

## **CHANGES TO ENGLISH RULES FOR COMPETITIONS, 2010 EDITION – DECEMBER 2015 FIE CONGRESS ONLY**

### **DECEMBER 2015: DECISIONS AT THE 2015 CONGRESS A) IMMEDIATE APPLICATION**

#### **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.

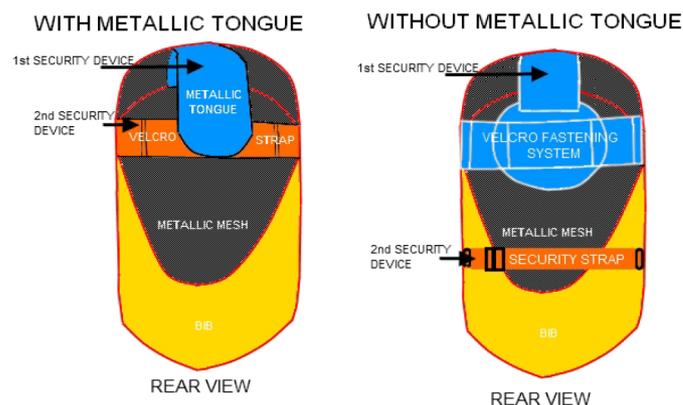
- i) Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;
- ii) Individual: Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination;
- iii) Teams: Senior 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 par,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 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- b) **jacket**: one mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip on the side of the non-sword arm. Maximum size: 30 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- c) **trousers**: one mark at the bottom of the trouser leg, on one side only. Maximum size: 30 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- d) **socks**: one mark on each sock. Maximum size: 10 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- e) **shoes**: the name of the brand on each shoe. Maximum size: 10 cm<sup>2</sup> or the usual logos (e.g.: bands).
- f) **glove**: One mark: maximum size: 10 cm<sup>2</sup>. 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 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- h) **electric jacket** one mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip of the non-sword arm side. Maximum size: 30 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**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 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.