

# The Fencer's "pledge of honour"

T.112 "By the mere fact of entering a fencing competition, the fencers pledge their honour to observe the Rules and the decisions of the officials, to be respectful towards the referees and judges and scrupulously to obey the orders and injunctions of the Referee."

T.112 refers to the rule in the Technical Rules

In addition:

All Fencers and Spectators at a competition:

1. Must remain orderly.
2. Must not disturb the smooth running of the competition.
3. Must not go near the Piste during the bouts.
4. Must not give advice to the Fencers.
5. Must not criticise or insult the Referee
6. Must not applaud before the Referee has awarded a hit.
7. Must not attempt to influence the Referee in any way.
8. Must be respectful towards the Referee and All Officials.
9. Must obey at once all orders and commands given by the Referee.
10. Must at all times act with courtesy and sportsmanship.
11. Before a bout commences, fencers must salute the Referee, the public and each other.
12. After a bout, each fencer must observe the normal courtesy of saluting and shaking hands with the opponent. In competitions they will also shake hands with the referee