

FENCING RULES

Offense	Rule # (Part II)	1st offense	2nd offense
<b>Group I</b>			
Clothing/equipment not conforming when fencer is called for his or her bout	37	yellow card  (further yellow cards in the same bout result in a red card)	red card
Fencer speaking during the bout, except in case of urgent need or to appeal	4		
Fencer using a weapon other than his or her own	5		
Fencing before the command “Fence”	6		
Simple <i>corps-à-corps</i> – foil and sabre only	119		
<i>Corps-à-corps</i> to avoid a touch * – épée only	120		
Announcing receipt of a touch after the director’s decision or during jury deliberations	9		
Failure to respect the decision of the jury	5		
Using the unarmed hand or arm *	114		
Leaving strip without permission	16		
Turning back on opponent *	107		
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid being touched	149		
Delaying the bout	172		
Refusal to obey the director	5		
Accidental blow with guard, hilt, or pommel *	117		
Use of weapon as a throwing weapon *	111		
Fencer not presenting him or herself at first call of director during competition	15		
<b>Group II</b>			
Fencing after the command “Halt” or while opponent unable to defend him or herself	7	red card	red card
Interruption of bout for specious claim of injury	168		
<b>Group III</b>			
Offense against honor <sup>1 or 2</sup>	3	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
Dangerous action *	121	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
Attempting to influence the jury beyond simple announcement of receipt of a touch	10	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
Jostling *	124	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
<i>Corps-à-corps</i> with unnecessary roughness *	123	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
Fencer failing to defend his or her chances in a bout	5	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>

COMPETITORS, SPECTATORS, AND DISCIPLINE

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Favoring an opponent	11	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
Refusal to salute before the beginning of the bout (only one fencer)	138	red card	black card <sup>1</sup>
Any person disturbing good order	23	warning <sup>4</sup>	expulsion <sup>3</sup>
Refusal of one fencer to salute and shake hands with the opponent after final touch scored	104	winner: annulment of touch scored loser: suspension <sup>5</sup>	
Changing the order of bouts in a team match, whether intentionally or unintentionally	Part I: 48, 49, 51(c)	loss of match	
Fencer fencing with more than one weapon during a three-weapon team competition, whether intentionally or unintentionally	Part I: 51(a)	loss of match	
<b>Group IV</b>			
Violent or vindictive action; deliberate brutality <sup>1</sup>	122	immediate black card	
Refusal to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered <sup>6</sup>	8		
Non-presentation when called by the director at the start of the competition, match, or pool after three calls at one minute intervals <sup>1</sup>	13, 15, 16		
Refusal of both fencers to salute before the beginning of the bout <sup>1</sup>	138		
Withdrawal of a team for reasons not beyond the team's control <sup>1</sup>	Part I: 61		
Refusal of both fencers to salute and shake hands after the final touch scored <sup>5</sup>	104		
Fencers in collusion <sup>1</sup>	12		
Doping <sup>2 or 3 or 5</sup>	19		

\* Annulment of any touch scored by the fencer at fault.

If a fencer commits an offense in Group I after having been penalized with a Red Card (of any Group, for whatever reason), that fencer receives a further Red Card.

A fencer receives a Black Card in Group III only if that fencer previously committed an offense in Group III (demonstrated by a Red Card).

<sup>1</sup> Exclusion from competition.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusion from tournament.

<sup>3</sup> Expulsion from competition venue.

<sup>4</sup> In serious cases, director may exclude/expel immediately.

<sup>5</sup> Suspension for two competitions.

<sup>6</sup> Disqualification.