



## BRITISH FENCING

### BRITISH FENCING ATHLETE PENALTIES: YOUTH COMPETITIONS 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014

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

Offence	First Occurrence	Subsequent Occurrence In any period of 24 months	Remarks
1. Failure to report breaches of codes affecting safety and welfare of others	1.1 Reprimand letter to be held on file <u>Plus none, any or all of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine</li> <li>• 12 month Bind-over Fine</li> <li>• Suspended one trip ban</li> </ul>	1.2 Fine <u>or</u> One trip ban	
2. Breaches of code not affecting the safety or welfare of others	2.1 Reprimand letter to be held on file <u>Plus none or any of the following:</u> Suspended one trip ban, <u>or</u> One trip ban <u>or</u> One trip ban + loss of points	2.2 One trip ban <u>Plus any or all of the following:</u> Loss of points Future parental supervision request (U18)	
3. Breaches of code affecting the safety or welfare of others <i>[This may include smoking if passive smoking is involved]</i>	3.1 Reprimand letter to be held on file <u>Plus any or all of the following:</u> Suspended one trip ban, <u>or</u> One trip ban <u>or</u> One trip ban + loss of points Immediate or Future Parental supervision	3.2 Ban <u>Plus any or all of the following</u> Loss of points Immediate supervision request IF u18	If a significant breach occurs a Disciplinary Panel will be instigated which may result in Membership Suspension OR Membership Expulsion

	request IF u18 Telephone Warning IF u18		
4. Bad behaviour whilst actually competing on or off the piste	4.1 Reprimand letter <u>Plus any or all of the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fine</li> <li>• 12 month Bind-over Fine</li> <li>• Suspended one trip ban</li> </ul>	4.2 Loss of points <u>and/or</u> Ban	NB If a black card is given, this will be dealt with by the full BF Disciplinary Process
5. Drinking or possession of alcohol <u>or</u> Refusal to take a breathalyser test	5.1 Reprimand letter + Loss of points. Removal and disposal of any alcohol with no compensation <u>Plus any or all of the following:</u> One trip ban Future supervision request IF u18 Telephone Warning IF u18	5.2 Loss of points + Ban <u>Plus optional</u> Future supervision request IF u18	
6. Smoking	6.1 Reprimand letter Removal and disposal of any tobacco products with no compensation	6.2 Loss of points	
7. Possession or use of Illegal Substances	7.1 Referral to relevant statutory authority and dealt with by the British Fencing Disciplinary process, <u>and</u> Loss of points, <u>and</u> Ban		

***NB Athletes on Talent Pathway and WCP programmes may be subject to additional sanctions. Any breach of the code of conduct may result in the athlete being liable for their share of any costs for that event which were covered by a British Fencing programme.***

## **PENALTIES**

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/guardian (where required) detailing the offence and drawing their attention to the penalties chart. This is a formal reprimand which will be sent to the fencer by BF and copied to parents. Any correspondence to a Team Official by a parent etc must be forwarded to and dealt with by Head Office.

## **TELEPHONE WARNING**

A BF official at Head Office 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.

## **FINES**

Fines will take into account motive, the severity of the offence and the extent of the athlete's cooperation with officials.

## **BIND-OVER FINE**

This is an agreed sum of money to be given to BF for 12 months, during which time should the athlete have any further disciplinary action taken the sum will be forfeit.

## **LOSS OF POINTS**

Up to 20% of the fencer's points will be removed from the ranking points. If any points were gained by the fencer at the event they will be forfeited.

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

A letter will be sent by BF to the parent/guardian detailing the offence. A responsible adult i.e. (i) a parent, or (ii) another adult approved by the appropriate next Chef de Mission/d'Equipe, will be required to accompany the fencer to and at one or more future events, at their own expense, to ensure that the fencer complies with the Code of Conduct. The fencer remains under the authority of BF officials at the event.

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

The Chef de Mission/d'Equipe will inform the parent/guardian that a responsible adult, i.e. (i) a parent, or (ii) another adult approved by the Chef de Mission/d'Equipe, will need to join the party at the event in question within the time period specified, at their own expense, to ensure that the fencer complies with the Code of Conduct. The fencer remains under the authority of the BF officials at the event.

If no responsible adult takes up this duty within the specified time then the fencer may be expelled from the event and suitable arrangements for their return home made at the parent/guardian's expense.

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 as soon as arrangements are in place for this to happen safely. They or their parents will be responsible for any costs incurred, e.g. 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. The ban will only be valid for trips where the athlete would have been selected (ie the athlete does not serve a ban for a trip they would not have been selected for anyway).
2. If there are no more trips in that season, the ban can be extended into subsequent seasons.
3. If the athlete is in the last year of U20 and there are no further trips, an equivalent penalty can be imposed including a domestic ban.

## **SUSPENDED BAN (x months)**

Should the athlete breach any aspects of the code of conduct during the x months, the ban will be served.

## **REPORTING**

Any application of these penalties during the event must be reported by the Chef de Mission/d'Equipe to British Fencing Head Office: [headoffice@britishfencing.com](mailto:headoffice@britishfencing.com).

## **NOTES**

1. If one action involves 2 or more breaches of the code, the stricter penalty will apply.
2. The Chef de Mission/d'Equipe can in extreme cases send a fencer home early at the fencer's (or parent or guardian's) own expense.