

Sabre Grade 3. Description

“Priority of attack”: Fencing with a Sabre is governed by a rule that states that the fencer who begins to straighten their sword-arm first with the blade threatening the target (either the cutting edge or the point) has the right of attack, the opponent must first parry before they can riposte or carry out their own attack.

Indirect actions: These are actions that are made by first passing over or under the opponent’s blade, and they can be offensive or defensive movements. These are as follows:

- a) **Disengage**: Made by passing under the opponent’s blade.
- b) **Counter Disengage**: Made by evading the opponents blade in a circular motion (usually with the point in line).
- c) **Cutover**: Made by passing over the opponent’s blade.

The President: This person controls the bout, decides on right of attack, any infringements, etc. **HIS/HER DECISION IS FINAL.** The President has 1½ vote’s to a Judges1.

The Judge: This person looks for hits on a fencer.

Voting System of Jury and Responses of Judges: When a judge sees a hit they raise their hand and the president will call halt. The judge will then state, Good hit on Target, Good hit off Target or if asked will reply as necessary, no hit, or Abstain (not sure).

A judge can call halt if a blade breaks, or if anything concerning the safety of the fencers occurs, (i.e. mask falls off, or jacket comes undone).

The Boundary lines: These are the perimeter of the piste and must not be crossed by fencers or spectators.

- A. If a fencer steps off the side boundary while retreating they are penalised **1 meter from the point at which he/she leaves the piste.**
- B. If a fencer steps off the side boundary while attacking he/she is **penalised 1 meter from where the attack started.**
- C. Once the boundary line is crossed, halt is called and **all hits** after the boundary has been crossed are **annulled**, except a hit **received** by the offending fencer.
- D. If after losing 1 meter the fencer is forced to come on guard **with both feet** behind the rear limit line then a **hit against** the fencer is awarded.
- E. If during a bout a fencer crosses the rear limit line of the piste **with both feet**, a penalty hit will be scored against the offending fencer