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To all members,

Notice for Compulsory use of 350N-comply Personal Protective Equipment in local competitions

The above decision was adopted at the 4th Council Meeting (2007-2009) of the Hong Kong Fencing Association (HKFA) on 26th March 2008. The implementation aims to enhance the safety standard of fencers' Masks and Uniform (which include fencing jacket, fencing breeches and under plastron) in the local competitions listed in the Local Competition Calendar 2008-2009 on the Association website. The details are set out in the following paragraphs.

1. Effective from 1st July 2008, apart from conforming to the general material rules, fencers' masks and uniform would be required to comply with the least penetration standard EN13567:2002 i.e. the equipment should comply with 350N of penetration resistance together with the general rule in local competitions listed in the Local Competition Calendar.

2. Referees will have a general inspection and visual check of the labels on the fencers' mask and uniform before starting the bout.

3. Any fencer who has found not complying with this rule will be penalized according to Article t.120 of the technical rules. By the same token, any fencer who is not properly dressed will be forbidden by the ground supervisor to fence for safety reasons.

4. Fencers may refer to the list of FIE-certified manufacturers to obtain further technical information via the FIE web-link at http://www.fie.ch/Addresses/AddrFed.aspx?Fab=1

5. Manufacturers or agents of brands other than those mentioned above must submit written request for registration and receive written acknowledgement of receipt from the Association. Information required include the name of the brand, name of the equipment, a copy of test report or certificate proving the related equipment has passed the EN13567:2002 standard, photo of the label and other valid documents which is deemed necessary.

6. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 2504 8106 for enquiries.

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