

Sports Zone Changes - The New "Coach's Zone"

Beginning with the 2005 JO's the FOC, along with the Tournament Committee, will begin designating a "coach's zone" within the larger sports zone.

This coach's zone will be a box 1.5 meters by 2 meters, positioned behind the end of the strip, and to the side. During the DE's, one coach per fencer will be allowed inside the sports zone, provided they remain within the coach's zone. As usual, no one but the fencers actually involved will be allowed inside the zone during the pools.

A coach may enter and leave the coach's zone through the curtain, at the back of the zone only. They may not enter the sports zone until the minute break. Only one person per fencer will be allowed inside the coach's zone.

Any infraction of the coach's zone must result in a Yellow Card. One foot out of the zone during the action, Yellow Card. This will be particularly difficult in saber events, where the coaches and other spectators have grown used to being able to wander through the sports zone at will.

