

National Secondary Schools Tournament 2018

Video Refereeing – Information for Fencers



Fencing Mid South is proud to announce that this tournament will feature a trial of video refereeing, as used by major competitions overseas.

Where the equipment will be used

At this tournament, video refereeing will be used only on the finals piste.
Bout assignment is at the DT's discretion. The finals piste is likely to be used for:

- All individual event semi-finals and finals
- Final (gold medal) matches of all team events

Rules for video challenges

FIE rules t.60-t.62 (Dec 2017 edition) refer to video refereeing. Should there be any discrepancy between the rules and the information in this flysheet, the official rules will take precedence.

Refereeing of video bouts

Video bouts will have one designated referee, with a second referee acting as video consultant.
Fencers should only approach the bout referee.
The area around the video consultant table is reserved for referees.

Video challenges

A video challenge may only be requested by a fencer on the piste.
A review may also be initiated by the bout referee or the video consultant.

During a pool bout, each fencer is allowed one video challenge.
During a DE bout, each fencer is allowed two video challenges.
In a team match, each fencer is allowed one challenge during each bout.

If the referee changes their mind as a result of the video review, you retain the right to challenge.
In other words, your challenge is "spent" only if the referee upholds their original decision. In the event that a review is not possible due to a technical failure of the system, you also retain the right to challenge.

To challenge a decision made by the referee, you must do so before fencing resumes. This is normally done by making the "TV screen" gesture. If you want the referee to pay particular attention to some aspect of the action, tell them at the time you challenge (politely, as ever!).

After a review, the referee's decision is final. Further requests for review of the same action will not be entertained.