

OFFENSE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
		1st	2nd	3 rd and add'l
1st group				
Leaving the strip without permission	t.18/3			
Simple Corps à corps (foil and sabre) *	t.20			
Corps à corps to avoid a touch *	t.20, t.63			
Turning the back to the opponent *	t.21			
Using the non-weapon arm or hand *	t.22	Y	R	R
Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment*	t.22	E	E	E
Covering/Substitution of valid target *	t.22, t.49, t.72	L	D	D
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid being touched	t.28	L		
Delaying the Bout	t.31	O	C	C
Placing the weapon on the strip to straighten it	t.46, t.61, t.70/d	W	A	A
Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or bodycord	t.45/1 et 3.b		R	R
Bending/dragging weapon point on conductive strip (F,E)	t.46, t.61	C	D	D
Grounding the weapon on the metallic vest (F) *	t.53	A		
In Saber, touch scored with the guard*; any forward movement crossing the legs or feet*	t.70, t.75/3	R		
Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82, t.84	D		
Jostling, disorderly fencing * ; taking off mask before the Referee calls 'Halt'; undressing on the strip	t.87			
Unjustified appeal	t.122			
Abnormal fencing action *				
Touches with brutality or while falling *				
Fencer or team member not present upon 1 st and then second call. If still not present at 3 rd call Elimination from the competition.				

2nd group				
Interruption of bout for claimed injury not confirmed by doctor	t.33	R	R	R
Absence of equipment control mark(*)	t.45/3.a	E	E	E
Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.87	D	D	D
Deliberate touch not on opponent	t.53, t.66			
Absence of name on back, absence of National colors where required	t.45			
3rd group		1 st Offense		2 nd Offense
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment *	t.45/3.(c), (d)	R		B
Fencer disturbing order on the strip (4)	t.82, t.83	E		L
Dishonest fencing:(*) refusal to salute before the beginning of the bout (only one fencer).	t.87	D		A C
Offence against publicity code	Publicity Code			K (1)
Any person not on strip disturbing order	t.82, t.83	1 st ; Warning (YELLOW CARD) or (4) 2 nd Expulsion (3) or (4)		
Refusal of one fencer to salute the opponent after final touch scored	t.87	Winner: Annulment of Touch Scored Loser: Suspension (5)		
Changing the order of bouts in a team match, intentionally or unintentionally	t.86	Loss of Match		
4th group				
Manifest cheating with equipment (2)	t.45/3.e	B		
Offense against sportsmanship (1) or (2)	t.87	L		
Deliberate brutality (1), refusal of both fencers to salute: before the bout (1); after the final touch scored (5)	t.87, t.105	A		
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent (1)	t.88, t.105	C		
Doping (2)	t.129	K		
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout	t. 45/3 (f) (1) or (2)			

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

Yellow Card = Warning (valid for bout, whether one or several encounters). Red Card = Penalty touch. Black Card = Exclusion or expulsion.

(1) Exclusion from competition. (2) Exclusion from whole tournament. (3) Expulsion from competition venue. (4) In serious cases, Referee may exclude/expel immediately. (5) Suspension for two competitions. (6) Disqualification.

If a fencer commits an offence in the First Group after having been penalized with a Red Card, for whatever reason, he or she receives a further Red Card. A fencer only receives a Black Card in the Third Group if he or she previously committed an offence in this Third Group (demonstrated by a Red Card).