



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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Dear Member Federations,

The EFC is pleased to announce the extension of its referee training webinars. The EFC initiative, which was recognized as a great interest among attendees, focusing on the development of category EFC C licenses sabre referees.

The series will now expand in the two new directions:

- Webinars for foil referees
- Webinars specifically focused on female sabre referees

As with the first program, the new ones will focus on consistency, knowledge of the rule book, responsibilities and preparation for taking the FIE referee examination.

Mentors for the new sabre webinars will continue to be EFC Referee Commission Members and FIE Referees, Vasil Milenchev and Vladislav Shamis. The Foil seminars will be conducted by EFC Commission Members, Martina Gannassin and Vilem Madr along with FIE Referee Florin Gheorghe.

I would like to remind that implementation of the new ideas is consistent with our overall goal of increasing the number of referees in conventional weapons and to raise the number of refereeing women in top rank competitions in Europe and worldwide.

After receiving EFC Congress' confirmation to launch webinars in foil, now is the time to initiate the procedure of preparing webinars for female sabre referees, that is why I am kindly asking all federations to provide me the list of female sabre referees who are willing to attend on the webinars on the special form attached this letter, **no later than November 25.**

Since we are starting webinars in foil next week, please be informed that on-line sessions for female sabre referees will start at the beginning of December. Exact schedule will be established and circulated to all NF-s at the end of next week.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General