

t.124

Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target. In the event of unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' as a decision of "fact" (cf.t.136.2).

1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-yellow cards and P-red Cards are awarded to both fencers simultaneously, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by a P-Red card. The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

- a) When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) When, for the second time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- c) When, for the third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows:
 - i) If the scores of the two fencers are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.
 - ii) If the scores of the two fencers are not equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower score with a P-Black card. The fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to the two each teams simultaneously, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by a P-Red card. The P-Black card is awarded as described in 2c) below.

- a) When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) When, for the second time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- c) When, for the third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-Black card is awarded as follows:
 - i) If the scores for the two teams are equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.
 - ii) If the scores for the two teams are not equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-Black card. The team with the higher score wins the match.

3 In both individual and team competitions

- a) The P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. They are not transferable to the following bout or match. No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.
- b) In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

- c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.
- d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled, each penalty hit and at the beginning of each period or relay.
- e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.
- f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply