

Offenses and penalties

t.120 Schedule of Offenses and Penalties.

This table is intended to be a convenient summary: it is not a substitute for the full texts of the articles concerned, which should be consulted in any case of doubt.

Offense	Article	Penalties		
Fencer or team member not present upon 1 st and then second call. If still not present at 3 rd call Elimination from the competition.	t.86.5	1 st call - Yellow	2 nd call - Red	3 rd call - Elimination
1 st Group	Article	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	≥3 rd
Leaving the strip without permission	t.18.6	Yellow	Red	Red
Corps à corps to avoid a touch *	t.20.3; t.63.2			
Turning the back to the opponent *	t.21.2			
Covering/substitution of valid target *	t.22; t.49.1; t.72.2			
Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment*	t.22.3			
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid being touched*	t.28.3			
Delaying the bout	t.31.2			
Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or bodycord	t.45.1/2; t.45.3.a.ii; t.86.4			
Placing the weapon on the strip to straighten it	t.46.2; t.61.2; t.70.5			
Bending/dragging weapon point on conductive strip (F,E)	t.46.2; t.61.2			
Grounding the weapon on the metallic vest (F) *	t.53.3			
In sabre, touch scored with the guard *; any forward movement crossing the legs or feet *	t.70.3, t.75.5			
Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82.2; t.84			
Hair not conforming	t.86.2			
Jostling, disorderly fencing * ; taking off mask before the Referee calls "Halt"; undressing on the strip	t.86.3; t.87.2/7/8			
Abnormal fencing action * ; touches with brutality or made during or after a fall *	t.87.2			
Unjustified appeal	t.122.2/4			
Entering the Strip Enclosure without the Referee's permission +	t.92.6			

2 nd Group	Article	1 st	2 nd	≥3 rd
Using the non-weapon arm or hand *	t.22.1	Red	Red	Red
Interruption of bout for claimed injury/cramp not confirmed by doctor	t.33.3			
Absence of equipment control mark *	t.45.3.a.i			
Absence of name on back, absence of national colors where required	t.45.4.a, t.45.4.b.ii			
Deliberate touch not on opponent*	t.53.2; t.66.2			
Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.87.2; t.103; t.105.1			

3 rd Group	Article	1 st	2 nd
Fencer disturbing order on the strip	t.82.3; t.83; t.96.2	Red⁴	Black¹
Dishonest fencing *	t.87	Red	
Offense against publicity code	Publicity Code	Red	
Any person not on strip disturbing order	t.82; t.83; t.96.3; t.118	Warning⁴	Black³
Warming up or training without wearing conforming fencing clothing and equipment	t.15.2	Warning	Black
Anti-sporting behavior	t.87.2		

4 th Group	Article	1 st Offense
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout ^{1 or 2}	t.43.1.f; t.44.2; t.45.3.a.vii	Black
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment	t.45.3.a.iii-vi	
Manifest cheating with equipment ²	t.45.3.a.vi	
Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered	t.85.1	
Offense against sportsmanship ^{1 or 2}	t.87.2; t.105.1	
Refusal of fencer to salute opponent, the referee and the audience at the beginning or at the end of the bout	t.87.3	
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent ¹	t.88; t.105.1	
Deliberate brutality ¹	t.105.1	
Doping ²	t.127	

*	Annulment of any touch scored by the fencer at fault		
+	Special Yellow Card for the whole team and valid for the whole team match. If, during the same team match, a fencer commits an offense of the 1 st group the Referee penalises with a Red Card each time.		
Yellow Card	Warning (valid for bout, whether one or several encounters). If a fencer commits an offense in the First Group after having been penalized with a Red Card, for whatever reason, he or she receives a further Red Card.		
Red Card	Penalty Touch		
Black Card	Exclusion from competition. A fencer only receives a Black Card in the Third Group if he or she previously committed an offense in this Third Group (demonstrated by a Red Card).		
1)	Exclusion from competition	2)	Exclusion from tournament
3)	Expulsion from venue	4)	In serious cases, the referee may exclude/expel immediately