

To:
Presidents of National Fencing Federations

October 3, 2017

Dear Mr President,

The Executive Committee of FIE, following its last meeting held in Athens on 17 September 2017, has approved the new concept of the calendar for the 2018-2019 season.

This concept was designed, bearing in mind the provisions of FIE's statutes and administrative rules and taking into consideration our objective to reinforce the principle of universality, providing the opportunity to as many as possible of FIE federations – members to host tournaments. FIE's aim was also to simplify the programming.

More specifically, kindly note the following:

Satellite competitions

According to the new calendar, all competitions are scheduled to take place in the beginning of the season that is on September and October. This way the participation will be feasible, for mid-level athletes, as well as top-level athletes, especially in view of their preparation for the World Cups and the Grand Prix. In the spirit of universality mentioned above, more tournaments could be added in the programme of the Satellite category.

Junior competitions

The designated period for Junior competitions is between November and April, while the World Cups (individual and team) will take place from November to February. Junior Zonal Championships are programmed for the month of March and Junior World Championships will be held during the month of April.

Senior category

World Cups and Grand Prix are scheduled to take place from January to May, Zonal Championships are programmed for the month of June while July and August are the months set for the World Championships.

According to this planning, there will, basically, be two competitions (both in Junior and Senior categories) per month with a period of a two week break in between.

It is important to note that, with the new calendar the athletes and coaches will be able to achieve a reasonable balance for their preparation between the tournaments in the junior and senior categories.

Moreover, the calendar provides the National Federations with week-ends without international competitions, which will allow them to plan their own national tournaments and competitions.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel Katsiadakis', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis
Secretary General