



Dear President,

1. 2021 Junior and Cadet Zonal Championships

The Junior and Cadet Zonal Championships gather a relatively large number of athletes, many of whom are minors. The current situation linked to COVID-19 (including flight fluctuations and restrictions, border access, health measures) is making participation in these Championships very difficult, and some organisers had to renounce.

Therefore, after consulting the Presidents of the Confederations, the FIE Executive Committee has decided to cancel the 2021 edition of the Junior and Cadet Zonal Championships.

In the near future, the Executive Committee will review the issue of points and rankings for juniors.

2. Resuming competitions

Several organisers had to cancel the competitions that were scheduled to be held in February and others have indicated their willingness to organise competitions. But the various current restrictions do not allow solutions to be found that are equitable for all federations. The Executive Committee has therefore decided not to hold competitions before March 2021.

3. Qualification competitions of March 2021 for the Tokyo Olympic Games

Following on from discussions and work with a number of federations and as some organisers had to renounce, the Executive Committee has decided to optimize the organisation of these events and to minimize the travels for federations. As a result, each weapon (both men and women) will be held in one country and the dates have been slightly revised.

These competitions are therefore planned as follows:

- Sabre World Cups (men and women): Budapest (HUN), 10-14 March
- Epée World Cups (men and women): Kazan (RUS), 19-23 March
- Foil Grand Prix (men and women): Doha (QAT), 26-28 March

The FIE will provide funding of 900,000 CHF to stage the above three events, in order to subsidise the implementation of the FIE outline of risk-mitigation requirements, one PCR test for COVID-19 in the host country of the competition for all participants, and additional costs for the hotel rooms of athletes and referees (the price difference between a double room and a single room). In addition, for the Grand Prix at foil, the FIE will pay for the expenses linked to the services of Swiss Timing and wireless.

We will monitor the situation very closely as it develops. If necessary, decisions and arrangements will be made, and you will be immediately informed.

4. FIE outline of risk-mitigation requirements for national fencing federations and competition organisers in the context of COVID-19 (FORMIR- COVID-19)

The Executive Committee has approved the attached updated FIE outline of risk-mitigation requirements.

All amendments in the document have been highlighted.

This document is also available on the FIE website: <https://fie.org/fie/documents/other-documents>, as well as a brief summary of the outline.

The document's amendments include provision for a safety plan before and during the competitions, as well as one PCR test, in the host country of the competition, for all participants.

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