

<b>Wheelchair Fencing Technical Rule Amendments Jan. 2018</b>		
	<b>Original rule</b>	<b>Modified rule</b>
<b>t.17.3</b>	The fencers must come on guard correctly and remain completely still until the command 'Play!' is given by the Referee.	.1 The fencers must come on guard correctly and remain completely still until the command 'Play!' is given by the Referee. .2 The vertical line on the back of the jacket must align with the vertical line on the back of the chair, unless an exception approved by a Classifier exists (cf.m25.4d; m25.9.2; m28.7; m34.6).
<b>t.43</b>	2. For bouts in the direct elimination and the finals at the Paralympic Games and for finals at World and Zonal Championships and of World Cup competitions, the two fencers in each bout will go to the equipment checking zone, located near the piste, 30 minutes before they are due on the piste. Their equipment will be checked under the responsibility of the SEMI (or the designated expert for finals of World Cup competitions). If any anomaly is identified the equipment at fault will be changed at once, without any penalty being applied. The SEMI delegate will hand over the bodywires, the masks and the weapons that have been checked to the Referee for the bout. Ten minutes before they are due on the piste the fencers will report to the Referee designated for their bout. The Referee will hand over a bodywire to each of the fencers in the access zone for the piste. He will check that the fencers are wearing regulation under-jacket protection.	2. For bouts in the direct elimination and the finals at the Paralympic Games <del>and for finals at World and Zonal Championships and of World Cup competitions</del> , the two fencers in each bout will go to the equipment checking zone, located near the piste, 30 minutes before they are due on the piste. Their equipment will be checked under the responsibility of the SEMI <del>(or the designated expert for finals of World Cup competitions)</del> . If any anomaly is identified the equipment at fault will be changed at once, without any penalty being applied. The SEMI delegate will hand over the bodywires, the masks and the weapons that have been checked to the Referee for the bout. Ten minutes before they are due on the piste the fencers will report to the Referee designated for their bout. The Referee will hand over a bodywire to each of the fencers in the access zone for the piste. He will check that the fencers are wearing regulation under-jacket protection.
<b>t.62</b>	At epee the target includes the whole upper part of the fencer's body. It comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the top of the folds formed by the thighs and the trunk of the fencer when in 'on guard' position. Any portion of the wheelchair above this line is valid target (see Figure 5) Hits registered on non-valid parts of the wheelchair or on the fencing frame must be annulled.	At epee the target includes the whole upper part of the fencer's body. <del>It comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the top of the hip bones and then horizontally round the fencer's trunk.</del> Any portion of the wheelchair above this line is valid target (see Figure 5) Hits registered on non-valid parts of the wheelchair or on the fencing frame must be annulled.
<b>t.71</b>	Only hits which arrive on the target are counted as valid. The target comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the top of the folds formed by the thighs and by the trunk of the fencer when in the on-guard position (see Figure 6).	Only hits which arrive on the target are counted as valid. <del>The target comprises any part of the body above a horizontal line drawn between the top of the hip bones and then horizontally round the fencer's trunk</del> (see Figure 6).

<p><b>t.86</b></p>	<p>2. When presenting themselves to fence a bout, the fencers must arrive on the piste completely ready to fence — regulation clothing, jacket fastened, sword-hand gloved and holding the weapon, bodywire connected to the plug inside the guard. The mask should be carried in the unarmed hand.</p> <p>Before the start of the bout, the fencers' hair must be fastened and placed inside the clothing and/or mask in such a way as to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it does not cover a valid surface (and thus prevent a hit from being scored).</li> <li>- it does not conceal the name and nationality of the fencer.</li> <li>- it does not need to be put back in place during the bout, thus interrupting it.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of violation of this rule, the referee will apply the penalties for group 1 offences (t.114, t.116, t.120).</p>	<p>2. When presenting themselves to fence a bout, the fencers must arrive on the piste completely ready to fence — regulation clothing, jacket fastened, sword-hand gloved and holding the weapon, bodywire connected to the plug inside the guard. The mask should be carried in the unarmed hand.</p> <p>Before the start of the bout, the fencers' hair must be fastened and placed inside the clothing and/or mask in such a way as to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it does not cover a valid surface (and thus prevent a hit from being scored).</li> <li>- it does not conceal the name and nationality of the fencer.</li> <li>- it does not need to be put back in place during the bout, thus interrupting it.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of violation of this rule, the referee will apply the penalties for group 1 offences (t.114, t.116, t.120).</p>
<p><b>t.86.5</b></p>	<p>5. Before the start of the pool, the team match or the bouts of direct elimination (individual or team):</p> <p>i) When a fencer or complete team do not present themselves to the Referee at his first call, ten minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the start of the pool or team match, or the start of the bouts of direct elimination (cf. Article t.43.2), the fencer or team concerned will be eliminated.</p> <p>ii) A team is considered complete when at least three fencers are present, who can form a team according to IWF Rules for teams (o.42).</p> <p>iii) In a team match only those members of the team (the fencers, the team captain and one trainer — cf. Article t.92.4) who are present at the Referee's first call, ten minutes before the time indicated for the start of the match, may take part in the match.</p>	<p>Before the start of the pool, the team match or the bouts of direct elimination (individual or team):</p> <p>i) When a fencer or complete team do not present themselves to the Referee at the first call, <b>fifteen</b> minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the <b>start of the pool or team match</b> (cf. Article t.43.2), the fencer or team concerned will be eliminated.</p> <p>ii) When a fencer does not present himself to the Referee at the first call, <b>ten</b> minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste for the <b>start of the individual direct elimination bout</b> (cf. Article t.43.2), the fencer concerned will be eliminated.</p> <p>iii) A team is considered complete when at least three fencers are present, who can form a team according to IWF Rules for teams (o.42).</p> <p>iv) In a team match only those members of the team (the fencers, the team captain and one trainer — cf. Article t.92.4) who are present at the Referee's first call, <b>fifteen</b> minutes before the time indicated for the start of the match, may take part in the match.</p>
<p><b>t.87.4.a)</b></p>	<p>One-sided:</p> <p>A one-sided non-combativity committed by a fencer's end if this fencer reaches the "En Garde position" (body upright and perpendicular to the wheelchair). After 15 seconds of one-sided non-combativity the Referee will penalise the inactive fencer according to articles t.114, t.116, t.120. In opposite to both-sided non-combativity the Referee will not proceed to the next period or the last minute.</p>	<p>One-sided: <b>(Applies in individual events to both pool and direct elimination bouts and in team events to all bouts)</b></p> <p>A one-sided non-combativity committed by a <b>fencer ends</b> if this fencer reaches the "En Garde position" (body upright and perpendicular to the wheelchair). After 15 seconds of one-sided non-combativity the Referee will penalise the inactive fencer according to articles t.114, t.116, t.120. In opposite to both-sided non-combativity the Referee will not proceed to the next period or the last minute.</p>

<p><b>t.87.4.b)</b></p>	<p>Both-sided: When both fencers make their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'</p> <p><b>Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)</b>          If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:          1. criterion of time : approximately one minute of fencing without a hit          2. excessive distance (both fencers leaning back in the wheelchair) during at least 15 seconds.</p>	<p>Both-sided: <del>(Applies only in individual events to direct elimination bouts and in team events to all bouts)</del> When both fencers make their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'</p> <p><b>Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)</b>          If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:          1. criterion of time : approximately one minute of fencing without a hit          2. excessive distance (both fencers leaning back in the wheelchair) during at least 15 seconds.</p>
<p><b>t.105.2</b></p>	<p>A competitor who is excluded from a competition may not continue to take part in that competition, even if he is already qualified for promotion to the next round. He loses the right to his individual classification and all the fencers ranked after the disqualified fencer move up one place in the results of the competition. If necessary the two third places are decided according to their ranking for the composition of the table. Under all circumstances, only fencers who have actually received points in the competition can move up a place in the competition's results.          Nevertheless, the points obtained by the fencer up to the moment of his exclusion remain valid for the classification of the team in the team event, providing that he actually takes part in that team event.</p>	<p>A competitor who is excluded from a competition may not continue to take part in that competition, even if he is already qualified for promotion to the next round. He loses the right to his individual classification and all the fencers ranked after the disqualified fencer move up one place in the results of the competition. If necessary the two third places are decided according to their ranking for the composition of the table. Under all circumstances, only fencers who have actually received points in the competition can move up a place in the competition's results.  <del>Nevertheless, the points obtained by the fencer up to the moment of his exclusion remain valid for the classification of the team in the team event, providing that he actually takes part in that team event.</del></p>