



CFF Letters – 2007:3

2nd December, 2007

Commonwealth
Fencing Federation
Meeting, Madrid 22nd
November, 2007

The meeting was held in the headquarters of the Spanish Olympic Committee.

Presidents Report (Helen Smith – Australia)
For the commonwealth championships in Belfast 16 countries were represented, an increase of three over the previous championships.

Commonwealth veterans event in Toronto (July 2007) had 10 countries participating.

There was a commonwealth meeting during the veterans event in Sydney. The veterans events could be integrated with the senior championships in 2010 if host country agrees.

There was also clarification on the rules for changing countries from Championships to Championships.

Finance Report (Peter Andersen – Australia)
These were approved. The Commonwealth federations has an income of circa \$6,000 from fees (several pre-paid for 4 years including Canada) and expenses circa \$2,500.

Commonwealth
Games

Discussion was held regarding the re-instatement of fencing into the Commonwealth Games. The next games are in Glasgow and the Scottish delegate was able to provide further insight into the criteria for entry into the Games. Fencing is currently a category 3 sport and this category is ineligible for the games. To move to category 2, the countries of the commonwealth must increase the podium occurrences in the international arena and increase the number of commonwealth countries within the federation. Both significant challenges. Canada was recognized as the commonwealth country that contributes the most

Commonwealth
Championships

podium finishes to the federation.

Senior Championships 2010

A host country is required for September of 2010.
There is a potential for Melbourne and Canada was
asked if we wished to host this event.

*Is there a member province that has an interest with
access to support funding?*

Requires 7-8 preliminary pistes and 4 + 1 (coloured
and final) pistes over 6 days. Possibility to add on
veterans events.

Please email me by the end of January 2008 with
details if you are interested. president@fencing.ca

2009 Junior Championships: Kuala Lumpur Malaysia,
January 11th to 16th.

2009 Veterans - Jersey

2012 Junior Championships – Probably India.

Pan American Fencing
Confederation
Meeting, Madrid 22nd
November, 2007

Held in the Melia Castilla Hotel. A three hour meeting
for three decisions. The meeting was attended by
many of the Confederation countries. Mexico provided
a proposal for hosting the Pre-Olympic qualifier and the
Zone senior championships. There were objections
from Brazil and Cuba who would also have liked to bid
on the zone championships. The Mexican proposal
also had the Pre-Olympic qualifier starting on the last
day of the men's foil team and ladies epee team World
Championship events in Beijing.

Zone Pre-Olympic
Qualifier

Mexico – April 26th to 28th 2008

Zone Senior
Championships

Mexico or Colombia or Cuba in July 2008

Zone Junior
Championships

Venezuela October 2008.

New Web Site

<http://gruponirc.com/esgrima> /

There is nothing on the site at present

Pan American
Statutes

We were informed that the statutes for the Confederation are currently being written.

FIE Congress
Madrid, 24th / 25th
November 2008

Held in the Spanish Olympic Headquarters. This was an excellent venue for this type of meeting. It provided a sloped lecture theatre with ample seating for all involved at the meeting. Three separate projection systems allowed all speakers to be projected and visible to the attendees. As always, the FIE congress had simultaneous translation into English, Spanish and French. The English translators were excellent.

Participation

115 of 129 Federations were represented, with 67 countries attending and 40 proxies held. 107 votes were present

Generally, the propositions placed before the congress was of a clarification of the rules and house keeping, particularly for the FIE statutes. For example, the penalty chart in the rule book has been redrawn to group offences in a more logical manner for the referee. The following represent the decisions which went to a vote:

Arbitrage Committee
Candidates

A member nominated to this committee must have a licence in a minimum of 2 weapons and have been active in the four years prior to becoming a member of the commission.
68 votes in favour

Proposition of Aruba

The President of the FIE would be limited to a maximum of three four year terms.
Rejected 67 to 40 for.

Proposition to limit age
of the FIE President

Was withdrawn

Offences

Changes related to attempted offences being treated with a lesser penalty than the offence were defeated by 70 votes.

Conductivity of the
mask bib in foil

It was approved by 66 votes in favor that the bib of the foil mask will be conductive with a horizontal limit line. It is anticipated that the conductive material will be affixed using Velcro or similar fastenings. The specific

	<p>details and the connections to the jacket will be determined by the SEMI commission.</p> <p>Effective January 1st 2009.</p>
Muscle Cramp	<p>Rule t.33 to be modified to deal with the circumstances of cramp. A definition of cramp has been defined by the medical commission and will be assessed by the Dr. on site</p>
Attacks	<p>The definitions in t.75 have been clarified. Effective January 1st 2009.</p>
Refusal to fence	<p>t.85.1 was modified to state that no fencer (individual or team) May refuse to fence against another fencer whatsoever ... 74 votes in favour.</p>
FIE Ranking	<p>o.83.1.a Will take into account the six best results of World Cups, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions 70 in favour, 12 against.</p>
Falling	<p>t.87.2. A hit made during and after a fall is annulled. Effective 2008-2009 season.</p>
Statutes and Rules availability	<p>Members are reminded that the current effective copies of the FIE Statutes and Rules can be found on the FIE website at www.fie.ch</p>
Junior / Cadet worlds	<p>2008: Sicily 2009: Belfast (waiting final financial approval) 2010: Serbia (incomplete bid)</p>
Senior Worlds	<p>2009: bids from Copenhagen & Turkey 2010: bid from Paris 2011: Statement of interest from USA (Denver / Chicago)</p>
FIE Congress	<p>2009: bids from Jordan & Istanbul 2011: bid from Portugal</p>
FIE Woman's Commission	<p>The FIE Executive committee ratified the decision to initiate a woman's commission. Gabriela Mayer was appointed lead on this project.</p>



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