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Dear Member Federations,

we send you in attached file the report about the EFC Cadet Circuit 2013-2014 as a document for the meeting on 22.02.2014 in Jerusalem for the representatives of the federations who organise a competition of this circuit.

This report, prepared by Julius Kralik, gives you important facts and information about the performance of these competitions.

We kindly ask you to forward this report to the person who will represent you at this meeting in Jerusalem.

Best regards,

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Report about EFC Cadets Circuit 2013 - 2014.

Running of the project for Cadets seems be stabilised since its beginning stage. At the present the most actual issue became the intervention of the FIE putting forward new principles of FIE Calendar where his Secretary General, Mr. Pietruszka, tried also harmonise EFC CC Calendar with that of the FIE in a view that FIE JWC and EFC CC are interconnected by participation of best cadets in juniors World Cup competitions. Respecting the principle that **no cadets competition at the level of the EFC CC can be organised at the same weekend where JWC in the same weapon is to be held**, the EFC CC Calendar for 2014-2015 has some weakness because there was no possibility to apply mentioned principle together with **the principle of creating minimum 2 weeks between competitions of the same weapon**. It is foreseen some discussion between FIE SC and EFC Technical Director during Championships in Plovdiv 2014, which should lead to solving that imperfection.

1) Main issues

- a) **Formula of competitions:** there are no complaints concerning *status quo* therefore can be stated that it suits needs and practice of participating federations.
- b) **Teams:** the team events continue their progress and current state seems give satisfaction to interested federations without modifications.
- c) **Rankings:** for the season 2013-2014 we extended the use of coefficients bringing some improved differentiation between different competition's level from the view of their level of quality.

We had following multipliers:

Scale of multipliers	Countries 1-7	Countries 8-12	Countries 13 -
Participants 1-50	1	1,5	2
Participants 51-100	1,5	2	3
Participants 101-	2	3	4

In practice:

Women's epee: all competitions with 4,0 except Montreux and Krakow with 3,0

Men's epee: Ankara 2,0 - all others 4,0

Women's foil: Satu Mare 2,0, Manchester and Poznan 3,0 - all others 4,0

Men's foil: Florina 1,5 Pisa 3,0 - all others 4,0

Women's sabre: Tbilisi 1,0 Moscow 1,5 London, Sofia, Konin 2,0 – Meylan, Moedling 3,0 - Godollo, Goepingen 4,0

Men's sabre: Tbilisi 1,0 Moscow 1,5 Sofia, Konin, Meylan, Modling 3,0 Godollo, Goepingen, London 4,0

New scale of multipliers did not influence so much foil and epee but it is more visible in sabres where it creates 4-5 groups of competitions.

Here should be mentioned that tournament in Tbilisi did not meet criteria adopted in Budapest 2013. However, EFC Executive Committee agreed to offer for that organiser an exception for 2013-2014 season as a new organiser in the Circuit. For next season also this tournament has to fulfil criteria otherwise no point will be accorded to the participants of that events.

Proposal: *for the future all new organisers of competition of the Circuit for the first time (1x only) are exempt of fulfilment of criteria. Thus no exception will be awarded for organisers of competitions of the Circuit afterwards.*

- d) **Organisations of competitions:** The administrator of the Circuit did not receive any comment or complaint about that issue in general. The only criticism was expressed concerning refereeing of competitions, especially in conventional weapons. (See following paragraph.)
- e) **Referees.** There are continuing complaints about level of referees provided by delegations as well as provided by the organisers. In extreme situation there were only referees from two concerned teams having both fencers in final stages of competitions. **The EFC is starting to develop a project for creation of EFC referee license working with following principles:**
- Main task holder is EFC Commission of referees (further RC)
 - First step will be analyse in detail of statistical data about activity of referees available from all competitions of the Circuit
 - Next step would be set up of the list with referees who officiated in 2013-2014 season at 54 competitions of the Circuit
 - RC will prepare general policy considering the possibility to introduce assignment of referees to EFC CC competitions replacing that way current obligation of quota of referees to be provided by delegations participating at competitions (The EFC received already suggestions in this regard from Italian Federation)
 - Another component of the project would be establishment of “supervisor” – delegate assigned by EFC Commission of referees in charge to observe referees officiating at EFC CC competitions, making appropriate report allowing evaluation of the referees and upon that evaluation the list of “EFC Referees” could be created.
 - EFC Executive Committee will adopt most suitable solution also from the view of the way how the financing of the project could be ensured without charging national federations
 - All mentioned steps and some possible other elements should be done during current 2014 – 2015 season and in next season pilot project should be put in place.
 - The EFC would like to propose to the FIE the use of outputs of that project in a way where only candidates for FIE exams could be proposed by national federation using the list of “EFC referees” giving a guarantee that those candidates are having real international experience from EFC CC.
- f) **Inscriptions for competitions:** continuing registration and inscription system at EFC web site was used. Updating of rankings and entering of rankings into EFC database, which is generating XML files for competitions was carried out fully automatically. However, the organisers should improve the treatment work of results strictly respecting following rules:
- All xml results files must be sent immediately after competitions to EFF TD regardless if automatic uploading on EFC web site was successful or not
 - Detailed results in PDF format should strictly follow the rules published in this regard on EFC web site, which are as follows:

For individual competitions the order of files should be:

Fencers (including birth date or year of birth) ordered by country (“Structured menu”) – no alphabetic, not by ranking!, those can be added as optional
Formula of competition

Poules with results
 Ranking after poules
 Tables of Direct elimination phase
 Final ranking of competition including date of birth or at least year of birth of athletes
 Activity of referees

For teams events: (Also from those competitions xml files are to be sent to EFC TD)

Fencers in teams with their initial rank
 Teams ordered by initial seeding for competition
 Tables of Direct elimination with results
 Final ranking of teams
 Activity of referees
 All details of matches

2.1 Statistics EFC Cadets Circuit 2013 – 2014:

Sabre men	Particp.	Org. Country	Foreign.	Countries
Godollo	203	39	164	19
Eislingen	196	55	141	17
Konin	120	29	91	12
Meylan	131	60	71	10
Moscow	99	61	38	6
Sofia	102	34	68	8
Moedling	86	6	80	16
London	126	39	87	18
Tbilisi	39	11	28	4
TOTAL	1102			

Sabre women				
Godollo	164	32	132	18
Eislingen	170	59	111	15
Konin	100	30	70	11
Meylan	118	58	60	11
Sofia	76	17	59	8
Moedling	61	4	57	16
London	84	28	56	12
Moscow	72	52	20	7
Tbilisi	33	12	21	3
TOTAL	878			

Foil men

Modling	181	20	161	25
Budapest	204	30	174	27
Bratislava	180	6	174	22
Cabries	218	64	154	21
Halle	198	62	136	20
Warszawa	140	66	74	15
Pisa	127	62	65	11
Manchester	121	29	92	13
Florina	50	17	33	9

TOTAL **1419****Foil women**

Samorin	142	9	133	16
Tauber	195	64	131	16
Modling	123	12	111	22
Budapest	169	29	140	21
Cabries	182	59	123	20
Pisa	110	61	49	12
Satu Mare	77	15	62	11
Poznan	109	62	47	11
Manchester	89	35	54	17

TOTAL **1196****Epee men**

Bratislava	268	19	249	33
Budapest	224	39	185	26
Bonn	204	63	141	21
Klagenfurt	170	21	149	22
Goteborg	165	26	139	25
Kopenhagen	129	14	115	20
Chalons	171	64	107	15
Krakow	124	58	66	16
Ankara	61	27	34	11

TOTAL **1516****Epee women**

Bratislava	186	4	182	22
Heidenheim	178	64	114	17
Klagenfurt	175	15	160	20
Goteborg	150	15	135	31
Grenoble	178	62	116	14
Zrenjanin	122	7	115	19
Kopenhagen	124	9	115	23
Montreux	92	38	54	13
Krakow	92	61	31	13

TOTAL **1297**

Total of fencers on pistes: **7408**

Grand total 2013 – 2014:

7408 fencers on pistes all weapon together, including **AUS, HKG, JPN, KAZ, PHI, SIN, UZB** (7x Asia), **ALG, EGY, GHA, RSA** (4x Africa), **ARG, BRA, CAN, JAM, MEX, USA** (6x America) coming out of Europe (17 countries)..

European federations participating in Circuit:

ARM, AUT, BEL, BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GEO, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISL, ISR, ITA, LAT, LUX, MDA, MKD, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR

In total: 38 countries from Europe and 17 out of Europe participated in competitions of the Circuit. **Fencers in rankings: 3609 (2012/2013 -3325, 2011/2012 – 3170).**

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