



Dear President,

As you are aware, following the sudden aggravation of the global situation on 28 February 2026, the Executive Committee decided, on 1 March 2026, to postpone the following competitions due to force majeure:

- Cairo (EGY) – Foil World Cups, 5–8 March 2026
- Padua (ITA) – Men's Sabre World Cup, 6–8 March 2026
- Athens (GRE) – Women's Sabre World Cup, 6–8 March 2026

The FIE recognises the impact these postponements have on federations, athletes, officials, organisers, and all those involved in preparing and delivering events. In line with its duty to act responsibly, the Executive Committee considered this difficult decision necessary to safeguard, as an absolute priority, both the safety of the global fencing community and fair competition opportunities for all delegations.

Since then, the Executive Committee has continuously monitored the situation. The FIE conducted exchanges with the respective organisers regarding potential alternative dates, possibly in April.

A meeting of the FIE Bureau was held on 3 March 2026, followed by a consultation of the Executive Committee. Given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the global situation, as well as increasing travel difficulties faced by several delegations — including flight disruptions and restrictions — serious operational and safety concerns remain.

Under these exceptional circumstances, and in keeping with the FIE's primary commitment to safeguard the entire fencing community and to ensure that no delegation is unfairly deprived of competition opportunities due to travel restrictions or impossible journeys, **the Executive Committee has also decided to postpone the Épée Grand Prix in Budapest (HUN), initially scheduled for 13-15 March 2026.** New possible dates will be discussed with the organising federation.

This decision has not been taken lightly. However, we are confident that these precautionary measures reflect our shared values and collective accountability towards athletes, officials, and the wider fencing community.

We thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

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