

t.87. Non-combativity.

When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the referee will immediately call « Halt! ».

a) Individual events

When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight :

For the first time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

For the second time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

For the third time during a direct elimination bout, the referee will exclude both fencers from the competition (black card) and they will be suspended from the remainder of the tournament (both individual and team) and from the next official FIE tournament in the weapon concerned.

However, when both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight **for the first or second time during the third period of a direct elimination bout**, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) or a penalty hit (red card) respectively against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

b) Team competitions

When both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight:

For the first time during a match, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.

For the second time during a match, the referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against both of the teams and will proceed to the next bout.

For the third time during a match, the referee will exclude both teams from the competition (black card) and they will be suspended from the remainder of the event (tournament or championship) and from the next official FIE competition in the weapon concerned.

However, when both teams make clear their unwillingness to fight **for the first or second time during the ninth bout of a match**, the referee will award a warning (yellow card) or a penalty hit (red card) respectively against both teams and will proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.