



Dear President,

The world has been very hard hit for several months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I urge all fencers, federations and the fencing family to continue to follow the recommendations of the WHO and of your respective countries.

After the announcement by the International Olympic Committee of the new dates of the Tokyo Olympic Games, the FIE Executive Committee has made the following decisions:

2019-2020 Calendar

In view of the global situation with regard to Covid-19, it was decided to cancel all competitions scheduled for April, May and June 2020, also in accordance with the recommendations of the FIE Medical Commission.

Qualifications for the Tokyo Olympic Games

The results and qualifications obtained until March 2020 are retained. The rankings are “frozen” and will be reactivated once we will be able to hold the last following events, counting for the Olympic qualification and which had been postponed:

Men's and Women's Foil Grand Prix
Women's Sabre World Cup
Men's Epée World Cup
Men's Sabre World Cup
Women's Epée World Cup

The events above, followed by the four zonal qualifying events, will be held when:

- The global health situation will be safe
- Fair and adequate training and preparation of athletes can take place
- No federations will be prevented from participation
- International competitions, including several “preparatory” World Cup/Grand Prix competitions, have taken place beforehand.

To achieve this, the FIE will consult the Confederations, the FIE Medical and Athletes Commissions and the FIE Coaches Council. In addition, organising federations will be contacted as soon as the situation will allow a proper planning.

Further information will be sent to you as soon as possible.

I thank you and I am proud of the patience, solidarity, unity and fair play you are demonstrating. Together we will triumph over this ordeal and together we will march on into the future.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**