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Lausanne, Wednesday, September 22nd 2016

TO ALL THE FIE AFFILIATED NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Subject: New rules at sabre

Dear President,

Please take note of the following information aiming at implementing the relevant decision taken by the FIE Congress gathered in 2015 in Guangzhou.

t.17.2.

For sabre, the Referee places each of the two competitors in such a way that the back foot of each is 2 m from the centre line of the piste (that is, in front of the "on-guard" lines).

The Congress approved the proposal as a temporary rule so it has to be applied in the season 2016/2017 until December 31st 2016 at all FIE competitions. The text regarding the application is as follows.

Application:

The replacement of t.17.2 will commence after the Olympic Games and be valid until December 31, 2016. Subsequently Comex will decide if the rule change will be permanently applied.

Important

The FIE is observing the application of the rules in order to assess how the new rule is affecting sabre regarding the number of simultaneous attacks and the spectacularity of the weapon.

The competitions where the new rule is applied are as follows:

Category	M/W	Competition	Event	Place	Date
Junior	Women	World Cup	Individual + Team	San Jose	17-18.09.16
Junior	Men	World Cup	Individual + Team	Teheran	17-18.09.16
Senior	Men	Satellite	Individual	Amsterdam	25.09.16
Junior	Men +Women	World Cup	Individual + Team	Plovdiv	01-02.10.16
Senior	Men + Women	Satellite	Individual	Gand	16.10.16
Junior	Men + Women	World Cup	Individual + Mixed Team	Sosnowiec	21-23.10.16
Senior	Men	Satellite	Individual	London	30.10.16
Senior	Men	World Cup	Individual + Team	Dakar	04-06.11.16
Junior	Men + Women	World Cup	Individual + Team	Sochi	11-13.11.16
Senior	Women	World Cup	Individual + Team	Orléans	18-20.11.16
Senior	Men	World Cup	Individual + Team	Budapest	02-04.12.16
Junior	Men + Women	World Cup	Individual + Mixed Team	Dormagen	10-11.12.16
Senior	Men + Women	Grand Prix	Individual	Mexico	16-18.12.16



Application

In order to respect the t. 17.4 "*When placed on guard during the bout, the distance between the two competitors must be such that, in the position 'point in line', the points of the two blades cannot make contact.*" the distance between the athletes will be set for 3 meters. The pistes will have markings accordingly.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kulcsar', is written over the typed name.

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