



**European Fencing Confederation  
Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime**

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Dear Member Federations,

at last year's congress in Torun you had unanimously voted for the new EFC Statutes and also for some adjustments to be made. The EFC COMEX then had nominated a small working group who met in Luxembourg and Nizza and updated certain chapters of the statutes. The result of this work will be presented by the COMEX in Tbilisi for its final approval – and I send you already here a coloured version of the adjustments to make it quite clear what will be updated.

At the same time the working group also took up some changes in our Internal Rules as a subsequent result of the changes of our Statutes. Also these are already here attached for your information.

After the Tbilisi Congress the full versions of Statutes and Internal Rules will be available on our website for loading down.

Looking forward to see most of you in Tbilisi,

with my best regards,

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## INTERNAL RULES

### Chapter I– CONGRESS

1.5 Members of the Executive Committee, ~~Presidents of the Commissions~~ and Auditors shall be convened to the Congress.

**Presidents of the commissions are member of the COMEX → redundant**

### Article 2 Participation

2.1 The President of the EFC or in case of the President's absence ~~the~~ **Secretary General** shall preside over the Congress.

**Logical change according to the change of statutes**

2.3 ~~The members of the Executive Committee, the Auditors,~~ Delegates with the right of vote and assistant voting delegates may speak to the Congress. ~~The president may invite any other person to assist and speak to the Congress.~~

2.5 Member Federations can submit their mandates at the latest at the opening of the **Congress**.

2.6 After verification and registration of the mandates, no further modification can take place.

~~2.7 The members of the Executive Committee, the Auditors and the Presidents of the commissions may speak to the Congress.~~

~~2.8 Guests of the Executive Committee may only speak to the Congress with the approval of the President.~~

~~2.11 The Secretary General shall inform the Commission of the list of actual Members.~~

~~2.13 The Secretary General of the CEE/EFC is in charge of the secretariat of the Congress.~~

**Reordering and taking out redundancies**

### Article 4 Administration

4.4 A recording of the debates shall be provided by the organizer of the Congress. **This recording is used as base to establish the official record. The recording shall be available online until after the official approval of the report.**

**In order to allow a transparent verification the recording must be accessible to everyone. Once the report has been approved by the congress the recording can be deleted.**

## Chapter III – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~~8.5 In case of the President's absence, the Vice President shall replace the President.~~

### Logical change according to the change of statutes

## Chapter V – COMMISSIONS

### Article 12

#### Prerequisites:

In order to assure commissions of high standard some commissions have prerequisites for the candidates according to the competences required for a particular commission.

In accordance of the principles of good governance, no candidate of a commission can be professionally involved, directly or indirectly with any business providing services or goods related to fencing).

### Adopting principles of good governance and high standards

#### Financial Mechanism

12.7 The President of the Commission presents an annual budget plan to the President of the EFC and to the Executive Committee at least 2 months before the Congress is convened. The payment of costs takes place in accordance with **section 7** of the Statutes of the EFC.

12.8 To obtain the requested amount, the President of the Commission draws up an expenses claim addressed to a person authorised to sign it (**section 7 of the Statutes**). The claim must be accompanied by the relevant documents (contract, bill, etc.).

12.9 The expenses due to the proposals of the Commissions approved by the Executive Committee are paid in accordance with **section 7** of the Statutes.

### Logical change according to the change of statutes – article 18 became section 7

#### Article 13 - The EFC-Commissions

##### 13.1 Training/Fencing Masters Commission

The Commission must:

13.1.1 Study, bring into general use and propagate the experience of the most accomplished European coaches,

13.1.2 Improve and develop new forms of training for the coaches of the EFC.

13.1.3 Candidates for this commission must possess a recognized diploma as coach and have practiced for at least 3 years as a coach.

##### 13.2 Promotion and Marketing commission

13.2.1 The Commission is responsible for the planning and putting into effect of a set of measures aimed to popularize and promote fencing in Europe and to aid the development of fencing in emerging countries

**13.2.2** Members of this commission should have a background in Marketing/Promotion. Knowledge in Social Media and Public Relations is considered an asset.

### **13.3 Referees Commission**

The Commission's mission is to:

**13.3.1** Develop the training of international referees in different European countries,

**13.3.2** Supervise the refereeing in the EFC's competitions.

**13.3.3** Members of this commission must have at least an FIE "B" referee and actively have refereed during the season preceding the elections unless they have been a member of FIE or EFC refereeing commission in that season.

**13.3.4** Members of this commission are not allowed to referee in EFC-Competitions during the time of their mandate.

### **13.4 Competitions Commission**

The Commission must:

**13.4.1** Study, prepare and submit to the Executive Committee the rules of the events of the EFC,

**13.4.2** Express its opinion on any general technical problem to the Executive Committee.

**13.4.3** Supervise the EFC's competitions,

**13.4.4** Prepare proposals for the improvement of the technical rules of the EFC.

### **13.5 Legal Commission**

**13.5.1** This Commission prepares the texts of all proposals concerning the Statutes and the Internal Rules for the approval of the Executive Committee before submission to the Congress.

**13.5.2** The Commission can also propose to the Executive Committee any changes to the Statutes and Internal Rules that it considers appropriate.

**13.5.3** It ensures that any such texts are not in contradiction with the Statutes of the FIE and their annexes.

The Commission is also at the disposal of the Executive Committee for the examination of any legal text.

**13.5.4** It is desirable that the candidates for the legal commission have the educational requirements or be practising as a lawyer, judge or notary.

### **13.6 Athletes Commission**

The Commission is responsible for the study of all questions concerning athletes and for presenting suggestions and recommendations to the Executive Committee.

### **13.7 Technical Commission (SEMI)**

The Technical Commission is responsible for:

**13.7.1** Continuously studying the safety of equipment,

**13.7.2** Examining all suggestions and proposals concerning equipment and presenting reports on these proposals to the Executive Committee,

**13.7.3** Maintaining contact with the corresponding Commission of the FIE.

### **13.8 Medical Commission**

The Medical Commission must study all the medical questions concerning the sport of fencing. The Commission puts forward any useful means of fighting doping. It presents its suggestions and recommendations on all these issues by reporting to the

Executive Committee.

### 13.9 Veterans Council

The Council is responsible for the development of veteran activities in the whole of Europe and for the co-operation with FIE and all the veteran associations.

### 13.10 Wheelchair/Handicapped Fencing Council

The Council must endorse the activity and integration of handicapped fencers.

### 13.11 Women and Sport Council

The Council has as objectives:

13.11.1 To increase the number of initiatives to encourage more women to participate in fencing, both as fencers and in the management of the sport

13.11.2 To encourage the organisation of training courses for women in the different areas of sport (leadership, management, supervisory staff, training, refereeing...)

13.11.3 To ensure equal opportunities in the management and participation of women and their representation in our sport

13.11.4 To encourage women to work and contribute to the development of fencing throughout Europe at all levels

13.11.5 The Council can also propose to the Executive Committee all measures that could support the above.

## Logical change according to the change of statutes – introducing new commissions and councils

### Chapter VI – AUDITORS

#### Article 14

14.1 The Auditors appointed in accordance with the article 7.5 of the Statutes are of a different nationality from any of the members of the COMEX.

14.2 The Treasurer and the Secretary General must be present during the verification of the accounts and the balance sheet performed by the Auditor or Auditors, before the Congress. The Treasurer must present a report on the financial management and all the supporting documents to the Auditors.

14.3 The expenses of the Auditors are covered by the EFC.

14.4 In case of force majeure, the Executive Committee reserves the right to call upon replacements.

## Logical change according to the change of statutes



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# STATUTES

## PREAMBLE

In compliance with Luxembourg Law, the number of member federations cannot be lower than three (3).

➤ Addition required by Luxembourg Law

## SECTION I – MISSION AND GOALS – SEAT – ENTITY

### ARTICLE 1.1. MISSION AND GOALS

### ARTICLE 1.3. REGISTERED OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION

1.3.1 The registered office of the EFC is in Luxembourg city at the address of the seat of the Luxembourgian Fencing Federation.

➤ Addition required by Luxembourg Law

### ARTICLE 1.6. FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Member Federations pay an annual membership fee the amount of which is set by the Congress. The fee cannot exceed 1000€ must be paid no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March of the year in progress. However a federation may only compete in an EFC championship after having paid its membership fee.

➤ Addition required by Luxembourg Law (1000€) – clarification for participation

## SECTION 3 – CONGRESS

### APPLICABLE THROUGH 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019

3.4.3 An elective congress will be conducted in 2017 and again in 2020, in 2017 for all positions except that of the president.

An FIE observer, **nominated by the FIE and at their expense, may attend** the Elective Congress.

➤ Clarification – it is the FIE's not the EFC's responsibility

### APPLICABLE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020

3.4.3 The Elective Congress is conducted every four years, during the year of the Olympic Games, in principle after the Olympic Games **at the time of the European Senior Championships**.

An FIE observer, nominated by the FIE **and at their expense, may** attend the Elective Congress.

➤ Avoid time conflict cf 4.1.1

3.5.4 The provisions of articles 3.2.7, 3.3, 3.4.1 and 3.5.1-3 of the present Statutes shall also apply to any Extraordinary Congress. For an Elective Congress the provisions **of 3.4.3** and 3.5.1-2 of the present Statutes shall also apply and in particular the names of the candidates for the positions of President and member of the Executive Committee must be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat at least two (2) months before the opening of the Congress.

➤ Wrong reference leading to a contradiction

## SECTION 4 – PROCESSES FOR ELECTIONS

### ARTICLE 4.1. GENERAL RULES

4.1.1 The President of the EFC and the nine (9) other elected members of the Executive Committee are elected by the Elective Congress. **They take office on the first day of the month following the closing day of the Olympic Games.**

The members of the Commissions and Councils are elected by the Executive Committee at a meeting following the Elective Congress **and take office on the first day of the month following that meeting; however for the Athletes Commission c.f.4.5.**

➤ Avoid time conflict cf 3.4.3

### ARTICLE 4.4. ELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS EXCEPT THE ATHLETES COMMISSION

4.4.2 The Commission/Council members are **selected** by the Executive Committee in compliance with the recommendations of the Commission's/Council's President.

➤ They are not ELECTED but SELECTED

4.4.4 The Secretary General asks the Member Federations to present their candidates for the different Commissions/Councils after the Elective Congress has taken place and at least one month before the date of the Executive Committee meeting at which the

Commission/Council members will be selected. Names of Commission/Council candidates must be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat at least two (2) weeks before the date of the above-mentioned meeting.

➤ They are not ELECTED but SELECTED / council was missing

## ARTICLE 4.5. ELECTION OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION

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### APPLICABLE THROUGH 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019

4.5.1 Elections for the Athletes Commission will be held at the European Senior Championships in 2017.

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### APPLICABLE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020

4.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the European Senior Championships in the year of the Olympic Games. Those elected take office on the first day of the month following that meeting.

➤ Avoid time conflict of 3.4.3

4.5.11 The federations will be informed of the result of the election before the end of the championships.

➤ Avoid conflict in timing.

4.5.12 The athlete receiving the most votes will become the president of the commission. If the president elect or a member elect does not wish to stand or in the case of subsequent withdrawal, permanent absence or death, the athlete with the next most votes shall be chosen etc...

## SECTION 5 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5.1.3 In case of withdrawal, permanent absence or death of a member of the Executive Committee during the period he/she holds office, the first non-elected candidate will automatically replace him/her for the remaining term, providing that the requirements of art. 4.3.4 are respected. If there are no other candidates, a supplementary election shall be organised during the next Congress. The term of the person thus elected will be until the next elective congress.

➤ Covering the permanent absence of a member

5.5.2 If any of the said positions is vacant, the President shall designate another Executive Committee member to fill that role during the Executive Committee's next meeting.

➤ Avoid the confusion with office

5.5.7 The president may ask the Vice-President or another member of the bureau to represent him at a particular function.

➤ Belgium asked to clarify the function of VP – he is a (but not the only) representative of the President whenever the President cannot attend himself or wishes to be represented



## SECTION 8 – DISCIPLINE

8.1 The EFC has a no tolerance policy with regard to Doping and commits to the rules and regulations of the struggle against doping put forward by the WADA and the FIE.

8.2 The EFC recognizes the TAS as the final instance in any conflict.

Recommendations of the COSL/IOC

Place and date