

The FSLCH regulations are changing starting from the 2023 season.

OBLIGATION/PROHIBITION, WARNING, SANCTION are new clauses in the FSLCH regulations:

OBLIGATION/PROHIBITION:

Before the start of the event, the judge will check the blades directly on the lane to ensure that they have been approved, and that the thrower has 3 blades only ready for the throw.

1. It is expressly reminded that neither the thrower nor the judge should touch the planted blade before the score has been validated.

The thrower must not announce their own score, as this could be considered a way to influence the judge.

The judge announces the scores for the 3 targets; if the thrower agrees, they pull out their blades; if they dispute the score, they signal it, and a second judge is called. If the dispute persists despite the second arbitration, a member of the Federation's board or of the organizing club will make a firm and irrevocable decision.

2. The judge and the thrower must not disrupt the course of the event with inappropriate and/or noisy behaviour. It is strongly requested that the thrower and the judge, whether in a competitive situation, training, or as spectators, remain low-key so as not to disturb the competitors. Excessive noise will result in a verbal warning and, if repeated, a sanction.

A competitor or judge may, if necessary, politely ask noisy or agitated spectators to control their behaviour for the sake of the competition.

3. The judge must remain neutral and impartial: they intervene with the thrower only if the latter does not comply with the regulations (feet outside the zone, foot on the zone line, thrower stepping beyond the line before the knife plants, unapproved throw for the no-spin events, inappropriate, noisy, or disruptive behaviour).

The judge can announce the remaining number of series to be thrown unless the thrower asks them not to.

They must not advise, direct, or coach the thrower during the event.

Their role is solely to announce the scores out loud and note them down and ensure the thrower follows the rules.

This last instruction is, of course, not applied in cases of unexpected danger or emergency, such as health issues or an intrusion onto the lane.

WARNING:

The judge, an organization member, or a Federation's board member may verbally warn the thrower if there is a violation of the regulations. They may do so once or twice for similar or different offences.

Then, in case of a recurrence, an organization member or a Federation's board member may "officially warn" the thrower. This "yellow card" remains valid throughout the competition.

SANCTION:

If a thrower is officially warned twice during the same event (2 yellow cards), their event will be cancelled, and they cannot throw again for that event. This sanction applies for 2 warnings for the same reason or 2 different reasons. A thrower warned twice (2 yellow cards) during the competition, for the same reason or different reasons, will have their ongoing event cancelled without the possibility of redoing it.

SPECIAL CASE: there will be a direct null score for the ongoing set (3 knives or 3 axes) without a warning for the thrower who touches a blade before the score decision. If there is a recurrence, the entire event is invalidated and cannot be redone. If the judge touches a blade, they will receive a warning, which will be deducted from their next event as a thrower, or if they do not throw, it will be followed by a suspension from their judging function if they commit the offence again.

Verbal warnings, possibly followed by official sanctions, will concern all acts and behaviours that do not comply with the regulations. Thus, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes and using electronic cigarettes on the training and competition lanes are included in the acts that will be sanctioned.

NEW FSLCH PROVISIONS FROM THE 2023 SEASON:

The fourth position in the ranking, per event or overall, is both frustrating and a source of motivation for the thrower who knows they are just a few points away from the podium. We propose that, at the end of the events, before the top 3 champions ascend to the podiums, the fourth-placed competitor be mentioned, and their score announced.

From the 2023 season, the FSLCH will provide each of its members with an emblem bearing the Federation's symbol.

Each thrower will have an emblem of a specific colour based on their best score in the Walk Back during FSLCH competitions, as follows:

- For a score up to 99 points, the emblem will be on a white background.
- From 100 to 149, it will be yellow.
- From 150 to 199, it will be green.
- From 200 to 249, it will be blue.
- And red from 250 to 300.

When a thrower improves their score during an FSLCH competition, and thus changes their level, they immediately receive the emblem of the colour corresponding to their new level. This is applicable to both the knife and axe Walk Back.

The FSLCH wishes all throwers a successful sports season.