

Offenses and penalties

t.170

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 2 nd call. If still not present at 3 rd call Elimination from the competition.	t.119	1 st call - Yellow	2 nd call - Red	3 rd call - Elimination
1 st Group	Article	1 st	2 nd	≥3 rd
Leaving the strip without permission	t.23.6	Yellow	Red	Red
Corps à corps to avoid a touch *	t.25.2			
Turning the back to the opponent *	t.27.2			
Covering/substitution of valid target *	t.29,2; t.30.1; t.79			
Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment*	t.29.3			
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid being touched*	t.35.3			
Delaying the bout	t.43.2			
Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or bodycord	t.71; t.72; t.73.1.a; t.117			
Placing the weapon on the strip to straighten it	t.76.2; t.90.2; t.96.5			
Bending/dragging weapon point on conductive strip (F,E)	t.76.2; t.90.2			
In sabre, touch scored with the guard *; any forward movement crossing the legs or feet *	t.96.3, t.101.5			
Refusal to obey the Referee	t.108; t.112			
Hair not conforming	t.115.2			
Jostling, disorderly fencing * ; taking off mask before the Referee calls "Halt"; undressing on the strip	t.116; t.121.2; t.125; t.126			
Abnormal fencing action * ; touches with brutality or made during or after a fall *	t.121.2			
Unjustified appeal, casting doubt on the decision of the Referee on a point of fact	t.172; t.173; t.174			
Entering the Strip Enclosure without the Referee's permission +	t.132.2			
Unwillingness to fight: The sanctions imposed are shown by specific P-cards, which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded	t.124	1 st offense	2 nd and 3 rd offense	4 th offense Disqualification
*	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 offence of the 1 st group the Referee penalizes with a Red Card each time.			

2 nd Group		Article	1 st	2 nd	≥3 rd
Using the non-weapon arm or hand *		t.29.1; t.30	Red	Red	Red
Interruption of bout for claimed injury/cramp not confirmed by doctor		t.45.3			
Absence of equipment control mark *		t.73.1.a			
Absence of name on back, absence of national colors where required		t.74			
Deliberate touch not on opponent*		t.55.2			
Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *		t.121.2; t.147; t.149.1			
3 rd Group		Article	1 st		2 nd
Fencer disturbing order on the strip		t.108.2; t.109; t.110; t.137.2	Red⁴		Black¹
Dishonest fencing *		t.121	Red		
Offense against publicity code		Publicity Code	Warning⁴		Black³
Any person not on strip disturbing order		t.109; t.110; t.111; t.132.2; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.168	Warning		Black
Warming up or training without wearing conforming fencing clothing and equipment		t.20.2	Black		
Anti-sporting behavior		t.121.2			
4 th Group		Article	1 st		
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout ^{1/ 2}		t.64.6; t.68; t.73.1.g	Black		
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment		t.73.1.c-e			
Manifest cheating with equipment ²		t.73.1.f; m.5.5.d			
Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered		t.113			
Offense against sportsmanship ^{1 or 2}		t.121.2; t.122; t.123; t.149.1			
Refusal of fencer to salute opponent, the referee and the audience at the beginning or at the end of the bout		t.122			
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent ¹		t.128; t.149.1			
Deliberate brutality ¹		t.149.1			
Doping ²		o.107			
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.				
P Cards	P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit), P-black (disqualification). In case of P-black card, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification.				
1)	Exclusion from competition		2)	Exclusion from tournament	
3)	Expulsion from venue		4)	In serious cases, the referee may exclude/expel immediately	