



Penalty Chart

Offenses	Articles	Penalty Cards			
		1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd and Following Offenses	
First Group:					
Non-conforming equipment ⁽¹⁾ , no spare regulation weapon,..... 21, 27 no national armband (official FIE competitions)		Y E L L O W C A R D	R E D	R E D	R E D
Simple corps à corps (Foil and Sabre) 34, 224, 412	34, 224, 412				
Corps à corps to avoid a touch; 28, 34, 224, 318, 412 jostling, falling, disorderly fencing, reversing shoulders (Foil) ⁽²⁾	28, 34, 224, 318, 412				
Raising the mask before the halt 28	28				
Covering or substitution of valid target (Foil, Sabre) 30, 222, 411	30, 222, 411				
Using the non-weapon arm or hand ⁽²⁾ 30	30				
Touching/holding the electrical equipment..... 30	30				
Leaving the strip without permission 32	32				
Turning the back on the opponent ⁽²⁾ 35	35				
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid a touch 43	43				
Delaying the bout 48	48				
Placing the point of the weapon on the strip during the bout; 211, 316 straightening the weapon on the strip at any time (Foil, Epée)	211, 316				
Grounding the weapon on the lamé (Foil) ⁽²⁾ 230	230				
Voluntary touch not on the opponent (Foil, Epée)..... 230, 325	230, 325				
Touch scored with the guard (Sabre) ⁽²⁾ 409	409				
Disobedience 602f, 606, 609	602f, 606, 609				
Not present when called by the Referee during the competition..... 604	604				
Unjustified appeal..... 661	661				
Forward motion with crossing of the legs (Sabre) ⁽⁹⁾ FIE Executive Committee	FIE Executive Committee				
Second Group:					
Absence of inspection marks ^(1,3) 21	21	R E D	R E D	R E D	R E D
Violent, dangerous or vindictive act, hit with guard or pommel ⁽²⁾ 28	28				
Unjustified claim of injury ⁽⁴⁾ 50	50				
Voluntary touch not on the opponent in final minute (Foil, Epée)..... 230, 325	230, 325				
Third Group:					
Falsified inspection marks, voluntary modification of equipment ^(1,3,4,5) 21	21	R E D	B L A C K		
Dishonest fencing ^(2,5) 28	28				
Fencer disturbing order on the strip ^(5,8) 602	602				
Offense concerning publicity code ⁽⁵⁾ Publicity Code	Publicity Code				
Anyone disturbing order off the strip ^(7,8) 602	602			1 st : warning 2 nd : expulsion	
Fourth Group:					
Not present to fence at beginning of competition/pool/direct elimination bout/team match..... 604 after 3 calls at 1 minute intervals ⁽⁵⁾	604	B L A C K			
Obvious fraud in the equipment ^(1,2,4,6) 21	21				
Intentional brutality ^(2,5) 28	28				
Unsportsmanlike conduct ^(2,5/6) 605	605				
Favoring the opponent, profiting from collusion ⁽⁵⁾ 607	607				
Doping ⁽⁶⁾ 608	608				

- (1) Confiscation of non-conforming equipment
- (2) Annulment of touch scored by fencer at fault
- (3) Annulment of last touch scored by fencer at fault, even if fencing has recommenced
- (4) Consult medical/technical experts
- (5) Exclusion from the competition

- (6) Exclusion from the tournament
- (7) Expulsion from the site of the competition
- (8) In the most severe cases, the Referee may exclude or expel the offender immediately.
- (9) Annulment of touch scored by fencer at fault; however, touch correctly scored by opponent is counted.

A fencer cannot receive a YELLOW CARD after receiving any RED CARD in the same bout. A fencer does not receive a 3rd group BLACK CARD without already having received a 3rd group RED CARD in that bout.

This chart is for quick reference only. Refer to the FIE Rules for more details.