



# Fencing New Zealand

(Fencing New Zealand Incorporated)

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TO: All Fencers / Coaches / Referees:

A number of rule changes were confirmed by the FIE at the Annual Congress. These are across all of the Rule Books that govern the sport and are available here <https://fie.org/fie/documents/rules> . These rule changes are now applicable. I recommend all Fencers, Coaches and Referees take note of the changes, of particular interest will be the Technical Rules. The link to the updated Penalty Sheets was also sent to all Regional Presidents on 11<sup>th</sup> February. ( <https://static.fie.org/uploads/32/163451-t.%20170.pdf> )

Most of these relate to clarification of awarding Penalty Cards. Additionally;

t.41 Scoring in team bouts, this will be of interest to Épeeé-ists.

t.116 When it is not appropriate to undress in a venue.

t.109 & t.133 Relate to disturbances that disrupt a bout.

t.63 relates to the hand signals a referee uses, these have been updated.

t.124.1.c The FIE have made some minor wording changes to clarify the situation at FIE events. For New Zealand purposes the relative Ranking will be based on Fencing New Zealand age-appropriate ranking table as at the commencement of the Competition. The referee will need to confirm initial ranking of both competitors with the DT prior to issuing the P-Black Cards. Where both competitors were unranked going into the event either a coin may be tossed or the random choice feature on score-box used to identify the winner.

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