



**FIE OUTLINE  
OF RISK-MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR NATIONAL FENCING FEDERATIONS  
AND COMPETITION ORGANIZERS  
IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19**

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### **1) 4. Definition of Key Terms / Sanitary Distance**

With respect to Sanitary Distance, the FIE follows World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. The sanitary distance required by the World Health Organization, as of August 25, 2020, is at least of 1 meter (3 feet) to be maintained between people at FIE Official Events. It is understood that the WHO may modify this guideline and that local regulations may exceed the WHO guideline; in such case, the local standard shall always prevail over the WHO standard. To ensure proper compliance, the Host Organizers must check WHO and Local sanitary distance guidelines and requirements shortly prior to the competition.

### **2) 6. Planning and Organizing an FIE Official Event / (c) Sanitary and Medical Preparation for FIE Official Events / SANITARY AND MEDICAL PREPARATION / Facemasks**

- If regulations in the Host Country or of the Host Organizers mandate the wearing of a facemask by fencers while bouting or warming up, the FIE may:
  - Either decide not to hold the competition in the proposed Host Country or
  - Request a recommendation from the FIE Medical Commission on additional recovery time (and therefore a possible ad hoc change of the current rule).

### **3) 8. Sanitary Measures at Competition / (b) Fencing Rules & Practices impacted by the Sanitary Distance Requirement / No Screaming**

The practice of fencers screaming is suspended till further notice

### **4) 8. Sanitary Measures at Competition / (b) Fencing Rules & Practices impacted by the Sanitary Distance Requirement / Facemasks**

During rest periods, all people in the fencing piste area will have to maintain a distance of at least two meters from the fencer(s). Coaches are allowed to stay at 1 meter from the fencer but will have to wear a visor in addition to the facemask.

### **5) 8. Sanitary Measures at Competition / (j) Disinfectants- General Outline / Disinfectant for hard surfaces:**

The Host Organizer must select disinfectants that are identified or listed for use against COVID-19 by their National Health Authority. Furthermore, to ensure the safety of all participants at the event, the Host Organizer will make certain that chemical reactions between multiple disinfectants and other cleaning agent used in the same space are reviewed

### **6) Appendix A**

Cut-off date modified from 90 to 60 days before the competition.

### **7) Appendix B**

New document

## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document (“Outline”) is to support the worldwide fencing community in anticipation of resuming FIE Official Events by establishing safety measures to protect the health of all participants to the greatest extent possible.

The Outline has been approved by the FIE Executive Committee and must be strictly adhered to by all participants in FIE Official Events. Furthermore, the Outline must be implemented in conjunction with all sanitary requirements as prescribed by national authorities in the country hosting the FIE event.

Fencing is an opposition sport in which distance is sometimes reduced. In addition, fencers and other participants have to interact in close proximity with referees, trainers and coaches as required by FIE Rules or by functionality.

Rigorous implementation of all measures included in this Outline is required as a condition to participate, in any capacity, in all FIE Official Events.

**Participants at FIE Official Events who experience any COVID-19 symptoms must contact the designated medical liaison immediately. Hiding, concealing and not reporting COVID-19 symptoms at an FIE Official Event will be considered an intentional violation of the Outline, and subject all those involved to both immediate and deferred sanctions and penalties, as determined under the FIE Disciplinary Code and under applicable laws of the host country.**

## 2. Summary for organizers of the FIE outline of risk-mitigation requirements in the context of Covid-19

### 1. Introduction

Rigorous implementation of all measures included in **THE FIE OUTLINE OF RISK-MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19** is required as a condition to organize and participate in all FIE Official Events.

**This Summary only aims at outlining the general directions. All procedures are detailed in the full outline which must be carefully read before considering hosting an FIE event.**

### 2. Hosting and organizing an FIE Official Event (Article 6(a) and (b); article 8)

- Read and transpose the FIE Outline on risk mitigation
- Get updated requirements as put forward by health authorities in charge of COVID-19
- Especially but not only focus on:
  - Organization of sport events.
  - Sport facilities
  - Foreign or domestic sport events participants
  - Spectators and conditions to allow their presence.
- Get formal approval for your organization and submit it to the FIE with the application.
- Inform the FIE and invited NFs about evolving administrative procedures and required paperwork.
- Plan sufficiently ahead to be able to complete all the additional administrative procedures linked to COVID-19, especially but not limited to signing waivers and extra authorisations.

- Make sure to have all the additional requirements put in your invitation, coordinate with the FIE to obtain approval.
- Foresee and train dedicated staff to all COVID-19 specific measures and make sure that protective and screening equipment are present in number.
- Prepare a detailed Crisis Management Plan for potential positive tests during the event.
- Prepare and display clear information (posters, flyers, videos etc.) in the competition venue, about the above **General Advice on COVID-19**.
- Organize the electronic collection of the **Covid-19 Acknowledgement of risk and release from liability (Appendix B)** signed by each Participant.
- Prepare detailed Sanitary Measures
- Make sure that General and Fencing specific rules will be communicated and applied (**Article 8(b-m) of the outline**).

### **3. Screening Measures for FIE Official Events (Article 7)**

- Prepare Testing, Screening and Tracing procedures as put forward in article 7.

### **4. Doping Control (Article 9)**

- Adapted doping control is to be organized with NADAs

### **5. Presentation and Award Ceremonies (Article 10)**

- General sanitary and distancing measures apply

### **6. Accommodation and Local Transportation (Article 11)**

- Selected hotels must do proper sanitization of the rooms and other premises.
- All transport means must be regularly sanitized.
- Number of transport vehicles must meet Sanitary Distance.
- Every person's temperature must be checked before entering the transport vehicle to or from the venue.

## **3. Summary for participants of the FIE outline of risk-mitigation requirements in the context of Covid-19**

### **1. Introduction**

**This Summary only aims at outlining the general directions. All procedures are detailed in the full FIE OUTLINE OF RISK-MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 which must be carefully read.**

**Every person present at an FIE Official Events is considered a participant (see Article 4. Definition of Key Terms) and hence must comply to these guidelines.**

### **2. Administrative and Legal Obligations of all Participants**

- Read and respect the FIE Outline of Risk Mitigation Requirements
- Sign the Covid-19 Acknowledgement of risk and release from liability (Appendix B)
- Complete and sign the Screening Questionnaire (Appendix C) before the Medical Test.

### **3. Screening Measures for all Participants**

- Mandatory temperature checks for all participants will be performed before entering transport or the venue and may be recurring during the event.

- Participants testing with temperature  $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  and/or displaying any Covid-19 Symptoms will undergo further examination, and may be restricted from access.
- Visible marks will be applied to those who pass temperature test.
- Proactively and regularly check your health status and consult a doctor at the first symptom.

#### 4. General Sanitary Measures

- Participants must maintain Sanitary Distance of at least 2-1 meters.
- Facemasks are mandatory, except for fencers and coaches when fencing or warming up.
- Visors will be used by official personnel.
- If required by local regulations, participants must wear disposable gloves
- Participants should bring their own bottle of water and must not share it with anyone.
- Participants must bring their own pen to fill in and sign documents.
- Fencing masks, gloves and weapons must be disinfected by the fencers before the competition
- Participants must comply to any additional measure put forward by local regulations.

#### 5. Rules and Practices Impacted

- Fencers' handshake at the end of bouts is replaced with a salute.
- Video consulting procedure is adapted to keep Sanitary Distance.
- Sharing equipment with another participant is not allowed.
- Referees must use hand-disinfectant before and after each bout.
- Doctor and medical staff of the competition wear facemasks, gloves and a visor during treatment of injuries.
- Exchanging gifts is suspended until further notice.
- Screaming after the hit is scored is suspended until further notice.
- Rushing to the victorious fencer on the piste or after the fencer leaves the piste is suspended until further notice.
- Congratulatory hugging, kissing or handshakes are suspended until further notice.
- During rest periods, all people in the fencing piste area must maintain a distance of at least four-two meters from the fencer(s).
- Coaches are allowed to stay at 2-1 meters from the fencer but must wear a visor in addition to the facemask.

## 4. Definition of Key Terms

<b>DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS</b>
<b>Acknowledgement of risk and release from Liability:</b> Document drafted by the FIE Legal Commission which all participants to the event must read and sign before having access to the venue.
<b>Application:</b> The documentation submitted to the FIE by a prospective host federation in applying to host an FIE Official Event.
<b>Associate Participants:</b> in the event a FIE Official Event is closed to the public, spouses, companions, family member and of minors, may, under special circumstances, attend as "Associate Participants," as long as they comply with the same screening requirements of participants. In such case, each national federation will include them on their official list and identify their relationship to the fencers. Associate participants will not be allowed on the competition floor and will be seated in a partitioned area normally reserved to spectators. Parents of minor fencers will be prioritized over other associate participants.
<b>COVID-19 Symptoms:</b> Fever ( $\geq 100.1^{\circ}\text{F}$ , or $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Coughing , nasal congestion, sore

throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, vomit/nausea, and fatigue/malaise and any other symptoms described by the World Health Organization as COVID-19 symptom in its official communication ( <a href="http://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_3">www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_3</a> )
<b>COVID- 19 Screening Questionnaire:</b> A list of questions to be answered and signed by each participant entering the competition venue.
<b>COVID-19 Test Certificate:</b> An official Test Certificate released by an accredited lab.
<b>Disinfectants:</b> Please refer to Article 8.(j)
<b>Equipment-check self-certification form:</b>
<b>Facility/ies Verification Statement:</b> A written statement submitted by the Host Federation attesting that all facilities designated for an FIE Official Event meet Outline requirements.
<b>FIE Official Event:</b> An international Fencing Competition and/or championship under the aegis of the FIE.
<b>Foreign Visitors Information Summary:</b> A written summary submitted by the host federation of all information pertaining to foreign visitors entering the host country; including, but not limited to, relevant applicable legal provisions regarding quarantine, medical certificates, required epidemiological questionnaires and visa-granting condition and requirements.
<b>Outline:</b> The corpus of these directives.
<b>Host Country:</b> The country in which the FIE Official Event takes place.
<b>Host Organizers:</b> The tournament organizers in the Host Country who have been selected by the Host Federation to plan and manage the FIE Official Event.
<b>Host Federation:</b> The national fencing federation that has been selected by FIE to host an FIE Official Event.
<b>Invitation Document:</b> A document that includes all the requirements that must be fulfilled by the Host Federation as a condition for approval by the FIE of the FIE Official Event. It is the responsibility of the Host Federation to make sure that there are no conflicts between the FIE requirements and existing local, regional, and national rules and regulations in the Host Country.
<b>FIE Medical Liaison:</b> In case of championships this refers to FIE medical delegate(s) assigned to the championships. In case of World Cup or Grand Prix competitions, this refers to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) medical staff as required by FIE rules.
<b>Notice of Approval:</b> This notice signifies that the Host Federation has received authorization by its National Authorities to conduct the planned FIE Official Event.
<b>National Authority:</b> The government and/or the health agency of the Host Country which is entitled to authorize the planned FIE competition including, if applicable, its state, regional and local political subdivisions.
<b>National Fencing Federation:</b> any national federation member of the FIE
<b>Participants:</b> Fencers, referees, coaches, trainers, armorers, scorekeepers, timekeepers, medical personnel, representative and guests of FIE and of national federations, tournament organizers, staff and volunteers, weapon controllers, media representatives, security personnel, food handler and other individuals assisting with the running of the competition.
<b>Personal Protection Equipment a/k/a PPEs:</b> Facemasks, gloves, visors, and sanitation items.
<b>Prospective Host Federation:</b> A National Federation that has submitted an Application to the FIE to host an FIE Official Event.
<b>Sanitary Distance:</b> <a href="#">With respect to Sanitary Distance, the FIE follows World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. The sanitary distance required by the World Health Organization, as of August 25, 2020, is at least of 1 meter (3 feet) to be maintained between</a>



people at FIE Official Events. It is understood that the WHO may modify this guideline and that local regulations may exceed the WHO guideline; in such case, the local standard shall always prevail over the WHO standard. To ensure proper compliance, the Host Organizers must check WHO and Local sanitary distance guidelines and requirements shortly prior to the competition. The minimum required safety distance of 2 meters ~~1 meter~~ (6 feet and 6.74 inches) to be maintained between people at FIE Official Events.

**Spectators:** People admitted to designated areas of the venue to watch the sport competition.

## 5. FIE Covid-19 Risk Mitigation Strategy

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the world governing body of fencing. The FIE establishes the rules to which international competitions must be organized and oversees their implementation. It must now accomplish this goal within the framework of the Covid-19 reality. To that end,

- The FIE has established a list of general criteria for approving FIE Official Events in the time of Covid-19 (see appendix A)
- The FIE has established this Outline, which details its sanitary requirements, and corresponding screening measures to be observed and complied with.

More specifically, the FIE, just like most businesses do, has chosen to manage the Covid-19 risk by mitigating the risk of COVID 19 contagion as much as possible among Participants.

This Outline remains a work-in-progress and will be amended from time to time to reflect the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and the progress made by the medical community with regards to the testing and treatment of Covid-19, and with regards to the development of a safe and reliable vaccine. For the most recent version of this Outline please visit our website at: <https://fie.org/fie/documents/sports-department> ~~{ENTER LINK}~~

To mitigate COVID-19 risk effectively, especially with limited resources, it is important to understand and to prioritize the modes of contagion of the Covid-19 coronavirus, and to align them with situations, processes and procedures that are peculiar to fencing and to FIE Official Events. This will prioritize and match mitigation strategies commensurate with the level of risk involved. See the two tables below detailing direct and indirect modes of Covid-19 contagion.

### (a) Direct Mode of Covid-19 Contagion

DIRECT MODE OF COVID -19 CONTAGION
Between people who are in close contact with one another within about <del>2 meters</del> <u>1 meter</u> .
Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, and talks; and, by implication, singing and shouting <del>.talks, sings or shouts</del>
Touching one's eyes, mouth, nose without having first washed/ sanitized one's hands.

### (b) Indirect Mode of Covid-19 Contagion

INDIRECT MODE OF COVID -19 CONTAGION
From touching fixed surfaces or objects or objects that are shared with others, AND touching one's eyes, mouth, or nose without first washing/sanitizing one's hands.
According to the CDC, <i>"this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads."</i> Regardless,

this issue is not settled yet from a medical perspective; and until it is, it is FIE's position that it is best to err on the side of caution.

## 6. Planning and Organizing an FIE Official Event

### (a) Application to Host an FIE Official Event

#### APPLICATION TO HOST AN FIE OFFICIAL EVENT

To be able to apply to organize the FIE Official Event each National Fencing Federation must accomplish the following actions:

- Host Organizers must have available a reliable Accreditation System, so that everyone involved in the competition: athletes, coaches, referees, associate participants, and organizing staff, are controlled before and during the competition. Any contingency protocol must have accurate information about the persons present in the competition.

The accreditations must be applied for sufficiently in advance to manage the procedure and will include the uploading of a photo and the signed Acknowledgement of risk and release from Liability.

No access to the venue will be authorized without the accreditation.

- Get the latest requirements imposed and recommendation promulgated by the national and/or local public and health authorities for organization of sport events.

- Get the latest information from the national and/or local authorities regarding the spectators and conditions to allow their presence.

- Before considering to apply for the organization of an FIE Official Event, National Fencing Federations must make sure that they will meet all the requirements and recommendations of the national and/or local authorities and the FIE, related to COVID-19 for all the facilities (Fencing venue, hotels, internal transport, dedicated medical staff, etc).

- National Fencing Federations must submit a written statement that the selected facilities meet all the requirements and recommendations.

- National Fencing Federation must submit to the FIE detailed information of requirements and recommendations for foreign visitors (quarantine, medical certificates, epidemiological questionnaires to be filled in, visa granting conditions, etc) applicable at the time of the Application so the FIE can consider this with the application. Furthermore, they are obliged to notify the FIE with immediate effect of any changes on any requirements and recommendations of the national and/or local authorities related to COVID-19 for all the facilities and/or foreign or domestic Participants.

- National federations must receive the Notice of Approval of the national and/or local authorities for organizing the FIE Official Event and submit it to the FIE with the application.

### (b) Preparation to organize an FIE Official Event

#### PREPARATION TO ORGANIZE AN FIE OFFICIAL EVENT

The **Host Federation and the Host Organizers** must take the following actions:

- Prepare a program of the competition, incorporating detailed estimation of the time required to meet all the requirements and restrictions and submit such modified program to the FIE for approval.

- The Invitation Document must be submitted to the FIE with all the required and recommended documents received from the National and/or local Authorities for

approval.

- Any other restrictions that must take place during the event must be clearly communicated to all participants and the FIE in advance.
- Prepare and assign dedicated staff to control and enforce implementation of all the requirements and limitations.
- Prepare and display clear information (posters, flyers, videos etc.) in the competition venue, about the above **General Advice about protecting yourself and others from the spread COVID-19**, in order to inform Participants, Spectators about ways in which they can prevent themselves from getting infected with COVID-19 and passing the virus to others.
- Organize the electronic collection of the **Covid-19 Acknowledgement of risk and release from liability (Appendix B)** signed by each Participant.
- Training of staff conducting screening, processes and procedures arising out of the screening process, which will involve conducting drills PRIOR to the competition. This will allow the **Host Organizers** to estimate the average time needed for each of the units of the screening procedures and related processes and procedures. Such estimates of time will be factored in the proposed daily schedule of events and will help determine how many screening stations will be needed to promote an efficient and timely operation without unexpected delays at the start of the competition. Drills will include crisis management drills and situational drills with various hypothetical situations to ensure that there are procedures in place for most unexpected situations. For example:
  - Individuals who tests with temperature  $\geq 100.1$  °F, or 37.8 °C;
  - Individuals who answer YES to any of the screening questions;
  - Individuals who answer NO to all screening questions but who display symptoms related to COVID 19;
  - Non-compliant individuals who refuse to follow the **Outline** and the instructions of the screening personnel.
  - It is understood that non-compliant individuals should be escorted immediately out of the venue.
  - Team staff and volunteer leaders should ensure that their teams and volunteers are briefed on the protocols for a suspect patient, on infection prevention and control measures and on where to find more information.
  - Prepare a **Crisis Management Plan** in the event a participant tests positive during the FIE Official Event. The plan must contemplate:
    - The immediate suspension of the event; and
    - The engagement of an organization familiar with the standards for disinfection of COVID-19-infected premises and arrange the immediate disinfection of said premises to the satisfaction and approval by the **National Authority** of jurisdiction, before the competition can resume.

### (c) Sanitary and Medical Preparation for FIE Official Events

SANITARY AND MEDICAL PREPARATION
<b>Facemasks</b>
It is the recommendation of the Medical Commission not to require, at this time, the use of

facemask while fencing. Indeed, any protection a facemask could give the fencer against inhaling aerosol particulates from an opponent not wearing a facemask could be countered by oxygen deprivation and increase CO<sub>2</sub> in the blood stream while under stress, which could lead in some individuals to serious and immediate consequences. Regardless, fencers and coaches may choose to wear them even if not required under this Outline.

- If regulations in the **Host Country** or of the **Host Organizers** mandate the wearing of a facemask by fencers while bouting or warming up, the FIE may: choose not to hold an FIE Official Event in that country. All other participants, including all athletes, must wear a facemask.
- Either decide not to hold the competition in the proposed Host Country or
- Request a recommendation from the FIE Medical Commission on additional recovery time (and therefore a possible *ad hoc* change of the current rule).
- If the **Host Country** recommends, but does not require, wearing facemasks (other than the exception immediately above) a sufficient number of facemasks should be made available by the Host Federation for all **Participants** and for purchase by **Spectators**.
- Visors to be used by referees, coaches screening staff and medical personnel should be made available by the Host Federation.

**Gloves**

If the use of disposable gloves is required, it should not be the case for fencers' armed hand while fencing. All others should have ample access to disposable gloves and must be instructed on safe ways how to put on and how to take off disposable gloves after each use. Much more effective than disposable gloves, is to constantly practice hands hygiene by washing hands often with soap and water or using hands sanitizers for which the Host Organizer is responsible to make available to all **Participants** during the event.

**Covid-19 Rapid testing**

The Host Organizers must have arrangements in place with an authorized local COVID-19 rapid testing facility for the testing of symptomatic participants. To ensure that sufficient rapid testing kits are available for post-screening testing, the **Host Organizers** may consider purchasing in advance a certain number of testing-kits. Given the rate of high false negatives, screening procedures as specified in this Outline must still take place. If rapid testing kits are not readily available in the **Host Country**, this must be notified at the latest three weeks before that start of the FIE Official Event to allow for remedies to be located and delivered to the **Host Federation** in time for the event. The FIE will have the right to cancel the event in this case.

**Sanitization**

Sufficient approved alcohol-based gel/liquid dispensers and/or tissues for hand sanitizing must be placed in all areas as specified below and to be provided for every team during the accreditation process.

**Disinfection**

Host Organizer must secure sufficient approved disinfectant cleaner for disinfection of the working and specific areas in the venue and/or secure a contract with an enterprise for the disinfection of the venue.

**(d) Planning for Spectators at FIE Official Events**

**SPECTATORS AT FIE OFFICIAL EVENT**

The **Host Federation** will obtain and share the latest applicable legal provisions and/or

recommendations regarding Spectators and the corresponding conditions that must be met to allow their presence at sporting events.

**Associate Participants**

The **Host Federation** may limit, restrict, or prohibit the attendance by **Spectators**, especially if testing is required for all **Participants**. In that event, spouses, companions, family members and parents of minors will be allowed to attend as **Associate Participants**, even if the event will be closed to the general public, as long as they comply with the same screening requirement for **Participants**. In such case each National Fencing Federation will include them on their list and identify their relationship to the fencers. Associate Participants will not be allowed on the competition floor and will be seated in partitioned area normally reserved for spectators.

If the attendance of **Spectators** is prohibited by a **National Authority**, then the **Host Federation** and the **Host Organizers** will seek permission to have spouse, companions, family members and parents of minors attend the event as **Associate Participants**. Parents of minor fencers will be prioritized over other **Associate Participants**.

- National Fencing Federations as well as Host Organizers and FIE should not be held financially responsible for **Associate Participants** who must prolong their stay in the host country to comply with travel restrictions and/or quarantines imposed by the **Host Country** and/or their home country.
- All recommendations of the **National Authority** pertaining to **Spectators** must be strictly applied.
- Seats for **Spectators** must be designated with widely spaced spectators for at least 21-metre sanitary distancing. Numbered seats must allow for contact tracing.
- All **Spectators** must wear facemasks at all times in the venue and respect sanitary distance.
- Facemask for sale must be made available at a kiosk near the entrance for **Spectators** who arrive without at them.
- The temperature of **Spectators** shall be checked every time they enter the venue.
- Security staff must enforce the required **Sanitary Distance** all the time

## 7. Screening Measures for FIE Official Events

### (a) Pre-Competition Testing for Covid-19

<b>PRE-COMPETITION TESTING</b>
Asymptomatic individuals infected with COVID-19 present the greatest threat to mass gathering and sport events. To that end, as soon as a reliable Rapid COVID-19 test becomes readily available, the FIE may require all Participants to provide proof of a Negative COVID-19 Rapid Test taken the day before the competition by an authorized COVID-19 testing institution, which has been designated by the <b>Host Organizers</b> . All testing costs in the <b>Host Country</b> to be borne by the respective National Fencing Federations.

### (b) Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination

<b>PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION</b>
When a reliable COVID-19 vaccination becomes readily available, the FIE may require all <b>Participants</b> to provide proof of vaccination prior to the competition. This could also be accomplished by having their respective federations provide a self-certification statement to

that effect or collect and submit copies of all vaccinations to the Host Federation. Given that vaccines may not be 100% effective, screening procedures as specified in this Outline must still take place.

Individuals who are unable to vaccinate against COVID-19, for whatever reason, will have to submit copy of Negative COVID-19 Rapid Test taken the day before the competition by an authorized COVID-19 testing institution, which has been designated by the **Host Organizers**.

### (c) Screening Procedures at Competition

<b>Medical Test (Temperature Check)</b>
It is recommended to limit the number of entrances to the venue and to strictly separate entrances for <b>Participants</b> from entrances for <b>Spectators</b> (if spectators are allowed).
A <b>temperature check</b> must be performed every day on each person entering the venue, even if a person was already tested during the same day. Nobody can enter the venue without temperature check.
Temperature check shall be done preferably with a non-contact method. If non-contact thermometers are not available, the checking device must be disinfected after every person and/or protective one-time caps must be used.
Medical test area must be set up outside the venue <u>before</u> reaching the venue entrance. If there is no existing appropriate location, a temporary place must be established (Tent etc.).
Medical test waiting area must be properly sized to allow keeping of <b>Sanitary Distance</b> .
Required <b>Sanitary Distance</b> must be clearly marked on the floor, and security staff must enforce this distance to be applied.
Medical team carrying out daily medical examination (temperature check) must wear masks, visors, and disposable gloves.
Before the medical test, each Participant must complete and sign the <b>Screening Questionnaire</b> (Appendix C). If any answer to it is YES, the individual must be referred to secondary screening, with the FIE <b>Medical Liaison</b> who will decide whether to authorize admission to the competition and venue.
Everybody, except fencers warming up or competing, entering the venue must wear facemasks. Those who do not have them must get them at the medical test area before entering the venue.
Visual wristbands, stickers, or stamps to be applied to those who pass the temperature test.
A secondary stage screening Medical Room near the entrance must be allocated for the self-isolation of any symptomatic person found at the venue while a determination is made whether referral to a doctor or a medical facility is necessary. The Medical Room must have a properly sized waiting room area with Sanitary Distance between chairs.
Any person who answers yes to any of the questions on the screening questionnaire will not be admitted to the venue and will be directed to seek further medical attention. Any person who tests with temperature $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ and/or displaying any Covid-19 Symptoms will be escorted to the second stage Medical Room, where the FIE <b>Medical Liaison</b> will test the temperature again to ensure that the first temperature reading was not due to environmental conditions or errors in the administration of the temperature test. Individual who do not pass this second stage of the screening process will not be admitted to the venue and will be directed to seek further medical attention.
Non-compliant Participants will be escorted out of the venue immediately and referred to the official sanitary authorities.
The Host Organizers will advise participants to monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days and take their temperature twice a day.

Anyone suspecting to have been exposed to contagion, must self-isolate/quarantine for 14 days.

### (d) Covid-19 Tracing

<b>TRACING COVID-19 DATA</b>
<b>Participants screening</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At the screening station, while waiting in line, all <b>Participants</b> will share their contact information electronically with an email address provided by the <b>Host Federation</b> and posted on signs located at screening stations. These signs will explain that the reason for collecting this information is for Covid-19 tracing purposes.</li> <li>➤ This information will be integrated in a database controlled by the FIE Data Control Officer, that will list individuals by delegation and identify the competitors against whom each individual was matched in the competition as well as the referees, scorekeepers and timekeepers who managed their bouts.</li> <li>➤ This information will not be disclosed to third-party with the sole exception of national health authorities responsible for tracing individuals who <i>may</i> have been exposed to COVID-19 if one or more participants become ill with Covid-19 within two weeks after the end of the competition. It is understood that this tracing information will be kept only for up to 30 days after the end of the competition, after which it will be permanently deleted from all databases of the Host Organizers, except where otherwise provided by local law. In the alternative, the <b>Host Organizers</b> may arrange to have the contact information of participants transmitted electronically before the start of the competition.</li> <li>➤ Host Organizers are obliged to comply with all applicable local and international data protection regulation in connection with COVID-19 tracing.</li> </ul>
<b>Spectators screening</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Similar procedures could be made for the collection of contact information for <b>Spectators</b> at the time their temperature gets tested upon entry, although this collection effort may have to be made on a voluntary basis for <b>Spectators</b>.</li> </ul>

## 8. Sanitary Measures at Competition

### (a) General Outline.

All **Participants** at fencing competitions must strictly follow this FIE **Outline** and comply with this **General Outline** and all other norms and regulations specified as well as all other recommendations and rules introduced by **National and/or local Authority** in the **Host Country**. It is therefore important that all **Participants** keep themselves updated with the latest information from the trusted sources.

<b>GENERAL OUTLINE</b>
The <b>Host Organizers</b> must ensure that the facilities comply with WHO and the <b>National and/or local Authority's</b> recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
The <b>Host Organizers</b> must take steps to avoid the creation of bottleneck areas in the venue. At all areas of confluence (e.g., screening, registration, weapon check, etc.) required <b>Sanitary Distance</b> must be clearly marked on the floor, and security staff must enforce this distance to

<p>be applied. All movable chairs in venue when situated next to each other must be placed at <b>Sanitary Distance</b> clearly marked on the floor.</p>
<p>All <b>Participants</b> and <b>Spectators</b> must maintain <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of at least <del>2-meters</del><b>1 meter</b>.</p>
<p>All <b>Participants</b> and <b>Spectators</b> must wear facemasks, except fencers and coaches when fencing or warming up.</p>
<p>Exceptions for Sanitary Distancing are made for fencers during a bout and warm-up and for those individuals (i.e., referees, trainers, medical staff and coaches) who must approach fencers inside of a Sanitary Distance as required by the Fencing Rules and/or their official duties at competition. In such case, referees, trainers, medical staff, and coaches shall wear a visor in addition to a facemask and disposable gloves; with the exception of coaches when giving fencers a warm-up lesson.</p>
<p>Disposable gloves must be worn if required by local regulations. Otherwise, the wearing of disposable gloves is not recommended because when worn by individuals without proper training, they tend to give a sense of false security and may actually increase their chances of contamination.</p>
<p>Members of the same household must maintain Sanitary Distance while at the venue</p>
<p>Do not touch eyes, mouth or nose <b>without first</b> having washed/sanitized the hands. This is the most important preventive measure to avoid contagion.</p>
<p>Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.</p>
<p>All <b>Participants</b> must follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering mouth and nose with the bent elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately and wash the hands.</p>
<p>Scarfs and bandanas cannot be used as facemask at venue of competition.</p>
<p>Doctors and medical team members must remain vigilant to any Covid-19 symptoms and any signs of acute respiratory infection, even if there is no apparent or tested temperature <math>\geq 37.8</math> °C.</p>
<p>If you feel ill while at venue, notify the FIE Medical Liaison immediately; if you feel ill before coming to the venue, do not come to the venue. Inform your chief of delegation, who, in turn will contact the FIE <b>Medical Liaison</b>.</p>
<p>All <b>Participants</b> should bring their own water bottle and must not share it with anyone.</p>
<p>All <b>Participants</b> must bring their own pen to fill out the <b>Screening Questionnaire and sign any scoresheets</b>.</p>
<p>If you are a fencer, bring enough face towels (maybe one or two per day) to wipe off sweat from your face. Do not use your hands or wipe the sweat with the sleeve of your uniforms. Do not put you face towels on chairs next you.</p>
<p>Anyone participating in the event (athlete, volunteer, official, food handler etc.) should proactively and regularly check their health status (including taking their own temperature and watching for any symptoms). Abnormal fatigue, loss of taste and smell, chest pain not typical for heart disease, fleeting fever and/or dry cough, muscle pain can suggest infection. It</p>



is strongly recommended to consult the doctor if any of these symptoms are noticed.

Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects/surfaces.

### **(b) Fencing Rules & Practices impacted by the Sanitary Distance Requirement.**

**All the FIE Rules and Handbooks for organization of FIE fencing competitions are fully applicable. Only specific requirements included in this document and relevant WHO and national authorities' documents must be additionally applied.**

<b>RULES AND PRACTICES IMPACTED</b>
<b>Fencers' handshake at end of bout:</b> Replaced with a salute; Relevant Article. t.122. Applicable for team competitions
<b>Referee's checks:</b> will only test/check the <b>weapon</b> (weight and travel gauge) before starting the bout and post action weapon test to annul a touch during the bout. Relevant Articles: t.64, t.65, t 67 & t.68
<b>Equipment</b> check (mask, plastron, uniform etc.) Must be checked at the weapon control <u>Relevant Articles m.37 - 41</u>
<b>Referees must wear a visor</b> in addition to facemask, when performing a weapon test either before or during a bout. No relevant rule
<b>Referees' Paperwork:</b> Pool sheet, Direct Elimination slips, and Incident reports must be processed electronically, whenever possible. No relevant rule
<b>Video consulting:</b> the main referee and the video referee should analyse the video one by one (separately), and the ensuing discussion will be done at minimum Sanitary Distance. Relevant Article t.61.3
Referees must strictly limit number of accompanying persons with each fencer or team. Relevant Article t.47.2 & t.137 Security guards must be allocated to control this issue. No relevant Article. Effective barriers around piste areas MUST be installed Already a rule
Referees must inform all the fencers about relevant limitations/restrictions: Shaking hands, fist bump, hugging, shouting after touch and so forth; Exchange of masks, gloves, cables not allowed, etc. No relevant Article
If wearing disposable gloves, Referees must change the gloves after each bout. Referees must use hand-disinfectant before and after each bout. No relevant Article

In case of injury only <b>doctor as well as medical staff of the competition and their team members</b> can approach the injured fencer and they <b>must wear facemasks, gloves and a visor</b> .
<b>Team Events:</b> The two team captains will step on the <b>strippiste</b> and “salute” each other with their weapons from each side of their on-guard line on the <b>strippiste</b> , before and after the match. Article t.122
The practice of exchanging gift and/or pins between teams and among participants is suspended until further notice. No relevant Article
<b>No Screaming:</b> The practice of fencers screaming <b>after</b> the hit is scored (whether on or off the <b>strippiste</b> ) or at any time is <del>not recommended</del> <b>suspended</b> until further notice <del>so they must be strongly advised not to do so</del> . No relevant Article, <del>unless DISTURBING COMPETITION</del>
<b>No Rushing:</b> The practice of rushing the victorious fencer on the <b>strippiste</b> or after the fencer leaves <b>strippiste</b> is suspended until further notice. Congratulatory hugging, kissing or handshakes are suspended until further notice.
<b>Facemasks:</b> Fencers are exempted from wearing a face mask during the rest periods. During rest periods, all people in the fencing <b>strippiste</b> area will have to maintain a distance of at least <del>four two</del> meters from the fencer(s). Coaches are allowed to stay at <del>2 meters</del> <b>1 meter</b> from the fencer but will have to wear a visor in addition to the facemask. <del>If fencers are required to wear facemask while fencing, the FIE may consider modifying its rules to allow more recovery time for the fencers.</del>

**(c) Sanitary Distance Layout in Fencing Areas**

<b><u>SANITARY DISTANCE LAYOUT IN FENCING AREAS</u></b>
Distance between <b>strippistes</b> and their position, as well as the position of the scoring tables and apparatus must always accommodate required <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of <del>2-meter</del> <b>1 meter</b> between all Participants.
Referee’s areas must be wide enough and positioned so that the referees can always maintain the required <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of <del>2-meters</del> <b>1 meter</b> .
Participants in pool fencing should be seated, unless fencing or warming up. The distance between the seats must be <del>2-meters</del> <b>1 meter</b>
During the bouts, fencers should be allowed only contact with their coaches, but they must keep <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of <del>2-meters</del> <b>1 meter</b> .
In team competitions, the team area must be big enough to maintain a <del>2-meter</del> <b>1 meter</b> distance.
In team competitions fencers must keep recommended <del>2-meter</del> <b>1 meter</b> distance at all stages of the competition (presentation, support, celebration etc.).

**(d) Sanitary Distance Layout for DT**

<b>SANITARY DISTANCE LAYOUT FOR DT</b>
Each official and member of the DT must have an allocated chair at the <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of <del>2-meters</del> <u>1 meter</u> .
All consultations in the DT area must be at the <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of <del>2-meters</del> <u>1 meter</u> or separated by a plexiglass shield.
It is recommended to install light plexiglass shield on the front side of the DT desk. Alternatively, barrier must be applied to keep <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> wherever someone needs to interact with the DT.

**(e) Sanitary Distance Layout for Weapons Control**

<b>SANITARY DISTANCE LAYOUT WEAPON CONTROL</b>
Area for the weapon and equipment control must big enough to allow fencers to keep <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> .
It is recommended for weapon controllers to wear a protective visor.
In the waiting area, required <b>Sanitary Distance</b> must be clearly marked on the floor, and security staff must enforce this distance to be applied.
It is recommended to install light plexiglass shield between the controllers and fencers. Alternatively, barrier must be applied to keep <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> wherever fencers interact with controllers.
To separate teams during the weapon control and minimise the number of fencers in the area, specific timing should be given to each team.
Complete fencing equipment (jackets, pants, plastron, stockings) and gloves must be presented clean.
Material brought for the control must be placed in the crates provided by the Host Organizers which must be sanitized before each reuse.
Cables, masks, weapons, electric jackets, rigid protectors, and weapon bags must be disinfected with disinfectant spray.
It is recommended to use software application for equipment submission to decrease use of paper that could be source of infection.

**(f) Sanitary Distance Layout for Referee Room**

<b>SANITARY DISTANCE LAYOUT REFEREE ROOM</b>
The referee room must be large enough to allow the referees to maintain sufficient <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of minimum <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> whenever they are in the room.

### (g) Sanitary Distance Layout for Call Room

<b>SANITARY DISTANCE LAYOUT FOR CALL ROOM</b>
The Call Room must be large enough to allow simultaneous presence of the required number of people which must be able to keep minimum <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> .
Chairs must be positioned to meet the required <b>Sanitary Distance</b> marked on the floor
It is recommended to install light plexiglass shield between the controllers and fencers. Alternatively, barrier must be applied to keep <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> wherever fencers interact with controllers or face masks and visors for all people working in the call room.
After one group has left, the Call Room must be sanitized as well as the equipment used. Time required for proper sanitization must be allocated.
Entry of the fencers for the next round can take place only after the sanitization.
Do not use bags to carry weapons and masks to the piste. Fencers must bring their equipment in their hands.
If for any reason the previous requirements cannot be fully met, use of the Call Room and Referees Room should be avoided and control should be done on the piste.

### (h) Sanitary Distance Layout for Medical Room

<b>SANITARY DISTANCE LAYOUT FOR MEDICAL ROOM.</b>
<b>See Section 7 (c) above</b>

### (i) Sanitary Distance Layout for Other Competitions Services Areas

<b>OTHER COMPETITION SERVICES</b>
All other services required for the fencing competition (doping control, live streaming, data updating, technical, food courts, etc.) must have allocated space large enough to allow sufficient <b>Sanitary Distance</b> of minimum <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> to be maintained.

### (j) Disinfectants- General Outline

<b>DISINFECTION GENERAL OUTLINE</b>
<b>Disinfectant for Electronics:</b> Any alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol or follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and disinfecting
<b>Disinfectant for Hands:</b> any alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
<b>Disinfectant for hard surfaces:</b> <a href="#">The Host Organizer must select disinfectants that are identified or listed for use against COVID-19 by their National Health Authority. Furthermore, to ensure the safety of all participants at the event, the Host Organizer will make certain that</a>

chemical reactions between multiple disinfectants and other cleaning agent used in the same space are reviewed A 10% diluted bleach solution, an alcohol solution with at least 70% alcohol, and/or an EPA-registered disinfectant for use against COVID-19.

How to prepare a 10% diluted bleach solution?

- ~~Mix five tablespoons of bleach per gallon of water.~~
- ~~After application, allow 2 minutes of contact time before wiping, or allow to air dry (without wiping).~~

**Disinfecting Fencing Masks:** Fencers should read the instructions on the label of any cleaning/disinfecting product before applying it to the mask.

**Disinfecting Fencing Clothing:** Fencer's outfits cannot be washed at 60°C, so it is recommended to wash them using the disinfectant for linen (e.g., Sanytol type).

**Disinfecting Fencing StripPistes:** It is important not to use chemicals that may damage the metal strippiste

### (k) Placement of Hand Sanitizers

#### PLACEMENT OF HAND SANITIZERS

Sanitizing or washing station is to be foreseen at the entrance of the venue. Every person entering or re-entering the venue must wash their hands

Easily accessible alcohol-based gel/liquid dispensers and/or hand-sanitizing tissues to be placed in:

- Entrance areas
- Referees Room
- DT area
- Weapon Control Area
- Call Room
- Each piste
- Dressing rooms
- Toilets
- Public areas

Bathrooms and dressing rooms must have soap and it is recommended everybody to wash their hands as often as possible.

### (l) Equipment Disinfection

#### FENCERS AND COACHES EQUIPMENT DISINFECTION

The **Host Organizers** must provide disinfectant for masks, uniforms, and fencing equipment. Participants must carefully read the instructions on disinfectants before applying them to

their mask and clothing.
Fencing masks must be disinfected at least daily. Fencers must use PERSONAL mask. Mask sharing is NOT allowed.
Fencing gloves are one of the elements most likely to carry the virus and they must be often disinfected, at least once a day. Fencers must wear PERSONAL glove. Glove sharing is NOT allowed.
Weapons are made of steel, material on which the virus remains active for a very long time. Disinfection of the weapons must be compulsory.

### (m) Venue Sanitation

<b>VENUE SANITATION</b>
<p>The <b>Host Organizers</b> must provide disinfectant cleaner (e.g., bleach) and organise disinfecting of all working surfaces (Tables, chairs, storage areas, test equipment, etc.) at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance areas</li> <li>• Referees Room</li> <li>• DT area</li> <li>• Weapon Control Area</li> <li>• Call Room</li> <li>• Each piste</li> </ul>
<p>The <b>Host Organizers</b> must provide disinfectant cleaner (e.g., bleach) and organize disinfecting of all specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dressing rooms</li> <li>• Toilets</li> <li>• Public areas</li> </ul>
Complete venue must be cleaned and disinfected every day after the event.
Venue cleaning staff must clean and disinfect door handles, toilets and toilet brackets, bathrooms and shower taps and brackets etc. regularly during the day.
Toilets and dressing rooms must be supplied with paper towels for single use only.
Approved dust bin and containers with lids for disposal of used towels and tissues must be provided in the venue and all busses.
Water fountains should not be used for drinking but only used for filling up PERSONAL water bottles.

## 9. Doping Control

<b>DOPING CONTROL</b>
COVID-19 pandemic has continued to change and evolve around the world. World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) continues to monitor the situation very closely based on expert information from the World Health Organization and from other reliable sources.
WADA urges all Anti-Doping Organizations (ADOs) to follow the advice of governments and health authorities to ensure proper protection of athletes and Sample Collection Personnel (SCP).
WADA have issued <b>ADO Guidance Document for Resuming Testing</b> ( <a href="https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/doping-control-process/covid-19-ado-guidance-for-resuming-testing">https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/doping-control-process/covid-19-ado-guidance-for-resuming-testing</a> ).
Host Organizers must make arrangements with the national ADOs to organize doping control and to make sure that the WADA document is applied

## 10. Presentation and Award Ceremonies

<b>PRESENTATION AND AWARD CEREMONIES</b>
During the presentation of the fencers on the piste, minimum <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> must be kept.
Referees are not to be presented on the piste. Their names and function will be called.
Medal ceremonies must be organized, so the minimum <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> is kept.
Medals are to be presented to the fencers on a cushion (fencers to take medals by themselves). Cushions to be sanitized after each ceremony
No handshaking is allowed
For taking photos minimum <del>2-meter</del> <u>1 meter</u> <b>Sanitary Distance</b> must be kept.

## 11. Accommodation and Local Transportation

<b>ACCOMMODATION AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b> If possible, use hotels within a walking distance from the venue in order to avoid transportation. Liaise with the selected hotels to ensure that proper sanitization of the rooms and other premises has been conducted.
<b>Internal Transport:</b> Plan and organize enough transport vehicles (cars and busses) to ensure the sanitary distance. All transport means must be regularly sanitized and equipped with hand sanitizing sprays.
<b>Every person's temperature must be checked before entering the transport vehicle to or from the venue.</b>
<b>Each delegation must have its own non-contact temperature scanner. Participants</b> of every team must take/check their own temperature before boarding a transport vehicle to the venue. This is in addition to the taking of temperature by the staff of the Host Organizer.
People with temperature $\geq 37,8$ must be denied boarding on the transport vehicle and they will be asked to self-isolate in their hotel room or in the Medical Room. Either way, the Medical Liaison at competition must be instantly informed to arrange for secondary testing of temperature and follow-up.

## 12. Additional Risk Assessment and Management Resources – Useful Links

- WHO Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) technical guidance: Points of entry and mass gatherings  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/points-of-entry-and-mass-gatherings>
- Q&As on COVID-19 and related health topics  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub>
- WHO Considerations for sports federations/sports event organizers when planning mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19  
[https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331764/WHO-2019-nCoV-Mass\\_Gatherings\\_Sports-2020.1-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331764/WHO-2019-nCoV-Mass_Gatherings_Sports-2020.1-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)
- WHO Key planning recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak  
<https://www.who.int/Nationalations-detail/key-planning-recommendations-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-the-current-covid-19-outbreak>
- WHO National health for mass gatherings: key considerations  
<https://www.who.int/Nationalations-detail/National-health-for-mass-gatherings-key-considerations>
- WHO Technical Guidance on COVID-19  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance>
- How to use WHO risk assessment and mitigation checklist for Mass Gatherings in the context of COVID-19  
<https://www.who.int/Nationalations-detail/how-to-use-who-risk-assessment-and-mitigation-checklist-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-covid-19>
- Decision Tree  
[https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-2019-ncov-mg-decision-tree.pdf?sfvrsn=35435b5a\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-2019-ncov-mg-decision-tree.pdf?sfvrsn=35435b5a_2)
- Access the tool for Risk Assessment  
[https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-covid-generic-2020-03-20e-en-2020-1.xlsx?sfvrsk=801a2787\\_4](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-covid-generic-2020-03-20e-en-2020-1.xlsx?sfvrsk=801a2787_4)
- WHO document Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>



## APPENDIX A

### **LIST OF GENERAL CRITERIA RECOMMENDED BY THE FIE MEDICAL COMMISSION FOR APPROVING AN FIE OFFICIAL EVENT IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**

1. The FIE Official Event must comply with and implement all Covid-19 safety protocols and procedures approved by the FIE, as well as those mandated by the host country including, if applicable, its state, regional, and local political subdivisions.
  - (a) The preparedness of the Host Organizers of any FIE Official Event shall be measured against the standards set forth in the World Health Organization's *Guidance for the use of the WHO Mass Gatherings Sports Addendum Risk Assessment tools in the context of COVID-19*, as agreed by the FIE Medical Commission.
  - (b) The sanitizing measures to be applied at the venue of an FIE Official Event, shall be in compliance with risk evaluation of Covid-19 contagion as outlined by well-known health protection agencies such as the Center for Disease Control.  
See: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

This criterion is phrased so that it does not have to be amended each time a protocol is changed and takes into account findings of peer-reviewed research as adopted by agencies such as the WHO and the CDC. A copy of the WHO standards is attached.

2. If the viability of an FIE Official Event is in question because of a *Force Majeure event or a result of restrictions due to COVID-19*, the host-country federation must inform the FIE forthwith whether it wishes to host or not said FIE Official Event. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

The interaction between the IOC and the Japanese authorities regarding the Tokyo Olympics is a perfect example that an event cannot be imposed on a country that has changed its mind about hosting it. The host country may decide not to host an event even if, technically, the event could take place.

3. If the viability of an FIE Official Event is in question because of a *Force Majeure event or a result of restrictions due to COVID-19* and the Host Federation intends to proceed with the FIE Official Event anyway, the Host Federation must determine upfront if said FIE Official Event can, indeed, take place in the Host Country and communicate such finding forthwith to the FIE. In such case, a Notice of Approval shall be presented to the FIE \_\_\_\_ **YES**

This determination must be made upfront by the Host Federation. In some countries the separation of powers between Federal, State and local authorities can have unexpected consequences. Suppose that the FIE had recommended to let the Cadet and Junior World Championships take place in Salt Lake City in September with the blessing of USA Fencing. Only to find out before the start of the event that the Mayor of Salt Lake City vetoed it. Under this criterion the Host Federation (USFA) must confirm upfront to the FIE whether the FIE Official Event (Cadet and Junior World Championships) can go ahead. This "local" verification must take place before the FIE's final sanctioning of the event.

4. For an FIE Official Event to take place, there cannot be <non-essential and/or “no travel”> advisories or restrictions in place, impacting the FIE Official Event. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

This determination shall be made by the Host Federation in compliance with the relevant legal provisions of the Host Country applicable at the time the Application and should be communicated to the FIE as part of criterium 2, above.

5. For an FIE Official Event to take place, there cannot be quarantine restrictions imposed on international travelers upon arrival into the host country. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

This determination shall be made by the Host Federation in compliance with the relevant legal provisions of the Host Country applicable at the time the Application and should be communicated to the FIE as part of criterium 4, above.

6. With respect to FIE Official Events involving minors, each federation must agree to be responsible for the support and supervision of their respective minors whose stay is prolonged for medical or public health reasons. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

7. For an FIE Official Event to take place, all conditions must be in place at least **9060** days (“Cut-Off Date”) before the scheduled FIE International Competition Event. The FIE ComEx, the Host Federation, and participating federations may agree to unanimously change Cut-off Date to less than **9060** days. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

8. Intervening adverse events , such as the imposition of new travel restrictions, quarantines or other events which would restrict the running of the competition or the ability of athletes from National Fencing Federations from participating will permit the FIE to unilaterally change the Cut-Off Date to less than **9060** days. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

Two reasons for this:

- There should be enough time for athletes to train and prepare for the competition and for their respective federations to plan accordingly for an FIE Official Event.
- The Host Federation should have enough time to prepare and properly organize the FIE Official Event.

9. The FIE, the Host Federation and the Host Organizers may cancel or postpone a previously approved FIE Official Event if Covid-19 because of a *Force Majeure event or a result of restrictions due to COVID-19* arising after FIE approval of said FIE Official Event. \_\_\_\_ **YES**

Failure to meet any one of these criteria will result in the cancellation or postponement of the FIE Official Event.

## APPENDIX B

### COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

Name of the Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Preamble

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and experts believe that it is primarily spread through person-to-person contact. The International Fencing Federation, the national fencing federation of the country in which the event is being held and the organising committee of \_\_\_\_\_ [name of the event] (hereinafter: the “Organisers”) have introduced preventive measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. Nevertheless, the Organisers cannot guarantee that you will not be infected with COVID-19. Participation may also increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

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I wish to participate in the tournament (hereinafter: the “Tournament”) as a [Competitor] [Referee] [Armourer] [Member of the DT] [Supervisor] [Coach] [Trainer] [Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_] (underline as appropriate), and to enter any area in which the Tournament is taking place. As compensation for being permitted to participate in the Tournament, I hereby agree to all the terms of this Release from Liability.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and I voluntarily assume the risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 as a result of my participation in the Tournament. I further acknowledge and voluntarily accept the risk that such exposure or infection may result in bodily harm, illness, permanent disability or death. I understand that the risk of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 during the Tournament may result from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, employees, volunteers and participants in the Tournament.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the above risks and take full responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, physical injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense of any kind that I may suffer or incur as a result of my participation in the Tournament. I hereby undertake to refrain from suing the FIE and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. and the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, whom I release from all liability. I understand and agree that this release includes all claims based on the actions, omissions and negligence of the FIE and its designated individuals, including, but not limited to, members of the Directoire Technique, Refereeing, Referees, Armourers, supervisor, Video & Wireless Technicians, Announcers, Event Managers, etc. and the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, regardless of whether the COVID-19 infection occurred before, during or after my participation in the Tournament.

The release from liability shall be accepted subject to the substantive and/or mandatory laws of the country in which the event is taking place. I agree that, should any part of this agreement be deemed

to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall remain fully in force. This document shall be governed by the law of the Country of Switzerland and any legal action brought hereunder shall be brought in the courts of Switzerland, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any such legal action.

Full legal name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN (must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above. I understand the nature of the above Release from Liability and I consent to the minor for whom I am responsible participating in the Tournament. I hereby undertake, on behalf of the minor, to refrain from suing the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, whom I release from all liability. I understand and agree, on behalf of the minor, that this release includes all claims based on the actions, omissions and negligence of the Organisers and the employees, agents and representatives thereof, regardless of whether the COVID-19 infection occurred before, during or after the minor's participation in the Tournament.

Full legal name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
\_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX C

### COVID-19 SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FIE EVENT

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ VENUE : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1**

Temperature $\geq 100.1/37.8$	YES NO - Actual Temperature:
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**Section 2. Do you have any of the following symptoms:**

Recent/New Onset Coughing (unrelated to allergy or pulmonary disease)	YES	NO
Recent/New Nasal Congestion (unrelated to allergies or sinus infection)	YES	NO
Recent/New Onset Sore Throat	YES	NO
Recent/New Onset Shortness of breath (unrelated to chronic disease)	YES	NO
Recent/New Onset Diarrhea	YES	NO
Recent/New Onset Abdominal Pain		
Recent/New Onset Nausea/Vomiting	YES	NO
Recent/New Onset Fatigue/Malaise	YES	NO
Recent/New Onset of Loss of Taste/Smell	YES	NO

**Section 3. Exposure**

Are you living with someone who is quarantined?	YES	NO
Have you been in contact with an individual positive for COVID-19?	YES	NO
To the best of your knowledge, have you been exposed to someone being tested for COVID-19 or who has symptoms compatible with COVID-19?	YES	NO
Have you tested positive for Covid-19?	YES	NO

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: