

ITEMS FOR REFEREES MEETING

**Bout Committee Chair must cover the following items at
the morning referees meeting on Tournament Day
Referees meeting should take no longer than 15 minutes**

- 1. Ask referees to introduce themselves (name and school for whom they are refereeing)
Alternatively, roll may be called using the sign in sheet from the check-in table**
- 2. Show referees the inspection mark and remind them that they must check (and card, if missing) at the beginning of pools and DEs**
- 3. Tell referees about any host school-specific rules, such as no straightening the weapon anywhere on the gym floor**
- 4. Remind referees of the following:**

No one other than the two fencers involved in a bout may talk to the referee. This includes coaches, parents, faculty-sponsors, spectators and other fencers. First offense – yellow card; Second offense – black card

Referee is in charge of the strip AND the area around it. Politely, but firmly, tell people near the strip to move away

Be professional and approachable, but not overly friendly

Enforce all GHSFL rules of fencing with appropriate cards. This is how our fencers learn our sport.

Have a clear understanding of the GHSFL definition and rules on jostling

Never criticize each other

At end of each bout, watch the fencer who has lost for appropriate sportsmanship

At the end of each DE bout, the winning fencer should bring the DE slip to data entry. The referee should remain at the strip

If a referee must leave the strip for any reason, he/she must tell the tournament manager/data entry manager. This keeps the tournament running smoothly

If a bout committee is requested during the tournament, all fencing must stop on all strips until the issue is resolved