

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 | | |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | Red | | 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 | Warning⁴ | | |
| Warming up or training without wearing conforming fencing clothing and equipment | | t.20.2 | Warning | | 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 | | |