

Referee Checklist – Northern Ireland Fencing Union Version1.a

At all Weapons at start of poule or direct elimination:

- Visual Check of Jacket (Lame) and Gloves for tears/holes. Rule t.43.1 and m.25.2
- Visual Check for 800N Under Plastron. Rule t.43.1.e and m.25.3.c
 - Fencers fencing with Size 3 or Smaller Blades i.e. Under 13 are permitted to wear 350N Under Plastron (BFA 2006 Clothing Regs)
- If Chest Protector is worn it must be below the protective plastron. Rule m.25.4.c

Additional Checks (in order they should be conducted)

Foil

- 500g Weight Check. Rule m.11.3
- Visual Check of the Blade i.e. straightness. Rule m.8.6
- Visual Check for Insulation of Barrel and Blade (15cm Tape). Rule m.13.1
 - Tape should be made available but penalty must still be applied!

Epee

- Visual Check for Existence of Two Grub Screws. Rule m.19.5
- Visual Check of Insulation of Wires inside Guard (Two Separate Insulated Wires). Rule t.44.2 and m.5.2.d
- 750g Weight Check. Rule m.19.2
- Shim Test. Rule m.19.4 and t.44.3
 - Total Travel 1.5mm Gauge
 - Residual Travel 0.5mm Gauge
- Visual Check of the Blade i.e. straightness. Rule m.16.2

Sabre

- Visual Check of Folded Button. Rule m.23.2
- Visual Check for Insulation of Interior of Guard. Rule m.24.6
- Visual Check of Curve on Blade. Rule m.23.4
 - Less than 4cm and NOT on the in the direction of the cutting edge

If a fencer appears on the piste and is in violation of the above then the referee will apply the penalties according to Rules t.114, t.116, t.120 (First Group) i.e First Offence Yellow Card, Second and Subsequent Offences Red Card (Penalty Hit). Referee must record each infringement and the penalty applied on the poule/de round sheet.