

Article t.120 – Schedule of offences and penalties

YELLOW CARD = Warning (valid for bout, whether one or several encounters). If a fencer commits an offence in the First Group after having been penalised with a RED CARD, for whatever reason, he receives a further RED CARD.

* = Annulment of any hit scored by the fencer at fault.

RED CARD = Penalty hit.

BLACK CARD = Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (1 October – World Championships for the Juniors, and 1 January – World Championships for the Seniors), whether current or forthcoming. A fencer only receives a BLACK CARD in the Third Group if he previously committed an offence in this Third Group (demonstrated by a RED CARD).

(1) Expulsion from competition venue. (2) In serious cases, Referee may exclude/expel immediately. (3) Suspension for the remainder of the competition taking place and from the following two FIE competitions in the weapon concerned. The points or titles obtained at the moment of the offence remain acquired.

	OFFENCE	FIRST OFFENCE	SECOND OFFENCE	THIRD OFFENCE
FIRST GROUP	Leaving piste without permission..... t.18.6			
	Simple corps à corps (foil and sabre) * t.20.2			
	Corps à corps to avoid being hit * t.20.3, t.62.2			
	Turning back on opponent * t.21.2			
	Use of non-sword arm/hand * t.22.1			
	Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment * t.22.3			
	Covering/substitution of valid target * t.22.2, t.49.1, t.72.2			
	Leaving piste to avoid being hit..... t.28.3			
	Interruption of bout without valid reason t.31.2			
	Placing the weapon on the conductive piste to straighten it t.46.2/3, t.61.2/3, t.70.6			
	Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or bodywire t.45.1/2/3.a) ii, t.86.4	YELLOW CARD	RED CARD	RED CARD
	At foil and épée, bending, dragging weapon point on conductive piste t.46.2/3, t.61.2/3			
	Bringing weapon into contact with conductive jacket * t.53.3			
	At sabre, hit made with the guard *, any forward movement crossing the legs or feet * t.70.3, t.75.5			
	Refusal to obey the Referee t.82.2, t.84			
	Jostling, disorderly fencing; irregular movements on the piste, hits made with violence or while falling * t.86.3, t.87.2			
	Taking off mask before the Referee calls 'Halt!'; undressing on the piste t.87.7/8			
	Unjustified appeal t.122.2/4			

	OFFENCE	FIRST OFFENCE	SECOND OFFENCE	THIRD OFFENCE
SECOND GROUP	Interruption of bout for claimed injury not confirmed by doctor t.33.3 Absence of weapon check marks *t.45.3.a) Deliberate hit not on opponent..... t.53.2, t.66.2 Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at Individual World Cup competitions and Zonal Championships..... t.45.4 Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel * t.87.2, t.103, t.105.1	RED CARD	RED CARD	RED CARD
	Faking weapon check marks, intentional modification of equipment *t.45.3.a) iii, iv Fencer disturbing order when on piste (2)t.82.3, t.83, t.96.2 Dishonest fencing * t.87.1 Offence against Publicity Code..... Publicity Code	RED CARD	BLACK CARD	
THIRD GROUP	Any person not on piste disturbing good order..... t.82.3/4, t.83, t.96.3, t.118.3	YELLOW CARD VALID FOR WHOLE COMP'N. OR (2)	EXPULSION (1 or 2)	
	Non-combativity t.87.4/5/6	YELLOW CARD	RED CARD	RED CARD
	Non-presentation on the piste during the competition when ordered by the Referee with three calls at one-minute intervals t.86.6	AT FIRST CALL YELLOW CARD	AT SECOND CALL RED CARD	AT THIRD CALL ELIMINAT'N FROM COMP'N
	Non-presentation when first called by Referee, ten minutes before time indicated for start of pool/ team match/bouts of direct elimination..... t.86.5 Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at World Championships/ Team World Cup competitions..... t.45.4	ELIMINATION FROM COMPETITION		
	Refusal of fencer to salute his opponent before beginning or at end of bout t.87.3	SUSPENSION (3)		
	Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered t.85.1	DISQUALIFICATION		
	Manifest cheating with equipment..... t.45.3.a) v Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout..... t.43.1.f, t.44.2, t.45.3.a) vi Offence against sportsmanship..... t.87.2, t.105.1 Deliberate brutality * t.105.1 Profiting from collusion, favouring an opponent..... t.88, t.105.1 Doping t.127	BLACK CARD		
FOURTH GROUP				