

Agenda

Special Meeting of the USA Fencing Board of Directors

August 31, 2011 via Teleconference

I. General Information and Organizational Items

General announcements

Remarks – Kalle Weeks, President

II. Motion (Mr. Blake): To provide for modification of the qualifying paths for National Championship events for the 2011-2012 season as follows:

Division IA – Summer National Championships

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Eligibility (age, classification, qualifying path)

Fencers must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season or on the Junior NRPS AND have:

- Placed in top 8, of those eligible and not already qualified, at any current season Division I-A Regional Open Circuit tournament OR

Second: Mr. Kuver

This motion was tabled at the August 18th meeting and referred to the ROC Advisory Group and Tournament Committee for comment.

III. Motion (Mr. Becker): Replace Sections 4 - 6 of Article t.87 in its entirety by the following:

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time : approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a

step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

5. Individual events

a) If during the first two periods of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

b) When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the third period of a direct elimination bout, the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

6. Team events

a) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during a team match, the Referee will proceed to the next bout.

b) If both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight during the last bout, the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute

Rationale:

The FIE has dropped the penalty cards for non-combativity, and simplified its definition. We should comply with this change.

IV. FencingTime Contract (contract to be distributed separately)

V. Adjournment

Motion (Mr. Baker): To adjourn the meeting.