

## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STATUTES

### Article 3.2 – Compulsory Character of Licence

#### Current Text

3.2.1. *Each athlete must have a valid licence in order to take part in any official competition of the EFC.*

3.2.2. *All referees (including candidates for EFC refereeing exams and with the exception of those holding a valid FIE refereeing licence) must have a valid licence in order to officiate at all competitions organised by or run on behalf of the EFC.*

#### Proposed Revision

3.2.1. *Each athlete **whether from a Member Federation or a non-member federation** must have a valid licence in order to take part in any official competition of the EFC.*

3.2.2. *All referees **whether from a Member Federation or a non-member federation** (including candidates for EFC refereeing exams and with the exception of those holding a valid FIE refereeing licence) must have a valid licence in order to officiate at all competitions organised by or run on behalf of the EFC.*

The addition of a new clause 3.2.3 as follows:

3.2.3 *All coaches **whether from a Member Federation or a non-member federation** (with the exception of those holding a valid FIE Coaching Licence) must have a valid licence in order to coach at all competitions organised by or run on behalf of the EFC.*

#### Rationale

**To confirm that athletes from non-member federations may enter EFC competitions and that coaches and referees from such federations need to be similarly licenced.**

To mirror the revisions to the FIE Statutes introduced with effect from the 2020/2021 Season<sup>1</sup>.

### Article 3.1 – Statutory Character of Licence

#### Current Text

3.1.1. *Being licensed obliges the Member Federation and the individual athlete to respect the Rules and Statutes of the EFC.*

#### Proposed Revision

3.1.1. *Being licensed obliges the Member Federation, ~~and~~ the individual athlete, **each coach and each referee** to respect the Rules and Statutes of the EFC.*

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<sup>1</sup> FIE Statutes, Chapter IX - Licences

## Rationale

Consequential amendments to the revisions to Article 3.2

### **Article 3.4 – Application and Issue**

#### Current Text

3.4.1. *Licences are issued on a credit-based system.*

3.4.2. *A Member Federation shall purchase licence credits (both for athletes and referees) from the EFC in such way as from time to time prescribed by the Executive Committee.*

3.4.3 *A Member Federation shall then issue licences up to the total number of licence credits purchased to such athletes entitled to compete for that Member Federation and to its accredited referees.*

3.4.4 *Licence credits are valid only for the year for which they are issued and are non-refundable.*

#### Proposed Revisions

3.4.1 *[Unchanged]*

3.4.2. *A Member Federation shall purchase licence credits (both for athletes, **coaches** and referees) from the EFC in such way as from time to time prescribed by the Executive Committee.*

3.4.3 *A Member Federation shall then issue licences up to the total number of licence credits purchased to such athletes entitled to compete for that Member Federation, **to its coaches** and to its accredited referees.*

3.4.4 *[Unchanged]*

3.4.5 *The process for the purchasing of and issuing of licences to athletes, coaches and referees from non-member federations shall be as set out, from time to time, in the Handbook of Regulations.*

## Rationale

Consequential amendments to the revisions to Article 3.2

## **New Article 3.1.3 – Statutory Character of Licence**

### New Text

*3.1.3. Until an athlete's FIE fencing nationality has been registered, the rules for changing EFC nationality as set out in the Handbook of Regulations apply and such athlete will be entitled to apply for a licence from their Member Federation.*

### Rationale

Recommendation of the Legal Commission for clarity.

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## **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STATUTES**

### **Article 6.3.1.16**

#### Proposed Addition

6.3.1.16 to establish, amend and revoke such rules, handbooks and such other guidance as it deems necessary to ensure the effective operation of the EFC provided that such rules, handbooks and other guidance shall not be inconsistent with the Statutes or Internal Rules.

#### Rationale

To document the authority of the COMEX to draft regulations for internal processes, competition rules and other guidance.

## **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STATUTES**

### **Articles 8.3 – 8.5**

#### Current Text

- 8.3 The expenses provided for in the budget must be countersigned by the Treasurer. The expenses which are not provided for in the budget and which exceed the budget by more than 10 % must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 8.4 Payments and invoices of over 5% of the EFC budget must be signed by the President and the Treasurer.

#### Proposed Revision

- 8.3 Expenditure provided for in the EFC budget must be signed by the Treasurer
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Expenditure whether or not in the EFC budget of over 5% of the EFC budget must be signed by the President and the Treasurer.
- 8.5 Expenditure which are not provided for in the budget and which exceed the budget by more than 10 % must be approved by the Executive Committee.)

### Rationale

To provide clarity to the current text and to eliminate any unforeseen situations.

### Current Text

- 8.5 The Congress appoints professional auditor(s) as auditors for the following fiscal year, which can be renewed.
- 8.6 The Auditors examine, on a yearly basis, the financial activities of the EFC, including the proper use of aids granted by the FIE, on the basis of the documents submitted by the Treasurer. They provide a report of this examination to the Congress, which report shall be based on recognized international financial reporting standards.

### Proposed Revision

- 8.6 The Congress appoints professional auditor(s) as auditors for the following fiscal year, which can be renewed.
- 8.7 The Auditors examine, on a yearly basis, the financial activities of the EFC, including the proper use of aids granted by the FIE, on the basis of the documents submitted by the Treasurer. They provide a report of this examination to the Congress, which report shall be based on recognized international financial reporting standards.

### Rationale

To correct the numbering after inserting the 8.5 article.

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