



European Fencing Confederation
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Cancellation of the EFC U-23 European Championships in the 2020/2021 season

Dear Member Federation,

We have been informed that due to the current state of the global pandemic and the subsequent measures taken by the Italian government, the Italian Fencing Federation has decided to withdraw the organization of the U-23 European Championships this year.

The EFC fully respects this very difficult decision of the hosts since the ongoing pandemic is not slowing down. We are also acquainted that on that Championships could participate athletes who are a part of the Olympic Team.

After heaving a consultation within the EFC Executive Committee, it is visible that in the current situation there is no organizer 46 days before the U-23 European Championships start and we are aware that no federation will be able to prepare and host such an event in a very short time in a proper and safety way.

The postponement of the Championships would have to schedule that event after the Olympic Games and before the start of the new season 2021/2022 which will not bring the expected effect, since after Olympics the attendance will not be satisfactory to hold that event in a sufficient quality.

Considering the above, current Covid-19 global restrictions, experience obtained by the FIE in preparations, currying out and conducting Cadet and Junior World Championships in Cairo and also the last FIE Executive Committee's decision regarding cancellation all the FIE tournaments in May, the EFC Executive Committee decided to cancel the U-23 European Championships' edition in the 2020/2021 season.

We would like to assure that our priority on that challenging and very difficult times will always be the health of our fencers and other participants.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jacek Slupski', written over a dotted line.

Jacek SLUPSKI
Secretary General

