



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esime

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Dear Member Federations,

I am very pleased to inform you that, as previously announced by Comex, for the first time since the new 2019/2020 season we have launched an electronic referees evaluation system performed by our delegates during the Circuit Cadet Cups.

Owing to the new possibilities, all national federations will be able to check all evaluations of their referees on an ongoing basis.

To check the current evaluations, you just need to log in to the Service Portal and enter using the login and password that you received from EFC (the same with which you enter fencers for EFC competitions), click "referees" tab and find your referee's profile. In the profile you will find "referee" tab where you can find current evaluations.

I would like to assure that all evaluations from 2018 - 2019 can be checked by referees and their federations, in order to help us at identifying possible mistakes, considering that almost 1000 data were entered from 2018 - 2019 season.

As a reminder, I am sending below the rules for obtaining the EFC "C" referee license:

1. "C" license would only be awarded to candidates who obtain at least during 5 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. Any referee who will receive low points (1 or 2) two time is not allowed to be a Referee for current season.
3. When referee receives three time excellent (5) evaluation, automatically receives EFC C license.
4. For evaluation of referees all EFC CC competitions are available. Thus, candidates can choose competitions suitable for them.



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5. 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 President of the EFC Referee Commission and EFC Secretary General.

6. 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!
7. 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.
8. According to decision of FIE, only C licensed referees can apply as candidates for organized 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.

I wish you good luck in the new season.

Best regards,

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