



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

ORDINARY AND ELECTIVE CONGRESS

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Information letter no. 15-2020

Dear Member Federations,

Following information letter no. 14-2020 of June 8, we would like to update you on the following European and Global developments based on our daily monitoring of corresponding restrictions by the National Governments as well as the epidemiological situation across Europe and recommendations issued by the WHO.

While the situation is gradually improving in the Russian Federation – particularly in Sochi – we have still been considering all possible options for the Ordinary and Elective Congresses, including the organization of both events as scheduled, implementation of an appropriate procedure to postpone them until a later date, or possibly foresee an electronic voting procedure. Each of the options referred to are fully compliant with the provisions and requirements of the EFC Statutes and Internal Rules.

However, the COVID-19 situation is not similarly optimistic in all countries of Europe, borders remain closed and restriction are still in place. In the meantime, the deadline to circulate all documents to NF-s for the EFC Congress is rapidly approaching.

Considering the above, after a series of consultations, and in line with the approaches taken by WHO, IOC, FIE and European Olympic Committees the EFC Executive Committee has unanimously decided to postpone the Elective Congress for one year, until 11.09.2021, after the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Respecting our corporate procedures and internal regulations, especially Statutes, we are to hold the 2020 Ordinary Congress virtually on 12.09.2020 as initially planned.

Within the framework of the Ordinary Congress – along with the regular agenda – the aforementioned unanimous decision to postpone the elections and legal consequences thereof will be subject to formal ratification by the delegates.



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We have already initiated the preparations by the EFC Legal Commission and align our activities with relevant stakeholders, partners and authorities. As a result, we can confirm that there are no formal contraindications for holding a Congress virtually or postponing the Elective Congress to the year of the Olympic Games.

Yours faithfully,

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