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Book 2

Organisation Rules

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BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES

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Remarks

Throughout the Rulebook

- **IWF** stands for **IWAS Wheelchair Fencing**
- **IWF EC** stands for **IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee**
- words importing singular number or masculine gender shall include the plural number or feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa

BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES

PART A: GENERAL RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Application

o.1

The **official competitions** of the IWF are organised according to the following rules.

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- 1 The official competitions of the IWF are open to fencers (individual or team) of all IWAS member countries.
- 2 All competitors, coaches and designated officials in a competition, irrespective of their status, are required to be **licensed for the current season**.

Types of Competition

o.3

These Rules are obligatory without modification for the 'Official Competitions of the IWF, viz.:

- The wheelchair fencing events at the Paralympic Games
- The World Championships, U17, U23 and senior
- The competitions of the World Cup, U17, U23 and senior
- The Zonal Championships, U17, U23 and senior
- The Satellite Competitions

Criteria for Official IWF Competitions

Admission

o.4

An individual or team competition can only be classed or kept as an official IWF competition if it satisfies the following criteria.

- 1 Participation must include:
 - six fencers from at least four countries, for senior competitions in Europe;
 - four fencers from at least three countries, for senior competitions outside Europe;
 - four fencers from at least three countries, for U17, U23 and Satellite competitions;
 - four fencers from at least three countries, for Category C events at all competitions;
 - three teams from three different countries, for all team competitions.
- 2 Every competitor is required to be classified and must be eligible to compete (cf. Book 4 Classification Rules).

The placing of competitors within each category A, B or C is strictly according to the decision of the official classifiers authorities who have examined and classified each competitor before the competition.

No competitors may appear in a category lower than that in which they have been placed by the classification authorities. (Cat. A fencer cannot compete in a Cat. B or Cat. C event; Cat. B fencer cannot compete in a Cat. C event).

A fencer may decide to fence in a higher category (Cat. B fencer can compete in Cat. A event; Cat. C fencer can compete in Cat. A or Cat. B event). This decision has to be made latest at the head of delegation meeting.

If a Cat. C fencer decides to start in a Cat. A or Cat. B individual event or in a team event, the Cat. C fencer can choose the Cat. C or the Cat. A/B distance.
- 3 The Tournament must be attended by at least four IWF A, B or P Grade referees of different nationalities.
- 4 The Rules of the IWF must be adhered to, as well as the specifications for IWF competitions. The organisers must use automatic judging equipment of which the prototype has been approved by the SEMI Commission.

- 5 The finals must take place in a hall in which there is space allocated to the public.
- 6 There must be a sufficient number of pistes to allow the first round to take place in one series of pools.
- 7 During the finals, the organisers should display signs on the piste indicating the names and nationalities of the fencers. Signage with the IWAS logo must also be displayed, visible for the audience and media.
- 8 For the presentation of the prizes, the protocol rules of the IWAS must be applied (cf. IWF Administrative Rules).
- 9 There must be a medical doctor present on the premises of the competition for the whole duration of the competition.
- 10 There must be an anti-doping test conforming to the regulations of the IWAS (cf. o.107 and the IWAS Anti-Doping Rules).

Chapter 2

GLOSSARY

Assaults and bouts

o.5

A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**. When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result in an individual competition it is called a **bout**.

The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called **periods**.

In a match (cf. o.6) between teams each of the nine bouts (formula by gender) or four bouts (mixed gender formula) is called a **relay**.

Match

o.6

The aggregate of the relays fought between the fencers of two different teams is called a **match**.

Competition

o.7

1 A competition is the aggregate of the bouts (individual competitions) or of the matches (team competitions) required to determine the winner of the event.

2 Competitions are distinguished by weapons, by the competitors' sex, by their age and by the fact that they are for individuals or for teams.

Tournament

o.8

Tournament is the name given to a number of competitions, individual and team, held at the same place, at the same period and under the same aegis.

Championship

o.9

A championship is the name given to a competition held to determine the best fencer or the best team at each weapon for a federation, for a specific region or for the world and for a specific period of time.

Chapter 3

BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISATION AND CONTROL

The Organising Committee

o.10

- 1 The Organising Committee is the group of persons responsible for organising the competition / tournament.
- 2 The Organising Committee must take note of the instructions in the **Specifications** ("Cahier des Charges") specific to each category of competition.

The IWF Executive Committee

o.11

The IWF Executive Committee and its delegate(s) control the activities of the Directoire Technique at the Paralympic Games, the World Championships, the Zonal Championships, the World Cups, Satellite Tournaments and IWAS Games, in all age groups, as described in Article o.12.

Supervision by the IWF EC

o.12

- 1 With the aim of ensuring that the rules are observed at the World Championships and Paralympic Games, the Chairperson and the members of the IWF EC have the right to attend all meetings of the Directoire Technique and of the official delegates of the IWF. The Directoire Technique is obliged to give them notice of such meetings.
- 2 It is the responsibility of the IWF EC or of its designated representative(s) to settle any disputes, other than concerning discipline, which arise at IWF competitions. With respect to disciplinary actions, cf. t.143.4 and t.175.2.

Technical delegate of the IWF

o.13

The **Technical delegate (TD)** of the IWF, who represents the IWF in accordance with the Rules for Competition, will be chosen according to criteria of recognised technical abilities (cf. o.22 - o.23).

The Directoire Technique

o.14

The technical organisation of competitions is entrusted to a **Directoire Technique**, the functions and scope of whose activities are described in the Rules (cf. t.139-141, o.15 - o.17).

The Directoire Technique and the IWF delegates at official competitions

o.15

- 1 Apart from the specific areas of competence which are the responsibility of the other IWF technical delegates specified hereafter, the technical management of the official competitions of the IWF is entrusted to a **Directoire Technique (DT)**.
- 2 The members of the Directoire Technique and the other official delegates of the IWF can have other roles for IWF at the competition (e.g. IWF Referee Commission delegate, IWF SEMI Commission delegate, etc.), but cannot act in any other capacity at the competition, such as team captain, official delegate of their federation, referee, competitor, etc.
- 3 The Directoire Technique and the official delegates of the IWF must always **attend events from beginning to end**, so as to solve any problem which could arise and thus ensure that the event continues to run smoothly.
- 4 All the decisions of the Directoire Technique and the official delegates of the IWF must be displayed sufficiently in advance on a clearly visible notice-board to be consulted by the fencers and officials. In principle, fencers and officials are kept informed by their heads of delegation or captains, and they may not make any complaint against changes in the timetable or any other matter about which information has been displayed within the stipulated time limits.

Nomination of the Directoire Technique

o.16

The **Directoire Technique** is composed of people **who have the experience and competence to organise competitions.**

1 World Championships, Zonal Championships and Paralympic Games.

a) For the Paralympic Games the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the country where the competition is held:

- President of DT
- 4 DT members
- 1 member of the local organisation or appointed by the IWF Executive Committee (if no one is nominated by the local organisation)

b) For the Senior World Championships and Zonal Championships in Europe, the Directoire Technique is composed of **six** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country:

- Technical Delegate - becoming President of the DT on arrival at the event
- The appointed principal delegate of the referee Commission
- The appointed principal delegate of the SEMI Commission
- 2 DT members
- 1 member of the local organisation or appointed by the IWF Executive Committee (if no one is nominated by the local organisation)

c) For the U17 and U23 World Championships and Zonal Championships out of Europe, the Directoire Technique is composed of **three** members of different nationalities:

- Technical Delegate – becoming President of the DT on arrival at the event
- The appointed delegate of the referee Commission
- 1 member of the local organisation or the appointed delegate of the SEMI Commission

d) For Zonal Championships, the Technical Delegate has to be selected from out of the zone of the Championships to have the neutrality in the decisions.

2 World Cups

The Directoire Technique is composed of **three** members of different nationalities:

- Technical Delegate – becoming President of the DT on arrival at the event
- The appointed delegate of the referee Commission
- One Member of the local organisation or the appointed principal delegate of the SEMI Commission

3 Satellite Tournaments.

The Directoire Technique is composed of **three** members of different nationalities:

- Technical Delegate or the appointed delegate of referee commission becoming President of the DT on arrival at the event
- 1 member of the local organisation
- 1 member from a different nation than the 2 other DT members

4 The Directoire Technique (the President and the remaining members, one of whom will be in charge of the protocol) is appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF.

Functions of the Directoire Technique

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1 The functions of the Directoire Technique include the **strict organisation** of the different events, except the responsibilities of the other delegates of the IWF (cf. o.12, o.19, o.20, o.21, o.22). It has the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot decide on any departure from the Rules except when circumstances arise in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

2 The Directoire Technique is responsible for the **technical organisation** of the competitions and for ensuring their smooth running.

3 Hence:

a) It ensures the co-ordination between the Organising Committee, the Directoire Technique, the official delegates of the IWF and the other functions of the IWF;

b) It checks the entries;

c) It draws up the pool sheets and direct elimination tables;

d) It allocates the pistes;

e) It supervises the progress of the event(s);

f) It checks results with the help of the Organising Committee;

g) It prepares the subsequent events sufficiently in advance to be able to warn the fencers, officials and judges;

h) It supervises the dissemination of results.

- 4 Furthermore, the Directoire Technique has **disciplinary responsibility** at competitions / tournaments, but only as a collective entity. In the event of a tied vote within the Directoire Technique, the **vote of the Directoire Technique President is decisive**.

Designation of Refereeing, SEMI, Classification and Medical Commission delegates

o.18

Refereeing Commission delegates must be members of the IWF Refereeing Commission.
SEMI Commission delegates must be members of the IWF SEMI Commission.
Classification Commission delegates must be members of the IWF Classification Commission.
Medical Commission delegates must be members of the IWF Medical Commission.

1 Paralympic Games

2 Refereeing Commission delegates, 2 SEMI Commission delegates, 1 Classification Commission Delegate and 1 Medical Commission delegate are appointed by the IWF Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.
The 2 Refereeing delegates have to be selected from different zones.

2 Senior World and Zonal Championships

2 Refereeing Commission delegates (1 for Senior Zonal Championships out of Europe), 2 SEMI Commission delegates (1 for Senior Zonal Championships out of Europe), 2 Classification Commission delegates and 1 Medical Commission delegate (optional for Zonal Championships) are appointed by the IWF Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.
The 2 Refereeing Commission delegates have to be selected from different zones.

3 Senior World Cup competitions

1 Refereeing Commission delegate, 1 SEMI Commission delegate and 2 Classification Commission delegates are appointed by the IWF Executive Committee following the recommendation of the respective commissions.

4 U17 and U23 World Championships and World Cup competitions

1 Refereeing Commission delegate, 1 SEMI Commission delegate and 2 Classification Commission delegates are appointed by the IWF Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

5 Satellite Tournaments

1 Refereeing Commission delegate and 2 Classification Commission delegates are appointed by the IWF Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions

The SEMI Commission delegates

o.19

- 1 The SEMI Commission delegates check the technical installations and the homologation of the various items of equipment.
- 2 They organise the checking of the fencers' equipment (Weapon Control and Call Room) and oversee its efficient functioning.
- 3 They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.
- 4 They assist referees over material problems during matches.

The Refereeing Commission delegates

o.20

- 1 The functions of the Refereeing delegates include the strict and complete organisation of the refereeing of events, ensuring their perfect running. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.
- 2 Hence:
 - a) They organise the referee's meeting on the day before the event.
 - b) They establish the list of referees the day before each competition.
 - c) They observe the referees at work and make selections as mandated in articles t.50 ss.
 - d) They review protests and provide solutions in conformity with the instructions in article t.171.

- 3 For questions concerning the rules during IWF competitions (including the World Championships and Paralympic Games), the Refereeing Commission delegate(s) alone are competent to judge a referee's decision from the beginning to the end of the bout.
- 4 Furthermore, refereeing delegates are an entity who have disciplinary responsibility at competitions / tournaments; Article t.139 ss defines the extent of their authority.

The Medical Commission delegates

o.21

- 1 The functions of the medical delegates include the strict and complete organisation of the medical aspect. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.
- 2 Hence, medical delegates:
 - a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
 - b) Supervise the anti-doping control.
 - c) Evaluate the medical situation and supervise the treatment of any injury or cramp in accordance with t.45.

Supervisor (Technical Delegate)

o.22

- 1 The Organizing Committees of official IWF events, individual and team, must ensure the presence of a Technical Delegate (TD) of the IWF from a country other than that where the competition is held, whose task it will be to verify that the competition properly fulfils the IWF competition criteria.
- 2 The TD is recommended by the IWF Sports commission one month after the publication of the IWF competition calendar. The recommendation must be approved by the Executive Committee of the IWF.
- 3 At competitions where there is no Refereeing Commission delegate, no SEMI Commission delegate or no Medical Commission delegate, it is **the TD** who fulfils these respective functions.
- 4 The TD settles any other disputes that might arise in an IWF event.
- 5 The **travel, board, lodging costs, local transportation and per diem** of the TD are the responsibility of the organisers, in accordance with the standards updated from time to time by the Executive Committee of the IWF.

This Supervisor (Technical Delegate) is either:

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- a member of the IWF Executive Committee
- a member of an IWF Commission
- a member of a group of persons, appointed by the IWF Executive Committee, available and experienced in the organisation of competitions

Refereeing

o.24

- 1 **Refereeing** at World Championships is carried out by referees chosen by the Executive Committee of the IWF at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission.
- 2 Referees' **travel, board, lodging costs, local transportation and per diem** are paid by the Organising Committee, who in return will receive all the accreditation fees.
- 3 Referees **must** attend the **refereeing meeting** that takes place the day before the World Championships.

o.25

- 1 **The number** of IWF A, B or P Grade **referees** that must accompany teams in all age groups (senior, U17 and U23) to World Cups, Zonal Championships and Satellite Tournaments is:

1-3 fencers	No referee
4-7 fencers	1 referee
8 or more fencers	2 referees

The name(s) of the referee(s) must be entered online together with the fencers on the official entry portal from IWF before the entry deadline of the competition (midnight, GMT).

Referees' **board, lodging and local transportation costs** are paid by the Organising Committee while their travel costs are the responsibility of the delegations.

The referees of the delegations must always attend the Competitions, Tournaments or Championships from the beginning until the end.

- 2 **Should a national Federation not provide the required number of referees for the entirety of the tournament, a fine will be inflicted on it (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet“).**

o.26

- 1 For **World Cups, Zonal Championships in all age groups and Satellite Tournaments**, two referees, proposed by the IWF Refereeing Commission, will be designated by the IWF Executive Committee in addition to the delegations that will have to provide any referees. For these two referees **travel, board, lodging, local transportation and per diem** are paid by the Organising Committee.
- 2 Additional referees needed for a smooth running of the competition will be provided by the organising committee (in coordination with the Technical Delegate).
- 3 For **Senior Zonal Championships and Senior World Cups**, the 2 proposed referees have to be selected out of the zone of the tournament.

Specialized personnel

o.27

The organising committee must appoint:

- 1 **Helping staff for frames, scorers and time-keepers**
The Organising committee will appoint **helping staff** for assisting the fencers in entering the wheelchair fencing frames and to fix the wheelchair into the frames. For each frame, a minimum of two persons is needed during the complete period of the competition.
The Organising committee must appoint, on their own responsibility, **scorers** whose duty it will be to keep the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match and maintain the score-boards, and a **time-keeper** whose duty it will be to keep time for the duration of the bouts (cf. t.37ss) – if requested by the DT or a referee. These persons can be the same as the helping staff for the frames.
- 2 The Organising Committee must choose qualified persons, who pay careful attention to the signals given by the apparatus in order that they may be able to advise the Referee as to what the apparatus has registered, and warn the referee, even during the course of a bout, as to any abnormal phenomena which may occur.
- 3 **Experts**
 - a) For each tournament, the Organising Committee must appoint experts in matters relating to the **electrical apparatus**. These experts are placed under the supervision of the Directoire Technique.
 - b) The experts may be consulted, separately or conjointly, by the referees or by the Directoire Technique regarding all questions relating to the electrical apparatus.
 - c) **Members of the Committee for Electrical Apparatus and Equipment** of the IWF (SEMI Commission) who are present are ex officio qualified to act as experts.
- 4 **Repairers**
For each tournament, the Organising Committee must ensure the presence of **competent repairers** to remedy faults in the electrical apparatus and, possibly, in the personal electrical equipment of the fencers.
- 5 **Equipment Vendors**
If possible, the Organising Committee must ensure the presence of **fencing equipment vendors**, also with the possibility to print names, nationalities and national logos on fencing equipment.

Checking of Equipment

o.28

The checking of the organization equipment, as well as the equipment of the fencers, must be carried out in accordance with the rules to be found in the Material Rules **by qualified personnel designated by the Organizing committee**.

If there are present designated members of the SEMI Commission, this function must be carried out by them or under their control.

Chapter 4

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

o.29

- 1 No fencers may obtain an IWF licence, enabling them to enter for an official IWF competition, until they have reached their 13th birthday.
- 2 Fencers can take part in all the official **IWF U17 competitions** until the 31st December of the year in which they turn 17 years old.
- 3 Fencers can take part in all the official **IWF U23 competitions** until the 31st December of the year in which they turn 23 years old.
- 4 Apart from the stipulations above, there is **no maximum age** limit for those taking part in official events of the IWF.
- 5 All participants in an official competition of the IWF who are under the age of majority in the country in which such competition is being held must either:
 - a) be accompanied by a person who is a parent or guardian of the participant or who has **been delegated in a form valid in the country of the competition** from a parent or guardian of such participant to act on behalf of the participant regarding health-related issues; or
 - b) have such power of attorney issued to a person who has achieved majority and who will be at the competition site during the competition and has agreed to accept the responsibility delineated in such power.

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Chapter 5

FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND FINES

Financial Penalties and Fines

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Cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”

PART B: PROCEDURES BEFORE THE COMPETITIONS / TOURNAMENTS

Chapter 1 PROGRAMMING

Programme of the competitions

o.32

The Organizing Committee must submit the **programme of events** to the IWF Executive Committee for its approval.

Timetable

o.33

- 1** The **programme must be displayed, communicated and respected and must take into account the time needed for the fencers to rest between bouts**. It should be arranged in such a way that no fencer is obliged to participate in events continuously for **more than 12 hours in 24**. In any case, no pool, bout or match may begin after midnight, or at any time when it can be foreseen with certainty that it will end after midnight.
- 2** Whatever programme is adopted, **the final** shall start at a time which, having regard to local routines, will ensure that the results can be communicated to the media in sufficient time to allow them to be published.
- 3** After the official entry deadline, the Organizing Committee must discuss the detailed timetable together with the appointed Technical Delegate for this tournament.
- 4** At least 2 weeks before the start of the tournament, there has to be an online meeting between the Organizing Committee, the TD and the IWAS Office to discuss details and open issues (e.g. detailed daily schedules, referees, layout, helping staff, etc.).

o.34

In their timetable the Organizing committee must allow sufficient time for it to be possible to carry out **the checking of the fencers' equipment**, i.e. a minimum of one day per weapon.

o.35

The first round of all the individual and team competitions, including the World Championships and Paralympic Games, must be displayed by 6 p.m. local time in the town hosting the competition, at the latest the day before the competition. (t.175).

If the head of delegation meeting takes place on the evening before the first competition day, the first rounds for the first competition day will be published directly after this meeting.

SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.36

- 1** The programme of the **Senior World Championships** comprises 22 competitions, 16 individual and 6 team:
Individual:
men foil (Cat. A, B, C), women foil (Cat. A, B, C), men épée (Cat. A, B, C), women épée (Cat. A, B, C), men sabre (Cat. A, B) and women sabre (Cat. A, B).
Team:
men foil, women foil, men épée, women épée, men sabre and women sabre.
- 2** The formulae of the competitions are specified in the administrative rules and in the following articles: o.100, o.101 and o.102 (o.102.1 first sentence and o.102.2).
The team matches proceed according to the team-relay formula, as provided for in Article o.99 of these Rules. The teams are made up of three fencers, with or without a substitute.
- 3** For Senior Individual World Championships, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to four fencers. For Senior Team World Championships, at each weapon, each federation may enter one team.

U17 AND U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.37

- 1** The programme of the **U17 and U23 World Championships** comprises 12 individual competitions (6 U17 and 6 U23):

Individual:

men foil, women foil, men épée, women épée, men sabre and women sabre (open events, not fenced in categories according to the classification).

Team:

Team competitions are optional (e.g., teams by zone).

- 2 The formulae of the competitions are specified in the administrative rules and in the following articles: o.100, o.101 and o.102 (o.102.1 first sentence and o.102.2).
- 3 There is no limitation for federations for the number of entries at the U17 and U23 Individual Championships.

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WORLD CUPS**o.41**

- 1 The program of the **Senior World Cups** comprises a minimum of 14 competitions, 12 individual and 2 team:

Individual:

men foil (Cat. A, B), women foil (Cat. A, B), men épée (Cat. A, B), women épée (Cat. A, B), men sabre (Cat. A, B) and women sabre (Cat. A, B)

Team (on the last competition day):

2 team events – one for men and one for women – out of men foil, women foil, men épée, women épée, men sabre and women sabre.

The team events are selected by the IWF sport commission and approved by the IWF Executive Committee for the whole season.

- 2 Category C individual events are optional as well as additional 1 mixed team event in a different weapon to the 2 other team events (4 fencers per team: 1 man Cat. A, 1 man Cat. B, 1 woman Cat. A, 1 woman Cat. B).
- 3 The program of the **U17 and U23 World Cups** comprises each of 6 individual competitions:
Individual:
men's foil, women's foil, men's epee, women's epee, men's sabre and women's sabre.
(open events, not fenced in categories according to the classification).
Team:
Team competitions are optional (e.g., teams by zone).
- 4 The formulae of the competitions are specified in the administrative rules and in the following articles: o.100, o.101 and o.102 (o.102.1 first sentence and o.102.2).
The team matches proceed according to the team-relay formula, as provided for in Article o.99 of these Rules. The teams are made up of three fencers, with or without a substitute.
- 5 There is no limitation for the federations for entries at the U17, U23 and Senior individual World Cups.
Team participation at Senior World Cups is open to all countries and limited to one team per weapon per country.

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**o.42**

- 1 The programme of the **Senior Zonal Championships** comprises 22 competitions, 16 individual and 6 team:

Individual:

men foil (Cat. A, B, C), women foil (Cat. A, B, C), men épée (Cat. A, B, C), women épée (Cat. A, B, C), men sabre (Cat. A, B) and women sabre (Cat. A, B)

Team:

men foil, women foil, men épée, women épée, men sabre and women sabre

- 2 The program of the **U17 and U23 Zonal Championships** comprises each of 6 individual competitions:
Individual:
men's foil, women's foil, men's epee, women's epee, men's sabre and women's sabre
(open events, not fenced in categories according to the classification).

- 3 The formulae of the competitions are specified in the administrative rules and in the following articles: o.100, o.101 and o.102 (o.102.1 first sentence and o.102.2).
- 4 For Senior Individual Zonal Championships, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to six fencers. For Senior Team Zonal Championships, at each weapon, each federation may enter one team (consisting of three fencers with or without a reserve).
There is no limitation for federations for entries at the U17 and U23 Individual Zonal Championships.
- 5 Additional mixed team events in all 3 weapons are optional for the Senior Zonal Championships (4 fencers per team: 1 men Cat. A, 1 men Cat. B, 1 women Cat. A, 1 women Cat. B).

PARALYMPIC GAMES

o.43

The programme of wheelchair fencing events at the **Paralympic Games** currently comprises 16 competitions – 12 individual events (foil, épée and sabre for men and women in Cat. A and Cat. B) and 4 team events.

The teams are made up of 3 fencers, with or without a substitute.

The matches proceed according to the team-relay formula, as provided for in Article o.99 of these Rules.

Any change in the number of individual and team competitions and in the weapons for the selected teams must be approved by the Executive Committee of the IWF.

REGIONAL GAMES

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- 1 The **Regional Games** recognised by the IWF are the same as those recognised by the International Paralympic Committee, when wheelchair fencing is on the programme (e.g. the Asian Para Games, the Parapan-American Games, etc.) as well as the Commonwealth Games.
- 2 The Rules of the IWF are obligatory in cases which are not provided for by the Rules for Regional Games adopted by the International Paralympic Committee.

SATELLITE TOURNAMENTS

o.45

Satellite Tournaments may be organized at any of the 6 weapons in Cat. A and Cat. B. They must include minimum 2 women and 2 men individual events.

Cat. C competitions and Team competitions (teams by gender or mixed gender teams) are optional.

Chapter 2

INVITATIONS

Official Invitation

o.46

For all the official competitions of the IWF except the Paralympic Games, the **official invitation** is the letter in which the Organising Committee invites every IWF member federation to take part in the event.

Official invitations have to be published on the IWF website (official online entry system).

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For **Senior World Championships**, this invitation must be published to every IWF member federation 4 months before the competition on the IWF website and official online entry system.

For **World Cups, Satellite Tournaments, Zonal Championships and U17/U23 World Championships** it has to be published at least 3 months before the competition on the IWF website and official online entry system.

If an organizing federation fails to comply with the above-mentioned deadline (sending requested information and required documents to the IWF), it will be sanctioned with a fine to be paid to the IWF (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”).

Invitations for international officials

Senior World Championships

o.48

- 1 Any proposed **candidature for organising the Senior World Championships** must be studied at the venue concerned by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
- 2 The organising committee, who will receive all the accreditation fees from the participating delegations, must, **at their own expense, invite** the following international officials:
Officials a)-f) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation, local transportation and per diem
Officials g)-i) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and local transportation
 - a) **6 members of the Directoire Technique** of whom one must belong to the organising country and one is Head of Protocol (cf. o.16), composed by:
 - **TD**
 - **Referee Commission principal delegate**
 - **SEMI Commission principal delegate**
 - **2 DT members**
 - **1 member from the organizing federation**
 - b) **1 additional member of the SEMI Commission**
 - c) **1 additional member of the Refereeing Commission**
 - d) **2 members of the Classification Commission**
 - e) **1 member of the Medical Commission**
 - f) The **referees** designated by the Executive Committee at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission
 - g) The **Chairperson or Secretary General or a representative of the IWF**
 - h) The **President or the CEO or a representative of the IWAS**
 - i) **1 staff member of the IWAS**

U17 and U23 World Championships, Senior Zonal Championships (out of Europe) and Senior, U17 and U23 World Cups

o.49

- 1 Any proposed **candidature for organising the U17 and U23 Zonal or World Championships, Senior Zonal Championships (out of Europe) or Senior, U17 and U23 World Cups** must be studied at a new or unknown venue by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
- 2 The organising committee, who will receive all the accreditation fees from the participating delegations, must, **at their own expense, invite** the following international officials:
Officials a)-e) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation, local transportation and per diem
Officials f)-h) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and local transportation
 - a) **3 members of the Directoire Technique** of whom one must belong to the organising country and one is Head of Protocol (cf. o.16), composed by:
 - **TD**
 - **Referee Commission delegate**
 - **1 member from the organizing federation or SEMI Commission delegate**
 - b) **1 member of the SEMI Commission**
 - c) **2 members of the Classification Commission**
 - d) **1 member of the Medical Commission**, only for Zonal Championships – **optional**
 - e) The **2 referees** designated by the Executive Committee at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission
 - f) The **Chairperson or Secretary General or a representative of the IWF**
 - g) The **President or the CEO or a representative of the IWAS**
 - h) **1 staff member of the IWAS**

Zonal Championships (in Europe)

o.50

- 1 Any proposed **candidature for organising a Senior Zonal Championship** must be studied at a new or unknown venue by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
- 2 The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the accreditation fees from the participating delegations, must, **at their own expense, invite** the following international officials:
Officials a)-f) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation, local transportation and per diem

Officials g)-i) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and local transportation

- a) **6 members of the Directoire Technique**, of whom one must belong to the organising country and one is Head of Protocol (cf. o.16), composed by:
 - TD
 - Referee Commission principal delegate
 - SEMI Commission principal delegate
 - 2 DT members
 - 1 member from the organizing federation
- b) **1 additional member of the SEMI Commission**
- c) **1 additional member of the Refereeing Commission**
- d) **2 members of the Classification Commission**
- e) **1 member of the Medical Commission – optional**
- f) **The 2 referees** designated by the Executive Committee at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission
- g) **The Chairperson or Secretary General or a representative of the IWF**
- h) **The President or the CEO or a representative of the IWAS**
- i) **1 staff member of the IWAS**

Satellite Tournaments

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- 1 If demanded by the IWF, the **candidature for organising Satellite Tournaments** must be studied at a new or unknown venue by an ad hoc delegation designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.
- 2 The organising committee of the Satellite Tournaments, who will receive all the accreditation fees from the participating delegations, must, **at their own expense, invite** the following international officials):

Officials a)-c) - tourist-class return air fare, accommodation, local transportation and per diem

 - a) **3 members of the Directoire Technique**, of whom 2 must belong to the organising country (cf. o.16), composed by:
 - 1 member of the Refereeing Commission
 - 2 members from the organizing federation
 - b) **2 members of the Classification Commission**
 - c) **The 2 referees** designated by the Executive Committee at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission in accordance with the Handbook of Regulations.

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Paralympic Games

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The rules for the invitation to and participation in the Paralympic Games are established by the IPC.

Regional Games

Technical officials and referees

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The Paralympic Rules for Regional Games stipulate that **the control of all the technical organisation of the Games**, including appointing referees and officials, must be entrusted to the international federations. The Organising Committee must pay the expenses (tourist-class air fare, hotel and board, local transportation and per diem) for the following officials:

- 1 **Technical Delegate** is appointed by the IPC (Paralympic Games), the Regional Paralympic Committee or the Executive Committee of the IWF (Regional Games).
- 2 **Directoire Technique:**

If the **Directoire Technique has 3 members**, it is composed of:

 - President of the DT, appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF
 - 1 DT member, appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF
 - 1 Member of the organizing federation

If the **Directoire Technique has 6 members**, it is composed of:

 - President of the DT, appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF
 - 4 DT members, appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF
 - 1 Member of the organizing federation

- 3 **Checking of Equipment: 1 or 2 representatives of the SEMI Commission**, depending on the importance of the fencing events at the Games. These representatives are appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF.
- 4 **Refereeing delegate: 1 or 2 representatives of the Refereeing Commission**, depending on the importance of the fencing events at the Games. These representatives are appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF.
- 5 **Neutral referees: At least 2 international referees** from countries outside the region of the Games, appointed by the Executive Committee of the IWF at the proposal of the Refereeing Commission.

Chapter 3

ENTRIES

Senior, U17 and U23 World Championships and Zonal championships

Intention to participate in the Senior World and Zonal Championships

o.55

The **forms and additional information** are published at the same time as the official invitation on IWF website and the official entry system. The federations must indicate their intention to participate **three months** before the beginning of the Championships.

Entries for Senior, U17 and U23 World and Zonal Championships

o.56

- 1 **Three months** before the start of the World and Zonal Championships, the federations will receive an **entry form** from the Organizing Committee, on which they are required to specify the **number** of fencers and teams participating in each event of the competition's programme, latest **two months** before the start of the first event.
- 2 The entry of fencers and teams by name is to be made via the IWF website (official online entry system). This entry of the names of the fencers and all possible substitutes, and the entry of teams, must be made:
 - **30 days** (by midnight, BST time) before the first event of the World or Zonal Championships at the latest.
- 3 **Withdrawal of a fencer**
After the closing dead-line for entries, there can be no further withdrawal of a name except in any case of force majeure duly justified.
 Should a fencer or team who have been entered **withdraw before the seeding or not present themselves to fence**, their federation will be penalised by a **fine** (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”), payable to the IWF, **except in cases of properly authenticated ‘force majeure’**.
- 4 **Addition of fencer(s) after the cut-off date**
 - a) However, until the 3 days before the competition (12 noon, local time in the town hosting the competition), one or more fencers and/ or a team may be added by their national federation after payment to the IWF of a penalty (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”) for each additional entry.
 - b) After this, until the head of delegation meeting on the day preceding the first competition (before calculation of pools), one or more fencers and/or a team may be added by national federations after payment to the IWF of a higher penalty (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”) for each additional entry.
 - c) To do this, the national federation must send to the IWF (by fax or e-mail) a written request for the additional fencer(s) and/or team and a written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days (will be invoiced through IWF directly after the tournament).
- 5 **Changes of names**, only with the agreement of the IWF, can only be made at the latest up to 24 hours before the start of each event.

World Championships

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At the **Senior World Championships**, entries are limited to four fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events and one team per weapon per nation for the team events.

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For the U17 and U23 World Championships, there is no limitation for the entries of fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events.

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The Senior, U17 and U23 World Championships are open to all IWAS member federations.

Zonal Championships

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For senior Individual Zonal Championship competitions, at each weapon, the federations may enter up to six fencers.

For senior Team Zonal Championship competitions, at each weapon, the federations may enter one team (consisting of three fencers with or without a reserve).

For the U17 and U23 individual Zonal Championships, there is no limitation for the entries of fencers per weapon per nation.

Senior, U17 and U23 World Cups and Satellite Tournaments.

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1 The entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the IWF website (official online entry system) 20 days before the tournament at the latest (by midnight, BST time).

For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organisers and IWF, up to the day before the competition, at the latest at the end of the quarter finals of the individual competition. However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or illness duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team.

After the closing dead-line for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for reasons of injury or force majeure: the national federation must inform the IWF and the organisers. Should a fencer or team who have been entered **withdraw** before the seeding, their federation will be penalised by a **fine** (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”), payable to the IWF, **except in cases of properly authenticated ‘force majeure’**.

3 Substitution of a fencer

Until the Tuesday preceding the tournament (midnight, GMT time), a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send to the IWF, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

4 Addition of a fencer or a team after the dead-line

a) However, until the 3 days before the first competition (12 noon, local time in the town hosting the competition), one or more fencers and/ or a team may be added by their national federation after payment to the IWF of a penalty (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”) for each additional entry.

b) After this, until the head of delegation meeting on the day preceding the competition (before calculation of pools), one or more fencers and/or a team may be added by national federations after payment to the IWF of a higher penalty (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”) for each additional entry.

c) To do this, the national federation must send to the IWF or Technical Delegate of this competition (by fax or e-mail) a written request for the additional fencer(s) and/or team and a written commitment to pay the penalty within 15 days (will be invoiced through IWF directly after the tournament).

d) Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”), payable to the IWF, **except in cases of properly authenticated ‘force majeure’**.

e) The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a fine payable to the IWF (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”), refuse the entry of any fencers not appearing on lists conforming with the above, any entry not requested by a federation and any entry of either fencer or referee not in possession of an IWF licence valid for the current season.

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For **Individual World Cup and Satellite Tournaments**, Senior, U17 and U23, at each weapon, there is no limitation for the entries of fencers per weapon per nation.

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Paralympic Games

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Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' National Paralympic Committee.

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PART C: PROCEDURES DURING THE COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1 FORMULAE

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

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Individual competitions may be organised:

- a) **By direct elimination with a mixed system** consisting of one round of pools (with or without elimination, cf. o.72), followed by a direct elimination (without repechage) table (cf. figure 7a).
- b) **By direct elimination (with repechage) throughout** for Paralympic Games and World Championships (cf. figure 7c).

A. GENERAL RULES FOR THE ROUND OF POOLS

o.67

- 1 If the number of fencers is **less than 10**, there will be only 1 pool.
- 2 In all other cases these pools consist of **7** fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. Otherwise, the pools are of 7 and 6.
In no case may the pools be of fewer than 5 fencers.
If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the organisers must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers in the same round of pools, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

Composition of pools

o.68

- 1 **The pools are composed** taking account of the latest official IWF World Ranking and by drawing lots among any fencers who are not in the ranking. The pools are composed using the following method:

Pool	A	B	C
Fencer ranked	1	2	3
	6	5	4
	7	8	9
	12	11	10
	13	14	15
	18	17	16
	19	20	21

- 2 **The allocation of fencers in the pools** must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality in different pools, as far as possible. If fencers are placed in a pool where there is already a fencer of the same nationality, they are moved one or more places **down** the ranking until they are placed in a pool without a fencer of the same nationality. If this is not possible, they must remain in the original pool.
- 3 **The order of fencers** on the pool sheet is decided by drawing lots.
- 4 The pools must be fenced **up to the last bout**.

o.69

The order of bouts in the pools is as follows:

Pools on 1 piste

Pool of 3 fencers	Pool of 4 fencers	Pool of 5 fencers
1-2	1-2	↓ 1-2 ↓ 3-5
3-2	3-2	3-2 2-5
3-1	3-4	3-4 2-4
	1-4	5-4 1-4
	1-3	5-1
	2-4	3-1

Pool of 6 fencers	Pool of 7 fencers
↓ 1-2 ↓ 5-2	↓ 1-2 ↓ 3-5 ↓ 3-6
3-2 4-2	3-2 2-5 2-6
3-4 4-6	3-4 2-4 2-7
5-4 5-1	5-4 6-4 4-7
5-6 1-4	5-6 6-1 4-1
1-6 2-6	7-6 5-1
1-3 3-6	7-1 5-7
5-3	3-1 3-7

Pool of 8 fencers (only if less than 10 fencers participating)	Pool of 9 fencers (only if less than 10 fencers participating)
↓ 7-4 ↓ 5-1 ↓ 5-7	↓ 2-3 ↓ 2-4 ↓ 5-3
2-4 4-1 3-7	4-3 5-4 6-3
2-1 4-6 4-8	4-1 5-6 6-9
3-1 8-6 6-2	5-1 8-6 4-9
3-4 8-1	5-2 8-3 4-7
5-4 7-1	6-2 7-3 1-7
5-6 7-2	6-7 7-9 1-8
7-6 5-2	8-7 1-9 2-8
7-8 5-8	8-9 1-6 2-9
2-8 3-8	3-9 4-6 5-9
2-3 3-6	3-1 4-8 5-7
5-3 1-6	2-1 5-8 2-7

2 Pools on 2 pistes

Pool of 4 fencers		Pool of 5 fencers		Pool of 6 fencers	
P1	P2	P1	P2	P1	P2
1-2	3-4	1-2	4-5	1-2	3-4
4-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	5-2	3-6
4-1	3-2	3-4	5-1	5-1	4-6
		2-4	5-3	3-1	4-2
		2-5	1-3	3-5	6-2
				4-5	6-1
				4-1	<i>break</i>
				2-3	6-5

Pool of 7 fencers		Pool of 8 fencers		Pool of 9 fencers	
P1	P2	P1	P2	P1	P2
1-2	4-5	1-2	5-6	5-1	3-9
3-2	4-6	3-2	7-6	6-1	4-9
3-7	1-6	3-4	7-8	6-2	4-8
2-7	1-5	1-4	5-8	7-2	3-8
2-4	6-5	1-3	5-7	7-1	3-4
3-4	6-7	6-3	2-7	2-1	6-4
3-1	5-7	6-1	2-8	2-5	6-8
4-1	5-2	5-1	4-8	7-5	1-8
4-7	6-2	5-2	4-7	7-9	1-3
1-7	6-3	6-2	3-7	2-9	5-3
	5-3	6-4	3-8	2-4	5-6
		5-4	1-8	7-4	9-6
		5-3	1-7	7-8	9-1
		2-4	6-8	2-8	4-1
				2-3	4-5
				6-3	8-5
				6-7	8-9
				3-7	5-9

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When there are several fencers from the same country in a pool

- 1 If they **do not form the majority** of the competitors in the pool, they must fence off the bouts between themselves before meeting competitors of another nationality.
- 2 The Directoire Technique may establish a special order of bouts in order to obviate excessive fatigue or delays for the competitors.

o.71

- 1 If a bout in a pool is **interrupted by an accidental cause**, and this interruption is likely to be prolonged, the Referee may (with the consent of the Directoire Technique, or possibly the Organising Committee) alter the order of bouts in such a way as to allow the normal progress of the competition to proceed.
- 2 **The time allowed for a fencer to rest** between two consecutive bouts in a pool is 3 minutes.

o.72

Before the competition starts, the Directoire Technique will decide on and announce the **number of fencers who will be eliminated based on the ranking established by the pools.**

- At **senior World and Zonal Championships**, this number may not be lower than 20% nor higher than 30% of the total number of participants in the pools and will be chosen in a way to form at least a complete tableau of 16 fencers. If the number of participants in an event is equal to or less than 16 fencers, no fencer will be eliminated in the qualification round of pools.
- At **World Cups**, the elimination rate must not exceed 20% and will be chosen in a way to form at least a complete tableau of 16 fencers. If the number of participants in an event is equal to or less than 16 fencers, no fencer will be eliminated in the qualification round of pools.
- At **Satellite Tournaments** and **all U17 and U23** as well as at **Cat. C competitions**, no fencer is eliminated after the pools, all are entered into the direct elimination.

o.73

- 1 After the pools, a **single general ranking** is established of all the fencers who have taken part in the pools, taking account, successively, of the indices *V/M*, *HS – HR*, *HS*. (*V* = victories; *M* = bouts; *HS* = hits scored; *HR* = hits received.)
- 2 A **summary classification table** is then made in the following way:

- a) The results written up on the summary table are added up to ascertain the **two indices** required.
- b) The **first index**, for the initial classification, is obtained by dividing the number of victories by the number of bouts fought, using the formula V/M .
- c) The fencer with the **highest index** (maximum 1) is seeded first.
- d) In cases of **equality in this first index**, and to separate fencers with equal first indices, a second index is established, using the formula $HS - HR$, the difference between the total number of hits scored and hits received.
- e) **In cases of equality of the two indices V/M and $HS - HR$** , the fencer who has scored most hits is seeded highest.
- f) In cases of **absolute equality** between two or more fencers, their seeding order is decided by drawing lots.

- 3 Should there be **absolute equality among the last to qualify** there is no barrage, and the fencers with equal indicators are all qualified, even if they are in excess of the number decided on.

Withdrawal

o.74

- 1 A fencer who **is not present at the start of the pool** is scratched from the pool and is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "**Did Not Start**".
- 2 A fencer who **abandons** in the course of a pool is scratched from the pool and is recorded in the list of results with the information "**Did Not Finish**".
3. A fencer who **is excluded during the pool phase** is scratched from the pool, and the results are annulled as if not taking part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "**Excluded**".

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B. GENERAL RULES FOR THE DIRECT ELIMINATION

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The **direct elimination table (bout plan)** is established taking account of the classification table and the special rules for each competition (cf. Figure 7a). The principle of protection of nationality will not be applied.

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The Organizing committee of a competition must **publish the direct elimination bout plan**, showing on it the scheduled time for each bout from the table of 64 onwards.

o.78

- 1 During the 1-minute rests a person, named before the bout, may have access to the fencer.
- 2 A clock, incorporated into the electrical scoring apparatus, blocks the latter at the end of each period.

Withdrawal

o.79

- 1 From the beginning of the direct elimination tableau, if for whatever reason, a fencer does not fence, or **is unable to fence, or does not complete the bout**, the opponent is declared winner of that bout. A fencer who withdraws does not lose the place in the overall classification of the competition and is recorded in the result list with the information "**Did Not Finish**".
- 2 A fencer who **is excluded** is scratched from the direct elimination table and the results are annulled as if not taking part. The fencer is recorded without a classification at the end of the final classification list with the information "**Excluded**". Cf. t.124.3.b, t.170.

Order of bouts

o.80

- 1 In each round of the direct elimination table (128, 64, 32, 16, 8 or 4), the bouts are always called **in the order of the bout plan**, starting at the top and ending at the bottom.
- 2 This rule must also be applied for **each quarter or eighth of the table**, when the direct elimination is taking place simultaneously on 4 or 8 pistes.

- 3 A fencer must always be allowed a **rest period of 10 minutes** between two consecutive bouts.

The final

o.81

- 1 The final, which is by direct elimination, will preferably consist of 4 fencers.
- 2 For Paralympic Games and World Championships, the finals of both women's and men's events at the same weapon should preferably be held on the same day.

Final Competition Ranking

o.82

- 1 The **general ranking** is obtained as follows:
First: the winner of the bout for the first place
Second: the loser of the bout for the first place
- 2 The 2 fencers who lose the semi-final matches are placed equal third, when it is not necessary to separate them.
- 3 When it is necessary to separate them, a bout for third and fourth places will be fought between the two losers of the semi-final matches.
- 4 The remainder are placed, in each round of the tableau:
a) Competitions with a round of pools: according to the ranking for the drawing of the direct elimination tableau following the pools.
b) Competitions with no round of pools: according to the ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.
- 5 **The fencers eliminated in the round of pools** are ranked according to their classification in this round and they are placed after those who qualified for the direct elimination.

C. MIXED FORMULA A.

U17, U23 WORLD CUPS, U17, U23 ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U17, U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mixed formula A

o.83

- 1 **The preliminary phase** consists of one round of pools, without elimination (cf. o.72).
- 2 All fencers from the pools will make up a **integral direct elimination table** (cf. figure 7a). This will be based on the indices of the fencers in all the pools (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots).
- 3 This formula is used for all **individual U17 and U23 competitions**.
- 4 Apart from the details that follow, the general rules for **pools and direct elimination** prescribed above apply.

o.84

- 1 The competition consists of **2 phases**, a preliminary phase and a main phase, which are run on the same day.
- 2 The day before the competition, the organizers must publish and send to the IWF the pools and relevant schedules, at the latest by 6:00 pm (local time in the town hosting the competition) or directly after the head of delegation meeting if this takes place on the day before the competition. No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf. o.67.1)
- 3 **Should a fencer who has been entered not turn up, a fine** (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”), payable to the IWF, is inflicted on the Federation of the fencer at fault except in a case of force majeure which is duly justified.

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There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will be placed **equal third**.

D. MIXED FORMULA B. SENIOR WORLD CUPS AND SENIOR ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mixed formula B

o.86

- 1 One qualifying round of pools, followed by a direct elimination table (with exemptions).
- 2 This formula is used for the **individual competitions at Senior World Cups and Senior Zonal Championships**.
- 3 Apart from the details that follow, the general rules for **pools and direct elimination** prescribed above apply.

o.87

The following number of fencers entered who are ranked highest in the most recent official IWF World Ranking List are exempt from the preliminary phase:

Less than 16 fencers entered	- no exemptions
16-21 fencers entered	- 4 exemptions
22-27 fencers entered	- 6 exemptions
28-33 fencers entered	- 8 exemptions
34-39 fencers entered	- 10 exemptions
40-45 fencers entered	- 12 exemptions
46-51 fencers entered	- 14 exemptions
52+ fencers entered	- 16 exemptions

o.88

- 1 The competition consists of **2 phases**, a preliminary phase and a main phase, which are run on the same day.
- 2 **The preliminary phase** consists of one round of pools, with elimination based on the indices of all competing in them (cf. o.72).
- 3 Together with the exempted fencers, the fencers qualifying from the pools will make up an **integral direct elimination table**.
- 4 **The seeded fencers exempted from the preliminary phase** occupy the first places in this table, in the order of their position in the official IWF World Ranking List.
- 5 **Should one or more of the exempted fencers** who had been entered **not present themselves** to fence, their positions in the table will remain empty and their federations will be required to pay to the IWF a fine (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet“) unless their absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside their control.
- 6 **The fencers who have the highest indices after the round of pools** will take the places behind the exempt fencers, classified in the order of their indices (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots).

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- 1 The day before the competition, the organizers must publish and send to the IWF the pools and relevant schedules, as well as the list of exempt fencers (for Senior World Cups and Senior Zonal Championships only), **at the latest by 6:00 pm** (local time in the town hosting the competition) or directly after the head of delegation meeting if this takes place on the day before the competition. No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf. o.67.1).
- 2 **Should a fencer who has been entered not turn up, a fine** (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet“), payable to the IWF, is inflicted on the Federation of the fencer at fault except in a case of force majeure which is duly justified.

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There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will be placed **equal third**.

E. MIXED FORMULA C. SATELLITE TOURNAMENTS

Mixed Formula C

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- 1 The competition consists of **1 round of pools**, in which **all the fencers present take part**, and an integral direct elimination table, complete or incomplete, according to the **indices resulting from the pools**. This table is fenced right through to the final.
- 2 This formula is used for the individual competitions at Senior World Cups and Senior **Zonal Championships**.
- 3 **Apart from the details that follow**, the general rules for pools and direct elimination described above apply.

o.92

- 1 The competition consists of **2 phases**, a preliminary phase and a main phase, which are run on the same day.
- 2 The day before the competition, the organizers must publish and send to the IWF the pools and relevant schedules, at the latest by 6:00 pm (local time in the town hosting the competition) or directly after the head of delegation meeting if this takes place on the day before the competition. No addition may be made to pools already published unless they come from pools starting at the same time (cf. o.67.1).
- 4 **Should a fencer who has been entered not turn up, a fine** (cf. Appendix „IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Charges and Costs Sheet”), payable to the IWF, is inflicted on the Federation of the fencer at fault except in a case of force majeure which is duly justified.

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There will be no bout for the third place. The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will be placed **equal third**.

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F. FORMULA D. PARALYMPIC GAMES AND SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Formula D

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The organisation formulae for the Paralympic Games are established by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the IPC. (cf. administrative rules).

- 1 The competition consists of integral **direct elimination table with repechage from the table of 16** (cf. figure 7c).
- 2 The composition of table will considerate the current IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Ranking in the respective weapon with drawing the positions in pars to give the competition ranking. The drawing will be made 1 or 2 days before the start of the respective event in the head of delegation or team leaders meeting.
- 3 The table of repechage is composed by the loser of the table of 16, 8 and semi-final.
- 4 If fencers lose more than one bout in the table of 16 or in the repechage table they will be eliminated.
- 5 The table of repechage will continue until the bout for the third place.
- 6 The **general ranking** is obtained as follows:
First: the winner of the bout for the first place
Second: the loser of the bout for the first place
- 7 The two fencers who lose the semi-final matches will fence for the third place at the Paralympic Games:

Third: the winner of the bout for the third place
Fourth: the loser of the bout for the third place

- 8 The two fencers who lose the semi-final at Senior World Championships matches are placed equal third, when it is not necessary to separate them.
- 9 The losers of the fourth repechage table are placed 5-6, according to their ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.
- 10 The losers of the third repechage table are placed 7-8, according to their ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.
- 11 The losers of the second repechage table are placed 9-12, according to their ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.
- 12 The losers of the first repechage table are placed 13-16, according to their ranking preceding the drawing of the initial tableau and before any drawing of lots if that is required.

Regional Games

o.96

The organization formulae for the Regional Games are established by the Executive Committee of the IWF, with the approval of the IPC. (cf. Administrative rules).

TEAM COMPETITIONS

A. SENIOR WORLD CUPS

FORMULA BY GENDER

o.97

At each weapon teams consist of **3 fencers**, with or without a reserve.

Each team must have at least 1 fencer of Cat. B or Cat. C in the starting team. In case of substitution during a bout there must remain a Cat. B or Cat. C fencer in the fencing team.

A team may begin a match only **if it is complete**.

o.98

- 1 The competition is run by **integral direct elimination** with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete (cf. figure 7b).
- 2 At all team competitions, the teams occupy the places in the table according to the **most recent official team ranking of the IWF**. The teams that are not classified occupy the last places in the table and will be separated by drawing of lots.
- 3 **All places in the table up to 16th place** are fought for. From 17th place onwards teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.

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The **formula** for the competition is as follows.

- 1 The **relay formula** applies to all weapons.
- 2 The three fencers of one team fence the three fencers of the opposing team (**9 relay bouts**).
- 3 The bouts of each match have to be fought in the following **order**:

3-6; 1-5; 2-4; 1-6; 3-4; 2-5; 1-4; 2-6; 3-5

If this order is **altered**, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored following the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order.

4 **The position of each team on the match score-sheet** is decided by drawing lots. **The order of the individual fencers** is then decided by the team captains.

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a) In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to **substitute** for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. However, the fencer who has been replaced may fence one more time during that match, but only to replace the fencer who originally substituted the fencer. This second replacement is not allowed if the first replacement has been made for the reasons listed in article o.99.6. No further substitution for a fencer on the piste is allowed, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. **The announcement** that a fencer is to be substituted must be made at the latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced and must be reported by the Referee to the opposing team captain. At World Championships and Paralympic Games, the referee must also report this immediately to the Directoire Technique.

After substitution there has to be still at least 1 Cat. B or 1 Cat. C fencer among the 3 fencers on the piste.

b) If an **accident** occurs in the bout which follows the request for a substitution, the team captain may annul that request.

c) If the captain of the opposing team has also requested a substitution, this substitution may be **implemented or cancelled**.

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a) If a member of a team is **obliged to retire** during a match as the result of **an accident** which has been **duly recognised** by a medical representative of the IWF or the official doctor on duty in the venue, the captain of the team may ask to put in a reserve to continue the match at the point where the competitor who was obliged to retire withdrew, even during a bout in progress.

b) However, **a competitor who is thus replaced** cannot again take the place in their team **during the same match**.

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a) If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to withdraw, and the team is therefore incomplete, it has lost the match and must withdraw from the competition. The team retains its place in the final ranking.

b) If a fencer is excluded during a team match, the team has lost the match and the team is excluded from the competition without any final ranking. Cf. t.160.

8 When for any reason whatever a team does not complete an event in which it is taking part, the Directoire Technique will apply the rules laid down for a competitor who does not complete an event in an individual competition, **each team being considered in its entirety as being a single competitor**. Cf. t.124.3.b, t.170.

9 When a team **fails to appear** against another team it is considered:

a) as not completing the event in which it is taking part, if it has already fenced against another team (cf. o.79);

b) as not competing at all in the event, if it is its first match

10 The **table will be drawn up** based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest at 6 p.m. on the day before the respective competition.

B. SENIOR TEAM ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Apart from the following aspects, the competition is run in accordance with rules laid down for the team events in the World Cups respectively.

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If a team **does not begin a match** they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any IWF World Team Ranking points, unless this is because of an injury or illness, duly attested by the duty doctor.

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1 The **first four teams** are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the IWF (cf. o.109); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table **by drawing of lots in pairs**.

The **teams that are not classified** will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.

- 2 The **table will be drawn up** based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest at 6 p.m. on the day before the respective competition.

C. PARALYMPIC GAMES AND SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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- 1 The organisation formulae for the Paralympic Games are established by the Executive Committee, with the approval of the IPC.
- 2 Apart from the following aspects, the competition is run in accordance with rules laid down for the team events in the World Cups respectively
- 3 The competition is run by **integral direct elimination** with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete.
- 4 The **first four teams** are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the IWF (cf. o.109); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table by **drawing of lots in pairs**.
The **teams that are not classified** will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.
- 5 The **table will be drawn up** based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the head of delegation or team leaders meeting.
- 6 **All places in the table up to 16th place** are fought for (only World Championships).

Mixed Formula

o.104

- 1 The **relay formula** applies to all weapons.
- 2 A mixed weapon team consists of **4 fencers** without a reserve.
Each team must have 1 man Cat. A, 1 man Cat. B, 1 woman Cat. A and 1 woman Cat. B.
A team may begin a match only **if it is complete**.
- 3 The competition is run by integral direct elimination with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete.
- 4 The **first four teams** are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the IWF (cf. o.109); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table **by drawing of lots in pairs**.
The **teams that are not classified** will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.
The **table will be drawn up** based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest at 6 p.m. on the day before the respective competition.
- 5 **All places in the table up to 16th place** are fought for. From 17th place onwards teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table.
- 6 The **formula** for the competition is as follows.
 - a) Fencers compete only against the fencer from the opposing team with the same gender and category of the **4 relay bouts with maximum 20 points**.
 - b) The order of the relay bouts is decided before the start of each step of the direct elimination.
A lot is drawn to decide if men or women will start in the match.
A second lot is drawn to decide if the Cat. A or the Cat. B fencers of each gender will begin.

(E.g., if the lots were drawn for men and Cat. A to start: The Cat. A man fencer starts the first relay bout and fences up to 5 points, followed by the Cat. B man fencer who fences up to 10 points. After this, the Cat. A woman fencer starts the third relay bout and fences up to 15 points, followed by the Cat. B woman fencer who finishes the match up to 20 points)
- 7 There is no substitute fencer. If a fencer cannot continue the relay bout, the concerned team loses the match.

- 8 If a fencer is forced to withdraw, the team is incomplete and cannot continue. It has lost the match and must withdraw from the competition. The team retains its place in the final ranking.
- 9 If a fencer is excluded during a team match, the team has lost the match and is excluded from the competition without any final ranking. Cf. t.160.

Chapter 2

VIDEO REFEREEING

Video Refereeing

o.105

Video-refereeing using FIE homologated software is compulsory at all 3 weapons at Senior World Cup individual and team competitions, the U17, U23 and Senior World Championships, the Paralympic Games and the Senior Zonal Championships. It is optional for all other competitions.

- 1 For individual competitions of the Senior World Cup and Senior Zonal Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used **from the semi-finals** (preferably starting with the quarter-finals).
- 2 For Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Team Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory for the **match for 3rd place and the final match** (preferably starting with the semi-finals).
- 3 For individual competitions of the Senior World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory and must be used **from the quarter-finals**.
- 4 For Team competitions of the Senior World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory and must be used **from the semi-finals** (preferably starting with the quarter-finals).
- 5 For individual competitions of the U17 and U23 World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used **from the semi-finals** (preferably starting with the quarter-finals).
- 6 For individual and team competitions of the U17 and U23 World Cups, U17 and U23 Zonal Championships and Satellite Tournaments, video-refereeing is **not compulsory**.
- 7 For individual and team competitions at the Paralympic Games, the video-refereeing system is mandatory **in all 3 weapons, individual and team, at all stages of the events**.

Competitions	Individual event VIDEO, from ...	Team event VIDEO, from ...	No. of pistes equipped with VIDEO	Teams and Ranking matches
Senior World Cup	T 4	Medal matches	4	T 1-4
U17/U23 World Cup	Not mandatory	-	Not mandatory	-
Senior World Championships	T 8	T 4	4 or 8	T 1-4
U17/U23 World Championships	T 4	-	2	-
Senior Zonal Championship	T 4	Medal matches	4	T 1-4
U17/U23 Zonal Championship	Not mandatory	-	Not mandatory	-
Satellite Tournament	Not mandatory	-	Not mandatory	-
Paralympic Games	Mandatory for all phases of the Paralympic competitions			

Chapter 3

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping testing

o.106

An **anti-doping test** must be carried out at all official competitions of the IWF in accordance with the regulations in Article o.107 and the Anti-Doping Rules of the IWF. It may begin from the start of the competition and applies to fencers who have finished fencing.

o.107

- 1** Doping is forbidden by the IWF. Any breaking of this rule will incur disciplinary action.
- 2** Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Articles 2.1 to 2.11 of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules.
- 3** The IWF has committed itself to the WADA Anti-Doping Code. The IWF Anti-Doping Rules are based on the WADA 'Models of Best Practice' and adopt in their entirety the 'mandatory clauses' of the above document. The IWF also adopts in full the WADA 'Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods' document.
- 4** The IWF reserves the right to conduct doping control during competitions — that is, at any competition organised under its control — as well as out-of-competition.
- 5** The athletes who participate in IWF competitions undertake to respect the IWF anti-doping Rules, to use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and to agree to submit to any anti-doping control, whether in- or out- of competition;
- 6** All the details concerning the doping controls at official IWF competitions, as well as out-of-competition, are to be found in the articles of the Anti-Doping Rules of the IWF.
- 7** The penalties and consequences of the penalties arising from violations of the anti-doping rules are those laid down in the Anti-Doping-Rules of the IWF.
- 8** Fencers found to have contravened these anti-doping rules will be subject to the procedures provided for in the Anti-Doping Rules. The publication of test results and decisions relating to application of penalties will be announced by the Central Office of the IWF, which alone has the right to bring them to the Notice of all member federations.
- 9** Doping offences committed and penalised in any of the member countries of the IWF will be taken into account and the penalties ('sanctions') will be applied by all member countries of the IWF.
- 10** Modification of the IWF Anti-Doping Rules falls within the competence of the Executive Committee.

PART D: PROCEDURES AFTER THE COMPETITIONS

Chapter 1 RANKING

Official IWF individual ranking

o.108

1 Principles

- a) The official Senior ranking of the IWF takes into account all results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships, Paralympic Games and the Zonal Championships and the best three results of the Satellite Tournaments.
- b) The official U17 and U23 ranking of the IWF takes into account all results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.
- c) For all Senior, U17 and U23 rankings, the ranking is kept permanently up to date. Competitions in the current season replace the same competition from 2 seasons before. Any Competition cancels out latest on its 2nd anniversary of the competition. There is no time factor for IWF competitions, the number of points achieved stay the same for the whole ranking period.
- d) In the event of equal points, the ranking is based on who has gained the most first places, then second places, etc.
If there is a complete tie, the fencers are ranked equal.
- e) After each competition which is taken into account to establish the ranking, this is updated automatically after verification of the results by the IWF.
- f) Except where special rules apply, the official up-to-date IWF ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, exemptions, etc.

2 Scale of points

- a) The ranking is based on the following points system:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	20 points
4th place <i>if fenced</i>	18 points
5th–8th places	14 points
9th–16th places	8 points
17th–32nd places	4 points
33rd–64th places	2 points
65th–96th places	1 point

- b) Points obtained in an **individual Satellite** competition are multiplied by a factor of 0,3
- c) Points obtained in an **individual World Cup** competition are multiplied by a factor of 1.0
- d) Points obtained in a **Zonal Championship** of the IWF are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.
- e) Points obtained in the individual events of the **Senior World Championships and in the U17 and U23 World Championships** are multiplied by a factor of 2.5.
- f) Points obtained in the individual events of the **Paralympic Games** are multiplied by a factor of 3.0. At the **Paralympic Games**, fourth place is awarded 54 points.
- g) Points will be awarded to fencers only in the category they actually competed.

3 Honours

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each **senior** official ranking of the IWF will be announced at the first official IWF tournament of the following season.

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each **U23** official ranking will be announced at the end of the first official IWF U23 tournament of the following season.

The winner (first ranked fencer) of each **U17** official ranking will be announced at the end of the first official IWF U17 tournament of the following season.

Official IWF team ranking

o.109

1 Principle

- a) The official senior team ranking of the IWF takes into account all the team's results in the Senior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Open World Championships or the Paralympic Games and the Zonal Championships.
- b) The official team ranking of the IWF is **updated on a permanent basis**.
Competitions in the current season replaces the same competitions from 2 seasons before.

Any competition cancels out latest on its 2nd anniversary of the competition.

There is no time factor for IWF competitions, the number of points achieved stay the same for the whole ranking period.

- c) Should several teams **have equal points**, the same rules shall apply as for the official IWF individual ranking (cf. o.108)
- d) Except where special rules apply, the updated official team ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, etc.

2 Team scale of points

- a) The ranking will be based on the following scale of points:

1st place	64 points	10th place	24 points
2nd place	52 points	11th place	23 points
3rd place	40 points	12th place	22 points
4th place	36 points	13th place	21 points
5th place	32 points	14th place	20 points
6th place	30 points	15th place	19 points
7th place	28 points	16th place	18 points
8th place	26 points	17th–32nd	8 points
9th place	25 points		

- b) For the World Team Championships, the points indicated above are multiplied by 2.0.
- c) Points obtained in a Zonal Team Championship have a factor of 1.0.

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DIAGRAMS



Figure 7a. Bout plan for individual direct elimination (table for 32 fencers)

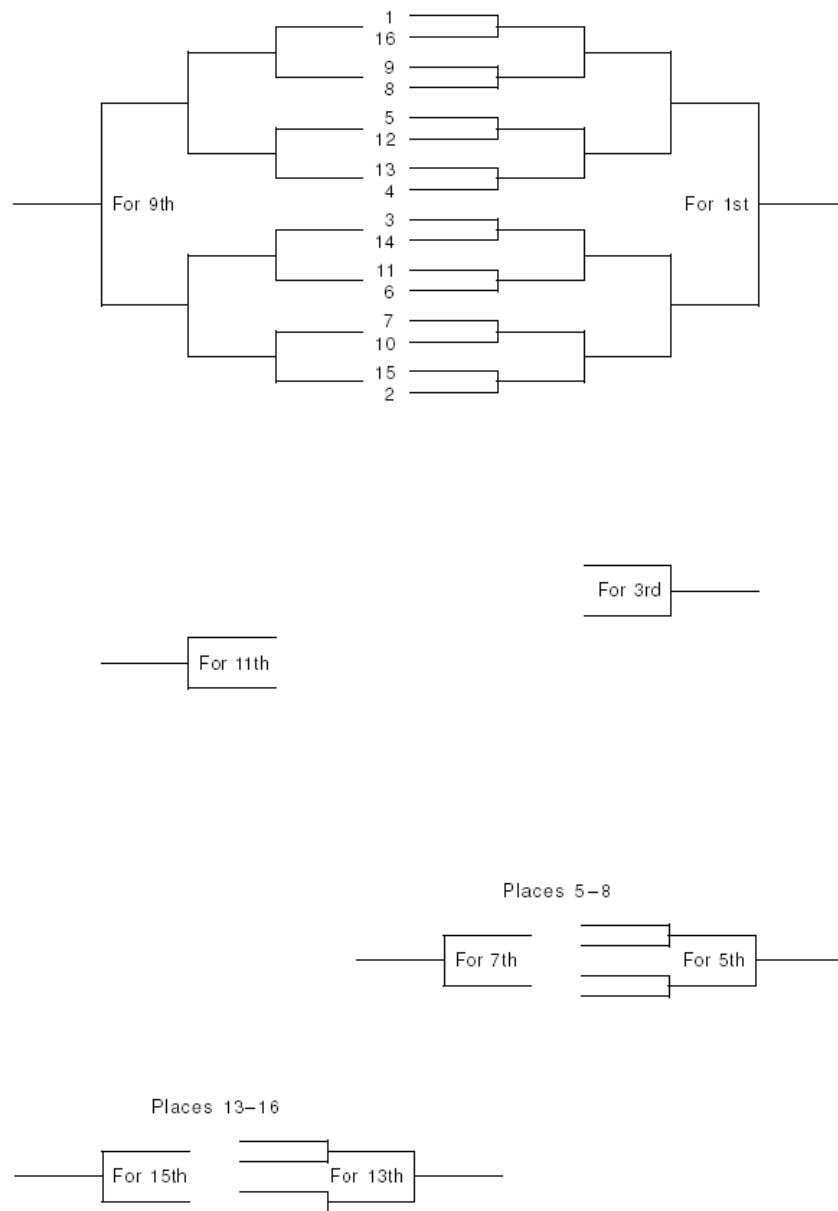


Figure 7b. Bout plan for direct elimination for team competitions (16 teams)

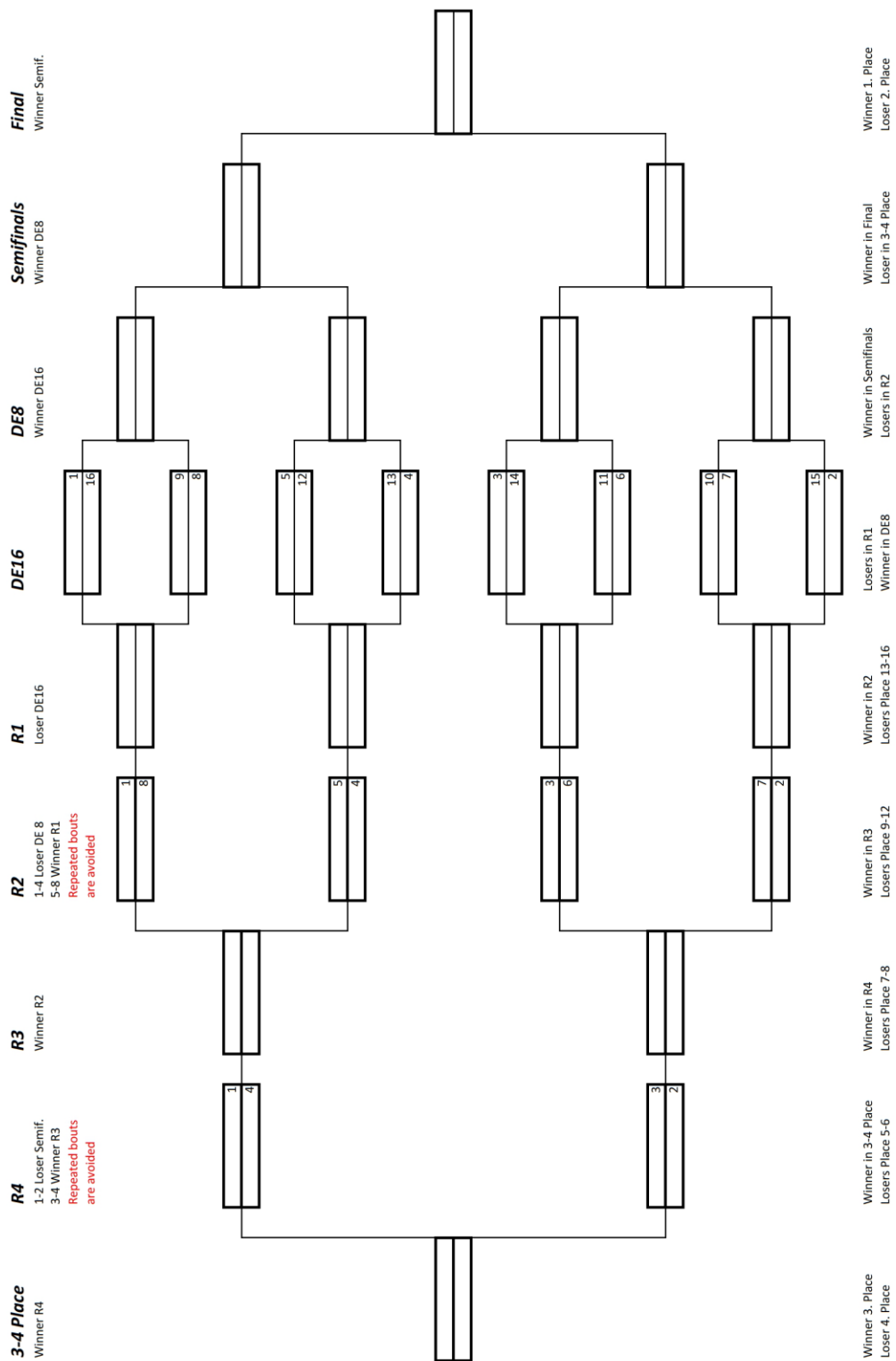


Figure 7c. Bout plan for individual direct elimination with repechage (table for 16 fencers)