

Offenses and penalties

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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
Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P-cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.		t.124.1, t.124.2	1 st time P-yellow	2 nd time P-red	3 rd time P-black
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, t.97			
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 an intentional fall to avoid being hit *		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			
*	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 medical reason not confirmed by doctor		t.45.3				
Absence of equipment control mark *		t.73.1.a				
Intentionally dropping a weapon during the fencing phrase		t.56.11				
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.26.1, t.121.2; t.147				
3 rd Group		Article		1 st		2 nd
Fencer disturbing order on the strip		t.108.2; t.137.2		Red ⁴		Black ¹
Dishonest fencing *		t.121		Red		
Offense against publicity code		Publicity Code		Warning ⁴		Black ³
Any person not on strip disturbing order; smoking in the competition halls (including with electronic cigarettes		t.109; t.110; t.111; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.168		Warning		Black
Warming up or training without wearing conforming fencing clothing and equipment		t.20.2		Red		
Anti-sporting behavior		t.121.2				
4 th Group		Article		1 st		
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting the fencer to receive communications during the bout ^{1/ 2}		t.64.6; 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				
Violent or vindictive actions 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, the fencer 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 (loss of the bout or match). In both individual and team competitions, fencers and team who have lost the bout/ match following the award of a P-black card will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/ match. They receive the corresponding points.					
1)	Exclusion from competition		2)	Exclusion from tournament		
3)	Expulsion from venue		4)	In serious cases, the referee may exclude/expel immediately		