

VAN LINT STUDENT SPORTS WEEK

Foam Stick Fencing

Team size: 2

Duration of a game: 10 minutes

Objective

The objective of the game is to cut or stab your opponent while you have the right of way, doing so will earn you one point. The player that gets 6 points first will win the match.

Basic rules

One person from each team fences against one person from the opposing team during a match.

You can gain the right of way by driving your opponent backwards or by hitting their sword. You will lose the right of way if you miss an attempted hit or if you get parried.

If only one person hits, then they automatically have the right of way. In case both fencers hit within a short frame of time, then who had the right of way will be decided by the referee. The referee is looking for the fencer that had the right of way, which reflects who was in control of the action.

The valid target area is the entire upper body, from the waist up, but excluding the neck and head.

At the start of the match, each fencer stands at their start line such that the fencers are ~2 meters apart. During the match fencers can only move forwards or backwards, and should remain in "fencing position". After each point the two fencers must move back to the start line.

Penalty

Penalties can be awarded for:

Crossing your legs – Personal Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Hitting the head or neck – Illegal Defence

In a penalty situation, the referee may decide to give a warning and move both players back to their start line or give the other fencer a point.