

REGIONAL FENCING SERIES: BEHAVIOUR AND ETIQUETTE

Please see below the expected behaviour and etiquette of fencers, spectators and coaches for the Regional Fencing Series. Included is also guidance for fencers who will be self-refereeing bouts.

Fencer Behaviour and etiquette

- Before bouts, fencers are expected to salute each other, the referee, and the crowd.
- Fencers are to respect opponents and referees whilst competing and also spectating.
- Calls made by referees are to be respected.
- After touches, fencers are allowed to scream, shout or yell within reason but not in the face of their opponent or if using rude/discriminatory language.
- As per BF & FEI Rule and Reg t.123, during or after a bout, even if the fencer has already left the Piste, any act against the spirit of sportsmanship such as violently or dangerously throwing one's mask or any other piece of equipment will be penalised with a Black Card which results in disqualification from the event.
- After bouts, fencers are required to salute their opponent or meet in the middle after a bout to shake hands as a form of respect and sportsmanship.

Spectator Behaviour and etiquette

- During bouts, spectators will not interact with fencers or the referee. Spectators will also remain silent during touches.
- Cheer between hits and not while fencing is taking place. Acknowledge the effort and performance of both sides.
- No abusive language will be tolerated towards fencers, referees, coaches or anybody present at the event.
- If not fencing or refereeing, please stand off and away from the Piste.
- Any issues witnessed please report to the Event Referee, Tournament Director or Event Lead.

Coaches Behaviour and etiquette

- During bouts, coaches will only be allowed to coach their fencers before bouts or in minute breaks.
- Please be a role model for your fencers in respecting opposing fencers, referees and spectators.
- Any issues witnessed please report to the Event Referee, Tournament Director or Event Lead.

Self-Refereeing Guidance

- If faced with potential actions that warrant a Yellow, Red or Black card please raise with the Event Referee, Tournament Director or Event Lead to action.
- If unsure about any calls during a bout please raise with the Event Referee, Tournament Director or Event Lead to action.

Card Meaning: -

- Yellow Card- A yellow card is given as a warning to fencer.
- Red Card- A red card given will result in a touch being awarded to the opponent of the offender.
- Black Card- A black card is given for extreme cases of misconduct, e.g. throwing of equipment, and will result in disqualification from the event.

Potential actions or situations that could result in any card will be checked with the Event Referee or Tournament Director before being given.