

USA Fencing Rules, Chapter 6, t.47

2. The Referee has many **duties**.

a) Calls the roll of the competitors (cf. t.114, t.118, t.119).

b) Directs the bout.

c) Must check the weapons, clothes and equipment of the fencers, according to the regulations described below before each bout.

d) Superintends the proper functioning of the electrical apparatus. Either on his own initiative or when asked to do so by a team captain or competitor, he implements tests necessary to verify the apparatus and locate any faults which may be found. He will prevent the competitors from hindering the tests by unplugging or changing their equipment prematurely.

e) Directs the judges, timekeepers, scorers, etc.

f) Positions himself and moves in such a way as to be able to **follow the bout** while always being able to see the illumination of the signal lamps.

g) Penalizes faults (cf. t.164).

h) Awards the touches (cf. t.54ss).

i) Maintains order (cf. t.137).

j) Should consult the experts concerning the electrical apparatus whenever he considers it necessary (cf. o.7).

k) The Referee should also supervise **the state of the conductive strip**; he must not allow the bout to commence or to continue if the conductive strip has holes in it which might affect the proper registering of touches.