

t.120. Table of Offences and Penalties

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.

	OFFENCE	ARTICLES	PENALTIES		
0.1	Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at World Championships/Team World Cup competitions	t.45.4 a), b) i and iii	Elimination from the competition		
0.2	Absence of name on back due to changing a non-conforming conductive jacket	t.45.5			
0.3	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			
0.4	Non presentation on the piste ready to fence when ordered by the Referee, after three calls at one-minute intervals	t.86.6	1st call	2nd call	3rd call Elimination

	1st group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
1.1	Leaving piste without permission	t.18.6	YELLOW	RED	RED
1.2	Corps à corps to avoid being hit *	t.20.2 ; t.63.2			
1.3	Turning back on opponent *	t.21.2			
1.4	Covering/substitution of valid target *	t.22.2 ; t. 49.1 ; t.72.2			
1.5	Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment *	t.22.3			
1.6	Crossing lateral boundary of the piste to avoid being hit *	t.28.3			
1.7	Interruption of bout without valid reason	t.31.2			
1.8	Clothing/equipment not conforming. Curve of blade exceeding that permitted. Absence of regulation/spare weapon or bodywire	t.45.1/2/3.a)ii ; t.86.4			
1.9	Placing weapon on the conductive piste to straighten it	t.46.2 ; t.61.2 ; t.70.5			
1.10	At foil and épée, bending, dragging weapon point on conductive piste	t.46.2 ; t.61.2			
1.11	Bringing weapon into contact with conductive jacket *	t.53.3			
1.12	At sabre, hit made with the guard *, any forward movement crossing the legs or feet *	t.70.3 ; t.75.5			
1.13	Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82.2 ; t.84			
1.14	Hair not conforming to the Rules	t.86.2			
1.15	Jostling, disorderly fencing * ; taking off mask before the Referee calls 'Halt!'; dressing or undressing on the piste	t.86.3 ; t.87.2/7/8			
1.16	Irregular movements on the piste * ; hits made with violence or during or after falling *	t.87.2			
1.17	Unjustified appeal	t.122.2/4			
1.18	Entering the Piste enclosure without the Referee's permission +	t.92.6			

	2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand *	t.22.1	RED	RED	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for claimed injury/cramp deemed unjustified by doctor	t.33.3			
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks *	t.45.3.a).i			
2.4	Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at individual World Cup competitions and Zonal Championships	t.45.4 a), b) ii			
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent *	t.53.2 ; t.66.2			
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.87.2 ; t.103 ; t.105.1			

OFFENCE	ARTICLES	PENALTIES (Cards)	
3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.1	Fencer disturbing order when on piste. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).	RED	BLACK
3.2	Dishonest fencing *	RED	
3.3	Offence against Publicity Code		
3.4	Any person not on piste disturbing good order. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).	YELLOW	BLACK
3.5	Warming up or training without wearing fencing clothing or equipment that conforms to the FIE regulations.		
3.6	Anti-sporting behaviour		

4th group		PENALTIES (Cards)
4.1	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during bout	BLACK
4.2	Fraudulent equipment, control marks that are imitated or transferred	
4.3	Equipment altered to allow the recording of hits or the non-functioning of the apparatus at will	
4.4	Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered	
4.5	Offence against sportsmanship	
4.6	Refusal of a fencer to salute his opponent, the referee and the spectators before the beginning of the bout or after the last hit	
4.7	Profiting from collusion, favouring an opponent	
4.8	Deliberate brutality	
4.9	Doping	

EXPLANATIONS	
*	Annulment of any hit 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 1st group the Referee penalises with a RED CARD each time.
YELLOW CARD	Warning valid for the bout (whether one or several encounters). If a fencer commits an offence of the 1 st group after having been penalised with a RED CARD, for whatever reason, he receives a further RED CARD.
RED CARD	Penalty hit
BLACK CARD	<p>Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following 2 months of the active season (1st October – World Championships for the juniors and 1st January – World Championships for the seniors), whether current or forthcoming.</p> <p>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).</p>