



BRITISH FENCING



## PENALTIES: YOUTH EVENTS

This document is associated with and should be read with the Sword Mark Code of Conduct: Young Athletes. See below chart for details of penalties:

Offence	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence In any period of 12 months	Third Occurrence In any period of 12 months	Remarks
1. Breaches of code not affecting the safety or welfare of others	1.1 Reprimand letter	1.2 Loss of points	1.3 Loss of points + Ban <u>or</u> Future supervision request	1) 1.2 also applicable if first occurrence follows first type 2 offence  2) If points not involved, other elements of 1.3 may be applied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence
2. Breaches of code affecting the safety or welfare of others  <i>[This may include smoking if passive smoking is involved]</i>	2.1 Telephone warning + Reprimand letter  OR as for 2.2 if offence causes ongoing concern	2.2 Loss of points + Immediate supervision request  Or Expulsion	2.3 Loss of points + Expulsion + Ban	The above principles will be applied for other combinations of offences
3. Bad behaviour whilst actually competing on or off the piste	3.1 Reprimand letter	3.2 Loss of points	3.3 Loss of points + Ban	NB If a black card is given, this will be dealt with by the normal BF Disciplinary process
4. Drinking or possession of alcohol.	4.1 Reprimand letter + Loss of points.  Removal and disposal of any alcohol with no compensation (same applies for 4.2 and 4.3)	4.2 Loss of points + Ban <u>or</u> Future supervision request	4.3 Loss of points + Ban	

5.Smoking	5.1 Reprimand letter Removal and disposal of any tobacco products with no compensation  (same applies for 5.2 and 5.3)	5.2 Loss of points	5.3 Loss of points	
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[here 'parent' includes legal guardian; where there are 2 parents (or more than one guardian) notification as below to either (or any) of them shall be deemed to be notification to both (or all) ]

### **REPRIMAND LETTER**

letter to the fencer and parent(s) detailing the offence and drawing their attention to the penalties chart. This is a formal reprimand which will be handed to the fencer at the time and copied to parents on return.

### **TELEPHONE WARNING**

one of the BF officials will speak to the parent as soon as possible (day or night) detailing the offence and the possible penalty. This will be followed up with confirmation by letter or email.

### **LOSS OF POINTS**

any points gained by the fencer at the event will be forfeited

### **FUTURE SUPERVISION REQUEST** [Applicable to minors under 18 only]

A responsible adult, ie 1. parent or 2. other adult approved by the Chef de Mission, will need to accompany the fencer, to and at one or more future events, at their own expense, to ensure that he/she complies with the Code of Conduct. The fencer remains under the authority of the BF officials.

### **IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION REQUEST** [Applicable to minors under 18 only]

The Chef de Mission will inform the parent that a responsible adult, ie 1. parent or 2. other adult approved by the Chef de Mission, will need to join the party at the event in question within the time period specified, at their own expense, to ensure that he/she complies with the Code of Conduct. The fencer remains under the authority of the BF officials.

If the adult does not take up this duty within the specified time then the fencer may be expelled.

NB For adults (18+), where the supervision request is not applicable, the expulsion penalty can be applied.

### **EXPULSION**

The fencer will be required to leave the travelling party and all associated venues. They or their parents will be responsible for any costs incurred eg if an adult has to accompany a minor home.

**BAN**

1. The fencer will be banned from one or more subsequent trips abroad, or training camps, with no compensation.
2. If there are no more trips in that season an equivalent penalty can be imposed including a domestic ban.

**NOTES**

1. If one action involves 2 or more code breaches the stricter penalty will apply.
2. The Chef de Mission can in extreme cases send a fencer home early at the fencer's (or parent or guardian's) own expense.
3. Where the Chef de Mission considers that a ban or loss of points is the appropriate penalty he/she will refer the matter to the BFA Disciplinary Committee.