

SWOT analyse of the current FIE referee examination system

(Analyse of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The possibility to replay sequences in 30% of the original record speed • Elimination of the negative influences: trainers and visitors notices to referee achievement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declared theoretical part of examination is not executed • Declared tests are not executed • Knowledge of the rules in complete form is not exerciable • During the practical part of the exam referee candidates do not take control of the course of combat, but they are controled by the situation conveyed by the screen • The referee candidate is separated from the real situation on the fencing carpet („sterile“, environment erased from reality) • In many cases focused view of the camera does not allow to referee to see whole action, all lamps included, the candidate makes mistakes. • The referee candidate has to stay on one place • Only upright view to action allowed • This method does not allow to referee to go along the fencing carpet and keep the necessary line of visibility: referee-fencers (action)-lamps • Retardation of the showed action causes no sound – very important part of the refereeing (were the blades in contact or not or it seems to look like a contact ?) • Interruption of the video sequence could cause the common precept automatism of the referee candidate. For example: after limit violation of the fencer the referee stops the action and he (she) should move attacker 1 m ahead – damage of the land. Due to the unnatural interrupted action on the screen the candidate could stop the thinking and doing the already learned right way, does not move the attacker – candidate makes mistake. • The quality of the video • Declared results (penalty points) with explanation of mistakes – not delivered
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessing of the exams outside of the competitions • Simplification of the FIE referee commision (to the prejudice of the quality of the way to referee candidates selection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importability of the practical experience from the real competition, which is absolutely different to the situation showed on the screen • Due to the impressed different way of the thinking and feeling conveyed situation on the fencing carpet in current system potential very good referee candidates do not pass the exam