

A FEW RULES TO HELP YOU BECOME A TACTICALLY SMART FENCER

- 1 Every bout is a learning exercise. Even if you don't always win, don't get upset over points scored against you. But you should always know why you didn't make a touch or why someone touched you.
- 2 Apply the techniques you have practiced and mastered, but also try out some you would like to learn. Pay attention to MEASURE and TIMING.
- 3 Observe what the opponent does well and not so well. Defeat him by exploiting his weaknesses. You should attack a good attacker first and provoke a good defender to attack.
- 4 Don't get upset about your opponent's fencing style. You have to find the right tools. Defeat your opponent with INTELLIGENCE, and don't let the odd fencing style of your opponent unsettle you.
- 5 When you have come to a decision, carry it out. Every hesitation is an opportunity for the opponent.
- 6 Try to force your will on your opponent. You determine the measure game, he has to follow you. Challenge him to certain attacks, and use the FEINT to force him into parries you want to disengage.
- 7 Be polite and fair at the fencing hall and on the fencing piste. Respect the opponent and the referee. Don't get angry about a decision. Instead accept it and concentrate on your next action. The bout isn't over by a long shot if your opponent scores a point against you. You still have every chance to win!
- 8 Conduct yourself like a fencer in everyday life: be confident and fair.

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