

The Olympic sport of
swordfighting presented
by Adam Geller

Fencing (Mostly Foil)

Fencing Tournaments

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Events

Age groups

Skill Levels

Teams

Rounds

Pools

DEs (Direct Elimination)



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018



A

Rusia	17:00	A. Saudi	14/6	5
Egipto	14:00	Uruguay	15/6	cuatro*
Rusia	20:00	Egipto	19/6	5
Uruguay	17:00	A. Saudi	20/6	cuatro*
A. Saudi	16:00	Egipto	25/6	cuatro*
Uruguay	16:00	Rusia	25/6	cuatro*

B

Marruecos	17:00	Irán	15/6	cuatro*
Portugal	20:00	España	15/6	5
Irán	20:00	España	20/6	5
Portugal	14:00	Marruecos	20/6	cuatro*
Irán	20:00	Portugal	25/6	cuatro*
España	20:00	Marruecos	25/6	5

C

Francia	12:00	Australia	16/6	cuatro*
Perú	18:00	Dinamarca	16/6	cuatro*
Dinamarca	14:00	Australia	21/6	cuatro*
Francia	16:00	Perú	21/6	cuatro*
Australia	16:00	Perú	26/6	cuatro*
Dinamarca	16:00	Francia	26/6	cuatro*

D

Argentina	15:00	Islandia	16/6	cuatro*
Croacia	21:00	Nigeria	16/6	5
Argentina	20:00	Croacia	21/6	5
Nigeria	17:00	Islandia	22/6	cuatro*
Islandia	20:00	Croacia	26/6	cuatro*
Nigeria	20:00	Argentina	26/6	5

A1 5

B2 20:00
30/6

C1 cuatro*

D2 16:00
30/6

E1 5
cuatro*

F2 16:00
2/7

G1 5

H2 20:00
2/7

G49 cuatro*

G50 16:00
6/7

G57 5

G58 20:00
10/7

G53 5

G54 20:00
6/7

G61 5

G62 17:00
15/7

G55 cuatro*

G56 16:00
7/7

G59 5

G60 20:00
11/7

G51 5

G52 20:00
7/7

B1 cuatro*

A2 16:00
1/7

D1 5

C2 20:00
1/7

F1 cuatro*

E2 16:00
3/7

H1 5

G2 20:00
3/7

E

Brasil	20:00	Suiza	17/6	5
Costa Rica	14:00	Serbia	17/6	cuatro*
Brasil	14:00	Costa Rica	22/6	cuatro*
Serbia	20:00	Suiza	22/6	5
Serbia	20:00	Brasil	27/6	5
Suiza	20:00	Costa Rica	27/6	cuatro*

F

Alemania	17:00	México	17/6	cuatro*
Suecia	14:00	Corea del Sur	18/6	cuatro*
Alemania	20:00	Suecia	23/6	5
Corea del Sur	17:00	México	23/6	cuatro*
Corea del Sur	16:00	Alemania	27/6	cuatro*
México	16:00	Suecia	27/6	cuatro*

G

Bélgica	17:00	Panamá	18/6	cuatro*
Túnez	20:00	Inglaterra	18/6	5
Bélgica	14:00	Túnez	23/6	cuatro*
Inglaterra	14:00	Panamá	24/6	cuatro*
Inglaterra	20:00	Bélgica	28/2	5
Panamá	20:00	Túnez	28/6	cuatro*

H

Colombia	14:00	Japón	19/6	cuatro*
Polonia	17:00	Senegal	19/6	cuatro*
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FENCING EQUIPMENT

Protective gear

Scoring equipment

AF Deluxe 13-Piece Competition Electric Foil Set



The image displays a complete fencing set. On the left, a person is shown in a full white protective uniform, including a mask and gloves, holding a foil. To their right is a black carrying bag with the 'AF' logo. Further right are the individual pieces of equipment: a white t-shirt, two pairs of gloves (one pair with black and one with white), two pairs of bodycords (one with black and one with white), and a foil with a yellow grip and a silver blade.

1. AF Removable Foil Mask w/ Electric Inox Bib
2. AF Comfort (350N) Underarm Protector
3. AF Comfort (350N) Front-Zip Jacket
4. AF Front-Zip Foil Lame
5. AF Comfort 3-Weapon Glove
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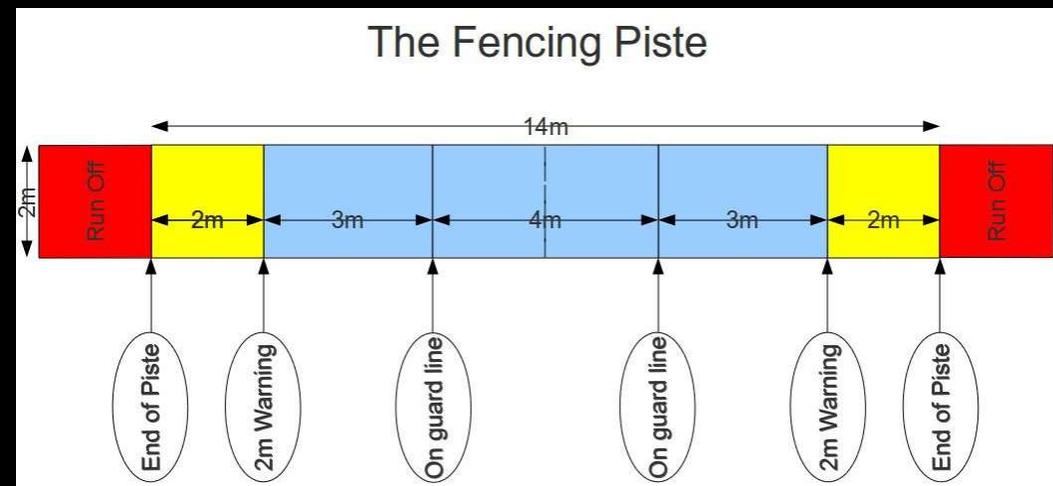
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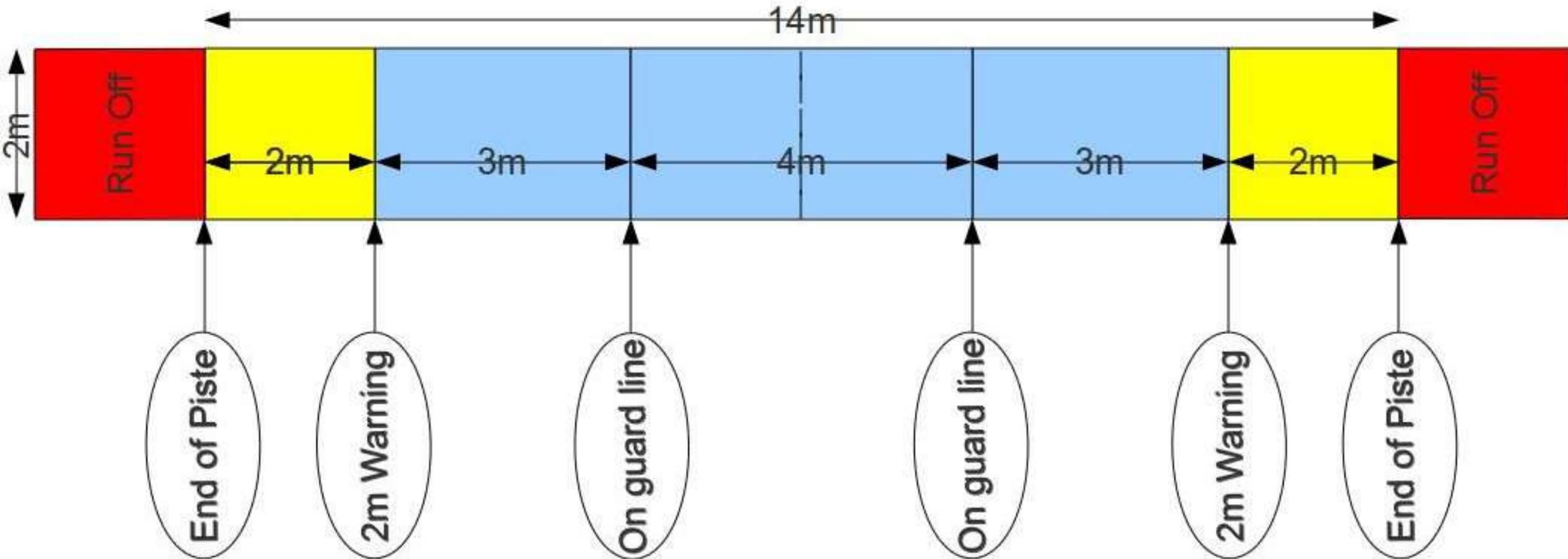
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THE FENCING STRIP (PISTE)

- On guard lines
- 2 meter warning
- End lines
- Side boundaries



The Fencing Piste



Gameplay

Basic Actions

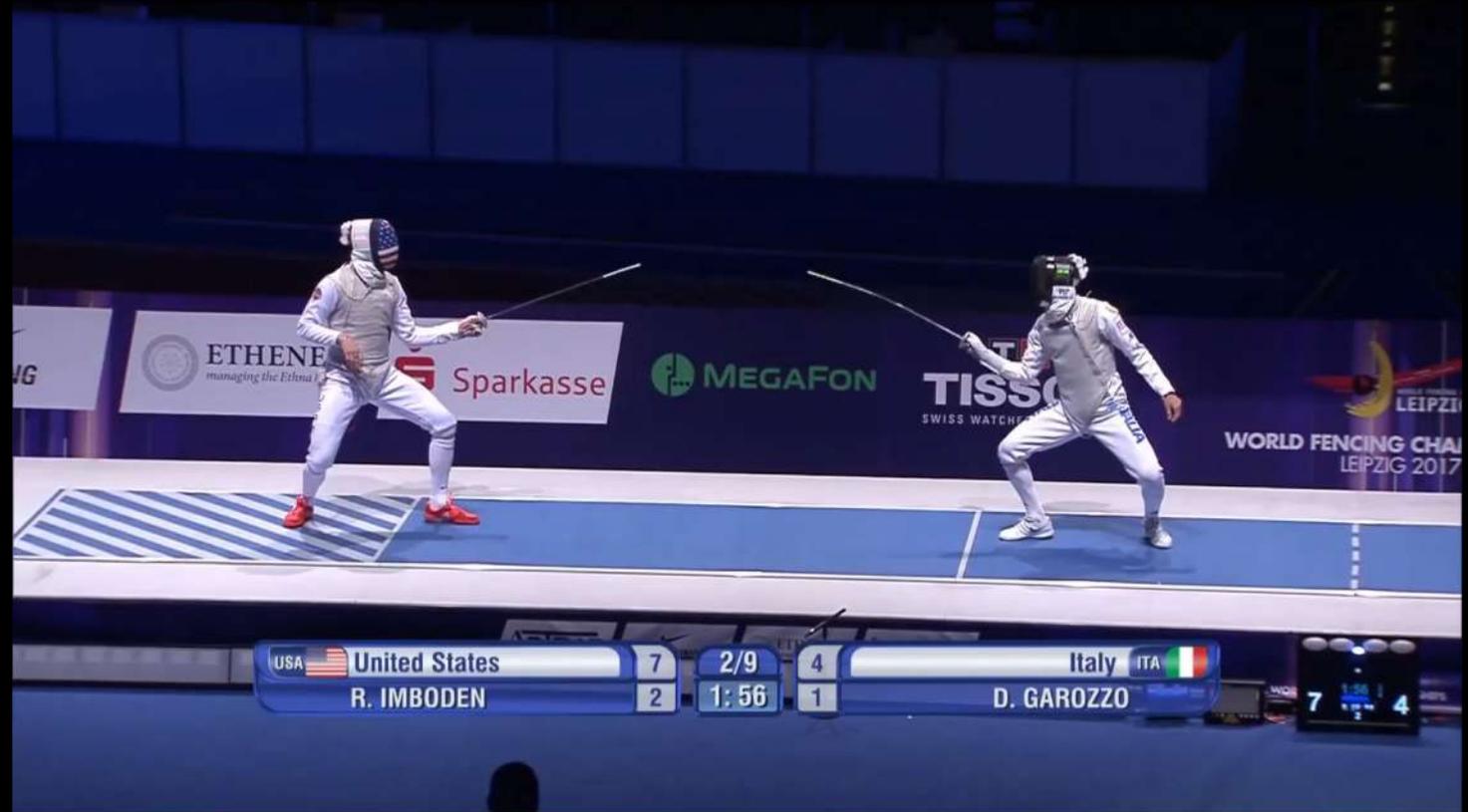


ATTACK

Lunge

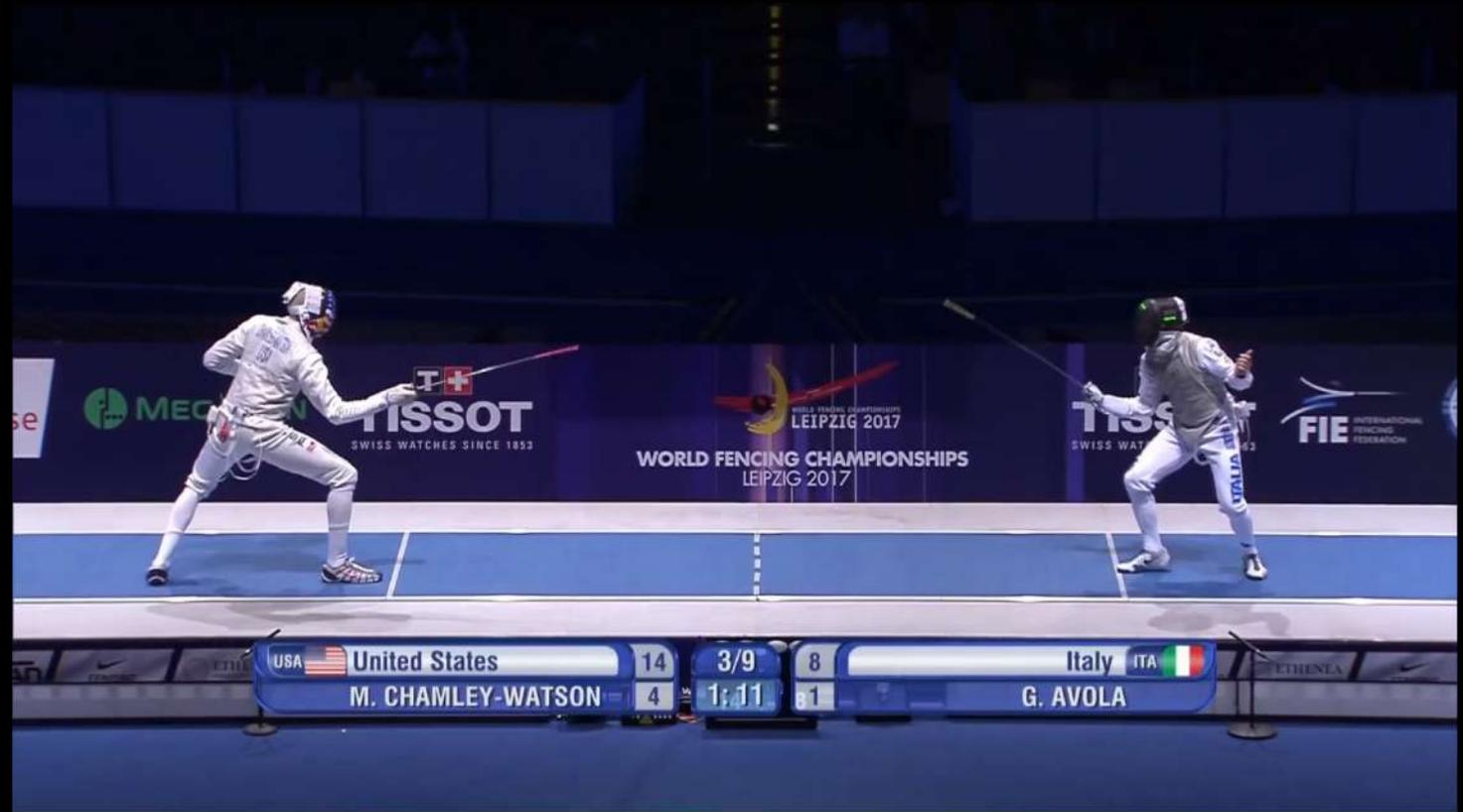
Disengage

Beat



PARRY

Riposte



COUNTER-ATTACK

Dodge and weave



Basic Actions



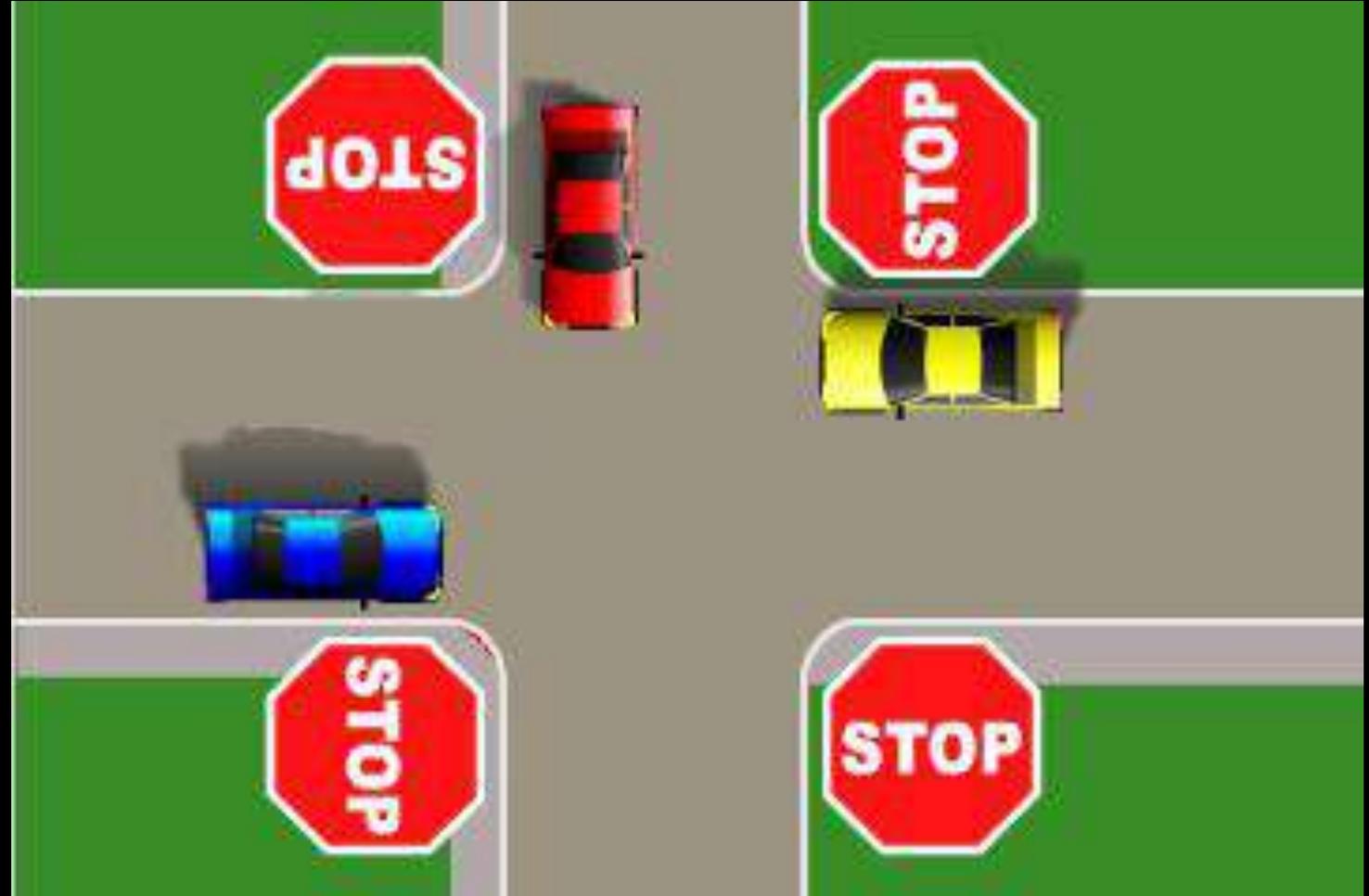
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3. Right turn > straight > left turn

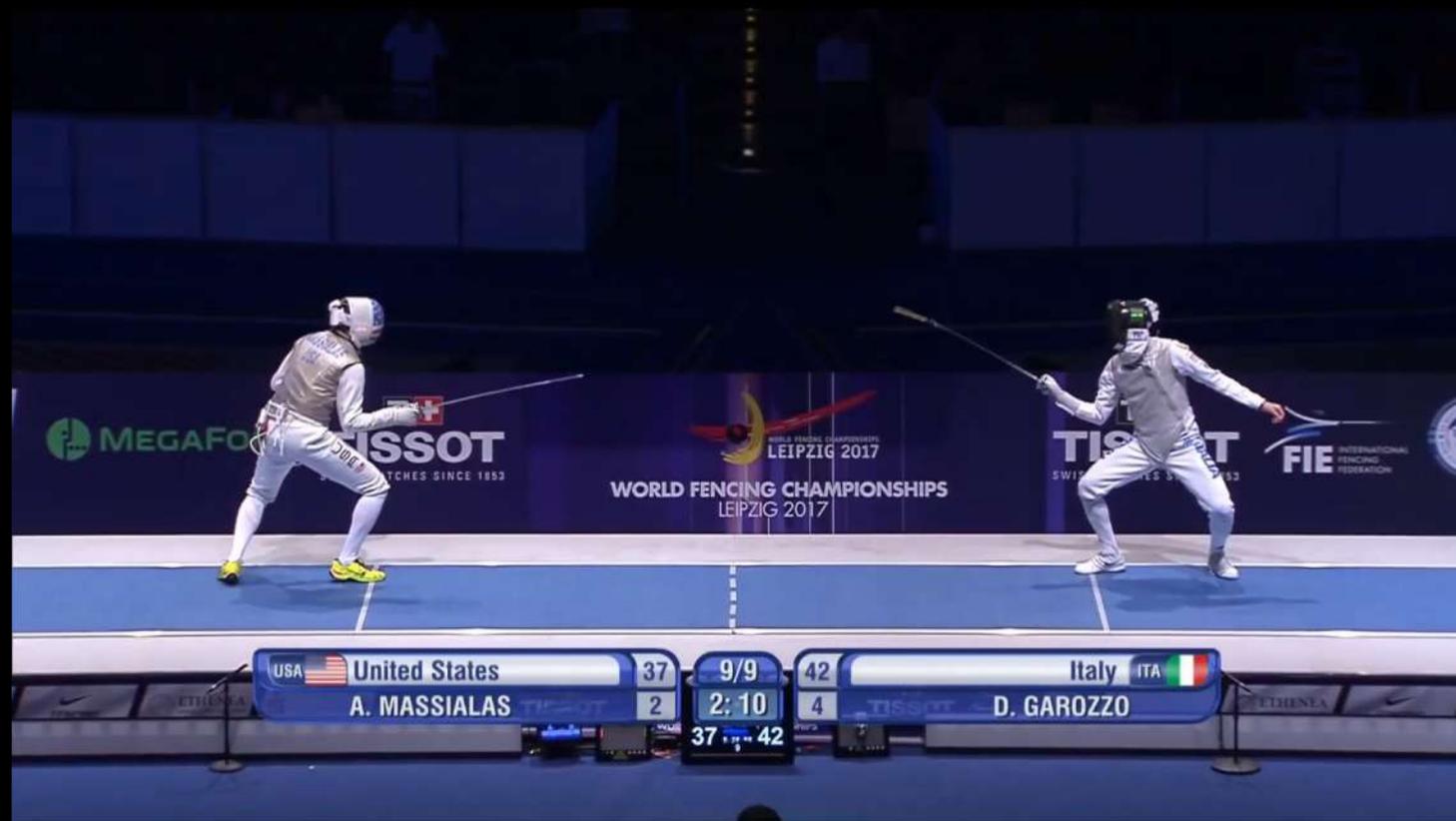


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ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS



EXECUTION

Missing

Stopping

Preparing



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Difficult actions

Two types of actions where it is hard to figure out what is going on

OFF THE LINE ACTIONS

Fast

A lot going on



BLADE CONTACT

Hard to see
Ambiguous



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Penalties in Fencing

Fencers receive cards when they break certain rules

Similar to Football, Rugby, etc...



PENALTIES (CARDS) PART 1

Yellow (warning)

Red (point against)

1st group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
1.1	Leaving piste without permission	t.18.6	YELLOW	RED
1.2	Corps à corps to avoid being hit *	t.20.2 ; t.63.2		
1.3	Turning back on opponent *	t.21.2		
1.4	Covering/substitution of valid target *	t.22.2 ; t. 49.1 ; t.72.2		
1.5	Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment *	t.22.3		
1.6	Crossing lateral boundary of the piste to avoid being hit *	t.28.3		
1.7	Interruption of bout without valid reason	t.31.2		
1.8	Clothing/equipment not conforming. Curve of blade exceeding that permitted. Absence of regulation/spare weapon or bodywire	t.45.1/2/3.a)ii ; t.86.4		
1.9	Placing weapon on the conductive piste to straighten it	t.46.2 ; t.61.2 ; t.70.5		
1.10	At foil and épée, bending, dragging weapon point on conductive piste	t.46.2 ; t.61.2		
1.11	Bringing weapon into contact with conductive jacket *	t.53.3		
1.12	At sabre, hit made with the guard *, any forward movement crossing the legs or feet *	t.70.3 ; t.75.5		
1.13	Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82.2 ; t.84		
1.14	Hair not conforming to the Rules	t.86.2		
1.15	Jostling, disorderly fencing * ; taking off mask before the Referee calls ' Halt!'; dressing or undressing on the piste	t.86.3 ; t.87.2/7/8		
1.16	Irregular movements on the piste * ; hits made with violence or during or after falling *	t.87.2		
1.17	Unjustified appeal	t.122.2/4		
1.18	Entering the Piste enclosure without the Referee's permission +	t.92.6		
1.19	Reversing the line of the shoulders at foil * Application: starting season 2016-2017	t.18.5		

2nd group		1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence and subseq.
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand *	t.22.1	RED	RED
2.2	Demanding a break for claimed injury/cramp deemed unjustified by doctor	t.33.3		
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks *	t.45.3.a).i		
2.4	Absence of name and nationality on the back, absence of national colours when compulsory, at individual Senior World Cup competitions and individual Senior Zonal Championships	t.45.4 a), b) ii		
2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent *	t.53.2 ; t.66.2		
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel *	t.87.2 ; t.103 ; t.105.1		

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PENALTIES (CARDS) PART 2

Group 3 Red (warning)

Spectator yellow (warning)

Black (elimination/ejection)

3rd group		1st time	2nd time
3.1	Fencer disturbing order when on piste. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).	t.82.3 ; t.83 ; t.96.2	RED BLACK
3.2	Dishonest fencing *	t.87.1	RED
3.3	Offence against Publicity Code	Publicity Code	
3.4	Any person not on piste disturbing good order. In the most serious cases, the Referee may award a black card immediately (t.118.4).	t.82.3/4 ; t.83 ; t.96.3 ; t.118.3 ; t.118.4	YELLOW BLACK
3.5	Warming up or training without wearing fencing clothing or equipment that conforms to the FIE regulations.	t.15.2	
3.6	Anti-sporting behaviour	t.87.2	

4th group		PENALTIES (Cards)
4.1	Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him to receive communications during bout	t. 43.1.f ; t.44.2 ; t.45.3.a).vii
4.2	Fraudulent equipment, control marks that are imitated or transferred	t.45.3.a) iii) iv) v)
4.3	Equipment altered to allow the recording of hits or the non-functioning of the apparatus at will	t.45.3.a) v)
4.4	Refusal of a fencer to fence another competitor (individual or team) properly entered	t.85.1
4.5	Offence against sportsmanship	t.87.2 ; t.105.1
4.6	Refusal of a fencer to salute his opponent, the referee and the spectators before the beginning of the bout or after the last hit	t.87.3
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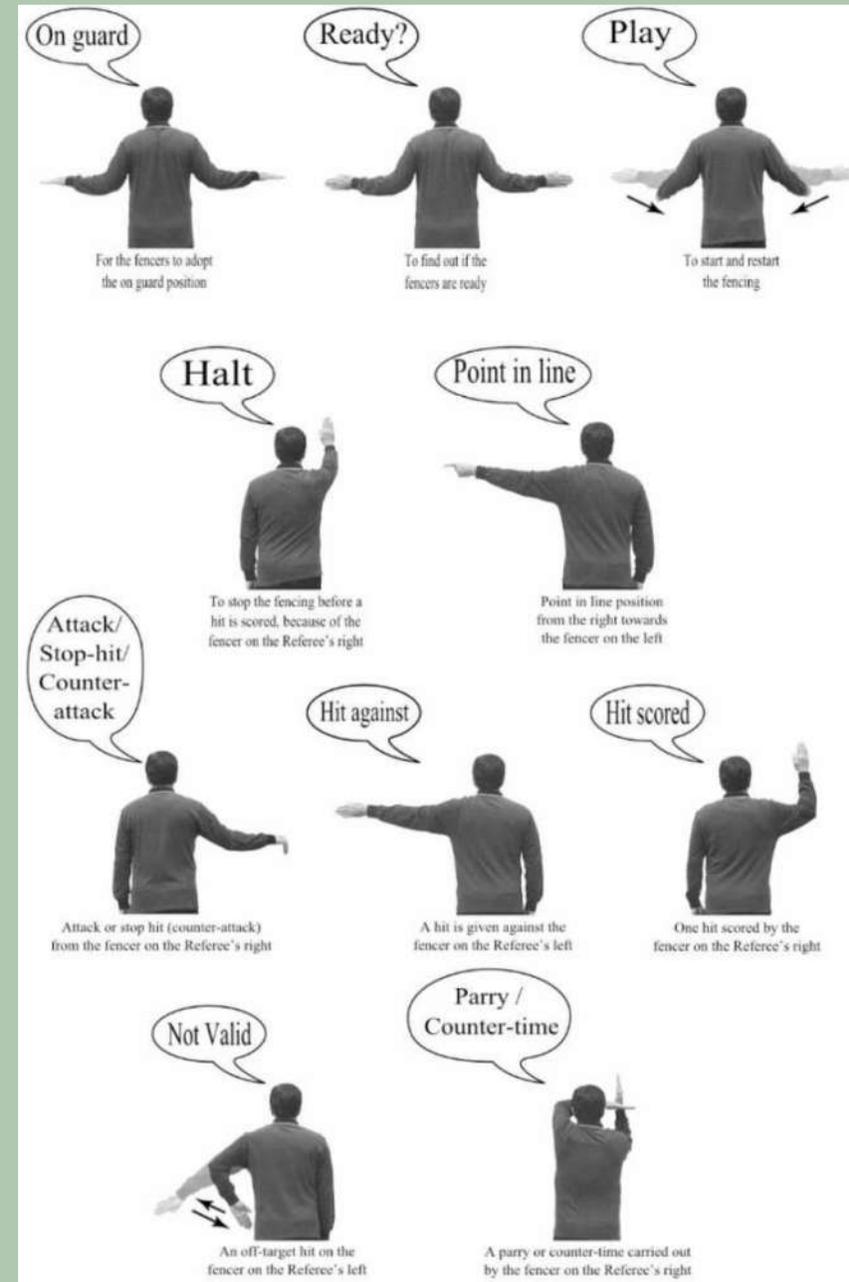
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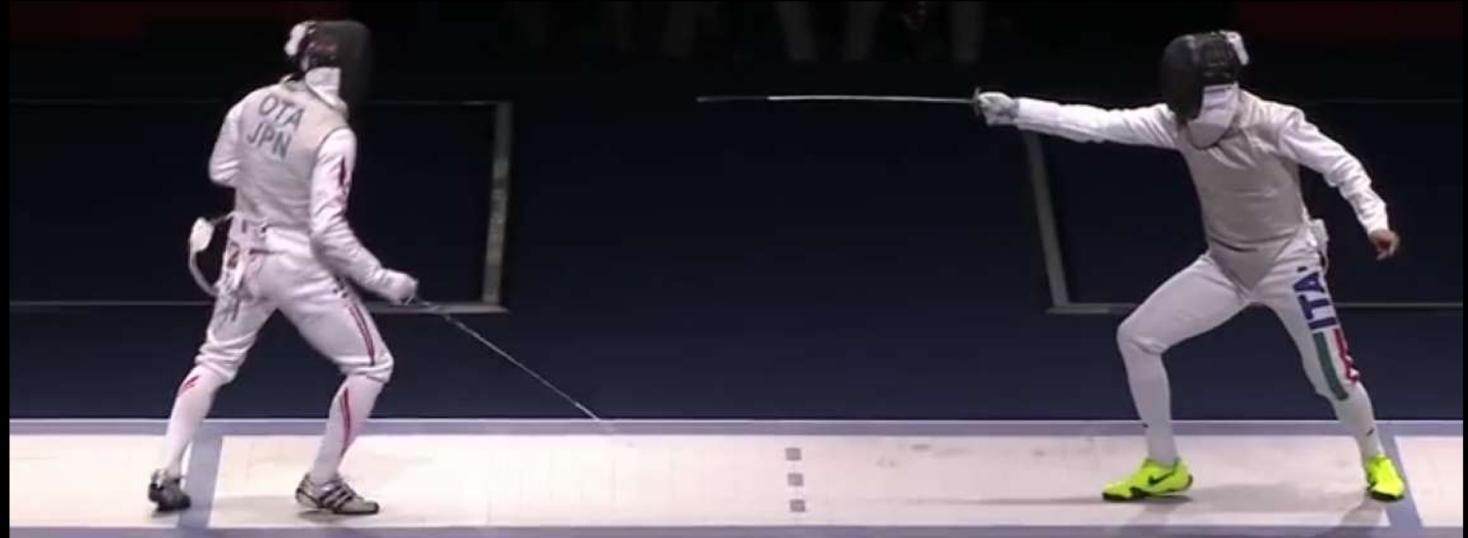


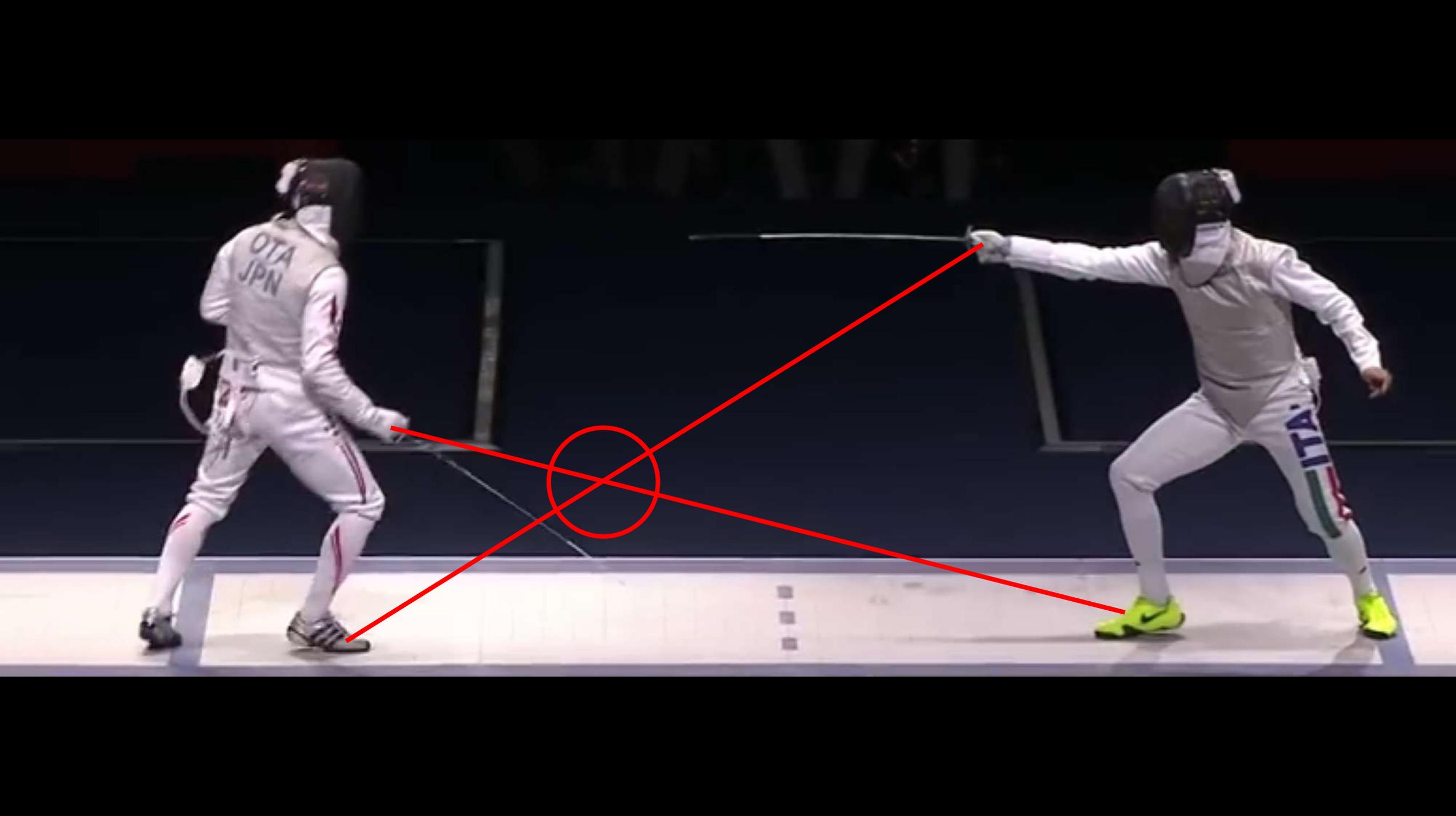
Bonus Slides: Refereeing



SEEING ACTIONS (POSITIONING)

“Focus on nothing to see
everything”





INTERPRETATION

Translating what you see into a call
Go with your gut

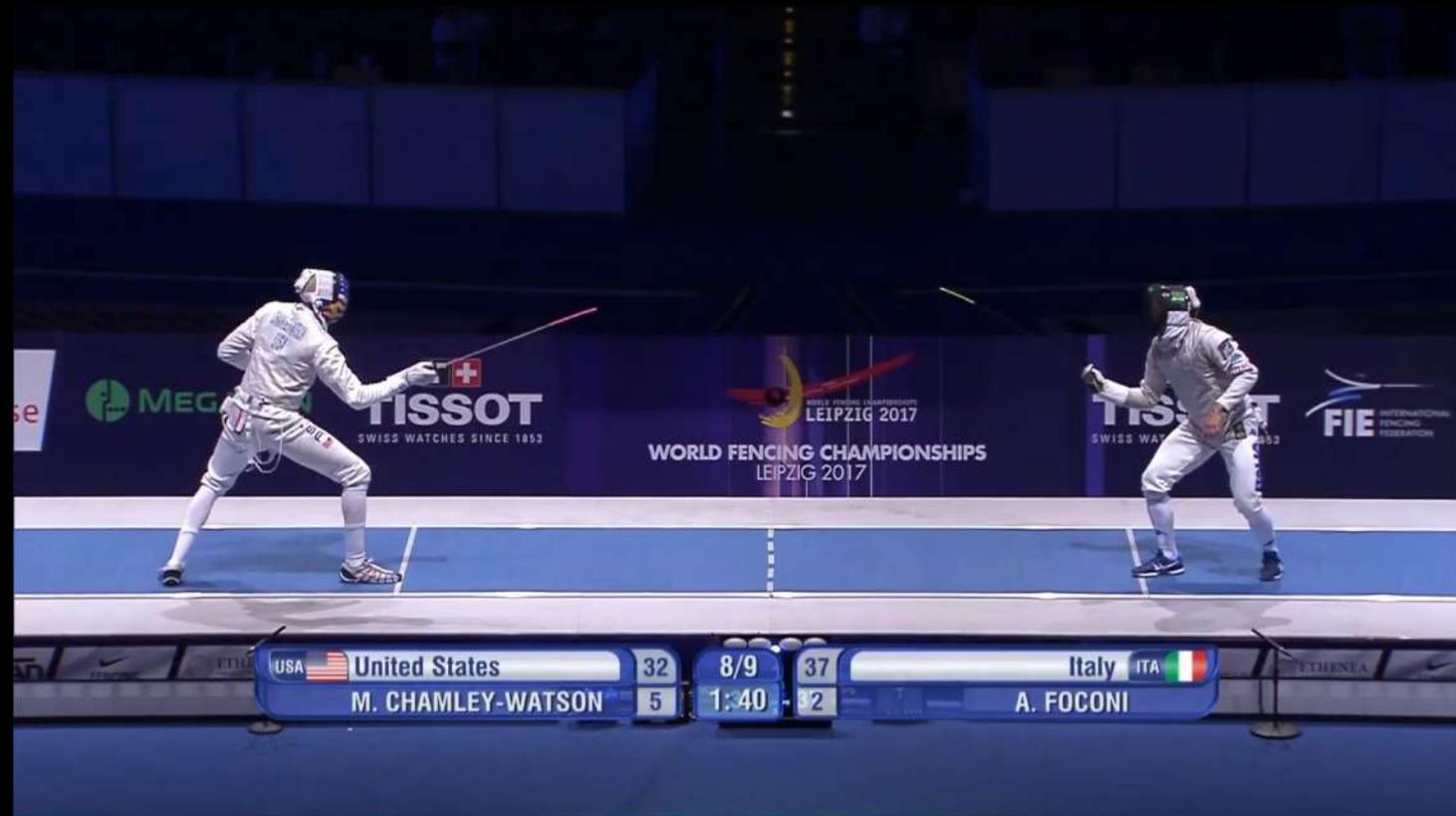


STRIP MANAGEMENT

Controlling fencers, coaches,
parents, spectators

Dealing with equipment issues and
injuries

Confidence is key



RULES KNOWLEDGE

Need to know the laws of the game

Bonus Slides: Video Replay



VIDEO REPLAY

Pros:

- Improves quality of calls
- Prevents cheating
- Great for training

Cons:

- Slow & expensive
- Can decrease consistency of calls in a bout



Bonus Slides: Infighting



INFIGHTING

What do you do when you get close?



CLOSE CALLS

Close quarters fencing often leads to cards or difficult to call actions



THROUGH THE LEGS

There are many spectacular ways to hit from close range

