

## 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 <sup>st</sup> and then 2 <sup>nd</sup> call. If still not present at 3 <sup>rd</sup> call Elimination from the competition.	t.119	1 <sup>st</sup> call Yellow	2 <sup>nd</sup> call Red	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> time P-yellow	2 <sup>nd</sup> time P-red	3 <sup>rd</sup> time P-black
1 <sup>st</sup> Group	Article	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	≥3 <sup>rd</sup>
Leaving the strip without permission	t.23.6	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>
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 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 <sup>st</sup> group the Referee penalizes with a Red Card each time.			

2 <sup>nd</sup> Group		Article	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	≥3 <sup>rd</sup>
Using the non-weapon arm or hand *		t.29.1; t.30	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Red</b>
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 <sup>rd</sup> Group		Article	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>
Fencer disturbing order on the strip		t.108.2; t.109; t.110; t.137.2	<b>Red<sup>4</sup></b>		<b>Black<sup>1</sup></b>
Dishonest fencing *		t.121	<b>Red</b>		
Offense against publicity code		Publicity Code	<b>Warning<sup>4</sup></b>		<b>Black<sup>3</sup></b>
Any person not on strip disturbing order		t.109; t.110; t.111; t.132.2; t.133; t.137.3/4; t.168	<b>Warning</b>		<b>Black</b>
Warming up or training without wearing conforming fencing clothing and equipment		t.20.2			
Anti-sporting behavior		t.121.2			
4 <sup>th</sup> Group		Article	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout <sup>1/2</sup>		t.64.6; t.68; t.73.1.g	<b>Black</b>		
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment		t.73.1.c-e			
Manifest cheating with equipment <sup>2</sup>		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 <sup>1</sup> or <sup>2</sup>		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 <sup>1</sup>		t.128; t.149.1			
Deliberate brutality <sup>1</sup>		t.149.1			
Doping <sup>2</sup>		o.107			
<b>Yellow Card</b>	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.				
<b>Red Card</b>	Penalty Touch				
<b>Black Card</b>	Exclusion from competition.				
<b>P Cards</b>	P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit), P-black (possible 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		