

i This document is created for hired medical personnel with purposes to outline the expectations in covering a fencing competition.

Sideline Medical Call

For an injury incident occurring during a fencing bout, the referee will call for the medical personnel hired for the event to attend to the scene and act accordingly.

The medical personnel will then assess and diagnose the injury taking place. Should the diagnosis be treatable on the scene, the referee will allow the athlete a medical break lasting up to **5 minutes**. The referee would then start the time at the discretion of the medic once the diagnosis had been made; not before. If the injured athlete belongs to a team with a doctor/therapist that is present, their team doctor/therapist would then be allowed on the fencing-strip to treat the injured athlete for the 5 minute duration; but not for the initial assessment/diagnosis.

If the medic considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fencing bout, **then the medic will decide** that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events).

For the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury.

Only during team events may a fencer who is deemed unable to continue the bout by the medic on duty, on the advice of the same medic, continue to fence in subsequent matches on the same day. This will only be allowed if it does not pose a risk on the athlete and while considering the best health interest of the athlete.

The medic is expected to record the medical call of the following: name of the injured athlete, weapon, event (individual/teams), date of event, diagnosis, treatment rendered, and whether or not the injured athlete was withdrawn.

Injuries/Illnesses Presenting to Medical Booth

Athletes presenting to the medical booth are to be fully examined and managed accordingly. In the event of an emergency, 911 will be called and/or the venue's manager will be contacted to guide the ambulance into the venue appropriately. Other non-emergency injuries or illnesses are to be referred to the nearest hospital or walk-in-clinics, as appropriate. If the appropriate health care professional is present, then they will treat accordingly to the complaint.

Medical Documentation

All injuries, whether presenting on the fencing strip or to the booth, are to be recorded in the appropriate forms, **in full**, should they be available and provided.