



European Fencing Confederation Technical Director

Dear member federations,

Substantial changes in FIE competitions Calendar had also strong impact on EFC competitions Calendar 2014 – 2015 in both, cadets and U-23. In a view that the changes were more reflected in senior tournaments dates there were many difficulties at set up of U-23 competitions to be included into EFC Calendar. At the end we succeeded even if not fully to create the Calendar, which is already published on EFC web site with such imperfections as epee competitions to be held in Poland, which unfortunately can be organized only after European U-23 Championships. However, we are aware that this Circuit is aimed at helping young seniors in their transition to senior category and thus can always contribute to their effort for increasing their performance we believe that also those competitions will find their place in your national calendars.

Upon proposal of the EFC Executive Committee, EFC Congress in Strasbourg accepted that for next two consecutive seasons still **only fencers aged under 23**, so those who are subject of EFC U23 ranking and thus can participate at European U23 Championships **are to possess valid EFC license** for participating at EFC Competitions. Older fencers only need to be registered with the EFC for technical reasons linked with inscriptions system based on EFC data base.

Also second issue was solved on these days, i.e. participation of **adult fencers living permanently in other country than their original homeland wishing to participate at EFC U-23 Circuit competitions..** Respecting one of main four freedoms defined by the European Union, which is incorporated in its legislation - freedom of movement and activities of population of member States in any EU country, there is no more obstacle for participation of concerned fencers in EFC U23 competitions. From technical aspect **they should be registered by national federation where they live and their entry to competitions can be done by administration office of the federation where they live.**

Note: this decision is not applicable at other age categories and at FIE competitions.

Sincerely yours

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