

OFFENSE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
		1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup> and add'l
<b>1st group</b>				
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	Y	R	R
Covering/Substitution of valid target *	t.22, t.49, t.72	E	E	E
Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment*	t.22	L	D	D
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid being touched	t.28	L		
Delaying the Bout	t.31	O	C	C
Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or bodycord	t.45.1 & 3.b	W	A	A
Placing the weapon on the strip to straighten it	t.46, t.61, t.70.d		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.a, t.75.b.3	R		
Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82, t.84	D		
Hair not conforming	t.86			
Jostling, disorderly fencing * ; taking off mask before the Referee calls 'Halt'; undressing on the strip	t.86, t.87			
Abnormal fencing action * ; touches with brutality or made during or after a fall *	t.87			
Non-combativity	t.87			
Unjustified appeal	t.122			
Fencer or team member not present upon 1 <sup>st</sup> and then second call. If still not present at 3 <sup>rd</sup> call Elimination from the competition.	t.86			3 <sup>rd</sup> call; Elimination

<b>2nd group</b>		1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup> and add'l
Using the non-weapon arm or hand *	t.22			
Interruption of bout for claimed injury/cramp not confirmed by doctor	t.33	R	R	R
Absence of equipment control mark *	t.45.3.a	E	E	E
Absence of name on back, absence of National colors where required	t.45	D	D	D
Deliberate touch not on opponent	t.53, t.66			
Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.87, t.103, t.105			
<b>3rd group</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	
Fencer disturbing order on the strip (4)	t.82, t.83, t.96	R		B L
Dishonest fencing *	t.87	E		A
Offence against publicity code	Publicity Code	D		C K (1)
Any person not on strip disturbing order	t.82, t.83, t.96.c, t.118	1 <sup>st</sup> ; Warning (YELLOW CARD) or (4) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Expulsion (3) or (4)		
<b>4th group</b>				
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout	t.43, t.44, t.45.3.f (1) or (2)			
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment	t.45.3.c & d	B		
Manifest cheating with equipment (2)	t.45.3.e	L		
Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered	t.85	A		
Offense against sportsmanship (1) or (2)	t.87, t.105	C		
Refusal of fencer to salute opponent, the referee and the audience at the beginning or at the end of the bout	t.87	K		
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent (1)	t.88, t.105			
Deliberate brutality (1)	t.105			
Doping (2)	t.129			

\* 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).