



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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Information Letter no. 39-2017

Dear Member Federations,

According to the informational letter no. 36-2017 before deadline we have received 4 applications concerning examination for B category:

1. **Croatia:** during World Cup in Woman's foil in Zagreb (26-28.01.2018) – Examination in foil;
2. **Italy:** during World Cup in woman's and men's foil and woman's and men's epee in Udine (6-7.01.2018) – Examination in foil and epee;
3. **Hungary:** during World Cup in woman's and men's sabre in Budapest (6-7.01.2018) – Examination in sabre;
4. **France:** during World Cup in woman's epee in Dijon (17-18.02.2018) – Examination in epee.

We remind you that according to the FIE rules EFC has the ability to request permission from the Executive Committee of the FIE to conduct this type of additional examination in one weapon per year. A standard exam will be held during Cadet and Junior European Championships in Sochi.

Because The EFC needs more referees in conventional weapons (especially in sabre), during last COMEX meeting, which was held in date of 6-8.10.2017, COMEX unanimously decided to ask for permission the Executive Committee of the FIE to organize B examination in sabre in Budapest in date of 6-7.01.2018. In 2019 the COMEX appointed examination in foil and in 2020 in epee.

In view of the above we kindly ask you to send your candidates, who are willing to participate in the additional B examination in Budapest. The application must be received by The General Secretariat by October 20th.

I would also like to remind you that only candidates who have already received "C" category licenses can be nominated to participate in such examination.



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I have attached the actual list of referees with “C” licenses to this letter.

I know that not everyone knows how to get a referee C license, below can find the regulations which has been approved by the Referees Commission during meeting in Munich in date of 20-21.05.2017:

1. “C” license would only be awarded to candidates who obtain at least during 3 competitions marks of 4 or 5 (in scale with highest note 5) within maximum of 2 consecutive seasons. Following criteria are used for awarding related note during evaluation referees:
 - **5 excellent:** with no mistake;
 - **4 very good:** with small mistakes doing a good job
 - **3 fairly good:** needs some small improvements
 - **2 Quite satisfactory/Poor:** Needs to improve the skills substantially
 - **1 Fail:** Should not stand at pistes at the moment. Needs to improve the basic skills for refereeing.
2. For evaluation of referees all EFC CC competitions are available. Thus, candidates can choose competitions suitable for them.
3. Procedure of evaluations was described in original description of the project:

It consists of mandatory participation of referees at the seminar organized always cca 1 hour before start of concerned competitions. EFC is ensuring its delegate for every competition of EFC CC. That delegate is observing real work of referees at pistes. Seminar is mainly focused on sharing experiences of delegate with referees of competition, however, evaluated referees can be also asked about some rules during seminar. Principally the delegate is using pause after round of pools for another meeting with referees. Besides that, the delegate can address referees even during competitions if they are free, for explaining his/her opinion about their refereeing. Finally, delegates elaborate evaluation sheet, which is sent to EFC Referees commission via EFC Sport Director, who is administrating the project.



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4. EFC delegate is cooperating with DT of EFC competitions and is entitled to propose pool of referees for draw, but also to stop some referees who are not competent at given phase of competition. However, he/she can only advice the DT - not to decide about it!
5. EFC Referees commission will personally inform the candidates about the details of their evaluation to support further improvement of their work as referees and to prepare them to becoming FIE referees. As this information is sensitive no personnel notes will be openly published.
6. According to decision of FIE, only C licensed referees can apply as candidates for organised FIE exams. Principally the date of awarding EFC C license are chosen after end of cadets season. However, considering that FIE exams can be held on any date of the season, EFC referees commission can review obtained notes upon request of concerned national federation also on other dates and award C license if criteria of awarding were fulfilled.

Best regards,

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