

## CHANGES TO BFA RULES 2010 EDITION – AUGUST 2011 VERSION

### 1) DECEMBER 2010: DECISIONS AT THE 2010 CONGRESS, APPLICATION 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> place, there will be a barrage for 5 hits to decide who is ranked 16<sup>th</sup>.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) Newtext:**

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:

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## **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.)