



SEMI Commission - Information

FIE introduced the following 2 rule changes concerning transparent masks and the sabre glove:

- **Transparent masks are forbidden in all 3 weapons
(FIE date of introduction: March 1st, 2014)**

- **In sabre new gloves with a FIE guarantee label have to be used
(FIE date of introduction: April 1st, 2014)**

Because of a number of injuries caused by sabre blades, unbroken as well as broken, penetrating the glove, FIE made a new specification glove mandatory for its competitions. This new glove has to provide a minimum protection of 800N.

The intention of these 2 rule changes is to protect fencers from possible injuries.

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee has decided to follow the decision of FIE and will also apply these rule changes.

The European Championships in Wheelchair Fencing in Strasbourg from June 6th – 12th, 2014 are carried out together with FIE. There will be a material control together with the able-bodied fencers from FIE.

The new rules for transparent masks and new sabre gloves will be effective for IWAS Wheelchair Fencing on **June 1st, 2014**.

Please make sure that your athletes – starting with the European Championships in Strasbourg – will use material conforming to the new rules!

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