

Offenses and penalties

t.120 Schedule of Offenses and Penalties.

OFFENSE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
Fencer or team member not present upon 1st and then second call. If still not present at 3rd call Elimination from the competition.	t.86.6	1st call - Yellow	2nd call - Red	3rd call - Elimination
1st group		1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd / additional
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.45.1/2/3.a)ii ; t.86.4			
Placing the weapon on the strip to straighten it	t.46.2 ; t.61.2 ; t.70.6			
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			

2nd group		1st	2nd	3rd
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).1			
Absence of name on back, absence of National colors where required	t.45.4 a), 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			
3rd group		1st	2nd	
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			
Any person not on strip disturbing order	t.82; t.83; t.96.c; t.118	Warning⁴	Black³	
4th group		1st 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).vi	Black		
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment	vi)			
Manifest cheating with equipment ²	t.45.3.a).v			
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			
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	