

## Urgent decisions of the Executive Committee

### Technical rules

#### General rules and rules common to the three weapons

##### t.1 Definition of the fencer's salute

In competition, the fencer's salute is a gesture of civility towards the opponent, the referee and the spectators.

To perform the fencer's salute, the two fencers:

- face each other
- stand still on their on-guard line
- place the mask under the non-sword arm
- lift the guard to the chin
- then lower the blade to the ground

##### t.122, Rule until the end of the 2023-2024 season

Before the beginning and at the end of a bout, the two fencers must perform the **fencer's salute** to their opponent, to the referee and to the spectators, as defined in article t.1.

When the final hit of the bout has been scored, the two fencers stand still on their on-guard line while the referee is making his/her decision.

The two fencers then perform the **fencer's salute** (cf. t.1) to their opponent, to the referee and to the spectators.

The bout has then ended.

~~Before the beginning of each bout, the two fencers must perform a **fencer's salute** to their opponent, to the Referee and to the spectators. Equally, when the final hit has been scored, the bout has not ended until the two fencers have saluted each other, the Referee and the spectators: to this end, they must remain still while the referee is making his decision; when he has given his decision, they must **return to their on-guard line**, perform a fencer's salute and shake **hands** with their opponent.~~

If either or both of the two fencers refuse to comply with these rules, the Referee will penalise him/**her**/them as specified for offences of the 4th group (cf. t.158-162, t.169, t.170).