Information Letter no. 34-2015

Dear Member Federations,

this information refers to your referees who have made in the last two years, either in Jerusalem or in Maribor, a referee examination and have only received a P-category in a certain weapon which means they have to go once more for an observation to pass for the B category.

This possibility is planned to be organised in Novi Sad at the European Cadet und Junior Championships next February/March. The FIE has exceptionally agreed to follow the old version of the Administrative Rules 3.4.11.1

Quote: "For all P observation sessions which are not connected to a refereeing examination session and are thus held separately, the following conditions apply:

- The P referees must announce in writing (letter, fax, email) to the FIE Headquarters in Lausanne their request to be observed, at the latest 30 days before the P observation session is held.
- This request must show the weapon in which the P referee shall be observed.
- No request will be accepted after the deadline set above!
- No observation fee is required.
- The selection of candidates will take into account the universality criteria.
- Travel and accommodation expenses are not covered by the FIE and P referees have to make their own arrangements.
- In each P observation session there must be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 candidates (all weapons included). If after the deadline these conditions are not met, the FIE will have the right to cancel the P observation session or to refuse entries."

The observation sessions are planned as follows:

29.02.2016: foil and sabre 01.03.2016: foil and epee

It is also advisable to participate at the referees seminar on 28.02.2016 at the Park Hotel in Novi Sad, where all referees nominated for the championships have to attend. Please watch the deadline to register your referees: 28.01.2016 **or before**, with the requested information to the FIE (elena.murdaca@fie.ch) **and** copy to our office by email. This will help to inform you in time in case the sessions will be cancelled.

We kindly ask you to forward this offer to your possible candidates because there will be no examinations during the year 2016 because of the Olympic Games.

Best regards,

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