



Green Armband Fencing Terms

Attack on preparation

An attack in preparation is when a fencer attacks during the preparation of their opponent.

Closing/collapsing distance

Footwork that allows to shorten (often suddenly) the distance between a fencer and their opponent.

Compound attack (with/without a blade)

An attack that includes one or more feints and change of lines/disengagements. It can be done in combination of beats or engagements.

Compound parry

A search that is used as a feint in order to make the opponent attack into an open target and then parry it.

Half-step

Half step forward/half advance is the initial movement forward of the front foot; half-step backward/half retreat) is the initial movement backward of the back foot. Both movements are part of preparation and represent incomplete steps that are designed to manipulate the distance or withdraw a reaction from the opponent.

Stretching distance

Footwork that allows to lengthen the distance between a fencer and their opponent.