



LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

Urgent Letter 3-10
8 February 2010

Urgent decisions

a) Transparent masks

Dear President,

The FIE Executive Committee took the following urgent decisions at its meeting of February 6, 2010 in Lausanne:

Further to the urgent letter 15-09, the FIE has received the conclusions (attached) of the *Sabic Innovative Plastic lab (NED)*, relative to the mask damaged in Odense. This lab points out two major facts:

- the analysed visor presents stresses linked to its making (injection moulding, instead of hot bend and cold setting recommended by the FIE); stress marks clearly appear at the plastic injection juncture points;
- due to the lack of protection coating against deterioration and scratches, the visor presented several significant scratches.

And moreover, some manufacturing standards imposed by the FIE Equipment Rules have not been completely adhered to.

Therefore, the Executive Committee has decided to suspend and forbid, until further notice, the use of the transparent visor mask both in foil and epee, at all FIE official competitions.

The FIE will set up a working group (SEMI Commission, manufacturers, specialised institute) whose objectives will be the following:

- reinforce the standards imposed by the FIE Rules (i.e. make mandatory what was recommended or optional);
- establish systematic verification processes during the equipment control;
- enlarge the security standards.

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b) Kuwait Fencing Federation

As was announced in the urgent letter 1-10, the FIE Executive Committee took a decision regarding the situation of the Kuwait Fencing Federation, following the suspension of the Kuwait National Olympic Committee by the IOC.

In accordance with articles 1.1, 1.2.8 et 2.1.1 a) and b) of the FIE Statutes, the Executive Committee has decided to suspend Kuwait Fencing Federation, pending a further decision by the IOC.

This decision also applies to the athletes, referees and elected members of the Federation

c) 2009-2010 calendar

The Egyptian Fencing Federation has confirmed that it will organise its Senior Women's Foil and Men's Foil competitions in Cairo.

The Senior Men's Foil competition will take place on March 20 and 21, 2010.

The Senior Women's Foil competition will take place on March **19 and 20, 2010**, i.e. one day later than initially planned.

The FIE Executive Committee accepted this change at the request of the Egyptian Fencing Federation. In addition, no entries had been registered when the request was made.

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President

