

**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting of the**  
**USA Fencing Board of Directors**  
**Greater Columbus Convention Center**  
**July 7, 2019**

**Present:** Donald Alperstein, Don Anthony, David Arias, Cliff Bayer, Raquel Brown, Sam Chervis, Alan Kidd, Lorrie Marcil Holmes, Jeff Salmon, Ann Marsh-Senic, Cody Mattern, Daria Schneider, Adam Watson

**Guests:** Peter Barton, Bob Bodor, Kris Ekeren, Jill Grotzinger, Doug Hayler, Ron Herman, Nicole Jomantas, Melissa Jones, Bill Korbus, Linda Logan, Jim Neale, Kate Reisinger, Suzie Riewald, Christine Simmons

**I. General Information and Organizational Items**

General Announcements

Remarks – Donald Anthony, President (**Appendix A**)

**II. Consent Agenda Items**

1. To approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019 and June 23, 2019 meetings.
2. To approve the financial reports for March and April 2019.
3. To receive the Division Resource Team minutes, Election Committee report, Referees' Commission Report, US SEMI Committee Report and Tournament Committee Report.

Second Mr. Kidd.

Motion passed.

**III. Executive Director's Report (Appendix B)**

Q: Are there any additional resources for the 2019-20 year that the organization needs?

A: We will likely come back with a proposal asking for funding for additional staff or contractors.

**IV. Finance Update (Mr. Hayler)**

**April 2019 Financials**

Membership Services total net income is currently behind budget by \$11K, total income is

\$16K behind budget and expenses are \$5K under budget.

Competitive memberships are down \$38K. The budget cuts we have implemented are having the effect that we wanted without affecting program efforts.

Despite the fact that membership is behind budget, membership's net income is \$1,524K, \$100K ahead of prior year actual income of \$1,424K as of 4/30/2018. National Events total net income is currently ahead of budget by \$14K, total income is ahead of budget by \$138K and expenses are \$124K over budget. Ticket revenues for national events is \$33K higher than budgeted, regional sanction fee revenues are \$35K higher than budgeted and event vendor revenue is \$34K higher than budget. Airfare expense is \$53K higher than budget and hotel is \$19K higher than budget.

The April NAC in Salt Lake City, UT made a net income of \$73K. It came in \$32K under budgeted net income of \$105K. Attendance for this event was below expectation. Staff will continue to monitor the impact of locations and event combinations on registrations. Registration revenues were \$16K under budget and hotel expense was \$16K over budget. Marketing and Communications total net income is currently ahead of budget by \$8K, no significant budget variances to report. General Admin total net income is ahead of budget by \$39K, total income is \$44K over budget and expenses are \$5K over budget. The investment income from the money market and the USOE account is \$43K higher than budget.

Sports Performance total net income is currently ahead of budget by \$36K, total income is \$48K ahead of budget and expenses are \$12K over budget. Cadre to World Cup revenue is \$12K higher than budgeted. Grant revenue was \$22K higher due to a \$10K VA grant and \$12K USOC special grant. Both grants were for the Para Fencing program.

Development total net income is currently ahead of budget by \$5K, total income is behind budget by \$42K and expenses are \$47K under budget.

US International Events total net income is currently behind budget by \$27K, total income is \$9K behind budget and expenses are \$18K over budget.

Overall, the US International Events incurred a \$375K net loss. These US International events generated \$173K in total income and the expenses to put on these events were \$548K. The prior year US International events had a loss of \$341K on \$187K in revenues and expenses of \$528K.

Executive Office and Board and Committees are on budget or close to budget with no major variances.

Our YTD net income is \$988K versus a budgeted number of \$914K giving us a positive variance of \$74K. Our prior year net income was \$990K versus a budget of \$918K as of April, 2018.

Our cash + receivables exceed our payables by approximately \$2,178. The cash on hand includes \$150K in a money market account + \$1,024 held in the US Olympic endowment account. Total \$1,530 in money market, ICS Sweep and USOE endowment.

The Board approved goal for the end of the fiscal year is \$150K and we believe that that goal is attainable.

**Motion (Mr. Arias)** to approve the quad budget as presented to the board.

Mr. Arias stated that he intends to bring this motion to the July 29, 2019 board meeting.

**V. Legal Update (Jim Neale)**

We have been working on vendor contracts, a potential vendor dispute, administrative complaints, MAAP implementation, eligibility and team membership issues that have hopefully been resolved.

**VI. International Regional Circuit Update (Christine Simmons)**

The initial IRC held in December 2018 had approximately 514 athletes and the second IRC in South Korea had approximately 365 athletes. We will continue to pilot the IRC events in 2019-20 season. The two events will be held in China.

**VII. Development Update (Jill Grotzinger)**

- Working on both USA Fencing and United States Fencing Foundation initiatives.
- Focused on building relationships to build our donor pipeline. Face to face time with donors is where the pay-off is happening.
- Working establishing internal processes to streamline admin functions. Want to get systems in place prior to the Development Coordinator position starting.
- Have updated web-site and donor materials and created new donor solicitation materials.
- Development Coordinator position has been posted and applications are coming in. Hope to hire soon.
- Development Coordinator will focus on administrative tasks, so Jill can focus on Major Gifts.
- Have been tracking fundraising activities/events to establish what provides the most ROI in regards to money and time.
- Have a created a donor proposal template and submitted it to a couple major gift donors.
- Worked with legal to create a Gift Agreement so donors and our organizations have a clear understanding and binding agreement on what a donation does and does not entail.
- Plan is to implement the Annual Giving Campaign in early August.
- Robert Zagunis offered a \$25,000 WSE Challenge Gift to WSE's reaching 100 donors by July 24, 2020. It is one gift of \$25,000 and WSE's will share if multiple reach the goal.
- Plan is to have Athlete Ambassadors send out engaging weapon-specific appeals via email blast videos during the year.
- 38 WSE's have been established. 11 since Jill started.
- Got all WSE and FS donors' pledge payments back on track.

- Save-the-Date for NYC Donor Dinner at the Metropolitan on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Details are coming, but we envision it being similar to Golden Oars and an annual exclusive event.

## VIII. New Business

**Motion (Mr. Alperstein):** to amend the material rules as follows:

**M25.7. e:**

**e) The bib of the mask must be made with cloth resistant to 1600 Newtons.  
Replace with “350 Newtons”**

**M25.7. f:**

**~~f) The mask must contain a horizontal safety strap at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the strap firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask. This strap may be elastic or of any other material that may be approved by the S.E.M.I. Commission.~~  
Replace with:**

**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 must meet the following requirements approved by the S.E.M.I. Commission:**

**Mask with metallic tongue**

- The central band (strap) should not be less than 45 mm wide.**
- The strap must be positioned low enough across the rear of the cervical region that the position of the strap on the head ensures that the mask cannot slide off.**
- The band must be in solid material: when stretched the material should not sustain permanent plastic deformation and should quickly return to its original shape and size**
- The fastening system must be doubled: it must be closed with a double security system (this means that the Velcro™ must be attached at least twice).**
- The Velcro™ must have a minimum breaking strain of 750 N/cm**
- The tags to which the strap is attached by Velcro must be secured to each side of the mask with the same breaking strain.**

**Mask without metallic tongue**

- The position of the main strap must be low enough to ensure that the mask cannot slide off; the correct distance should be decided by the manufacturer (typically, 25/30 mm).**
- The strap must incorporate 3 fixing points.**
- The use of a magnetic strap, when present, remains mandatory.**

**For USA Fencing competitions the retrofit of existing masks, including FIE masks, to the new design is allowed, subject to verification by Equipment Check (approval of the Head Technician).**

## Appendix A 2.2

### 4.3 Bibs: (p.177)

The bib of the mask must be made with cloth resistant to 1600 Newton, to be tested by the methods described in 3.1, below  
**Replace with "350 Newtons"**

### 4.5 Test and Certificates: (p.178)

#### **DELETE 4.5**

**Implementation: FIE homologated masks used in National events will be required to conform to the amended rules no later than 1 Aug 2020; all masks used in National events will be required to conform to the amended rules no later than 1 Aug 2021; all masks used in any USA Fencing event will be required to conform to the amended rules no later than 1 Aug 2022.**

Second Mr. Watson.

Mr. Alperstein yielded the floor to Mr. Herman, US SEMI Committee Chair.

Mr. Herman reported that more information is needed before the US SEMI can make a recommendation on the mask rule. There will also be a request made to the FIE asking for any data and tracking of instances of masks coming off and if any injuries have occurred. The US SEMI and the Referees' Commission (RC) will coordinate testing and tracking over the next year to be able to identify how often masks are coming off and the condition of the mask when the incident occurs.

**Motion (Mr. Alperstein):** to table this motion for one year and refer the issue to the RC and SEMI commissions for more data and to report back no later than the deadline for agenda items for the Summer Nationals meeting in 2020 and to request any data the FIE has on the rule.

Second Mr. Watson.

Motion passed.

**MOTION (Mr. Alperstein as liaison to the Referees' Commission):** To adopt for USA Fencing, and incorporate into The Rules of Competition, the rule changes approved at the December 2018 FIE Congress as set forth in **Appendix C** to this Motion, to take effect in USA Fencing competitions as of August 1, 2019. ~~In addition, the USA Fencing note to Rule t.71 shall be revised to read as follows:~~

*~~Regarding the seventh bullet point of t.71 note that this element of the rule will be phased in and become effective on the same implementation schedule as for the 2019 revisions to m.25.7 and the relevant appendices. In FIE competitions, the requirement that a 2<sup>nd</sup> security device be securely fixed to the body of the mask became effective with the 2018-2019 season.~~*

RATIONALE: At the December 2018 Congress, the FIE adopted multiple changes to the USA Fencing Board of Directors July 7, 2019 Meeting Draft Minutes

international rule book. One of these changes (the “unwillingness to fight” rule, t.24) was previously approved by the Board because of its immediate implementation in international competition. Other changes were given delayed effect, and in order to remain abreast of the rules being used internationally, USA Fencing should approve them now. Because it is anticipated that the rule requiring a second security device will be adopted with phase implementation, the note to Rule t.71 advises athletes and referees that enforcement will change even though the wording of the rule will not.

Second Mr. Watson.

Motion passed with one abstention.

**Motion (Mr. Watson):** The USA Fencing Hall of Fame Committee (HOF) requests special consideration from the Board of Directors to name Dick Berry to the USA Fencing Hall of Fame Class of 2020, in addition to the five (5) nominees who are elected by the membership.

Rationale: In the 2018 Hall of Fame Task Force report, the HOF committee was given the ability to request approval from the board to name one individual in each class if special circumstances exist. The HOF Committee believes that this is a special circumstance.

Dick Berry has been on the HOF ballot five (5) times. Dick Berry is in his late 80s and he still has some connection to fencing in his local area. However, a nominee like Dick Berry realistically may never be elected into the HOF because he is not as well known by the current membership and he does not have the networking contacts that more currently well-known nominees have to promote their candidacy in order to get votes. As Carla-Mae Richards notes, "he is of another generation not known by many of the voters". He is certainly qualified to be in the HOF.

Second Ms. Brown.

Motion passed with one opposition.

## **IX. Good and Welfare**

The next board meeting to ratify the bylaws is on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The next in person board meeting will be September 13-15, 2019.

Today is the last day of Summer Nationals and the July Challenge.

Shout out to USWNT to winning their second World Cup in a row.

**Motion (Mr. Alperstein):** to adjourn to executive session.

Second Ms. Marsh-Senic.

No objection was heard.

## **X. Recess to Executive Session**

## **XI. Executive Session**

**Present:** Donald Alperstein, Don Anthony, David Arias, Cliff Bayer, Raquel Brown, Sam Chervis, Alan Kidd, Lorrie Marcil Holmes, Jeff Salmon, Ann Marsh- Senic, Cody Mattern, Daria Schneider, Adam Watson

**Guests:** Peter Barton, Kris Ekeren, Melissa Jones, Jim Neale, Suzie Riewald

The board received an update on contracts, insurance, an athlete issue and a vendor issue.

The board approved convening a disciplinary panel.

Ms. Ekeren provided a SafeSport update.

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Motion (Mr. Kidd):** to adjourn.

Second Mr. Watson.

Motion passed.

## Appendix A

### President's Report July 7, 2019

The Pan Am Zonal Championships took place in Toronto and our team did well. This is a very important event in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification cycle. The World Championships in Budapest are rapidly approaching and will also be an important qualifying event. I wish all of our athletes great success over the upcoming season.

We are concluding another successful Summer Nationals and July Challenge here in Columbus, Ohio. This year USA Fencing set new records for attendance with over 5,400 individual competitors, 11,000 entries and over 40 countries represented. The Summer Nationals continues to be the largest fencing event in the world. My congratulations and thanks go out to all of the individuals that make USA Fencing events run so effectively and recognized as the gold standard for event management around the world.

I want to thank the Columbus Sports Commission for their partnership and support leading up to the Summer Nationals and throughout the last 12 days. They hosted a Women's Empowerment Event last week where Kris Ekeren and I were invited to participate and Social last night for USA Fencing and the local fencing community. It has been an honor to introduce the city of Columbus to my sport during the Summer Nationals and my sport to my city.

The FIE Commission and Council Meetings took place in Bucharest, Romania and USA Fencing was well represented. One of the major areas addressed during the meeting was the topic of "Safe Guarding." Safe Guarding is similar to SafeSport in the United States. It is a relatively new area in Europe and the IOC has made it a top priority. All FIE Supervisors for World Cup events went through training the day after the meeting. The implementation of Safe Guarding will be a high priority for the FIE over the upcoming season.

USA Fencing remains financially solid. The National Office is steadily monitoring our results as we close out the fiscal year. They are diligently making adjustments and modifications as required to make sure we finish the year on budget and meet our financial goals for this fiscal year.

Fund development is making great strides and Director of Development Jill Grotzinger is going an excellent job in building momentum in conjunction with the efforts of the US Fencing Foundation. Marketing is still an area we are working on and hopefully we will see some breakthroughs in the upcoming year. We were able to work with the Genesis Brand to partner on bringing some of the new vehicles in their line to our event. We look forward to building on this relationship and hopefully having them as a partner for the JOs and other events next season.

We are well on our way to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I wish all of our athletes and coaches much success over the next season.

Donald K Anthony Jr.

## Appendix B



To: USA Fencing Board of Directors

From: Kris Ekeren, Executive Director

Date: June 22, 2019

Subject: Executive Director's Report

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Please see the updates on the progress made on USA Fencing's identified business objectives.

### **Grow and Promote the Sport of Fencing**

USA Fencing is closing out the 2018-19 membership year and gearing up for the 2019-20 membership season. We continue to see growth at the grassroots level and in programs that recognize fencers at all levels. The All American and All Academic programs saw significant increase in participation.

In addition to Tokyo 2020 momentum, the Junior and Cadet World Championships in Salt Lake City will also give USA Fencing the opportunity to highlight fencing in the United States.

### **Improve Sports Performance and Development**

Our senior athletes are wrapping up a successful season as Tokyo 2020 qualification begins. Zonals will be in Canada at the end of June followed by the Sr. World Championships at the end of July.

We will be recruiting for a new education staff person in the next month and will provide an update on coaching education as well as SafeSport and referee education initiatives at the next board meeting.

### **Generate Sustainable Revenue from Internal and External Sources**

Jill has been working on the Weapon Specific Endowment campaign and there has been increased interest and commitment to the program. The Foundation has announced a matching campaign of \$25,000 to weapons that reach the threshold of 100 donors by the 2020 Tokyo opening ceremonies. We will provide progress updates on the campaign over the next several months.

Staff is working with the Exordium group on several proposals for Salt Lake City corporate support for the upcoming Junior and Cadet World Championships in 2020.

### **Optimize Qualification and Tournament Process**

As we end the 2018-19 membership season with a record setting Summer Nationals, work is already underway for the next season. We are also working on the schedule for the next quad and hope to announce locations for the 2020-21 season in the next few months.

An update on the International Regional Circuit (IRC) will be provided later in the meeting.

### **Optimize Leadership/Operational Effectiveness**

Review of the 2019-20 committee and resource team applications has begun and appointments will be finalized at the September 2019 meeting.

### **Achieve /Maintain Financial Solvency, Stability & Sustainability**

We anticipate meeting our 2018-19 goals and are prepared to manage the 2019-20 budget

closely with the 2020 Jr and Cadet World Championships and the Olympics in the upcoming year.

**Transform Culture of Fencing Leadership and Governance**

USA Fencing's remains committed to keeping our athletes safe. The Minor Athlete Prevention Policies (MAAPP) were implemented in early June and the focus has been on educating athletes and coaches on the proactive policies. The Center for Safe Sport has recently provided online training for minor athletes that can be taken with parent or guardian permission. We will promote the opportunity to take the online modules to parents, clubs and athletes.

**Refine Organizational Structure of Fencing in the US**

The National Office is looking forward to working with the Board of Directors and other constituent groups as we update the strategic plan through 2028.

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## MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

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t.1 These Rules are obligatory **without modification** for the 'Official Competitions of the FIE', viz.:

- The World Championships, in all categories.
  - The fencing events at the Olympic Games
  - All World Cup competitions.
  - The Zonal Championships.
  - The Satellite competitions
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### COMPETITIONS ASSAULTS AND BOUTS

t.2

~~A friendly combat between two fencers is called an **assault**. When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result it is called a **bout**.~~

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### Match

t.3

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

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### Competition

t.4

~~1. A **competition** is the **aggregate** of the bouts (individual competitions) or of the matches (team competitions) required to determine the winner of the event.~~

2. ~~Competitions are distinguished by weapons, by the competitors' sex, by their age and by the fact that they are for individuals or for teams.~~

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## Tournament

### t.5

~~"Tournament" is the name given to a number of competitions, individual and team, held at the same place, at the same period and under the same aegis.~~

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## Championship

### t.6

~~A *championship* is the name given to a competition held to determine the best fencer or the best team at each weapon for a federation, for a specific region or for the world and for a specific period of time.~~

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### t.21

- 1 With all three weapons, **defence defensive actions** must be effected exclusively ~~with the guard and the blade used either separately or together.~~ **with the weapon.**
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## Coming on guard and placing of the fencers

### t.22

- 1 The fencer ~~whose number is called first~~ should place himself on the **right** of the Referee, except in the case of a bout between a right- and a left-hander, if the left-hander is called first.
- 2 The team which has the greater number of right-handed fencers should be placed on the referee's right. If both teams have the same number of right- and left-handed fencers, the team called first should be placed on the referee's right.
- 2 **3** The Referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that the front foot of each is ~~2 meters from the centre line of the piste (that is, immediately~~ **immediately** behind the 'on-guard' lines).
- 3 **4** Competitors are always put on guard, whether at the beginning of the bout or subsequently, **in the centre of the width of the piste.**

- 4 **5** When placed on guard during the bout, the distance between the two competitors must be such that, in the position 'point in line', **the points of the two blades cannot make contact.**
- 5 **6** After the scoring of a valid hit the competitors are put on guard **in the middle** of the piste.
- 6- **7** If no hit is awarded they are replaced in the position which they occupied when the bout was interrupted.
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### t.33

4 If **one of the competitors** leaves the piste with **both feet**, only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the piste with at least one foot, **and at épée only**, can be counted valid, even in the case of a double hit. **For foil and sabre the convention must be applied.**

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### t.37

- 1 Duration of the bout is held to mean the **effective duration**, that is the total of the intervals of time between the orders 'Play!' and 'Halt!'.
- 2 The duration of the bout is **controlled** by the Referee or by a time-keeper. For the finals of all official competitions, as well as for all bouts for which a chronometer is visible to the spectators, the chronometer must be so placed that it is visible to the two fencers on the piste and to the Referee.
- 3- **The same bout or relay cannot be restarted after the bout or relay is finished, in accordance with t.122, even if a formal mistake has been made.**
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### t.38.2

**Three minutes of effective fencing time** have passed. ~~(There is no warning for the last minute.)~~

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### t.41.1

Each 'lap' (bout) of the relay match consists of **five hits** (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). **Exceptionally, a relay may end at more than 5, 10, 15 etc. if a fencer scores a valid last hit of the relay and is at the same time awarded an additional penalty hit: in this case both hits will be counted;** the maximum time for each bout is **3 minutes**.

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#### t.44

- 1 At the expiry of the regulation fencing time, ~~if the clock is linked to the scoring apparatus (obligatory standard for finals of official FIE competitions), it~~ must set off automatically a loud audible signal, and automatically cut off the scoring apparatus, without cancelling hits registered before the disconnection. The bout stops with the audible signal.
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#### t.50

- 1 For the rounds of pools and the direct elimination table, **the Refereeing Delegates** select the referees by drawing lots.
- 2 **For the pools**, the referee must be of a different nationality from that any of the fencers in the pool.
- 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. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**  
~~As the table progresses, the referees will be switched around in a sequence established beforehand.~~

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table.**

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#### 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.
  - 2 **At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.**
  - 2 3 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.68

- 1 He will in any case, before each bout, ensure that the **guarantee label** is present on the clothing, the blade and the mask of each fencer, and that the **insulation of the wires** inside the guard and the **pressure of the spring** in the point of foils and epees conforms with the Rules. Checking the insulation of the wires and the pressure of the spring will be repeated each time a weapon is changed. ~~At all three weapons, he will~~

~~check that the fencer is not equipped with **electronic communication equipment** which would allow a person off the piste to communicate with the fencer during the bout.~~

2 He makes use of a weight to check the weapon, cf. **m.11.3, m.19.3, m.42.2.d.**

3 At epee he will check **the total travel and the residual travel** of the *pointe d'arrêt*:

- the **total travel** by inserting a gauge measuring 1.5 mm between the barrel of the *pointe d'arrêt* and the tip. ~~This gauge, provided by the Organising Committee, may have a tolerance of  $\pm 0.05$  mm, i.e. from 1.45 mm to 1.55 mm.~~

- the **residual travel** by inserting a gauge measuring 0.5 mm between the barrel of the *pointe d'arrêt* and the tip. The apparatus should not register when the point is depressed. ~~This gauge, provided by the Organising Committee, may have a tolerance of  $\pm 0.05$  mm, i.e. from 0.45 mm to 0.55 mm cf. m.19.4.a, b, m.42.e~~

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#### t.70

In whatever circumstances a fencer on the piste is found to be in possession of equipment which is **non-regulation or defective** (cf.m.8, m.9, m.12, m.13, m.16, m.17, m.23), ~~this equipment will be immediately confiscated and submitted~~ the referee confiscates the equipment and submits it to the experts on duty for examination. The equipment in question will only be returned to the owner after the measures necessitated by this examination have been completed and, if appropriate, after the payment of any expenses for repairs. The equipment must be rechecked before it is used again.

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#### t.71

If a fencer appears on the piste:

- with only **one** regulation **weapon** (cf. t.114, 115); or
- with only **one** regulation **bodywire**; or
- with only **one** regulation **mask wire**; or
- with **a weapon or a bodywire which does not** work or which **does not conform** with the Rules; or
- without his **protective under-plastron** (cf. t.64.5); or
- with a **conductive jacket** which does not fully cover the valid target; or
- with a mask whose 2nd security device is not securely fixed to the body of the mask; or
- with **clothing** which does not conform with the Rules;

the Referee will apply the penalties stipulated in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170. ~~(First Group).~~

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#### t.74

**For all official FIE competitions, every fencer must appear on the piste with clothing conforming to the rules as follows:**

1. Name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket.  
(Application: all official FIE competitions, at all stages of the competitions.)
- 2 Wearing his national uniform and **logo** (cf. m.25.3). ~~Application as follows:~~
  - a) ~~Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination and during a team match;~~
  - b) ~~Individual: Senior World Cup competitions and Senior Zonal Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination;~~
  - e) ~~Teams: Senior World Cup competitions and Senior Zonal Championships, all bouts in every match.~~

In case of violation of this rule, the **Referee shall will** eliminate the fencer at fault **from the event in question.**

- ~~For the competitions mentioned in items a) and c) above, The Referee shall **eliminate** the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.~~
- ~~For the competitions mentioned in item b) above, the Referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red Card (t.158-162, t.166, t.170, Second Group). The fencer at fault shall however be **allowed to remain** on the piste and fence the bout concerned.~~

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#### **t.75**

1. If the conductive jacket does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket that does conform to the rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc.) to get his name and nationality printed on it.

If this is not done and except in cases of 'force majeure' the referee will eliminate the fencer ~~and he cannot continue to participate in the competition~~ **from the event in question.**

2. If an item of a fencer's clothing bearing the name and nationality or the national logo becomes dangerous (e.g. tear, burst seam), the fencer must put on spare clothing, which conforms to the rules. If this clothing **does not conform to the regulations** or does not bear the name and nationality or the national logo, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition; ~~as detailed in the preceding article~~, to get them printed on it. If this is not done and except in cases of force majeure, ~~the referee will eliminate the fencer~~. The sanctions specified in t.74 apply.

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#### t.76

- 1 The foil is a **thrusting** weapon only. Offensive actions with this weapon are made therefore ~~with the point and with the point only~~ **only with the point**.
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#### t.77

- 2 1. The valid target** at foil excludes the limbs and the head. It is confined to the trunk, the upper limit being the collar up to 6 cm above the prominences of the collar bones; at the sides to the seams of the sleeves, which should cross the head of the humerus; and the lower limit following a horizontal line across the back joining the tops of the hip bones, thence by straight lines to the junction of the lines of the groin. **It also includes the part of the bib beneath a horizontal line 1.5 - 2 cm below the chin which, in any case, may not be lower than the line of the shoulders (see Figure 4).**
  - 1 **2.** At foil, only hits which arrive **on the valid target** are counted ~~as valid~~.
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#### t.78

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) **or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet**, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf **t.79**).

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#### t.84

To judge **the priority of an attack** when analyzing the fencing phrase, it should be noted that:

- 1 ~~If the attack is initiated when the opponent is not 'point in line' (cf. t.15), it may be~~

~~executed either with a direct thrust, or by a disengage, or by a cut-over, or may even be preceded by a beat or successful feints obliging the opponent to parry.~~

- 2 1 If the attack is initiated **when the opponent is 'point in line'** (cf. t.15), the attacker must, first, deflect the opponent's blade. Referees must ensure that a mere contact of the blades is not considered as sufficient to deflect the opponent's blade (cf. t.89.5.a).
  - 3 2 If the attacker, when attempting to deflect the opponent's blade, fails to find it (**dérobement**), the right of attack passes to the opponent.
  - 4 3 **Continuous steps forward, with the legs crossing one another**, constitute a preparation and on this preparation any simple attack has priority.
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#### t.89

- 6 **The Referee must replace the competitors on guard** each time that there is a double hit and he is unable to judge clearly on which side the fault lies.  
~~One of the most difficult cases to judge arises when a stop hit is made and there is doubt as to whether it was made sufficiently in time in relation to the final movement of a compound attack. Generally, in such cases, the double hit occurs through the fault of both fencers concerned, which justifies the Referee replacing them on guard. (The fault of the attacker consists of indecision, slowness of execution or the making of feints which are not sufficiently effective. The fault of the defender lies in delay or slowness in making the stop hit.)~~
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#### t.90

- 1 The epee is a **thrusting weapon** only. Attacks with this weapon are therefore made ~~with the point, and with the point only~~ **only with the point**.
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#### t.98

1. A hit which arrives **on a non-valid part of the target** is not counted as a hit; it **is not registered by the apparatus**, it does not stop the fencing phrase and does not annul any subsequent hits. **However, a hit which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet is not counted as a valid hit, but it stops the fencing phrase and therefore annuls any subsequent hit.**

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#### t.106

- 4 **The fencer who attacks is alone counted as hit:**

- a) If he initiated his attack when **his opponent had his point 'in line'** (cf. t.15), without deflecting the opponent's weapon. Referees must ensure that a mere contact of the blades is not considered as sufficient to deflect the opponent's blade.
  - b) If he attempts to find the blade, does not succeed (because of a **derobement**) and continues the attack.
  - c) If, during a compound attack, he allows his opponent to **find the blade**, and continues the attack while his opponent ripostes immediately.
  - d) If, during a compound attack, he **bends his arm** or makes a **momentary pause**, during which time the opponent makes a stop hit or an attack while the attacker continues his own attack.
  - e) If, during a compound attack, he is **stop-hit** one period of fencing time (*temps d'escrime*) before he makes his final movement.
  - f) If he makes a hit by a *remise*, *redoublement* or reprise following a **parry by his opponent** which has been followed by a riposte which is immediate, simple and executed in one period of fencing time without withdrawing the arm.
- 5 When there is a double hit, and if the Referee is unable clearly to judge from which side the fault has come, he must **replace the competitors on guard**.

~~One of the most difficult cases to judge arises when a stop hit is made and there is doubt as to whether it was made sufficiently in time in relation to the final movement of a compound attack. Generally, in such cases, the double hit occurs through the fault of both fencers concerned, which justifies the Referee replacing them on guard. (The fault of the attacker consists of indecision, slowness of execution or the making of feints which are not sufficiently effective. The fault of the defender lies in delay or slowness in making the stop hit.)~~

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## t.118

**Before the start of the pool, the team match or the bouts of direct elimination (individual or team):**

- 1 When a fencer or complete team **do not present themselves** to the Referee **at his first call**, ten minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the start of the pool or team match, or the start of the bouts of direct elimination (cf. Article t.66.1), the fencer or team concerned will be **eliminated**.
  - 2 **A team** is considered complete when at least three fencers are present.
  - 3 ~~In a team match~~ Only those members of the team (the fencers, the team captain and one trainer — cf. Article t.132.1) who are **present at the Referee's first call**, ten minutes before the time indicated for the start of the match, may take part in ~~the~~ **a team match**.
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## t.126

~~Under no circumstances may fencers remove clothing on the piste, even to change their bodywire (cf t.158-162, t.165, t.170).~~

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## t.135

### *Jurisdictional bodies*

- the Referee (cf. t.137);
  - the Refereeing Commission delegate(s);
  - the Directoire Technique (cf. t.139, o.15 to o.22);
  - the Supervisor;
  - ~~- the Refereeing Commission delegate(s), or the Supervisor if there is no delegate;~~
  - the Executive Committee of the IOC at the Olympic Games (cf.t.142);
  - the Bureau of the FIE (cf. t.143.1/4, o.12);
  - the Executive Committee of the FIE (cf. t.143.5);
  - the Disciplinary Commission of the FIE and its Tribunal;
  - the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Sports Arbitration Tribunal.
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## t.146

~~If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with one or both feet, he must step back one metre 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 metre.~~

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## t.153

- 1 **Disqualification** of a competitor ~~(for example, because he does not conform to the rules regarding age, qualification, etc. required for the competition)~~ does not necessarily incur his (temporary) suspension or permanent suspension, if he has acted in good faith; a request for supplementary penalties for fraudulent intention may, however, be made against the competitor.
- 2 A team **which has included a competitor who is disqualified** necessarily incurs the penalty of that member and is also disqualified.
- 3 The consequences of disqualification are the same as those for exclusion from the competition (see Article t.149).

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE PUBLICITY CODE

### RULES FOR COMPETITIONS APPENDIX — FENCERS' PUBLICITY CODE

#### p.12. Advertising which is worn or carried

##### 1. Definition

- a) Advertising worn or carried refers to any name or badge other than the mark of the manufacturer or seller of the equipment in question (cf. p.9) which appears on a fencer's main or ancillary equipment.
- b) A mark which is larger than the sizes which are usual or laid down above (cf. p.10) constitutes advertising.
- c) All advertisements contrary to the law of the country in which the competition is taking place are forbidden.

##### 2. 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 fixed:
    - at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket, **a maximum of 3 logos, with a maximum area of 85 cm<sup>2</sup> each; on the side of the breeches (left or right) or**
    - on the socks;
    - on the glove, a maximum of one logo of 30 cm<sup>2</sup>, printed on the cuff, (attachment by sewing and gluing is not allowed);
    - on the collarbones, a maximum of two logos, one each side, with a maximum area of 50cm<sup>2</sup> each;
    - on the collar of the fencing jacket or electric fencing jacket, a maximum of one logo with a maximum area of 30 cm<sup>2</sup>;
    - on the back, a maximum of one logo, below the nationality code, with a maximum area of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>.~~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) A fencer may not display more than **five ten** such logos. ~~The total surface area of all these logos added together must not exceed 500 cm<sup>2</sup>.~~
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