

## Faults and penalties

	Offence	Article	1st	2nd & ss
<b>First Group</b>	Leaving the piste without permission	t.18.6	<b>YELLOW CARD</b>	<b>RED CARD</b>
	Simple corps-a-corps (foil and sabre) *	t.20.2		
	Corps-a-corps to avoid being hit *	t.20.3 & 62.2		
	Turning one's back on the opponent *	t.21.2		
	Use of the non-sword arm/hand *	t.22.1		
	Touching or taking hold of the electrical equipment *	t.22.3		
	Covering or substitution of the valid target *	t.22, 49, 72		
	Leaving the side of the piste to avoid being hit	t.28		
	Interrupting of bout without a valid reason	t.31		
	Placing the weapon on conductive piste to straighten it	t.46,61,70		
	Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or body wire	t.45		
	At foil and épée bending, dragging weapon point on the conductive piste	t.46,61		
	Bringing weapon into contact with conductive jacket *	t.53		
	At sabre, hit made with the guard, any forward movement crossing the legs or feet *	t.70,75		
	Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82,84		
	Jostling, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits made with violence or while falling*	t.86 & 87		
Taking off the mask before the referee call 'halt'; undressing on the piste.	t.87			
Unjustified appeal	t.122			
<b>Second Group</b>	Interruption of bout for claimed injury, not confirmed by Doctor	t.33	<b>RED CARD</b>	
	Absence of weapon check marks *	t.45/3.a		
	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with the guard or pommel *	t.87, 103 & 105		
	Deliberate hit not on opponent	t.53 & 66		
	Absence of name on back; absence of National Colours when compulsory	t.45		
<b>Third Group</b>	Faking control markings, intentional modification of equipment *	t.45.3.a) iii & iv	<b>RED</b>	<b>BLACK</b>
	Fencer disturbing order when on the piste (2)	t.82,83		
	Dishonest fencing *	t.87		
	Offences against publicity code	Publicity Code		
	Any person not on the piste disturbing the good order	t.82, 83, 118	Valid for competition or (2)	Expulsion (1 or 2)
	Non-presentation on the piste during the competition when ordered by the referee with three calls at one minute intervals	t.86	First Call	Second call Eliminated
	Non-combativity	t.87		BLACK
	Refusal of one fencer to salute his opponent before beginning or at end of bout	t.87	Suspension (3)	
	Non-presentation when first called by the referee, 10 minutes before the time indicated for the start of the pool/team match/bouts of direct elimination.	t.86.5	Eliminated from competition	
<b>Fourth Group</b>	Manifest cheating with equipment	t.45.3a	<b>BLACK CARD</b>	
	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout	t.43, 44, 45		
	Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered (4)	t.85		
	Offence against sportsmanship (1) or (2)	t.87, 105		
	Deliberate brutality	t.105		
	Profiting from collusion, favouring an opponent	t.88,105		
	Doping	t.127		

### KEY

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

**YELLOW CARD:** Warning (valid for the bout, whether one or several encounters). If the 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

**RED CARD:** Penalty hit

**BLACK CARD:** (Please note in GBR Domestic Events the fencer is immediately excluded from the competition and suspended from the remainder of the tournament. Details must also be reported to BFA HQ for consideration by the Disciplinary Committee. The FIE penalties only apply for FIE Events)

Exclusion from the competition, suspension from the remainder of the tournament and for the following two months of the active season (1st October - World Championships for the Juniors and 1st 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)

**EXPULSION (1)** From the competition venue **(2)** In the serious cases the Referee may exclude/expel immediately.

**SUSPENSION (3)** Suspension for the remainder of the competition currently 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.

**DISQUALIFICATION (4)**