

## IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Technical Rules Amendments

	<i>Current Rule</i>	<i>Amended Rule</i>
<b>t.45.1</b>	<p>If a fencer appears on the piste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— with only one regulation weapon (cf. t.86.1/2); or</li> <li>— with only one regulation bodywire; or</li> <li>— with only one regulation mask wire; or</li> <li>— with a weapon or a bodywire which does not work or which does not conform with the Rules; or</li> <li>— without his protective under-plastron (cf. t.43.1.e above); or</li> <li>— with a conductive jacket which does not fully cover the valid target; or</li> <li>— with clothing which does not conform with the Rules; or</li> <li>— with a wheelchair that does not conform with the Rules</li> </ul> <p>the Referee will apply the penalties according to Articles t.114, t.116, t.120 (First Group).</p>	<p>If a fencer appears on the piste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— with only one regulation weapon (cf. t.86.1/2); or</li> <li>— with only one regulation bodywire; or</li> <li>— with only one regulation mask wire; or</li> <li>or</li> <li>— with a weapon or a bodywire which does not work or which does not conform with the Rules; or</li> <li>— without his protective under-plastron (cf. t.43.1.e above); or</li> <li>— with a conductive jacket which does not fully cover the valid target; or</li> <li>— with a conductive apron which does not cover the non-valid area as described in t.62; or</li> <li>— with clothing which does not conform with the Rules; or</li> <li>— with a wheelchair that does not conform with the Rules</li> </ul> <p>the Referee will apply the penalties according to Articles t.114, t.116, t.120 (First Group).</p>
<b>t.45.2</b>	<p>When during a bout an irregularity is found in the equipment which could be caused by conditions during the bout:</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— conductive jacket with holes in which hits are registered as <b>non-valid</b>,</li> <li>— weapon or bodywire no longer functioning,</li> <li>— pressure of the spring in the point too weak,</li> <li>— the travel in the point no longer regulation,</li> </ul> <p>the Referee will apply neither warning nor penalty and any hit scored with the equipment which has become defective will be awarded.</p> <p>However, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose weapon, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, has a curve of the blade which exceeds that permitted (cf. m.8.6, m.16.2, m.23.4) commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116 and t.120.</p>	<p>When during a bout an irregularity is found in the equipment which could be caused by conditions during the bout:</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— conductive jacket with holes in which hits are registered as <b>non-valid</b>,</li> <li>— <b>conductive apron with holes in which hits are registered as valid</b>,</li> <li>— weapon or bodywire no longer functioning,</li> <li>— pressure of the spring in the point too weak,</li> <li>— the travel in the point no longer regulation,</li> </ul> <p>the Referee will apply neither warning nor penalty and any hit scored with the equipment which has become defective will be awarded.</p> <p>However, even during the course of a bout, any fencer whose weapon, at the moment he presents himself on guard and ready to fence, has a curve of the blade which exceeds that permitted (cf. m.8.6, m.16.2, m.23.4) commits an offence in the first group and will be penalised in accordance with Articles t.114, t.116 and t.120.</p>
<b>t.45.4</b>	<p>Every fencer must appear on the piste with clothing conforming to the rules as follows:</p> <p>a) Name and nationality on the back of the jacket and nationality on the bottom side of the apron (epee fencing), in accordance with the rules. <i>Application: all official IWF competitions, at all stages of the competitions.</i></p>	<p>Every fencer must appear on the piste with clothing conforming to the rules as follows:</p> <p>a) Name and nationality on the back of the jacket and nationality on the <b>lower edge</b> of the <b>conductive</b> apron (epee fencing), in accordance with the rules. <i>Application: all official IWF competitions, at all stages</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>t.45.4</b> (continues)</p>	<p>b) Wearing his national uniform (cf. m.25.3). <i>Application as follows:</i></p> <p>i) Paralympic Games, World and Zonal Championships: all bouts in individual and team events;</p> <p>ii) World Cup competitions: all bouts in individual and team events.</p> <p>In case of violation of this rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— For the competitions mentioned in item i) above, the Referee shall eliminate the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.</li> <li>— For the competitions mentioned in item ii) above, the Referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red Card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, Second Group). The fencer at fault shall however be allowed to remain on the piste and fence the bout concerned.</li> </ul> <p>The same penalty is also applied for the absence of name and nationality on the back of the jacket and absence of nationality on the bottom side of the apron, in accordance with the rules, at Junior World Cup competitions, Junior World and Zonal Championships.</p>	<p><i>of the competitions.</i></p> <p>b) Wearing his national uniform <b>or using spoke protectors with an approved design</b> (cf. m.25.3). <i>Application as follows:</i></p> <p>i) Paralympic Games, World and Zonal Championships: all bouts in individual and team events;</p> <p>ii) World Cup competitions: all bouts in individual and team events.</p> <p>In case of violation of this rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— For the competitions mentioned in item i) above, the Referee shall eliminate the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.</li> <li>— For the competitions mentioned in item ii) above, the Referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red Card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, Second Group). The fencer at fault shall however be allowed to remain on the piste and fence the bout concerned.</li> </ul> <p>The same penalty is also applied for the absence of name and nationality on the back of the jacket and absence of nationality on the <b>lower edge</b> of the <b>conductive</b> apron, in accordance with the rules, at Junior World Cup competitions, Junior World and Zonal Championships.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>t.45.5.1</b></p>	<p>If the conductive jacket or the apron does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket or apron that does conform to the rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back or the apron does not have the nationality on the bottom side, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc.) to get his name and nationality (conductive jacket) or nationality (apron) printed on it.</p> <p>If this is not done and except in cases of 'force majeure' the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.</p>	<p>If the conductive jacket or the <b>conductive</b> apron does not conform to the rules, the fencer must put on a spare jacket or <b>conductive</b> apron that does conform to the rules. If this jacket does not have his name and nationality on the back or the <b>conductive</b> apron does not have the nationality on the <b>lower edge</b>, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition (from the pools to the table of 64, the table of 32, etc) to get his name and nationality (conductive jacket) or nationality (<b>conductive</b> apron) printed on it.</p> <p>If this is not done and except in cases of 'force majeure' the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>t.45.5.2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	<p><b>If an item of a fencer's clothing bearing the name and nationality or the national logo becomes dangerous (e.g. tear, burst seam), the fencer must put on spare clothing, which conforms to the rules. If this clothing does not bear the name and nationality or the national logo, the fencer has until the next stage of the competition, as detailed in the preceding article, to get them printed on it. If this is not done and except in the case of force majeure, the referee will eliminate the fencer and he cannot continue to participate in the competition.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART 4. SABRE</b> <b>THE CONVENTION OF</b> <b>FENCING</b> <b>A</b></p>	<p>To establish the correct fencing measure, the fencers sit upright in the centre of their wheelchair's seat. One fencer will bend the fencing arm with the forearm vertical and upper arm horizontal and the elbow pointing to the other fencer. The other fencer with a straight arm shall touch the outer edge of the opponent's elbow with the point of the sabre. Next they do the other way around. In case of fencers with unequal arm length the fencer with the shorter arm may choose a distance that lies in between his and his opponent's distance.</p>	<p>To establish the correct fencing measure, the fencers sit upright in the centre of their wheelchair's seat. One fencer will bend the fencing arm with the forearm vertical and upper arm horizontal and the elbow pointing to the other fencer. The other fencer with a straight arm shall touch the <b>inner</b> edge of the opponent's <b>forearm</b> with the point of the sabre. Next they do the other way around. In case of fencers with unequal arm length the fencer with the shorter arm may choose a distance that lies in between</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PART 4. SABRE</b> <b>THE CONVENTION OF</b> <b>FENCING</b> <b>A</b> (continues)</p>	<p>Where there is a dispute, the referee shall intervene and his decision is final.</p> <p>Fencers with severely restricted movement (Category C) shall determine the measure by reaching a point 10 centimetres inside the outer edge of the elbow. Where there is a dispute, the referee shall intervene and his decision is final.</p> <p>Once both fencers have agreed the fencing measure, the fencing measure cannot be changed.</p>	<p>his and his opponent's distance. Where there is a dispute, the referee shall intervene and his decision is final.</p> <p>Fencers with severely restricted movement (Category C) shall determine the measure by reaching a point 10 centimetres inside the outer edge of the elbow. Where there is a dispute, the referee shall intervene and his decision is final.</p> <p>Once both fencers have agreed the fencing measure, the fencing measure cannot be changed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>t.120</b> <b>SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES</b> <b>AND PENALTIES</b> <b>(NON-GROUPED)</b></p> <p><u>Amended version is moved two pages up</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES AND PENALTIES</b> <b>(CONTINUED)</b></p> <p>Absence of name on back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at World Championships/Team World Cup competitions ..... t.45.4</p> <p>Absence of name on back after changing a conductive jacket that does not conform to the rules.....t.45.5</p> <p>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</p> <p>Non-presentation on the piste during the competition when ordered by the Referee, with three calls * at one-minute intervals .....t.86.6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES AND PENALTIES</b></p> <p>Absence of name <b>and nationality</b> on the back of the jacket and absence of the nationality on the lower edge of the conductive apron at all official IWF competitions, absence of national uniform and logo or absence of approved designed spoke protectors, at the Paralympic Games, World and Zonal Championships, all bouts, individual and teams ..... t.45.4</p> <p>Absence of name <b>and nationality</b> on the back after changing a <b>non-conforming</b> jacket that does not conform to the rules.....t.45.5</p> <p><b>Absence of nationality on the conductive apron after changing a conductive apron that does not conform to the rules.....t.45.5</b></p> <p>Non-presentation when first called by Referee, <b>fifteen</b> minutes before time indicated for start of pool/ team match/bouts of direct elimination ..... t.86.5</p> <p>Non-presentation on the piste during the competition when ordered by the Referee, with three calls * at one-minute intervals .....t.86.6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>t.120</b> <b>SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES</b> <b>AND PENALTIES</b> <b>(GROUP 2)</b></p>	<p>Use of non-sword arm/hand * .....t.22.1</p> <p>Losing <b>balance</b> deliberately / Unfastening wheelchair deliberately .....t27.1, t.28.2</p> <p>Destroying the wheelchair to gain advantage.....t.28.2</p> <p>Interruption of bout for claimed injury/cramp deemed unjustified by doctor ..... t 33</p> <p>Absence of weapon or wheelchair check marks * .....t 45.3</p> <p>Absence of name and nationality on the back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at Individual World Cup competitions and Zonal Championships ..... t 45.4</p> <p>Deliberate hit not on opponent * ..... t 53, t 66</p> <p>Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel* ..... t 87</p>	<p>Use of non-sword arm/hand * .....t.22.1</p> <p>Losing balane deliberately / Unfastening wheelchair deliberately .....t27.1, t.28.2</p> <p>Destroying the wheelchair to gain advantage.....t.28.2</p> <p>Interruption of bout for claimed injury/cramp deemed unjustified by doctor ..... t 33</p> <p>Absence of weapon or wheelchair check marks * .....t 45.3</p> <p>Absence of name and nationality on the back, <b>absence of nationality on conductive apron</b>, absence of national <b>uniform or logo or absence of approved designed spoke protectors</b> when compulsory, at individual <b>and team</b> World Cup competitions ..... t 45.4</p> <p>Deliberate hit not on opponent * ..... t 53, t 66</p> <p>Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel* ..... t 87</p>

