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Subject: Report on inclusion in Commonwealth Games

Dear colleagues,

You will recall that at the Commonwealth Federation meeting in Paris, we were tasked with preparing a report on the advisability of fencing re-integrating the formal Commonwealth Games. There are, of course, many advantages as well as disadvantages to doing so, of that I am certain. I propose, however, that we do not singly try to define all the factors that might come into play, but call upon our membership to assist us in outlining the pros and cons. Once we have gathered this basic data, I believe we would then be in a better informed position to make proposals based on fact.

I therefore suggest that we send a quick survey around the member nations to sound them out on the matter, to wit I:

- 1) include the draft survey questions; and
- 2) propose that we set the time limit for return of the surveys at January 14th (as our report is due end January-beginning February).

Please review the proposed questions and indicate whether you are in agreement that we should proceed thus. I would also appreciate any changes or additions you would recommend. I would like to send it out by Friday so please respond promptly.

- Cover letter to members outlining the reason for the survey -

Question 1:

Is your federation in favour of the CFF negotiating with the Commonwealth Games Council to include fencing in future editions of the Commonwealth Games? Yes or No

Question 2:

Please indicate the major advantages you see to fencing being once again included in the Games?

Question 3:

What do you think are the major disadvantages to being part of the Games?

Question 4:

What impact, if any, will fencing's inclusion in the Games have on:

- 1) your funding level
- 2) your national team program
- 3) your meeting government-imposed performance targets

Thank you for your help with this and I will look forward to your replies.

Cheers

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RESPONSES TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES SURVEY

Country	Y/N	Advantages	Disadvantages	Impacts	Funding	NTP	Perf. Targets	Develop
Australia	Y	1) increased status for fencing 2) additional exposure, and education of media and public 3) may attract people to try it 4) would double funding 5) excellent mid-level international competition for fencers 6) would maximize CFF membership	perceived one would be that there would be fewer athletes per country per weapon (4 vs 5) (could be overcome by running CFC in middle of the 4 year cycle).	Funding would be doubled at least	automatic incorporation into the NTP - Games in April, and integration in world Cup and national programs	likely to win some medals which would help in meeting government targets	increase lead mo increase program provide from mic	
Canada	Y	1) promotion/exposure in media 2) valuable athlete experience as prelude to bigger games 3) increased possibility of acceptance by funding bodies leading to formal development opportunity	possible expectation of participation of our fencers by government without appropriate funding of the event	potential for funding, but would still have to be hard fought	definite development opportunity for up and coming athletes to gain games' experience	if funded, can contribute to a fuller athlete development model, leading to better world level results	opportu setting a positive (current	
India	Y	1) full support from National Olympic Comm. and government 2) added stature and greater importance of position achieved 3) funding to hold camps as well as participate in the Games	none perceived	will receive administrative and financial support from government	can draft a long-term training program and have expert coaches train the team	none now, but expected to perform "better and better" (show marked progress)	inclusior the gam	
Jersey	Y	1) raised profile and appreciation of the sport; 2) opportunity to represent country at an international; for fencers to mix with other sports, and to move out of the "fringe"	1) possible restrictions placed on numbers and weapons fenced 2) possible rule changes for "media appeal"	would help increase sponsorship from private sector and government	provide international focus and help structure long-term plan	none now, but results would help raise profile	Good- p results f	
N. Ireland	Y	1) Medal worth more than CFC one: improves odds of funding 2) would be fully funded	1) restrictions placed on qualification (top fencers may not qualify)	Increased	>funding+better competitive opportunities	already meeting targets, but would give more credibility to their achievements	None, e;	

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<p>ed status for fencing 2) exposure, and education of 1 public 3) may attract people 4) would double funding at mid-level international in for fencers 6)would CFF membership</p>	<p>perceived one would be that there would be fewer athletes per country per weapon (4 vs 5) (could be overcome by running CFC in middle of the 4 year cycle).</p>	<p>funding would be doubled at least</p>	<p>NTP automatic incorporation into the NTP - Games in April, and integration in world Cup and national programs</p>	<p>likely to win some medals which would help in meeting government targets</p>	<p>Increased status and exposure would lead more people to try fencing: increased funding would allow more programs to grow the sport; and provide opportunity for juniors to move from mid-level event to elite level</p>	
<p>ion/exposure in media 2 athlete experience as prelude games 3)increased of acceptance by funding 4) to formal development by</p>	<p>possible expectation of participation of our fencers by government without appropriate funding of the event</p>	<p>potential for funding, but would still have to be hard fought</p>	<p>definite development opportunity for up and coming athletes to gain games' experience</p>	<p>if funded, can contribute to a fuller athlete development model, leading to better world level results</p>	<p>opportunity for promotion, athlete goal setting and qualification with definite positive influence on development (current situation lacks importance)</p>	
<p>ort from National Olympic 2) added stature or importance of position 3) funding to hold camps as well late in the Games</p>	<p>none perceived</p>	<p>will receive administrative and financial support from government</p>	<p>can draft a long-term training program and have expert coaches train the team</p>	<p>none now, but expected to perform "better and better" (show marked progress)</p>	<p>inclusion will give impetus and fillip to the game as a whole</p>	
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<p>worth more than CFC one: odds of funding 2)would be</p>	<p>1) restrictions placed on qualification (top fencers may not qualify)</p>	<p>Increased</p>	<p>>funding+better competitive opportunities</p>	<p>already meeting targets, but would give more credibility to their achievements</p>	<p>None, except for >funding</p>	

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Singapore	Y	1) increased prestige and coverage leading to increased participation and improvement of abilities 2) absence of "fencing powers" gives more level footing to our fencers	none perceived	will increase as Commonwealths are considered a MAJOR sporting event in Singapore	more opportunity for exchange among elite level fencers and coaches, leading to greater exposure	none currently in place, but the added monetary incentives will prompt fencers to deliver medals	coverage are won
South Africa	Y	prestige - an asset when recruiting new members	cost of sending a team and risk of being "lost" amid the full spectrum of events, unless we get good coverage	increased funding in proportion to number of medals won	significant boost as a major incentive for fencers to train hard	improves chances of doing so as fencers will be more motivated to train	will be a of disad make th
England (informal)	Y	increase profile of fencing in the UK	restricted entry by English CGA to potential gold medalists	minimal impact overall, though team expenses would be paid	no answer	no answer	greater in fencir

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ed prestige and coverage increased participation and extent of abilities of "fencing powers" gives more to our fencers	none perceived	will increase as Commonwealths are considered a MAJOR sporting event in Singapore	more opportunity for exchange among elite level fencers and coaches, leading to greater exposure	none currently in place, but the added monetary incentives will prompt fencers to deliver medals	coverage of Games = increased coverage of fencing, more so if medals are won = potential for development
an asset when recruiting new	cost of sending a team and risk of being "lost" amid the full spectrum of events, unless we get good coverage	increased funding in proportion to number of medals won	significant boost as a major incentive for fencers to train hard	improves chances of doing so as fencers will be more motivated to train	will be a boost for possible qualification of disadvantaged fencers who could make the team
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