



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esime

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Dear Member Federations,

We kindly remind you that according to the decision of the FIE Congress, which were held in Dubai in November 2017, from the new 2018/2019 season, in all FIE competitions **using double protection for the masks and the breast/chest protector is mandatory.**

Mask:

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.

Breast/chest protector:

At all weapons, the use of a breast/chest protector (made of metal or some rigid material) is compulsory for women and optional for men. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron. At foil, the protector will have the following characteristics: The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material such as E.V.A. (Ethylene-vinyl acetate) of four mm thickness and density of 22kg/m³. (The material can be attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors). The material must have the SEMI technical 25 mark at the center of the upper edge.

Taking care of the security of fencers and consistency of the EFC regulations with the FIE rules, EFC Comex unanimously decided that the masks with different safety systems and breast/ chest protector will apply in all EFC tournaments from the beginning of the new 2018/2019 season.

We wish you successes and satisfying results in the new season.

Best regards,

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