



IWF RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

INTRODUCTION

“Nobody may claim ignorance of the Rules”

HISTORICAL NOTE

i.1 INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR FENCING

The official rules for wheelchair fencing were first compiled by Leslie Veal for the I.S.M.G.F. sub committee fencing in the early 1970s of which he was chairman until 1984. These rules are related to the English translation of the F.I.E., published by the IWAS WHEELCHAIR FENCING.

The rules were modified and updated:

- In 1988 by Theo van Leeuwen, Chairman 1984/1992, Brian Dickinson and Vittorio Loi.
- In 2001 by Alberto Martínez Vassallo, Chairman 1993/2013, Brian Dickinson and Vittorio Loi.
- In 2006 by Alberto Martínez Vassallo, Chairman 1993/2013, Vittorio Loi and Brian Dickinson
- In 2008 by Alberto Martinez Vassallo, Chairman 1993/2013, Uwe Bartmann and Vittorio Loi
- In 2009 by Alberto Martinez Vassallo, Chairman 1993/2013, Uwe Bartmann
- In 2011 by Alberto Martinez Vassallo, Chairman 1993/2013, Udo Ziegler
- In 2014 by Nelson Tai, IWF Rules Commission

The IWFC make amendments to the rules from time to time. These changes are published on IWAS website.

TRANSCRIBED FROM THE FIE RULES

FOIL

- i.2. 1.** The Rules for Foil were adopted on 12 June 1914 by the Committee for Foil of the FIE at a meeting in Paris under the presidency of General G. Ettore, representing the Italian Fencing Federation, who edited the proposed rules.
- 2.** They were basically the same as those drawn up by Monsieur Camille Prévost, President of the Académie d'Armes and President of the Technical Committee for Foil of the French National Federation. They also conformed to the rules drawn up by the Marquis de Chasseloup-Laubat for 'Les Armes de France', to the various earlier international regulations drawn up by the different countries affiliated to the FIE, and to the Franco-Italian rules.
- 3.** The rules governing foil competitions judged with the electrical judging apparatus were adopted in 1957 and modified by various later Congresses up to the present date.

EPEE

- i.3.** 1. The rules for Epée drawn up in 1914 set down in detail and completed all the various épée rules which existed prior to the foundation of the FIE and which had been adopted since 1982 both in France and elsewhere, notably by:
- The President Committee of la Société d'Escrime à l'Epée de Paris; l'Académie d'Epée; la Société d'Entraînement à l'Escrime et au Pistolet; and les Armes de France
 - The 1905 International Committee, subject to the laws of each country with regard to duelling
 - L'Union des Sociétés Françaises de Sport Athlétiques (USFSA)
 - Le Comité National des Sports de France
 - The French Olympic Committee
 - The Organising Committee for the Tournaments held at Nice, on the Riviera, at Ostend, etc.
2. The rules governing épée competitions judged with the electrical apparatus were adopted in 1936 and subsequently modified by various later Congresses up to the present date.
3. The Congress of 1984 approved the introduction of Ladies' Epée; the Congress of 1987 decided that World Championships for Ladies' Epée should be organised from 1989 onwards.

SABRE

- i.4.** 1. The FIE Sabre Rules include the essential portions of the rules which were adopted at the Olympic Games in London in 1908 and in Stockholm in 1912.
2. They also conform to the basic principles of the Ostend rules and of the Hungarian rules and were adopted on 12 June 1914 by the Committee for Sabre of the FIE assembled in Paris under the chairmanship of Dr. Bela Nagy, President of the Hungarian Fencing Federation, who edited the proposed rules.
3. The rules governing sabre events fenced with electrical apparatus were adopted in 1988.