**Dear members of ISFFR!**

**At the International Conference in Saratov city, some federations have proposed to make amendments and additions to certain points in the rules of ISFFR. After consideration and discussion by the Commission STС of these proposals, I suggest familiarizing yourself with a new interpretation of the rules and additional points in the rules of the competition.**

**1.4. Evaluation of results.**

1.4.3. Individual championship is determined by the best result of score attempts. In case of equality of indicators from two and more athletes, advantage is given to the athlete who has shown the best sum of time of two attempts. If these results are the same - the best place is awarded to the athlete who has the best result in the first attempt. If these results are the same - to the one who started earlier.

In the case of partial score team takes place after the teams having full score. **If two or more teams have the same number of several partial scores, then these teams take place after the teams that have fewer partial scores.**

At equality of results in the combat deployment (for all age groups of athletes) and the fire relay (for boys (juniors) and girls (juniors) higher place is awarded to the team that has the best amount of time in two attempts. If these results are the same – the best result of the first attempt, then - who started earlier.

The results of the semifinal and final races are not included in the team standings.

At absolute equality of all indicators from athletes in this sports discipline all of them are declared as winners. In case of the same result in the men's and women's relay the highest place is awarded to the team that started earlier.

1.4.4. Semi-final and final races are held to determine winners and prize-winners in climbing with the hook ladder and overcoming 100-meters obstacle. The number of athletes in the semi-final and final races is determined by the number of tracks.

In the case if results in the semi-final races shown by the athletes are the same, the advantage has the athlete who started earlier. **If these results were shown in the same race, the one who had the best time sum of two attempts in the preliminary races.**

Winners and prize-winners in climbing with the hook ladder and overcoming the 100-meters obstacle are determined by the results of the final race (regardless of the results shown in the previous races of the competition. Athletes who show the same results in the final race are assigned the same top place (1,1,3; 1,2,2; 1,2,3,3), the subsequent place is not awarded.

1.4.5. **In case of equality of results in the combat deployment from two or more athletes, the advantage gets the athlete, who showed the best amount of time in all attempts of preliminary races in** **climbing with the hook ladder and overcoming the 100-meters obstacle.** In case of equality of these results, athletes are awarded one place, the subsequent place is not awarded.

**2. COMPETITORS**

**2.1. Age groups of athletes**

2.1.1. Age groups of athletes participating in the competition are divided into the following categories:

а) boys and girls:

younger group-14 years and younger;

middle-aged group - 15-16 years old;

б) juniors and girl juniors – 17-18 years old;

в) youth group (men and women) – 23 years and younger;

г) adult group (men and women) - 18 years and older.

Note: the age of athletes is determined by the year of birth. In one competition the athlete has the right to act only for one age group.

2.1.2. Boys and girls are allowed to compete at a rank higher than their age group if they have a certificate from a medical institution (with the written permission of a doctor). **Only juniors and girl juniors from the age of 15** are allowed to perform in youth and adult groups with the certificate of a medical institution with a written permission of a doctor and parents.

4.1.5. In competitions in climbing with the hook ladder and overcome 100-meters obstacle the formation of semi-final races is carried out **according to the results of the preliminary races on the scheme, 1 - semi – final race-5,1,4,8 result. 2-semi-final race - 6,2,3,7 result according to the best results shown in one of two attempts.** **In the case if the same results are shown by the athletes in the preliminary races, the advantage has the athlete who started earlier. If these results were shown in the same race, who had the best time sum of two attempts in the preliminary races.**

**The final race is formed by the results of the semi-final races according to the scheme - winners of the 1st and 2nd semi-final races and the next two best results of the semi-final races. If these results are the same, who started earlier. If these results were shown in one race, who had a better result in the preliminary races.**

**The tracks of the final race are determined by drawing lots.**

4.3.2. The panel of judges has the right to remove the athlete (team) from competitions in this sports discipline:

- for passing any segment of the distance on the adjacent track, leading to a reduction in the distance. The exception of moving to the adjacent track can be result of apparent loss of balance, falling in case it did not make an obstacle to another athlete, including after the premature coming down from the house **and boom, after which the athlete must repeat the overcoming of the sports equipment.**

**Also, the exception is the area (5 meters) after extinguishing the flammable liquid in the relay of participant in 4 stage.**

- if the athlete (team) during the exercise receives any prohibited assistance;

- if the moving to the adjacent track will make an obstacle to another athlete (the team) while doing the exercises.

4.4.2. Order the end of the course and results of the athletes are determined by judges at the finish and judges timekeepers, either with automated special time-measuring equipment.

In the case of " malfunctioning " of an electronic stopwatch time of athletes from **the whole race** in overcoming 100-meters course with obstacles and combat deployment is counted by a manual stopwatch with the addition of 0.24 seconds, the climbing with the hook ladder is 0.15 seconds.

**4.5.1.**  **The athlete has the right to climb hook ladder without the use of insurance devices. At the request of the athlete, the organization conducting the competition is obliged to provide an insurance device.** This item will be removed from the rules.

**4.6. Overcoming 100-meters obstacle**

д) fire sleeves (sports) are set directly by the athlete of a race **within 2 minutes**.

**It is forbidden for anyone to touch the hoses after the command of the starter "On your marks!".**

**5.5. Fire equipment**

**5.5.1.а) hook ladder; weight not less than 8.5 kg, length not less than 4.00 m, width 0.3 m (+- 5cm), the number of steps 13, the flight of the hook at least 40cm.**

**The conditions for performing sports discipline**

**«Combat deployment»**

Application №1,2,3.

When discussing the issues of additions and changes to the rules at the conference, it was proposed to return to the previous interpretation of the rule "connection of the grid to the suction hose, till touching the water as immerse it into the container box. After discussion of this issue by the members of the STC, we return to the previous interpretation.

After the "Start" signal, participants run the distance to the shield, connect the main line to the motor pump, branching and lay two working lines on two sleeves, the person goes to the position to the limiting line (85 m from the center of the shield). At the same time the suction hoses are connected to each other, to the intake grid and the motor pump.

**The intake grid should be connected to the suction hose before touching water.** After the exercise, the judge checks the connection of the grid with the sleeve at the shield.

As the whole electronic timing system is provided by the host country of the competition, so the contact areas at the finish of the hook ladder are provided by the host country of the competition.

Attached in the application of the rules is a draft of the area. This is a recommendation for the host countries of the competition.

**The contact area (size and pictures) are provided by the host country of the competition, as well as the entire fire-technical equipment for the month prior of the competition on the website of the International Federation.**

**Additions will be done to the rules of the competition.**

\* Mandatory use of video cameras (start, finish, cameras on contact areas, line of combat deployment, the camera on the container box for water intake, the camera of general view).

\* Selective measurement of the length of the sleeves (pattern)

\* On the shield for installing firefighting equipment in preparation to do exercise there should be the template (0.5 cm) together with spanner.

Proposal: use shields and motor pumps for combat deployment only those that are at the start. And time (5min. for preparation) begins with the laying of the first sleeve to the shield. Sleeves athletes can prepare in advance. This will facilitate the work of the judiciary, and all teams will be in the same conditions.

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