150	+0.1
≤ 120	No multiplying coefficient

Countries represented coefficient	
Number of countries	Multiplying Coefficient
≥25	+0.1
≤24	No multiplying coefficient

At the end of each competition, to calculate the ranking, the sum of the coefficients from each of the tables will be used to multiply the actual number of points gained for the ranking. The ranking will be based on the exact number of points thus gained, even if that number contains decimals.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 13

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 14

Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Commission is unanimously in favour of the proposal as amended :

Non combativity

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Foil and Sabre : direct elimination

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

Epée

This temporary rule will be tested at all FIE competitions from the 1st January 2018 until the end of the Senior World Championships.

7. Pools

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 3 minutes.
- b) Before the match the referee draws lots to decide which fencer has the priority at the beginning of the match.
- c) If no hit is scored during 45 seconds in the course of the match, the signalling apparatus will be blocked, the referee calls 'Halt!' and awards a hit to the fencer who has the priority.
- d) The fencers are put back on guard at the place where they were when the fight was stopped, the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero, the priority passes to the other fencer and the match restarts.
- e) Each time a hit is awarded by the referee, single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero.
- f) The priority also changes when, with the score at 4-4, a double hit is signalled.
- g) There is no change of priority if, after a hit, there remain less than 45 seconds to fence.
- h) If at the end of the regulation time for the match, the scores are equal, rule o.17.2.b is applied.

8. Individual direct elimination matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each match is 10 minutes.
- b) Two pauses of 1 minute are allowed when either of the fencers reaches the scores of 5 and then 10 hits.
- c) Before the match the referee draws lots to decide which fencer has the priority at the beginning of the match.
- d) If no hit is scored during 45 seconds in the course of the match, the signalling apparatus is blocked, the referee calls 'Halt!' and awards a hit to the fencer who has the priority.
- e) The fencers are put back on guard at the place where they were when the fight was stopped, the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero, the priority passes to the other fencer and the match restarts.
- f) Each time a hit is awarded by the referee, single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero.
- g) The priority also changes when, with the score at 14-14, a double hit is signalled.
- h) There is no change of priority if, after a hit, there remain less than 45 seconds to fence
- i) If at the end of the regulation time for the match, the scores are equal, rule o.24.3 is applied.

9. Team matches

- a) The maximum time allowed for each relay is 3 minutes.
- b) Before the match the referee will draw lots to decide which team has the priority at the beginning of the first relay. The priority at the beginning of each relay then alternates at the beginning of each relay.
- c) If no hit is scored during 45 seconds in the course of the relay, the signalling apparatus is blocked, the referee calls 'Halt!' and awards a hit to the team which has the priority.
- d) The fencers are put back on guard at the place where they were when the fight was stopped, the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero, the priority passes to the other fencer and the relay restarts.
- e) Each time a hit is awarded by the referee, single or double, the priority changes and the chronometer linked to timing the priority is reset to zero.
- f) The priority also changes when the score is 44-44 and a double hit is signalled.
- g) There is no change of priority if, after a hit, there remain less than 45 seconds to fence.
- h) If at the end of the regulation time for the match, the scores are equal, rule o.44.9 is applied.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Executive Committee, Proposal 15

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 3

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 4

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 5

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 6

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 7

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 8

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Unanimously not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Members of Honour Sam Cheris and Peter Jacobs, Proposal 9

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 3

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 4

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 5

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour by vote of 6 and 2 abstentions.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 6

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour. The Commission is in favour of the changes proposed by the Executive Committee

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Refereeing Commission, Proposal 7

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour. The Commission is in favour of the changes proposed by the Executive Committee

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal Commission, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal Commission, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal Commission, Proposal 3

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal and Medical Commission, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Rules Commission abstains from having an opinion on this issue of a medical and legal nature.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of Legal and Medical Commission, Proposal 2

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

Modifications of the Rules, Proposal of the Medical Commission, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of a modified proposal as follows

INJURIES OR CRAMP, WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPETITOR

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1. For an 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 Committee or by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than ~~40~~ **5** minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the treatment ~~of the injury or cramp which brought it about.~~

If the doctor considers, before or at the end of the ~~40~~ **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.44.11.a/b).

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp **or acute medical incident**.

3. Should a fencer demand a break which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Committee or by the doctor on duty to be unjustified, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.114, t.117, t.120.

4. In team events a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the doctor may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 3

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 4

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 5

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 6

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 7

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 8

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 9

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 10

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 11

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Rules Commission, Proposal 12

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Coaches Council, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Coaches Council, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour of changing the rule without evaluation.

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Belgian Fencing Federation, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour by 3 votes, 1 against and 4 abstentions

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 3
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 4
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the following wording

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b. iv At the Olympic Games, and at the Senior, Junior and Cadet and World Championships, the replays of an action under review must be shown on a screen so as to be visible to the spectators

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 5
Withdrawn

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 6
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 7
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 8
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 9
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 10
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 11
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 12
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 13
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 14
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the British Fencing Federation, Proposal 15
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 1
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 2
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 3
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 4
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 5
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 6
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 7
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iranian Fencing Federation, Proposal 8
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Iraqi Fencing Federation, Proposal 1
Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour of the following addenda to the current system without changing the current awarding of points.

97th-128th
129th-256th

0.5 point
0.25 point

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Israeli Fencing Federation, Proposal 1
Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Italian Fencing Federation, Proposal 1
Opinion of the Rules Commission: The Commission agrees on the principle of this proposal. However, the entry fees and number of referees designated for each category must be defined and decided by the Congress. Unanimously in favour with the following wording:

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2. For ~~Senior A-grade~~ Grand Prix and Senior and Junior World Cup individual and team competitions and Veterans World championships, the number of referees designated by the Executive Committee as proposed by the Refereeing Commission figures on the table below. Delegations do not have to supply referees. ~~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 (no less than 5) will be provided by the Organising committee.~~

The organisers of all the above competitions are required to supply additional A and B Category referees depending on the numbers of fencers entered in order to guarantee both the quality of the refereeing and that only neutral referees are used.

All the referees will be at the expense of the organizers who in return will keep the entry fees.

Category of competition	Number of A or B referees designated by the FIE (one per country)	Entry fee
Senior World Cup	8	EUR 60 individual EUR 400 team
Grand Prix	14	EUR 100
Junior World Cup	5	EUR 60 individual EUR 300 team
Veterans World Championships	30	EUR 90 individual EUR 185 team

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Swedish Fencing Federation, Proposal 1

Opinion of the Rules Commission: In favour

Modifications of the Rules, Proposals of the Swedish Fencing Federation, Proposal 2

Opinion of the Rules Commission: Not in favour. The Commission is in favour of the proposal of the Executive Committee.

3. Presentation of fencing rule application

Georgina Usher, Chief Executive Officer of the British Fencing Federation, presented an FIE fencing rules application made by British Fencing for tablets and mobile phones.