



Catalog of Offences and Penalties Wheelchair Fencing

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Offence	Article	Penalty		
Absence of name on back, absence of national colors, or not conforming (Paralympics, World and Zonal Championships, individual and team events)	t.45.4a)/b)j	Elimination from competition		
Absence of name on back after changing a conductive jacket that does not conform to the rules (after start of next stage of competition)	t.45.5			
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			
Non-presentation on the piste during the competition when ordered by the Referee, with three calls at one-minute intervals	t.86.6	At 1 st Call	At 2 nd Call	Elimination at 3 rd Call
GROUP 1	Effective only for current bout. If a fencer commits an offence in the 1. group after having been penalized with a red card, he receives a further red card	1 st Offence	2 nd Of4fence	3 rd & subseq. Offence
★ Systematical or deliberate changing of sitting position, or starting before the command „Play!“	t.17.5, t.24			
Leaving piste without permission	t.18.6			
★ Turning back on opponent	t.21.2			
★ Covering / substitution of valid target	t.22.2, t.49.1, t.72.2			
★ Touching / taking hold of electrical equipment	t.22.3			
★ Lifting from the wheelchair	t.25, t.26			
★ Losing balance systematically or deliberately	t.27.1			
Interruption of bout without valid reason	t.31.2			
Clothing / equipment / wheelchair not working or not conforming. Curvature of blade exceeding permitted limits. Absence of second regulation weapon or body wire	t.45.1/2/3a)ii, t.86.4			
Placing the weapon on the conductive piste to straighten it	t.46.2, t.61.2, t.70.6			
At foil and epee, bending, dragging weapon point on conductive piste	t.46.2, t.61.2			
★ Bringing weapon into contact with conductive jacket	t.53.3			
★ At sabre, hit made with the guard	t.70.3			
Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82.2, t.84			
Hair not conforming to the rules	t.86.2			
★ Jostling, disorderly fencing	t.87.2			
Taking off mask before the Referee calls „Halt!“; undressing on the piste	t.86.3, t.87.7/8			
★ Irregular movements on the piste. Hits made with violence or during or after falling	t.87.2			
One-sided non-combativity	t.87.4a)			
Unjustified appeal	t.122.2/4			
GROUP 2		1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd & subseq. Offence
★ Use of non-sword arm / hand	t.22.1			
★ Damaging / unfastening wheelchair systematically or deliberately	t.27.1, t.28.2			
Interruption of bout for claimed injury / cramp deemed unjustified by doctor	t.33.3			
★ Absence of weapon or wheelchair check marks	t.45.3a)j			
Absence of name on back, absence of national colors, or not conforming (IWF World Cups – individual and team events)	t.45.4a)/b)ii			
Deliberate hit not on opponent	t.53.2, t.66.2			
★ Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel	t.87.2, t.103, t.105.1			
GROUP 3	A fencer only receives a black card in group 3, if he previously committed an offence in this group 3 (red card)	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	
Fencer disturbing order when on piste	t.82.3, t.83, t.96.2			
★ Dishonest fencing	t.87.1			
Offence against Publicity Code	Publicity Code			
Any person not on piste disturbing good order	t.82.3/4, t.83, t.96.3, t.118.3/4	Effective for the whole competition		
GROUP 4		1 st Offence		
Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout	t.43.1.f, t.44.2, t.45.3a)vi			
Fraudulent equipment, control or wheelchair check marks imitated or transferred	t.45.3a)iii/iv			
Equipment that has been altered in any way to allow the recording of hits or the non-functioning of apparatus at will	t.45.3a)v			
Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor properly entered (individual or team)	t.85.1			
Offence against sportsmanship	t.87.2, t.105.1			
Refusal of fencer to salute their opponent, the Referee and the public before beginning or at end of bout	t.87.3			
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent	t.88, t.105.1			
★ Deliberate brutality	t.105.1			
★ Doping	t.127			

★ – Annulment of any hit scored by the fencer at fault

Yellow Card – Warning

Red Card – Penalty Hit

Black Card – Exclusion / suspension

- In case of occurrence of any condition associated with the handicap (e.g. involuntary spasm) the referee may allow sufficient time for recovery (t.29)

- In epee all areas underneath the thighs are no valid target areas. Everything above the thighs, including the wheelchair, is valid target area (t.62)

- Before „Play!“ the points of the fencers' weapons may not extend beyond the front of their opponent's guard (foil/epee). In sabre the point of a competitor's blade shall not be advanced beyond the blade of his opponent. The blades may not be in contact (t.17.3, part 4.2)

- The referee can call for two judges, who observe the lifting of the fencers during the bout (t.26). The judges also may assist during the measurement of the distance