

Press Release

Attaque d' Escrime and Swiss Timing test in Leipzig

For two years, video evidence in fencing has become standard in international championships. The Leipzig-based Sportservice GmbH of the Swiss Group played a key role in the development of the video evidence.

Swiss Timing and the International Association "Attaque d 'Escrime" have been working to improve the system for some time. But the objective of both sides should make the fencing world sit up and listen. "Video evidence will not only be used at championships or Grand Prix in the future, our cooperation also allows the use of this system in daily practice," explains Project Manager Sven Pleszinger. Representatives of both sides met in the Arena Leipzig to subject the software developed by Swiss Timing to further testing. Attaque d 'Escrime and Swiss Timing have been in contact with the Leipziger in concerning video replay for a long time. "The goal," says Foundation-President Steffen Grollmisch, "is to make this software so practicable that every club in Germany can use it". Connected to a detector with data output, the video replay can be used immediately. "In effect, every coach can carry out an exact video analysis of his protégé alongside him", Pleszinger continues. Former fencer Steffen Grollmisch adds: "This opens up completely new possibilities for training activities. Not only can you use the system to study your opponents, the club's application allows the coach to record bouts with his young athletes and analyze and fix errors together. " Although both did not want to comment on the cost, they hinted that the new video replay system will be affordable. "The aim is that every club can afford the system, whether at home or abroad. In terms of hardware, only a laptop and a digital camera is needed, "informs Pleszinger's colleague Tristan Müller.

And Steffen Grollmisch goes one step further: "This system could become the basis for creating a national or even international database for coaches and judges. It would also be better than any other system to support education and training or conduct studies into fencing. Should this succeed, Attaque d'Escrime and Swiss Timing will inevitably be immortalized in the history books of fencing.