



# Catalogue of Offences and Penalties Wheelchair Fencing

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This table is intended to be a convenient summary. It is not a substitute for the full texts of the articles concerned which, in the case of doubt, should be consulted.

Offence		Article	Penalty		
	Absence of name and nationality on the back and absence of the nationality on the epee apron at all official IWF competitions and absence of national uniform or absence of approved design spoke protectors at Paralympic Games, World and Zonal Championships.	t.45.4	Elimination		
	Absence of name and nationality on the back and absence the nationality on the epee apron after changing a non-conforming item.	t.45.5	Elimination: bout see "force majeure" provisions.		
	Non-presentation when first called by the Referee, fifteen minutes before time indicated for start of pool / team match.	t.86.5	Elimination		
	Non-Presentation when first called by the referee, ten minutes before time indicated for the start of an individual direct elimination bout.	t.86.5.ii	Elimination		
	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 <sup>st</sup> Call YELLOW	At 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call RED	Elimination at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call Elimination
<b>GROUP 1</b> Effective only for current bout.			1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	3 <sup>rd</sup> & subsequent Offence
★	Deliberately changing of sitting position before the command "Play!"	t.17.6,			
	Leaving piste without permission	t.18.6			
★	Turning back on the opponent	t.21.2			
★	At foil/sabre covering or substitution of valid target	t.22.2, t.49.1, t.72.2			
★	Touching / taking hold of electrical equipment	t.22.3			
★	Starting to fence or moving before the command "Play!".	t.24			
★	Foot leaving the footrest or using the floor to gain advantage	t.25			
★	Lifting from the wheelchair's seat	t.26			
★	Losing balance deliberately	t.27.1			
	Interruption of bout or prolonging an interruption without valid reason	t.31.2			
	Clothing / equipment / wheelchair not working or not conforming. Curvature of blade exceeding permitted limits. Absence of second weapon, body wire or mask wire	t.45.1/2/3a.ii., t.86.4			
	At foil and epee, bending, dragging weapon point on conductive piste during play	t.46.2, t.61.2			
★	At sabre, a 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			
	Dressing or undressing in public	t.86.3, t87.8			
★	Jostling, disorderly fencing, hits made with violence, or during or after falling	t.87.2			
	Abandoning a bout by leaving the piste	T86.7			
	Taking off mask before the referee calls "Halt! "; Addressing the referee before the decision is made	t87.7			
	One-sided non-combativity – fencer at vault	t.87.4a			
	Unjustified appeal, casting doubt on referee's decision on a point of fact	t.122.2/4			
+	During team match, entering piste enclosure without referee's permission	t.92.6			
<b>GROUP 2</b> Effective only for current bout.			1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	3 <sup>rd</sup> & subsequent Offence
★	Use of non-sword hand or arm to commit offensive or defensive action	t.22.1			
★	Unfastening wheelchair deliberately	t.27.1			
★	Destroying the wheelchair to gain advantage	t.28.2			
	Interruption of a bout for claimed injury or cramp deemed unjustified by a doctor	t.33.3			
★	Absence of weapon or wheelchair check marks	t.45.3			
	Absence of name and nationality on back, absence of nationality on epee apron, absence of national uniform or logo, absence of approved design spoke protectors at individual and team World Cup.	t.45.4			
	Absence of name and nationality on back, absence of nationality on epee apron at Junior World Cup competitions and Junior World and Zonal Championships.	t 45.4			
★	Deliberate hit not on an opponent	t.53, t.66			
★	Dangerous, violent, or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel	t.87			
<b>GROUP 3</b> If fencer on piste, red card effective for current bout.					
	Fencer disturbing good order when on piste. (In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4)).	t.82.3, t.83, t.96.2			
★	Dishonest fencing	t.87.1			
	Offence against Publicity Code	Publicity Code			
	Warming up or training without wearing fencing clothing or using equipment that conforms with IWF rules	t.15.2			

	Any person not on piste disturbing good order. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).	t.82.3/4, t.83, t.96.3, t.118.3/4	
	Warming up or training without wearing fencing clothing or equipment that conforms to the FIE regulations.	t.15.2	
	Anti-sporting behaviour	t.87.2	
<b>GROUP 4</b>			<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offence</b>
	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during the bout	t.43.1.f, t.44.2, t.45.3.a.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	
★	Deliberate brutality	t.105.1	
	Doping	t.127	

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

+ Special YELLOW CARD for the whole team and valid for the whole team match. If, during the same team match, a fencer commits an offence of the 1st group the Referee penalises with a RED CARD each time.

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**Yellow Card** – *Warning*

**Red Card** – *Penalty Hit*

**Black Card** – *Exclusion / suspension*

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- 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
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