

Offenses and penalties

t.120 Schedule of Offenses and Penalties.

| Offense | Article | Penalties | | |
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| 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 / additional Offense |
| Leaving the strip without permission | t.18.6 | Yellow | Red | Red |
| Simple corps à corps (foil and sabre) * | t.20.2 | | | |
| 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 | | | |

| 2 nd Group | Article | 1 st Offense | 2 nd Offense | 3 rd / additional Offense |
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| 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 Offense | 2 nd Offense |
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| 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 | Black³ |
| Any person not on strip disturbing order | t.82; t.83; t.96.3; t.118 | Warning⁴ | |

| 4 th Group | Article | 1 st Offense |
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| 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 | |

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| * | Annulment of any touch scored by the fencer at fault | | |
| 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 |