



CODE OF CONDUCT and VALUES

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS and YOUR CLUB

1. Be respectful of yourself and others at all times. Winning and losing is temporary. Learn how to win with honor and lose with dignity and grace. Resiliency is developed by adapting and not giving up.
2. Respect yourself and those who give you the opportunity to become a Fencer. Carry your own fencing gear. Do not let your parents carry it. They are carrying you and your stuff all day.
3. Fencing builds leaders who are resilient, patient and have strong character. Strive to lead by being a role model to others. More experienced fencers are expected to help the less experienced. Teaching is an integral part of learning.
4. More experienced fencers should ask less experienced fencers to bout. A fencer can improve only when their training partners improve. Fencers will become better by helping others improve. One gets better when all become better. Drills are not about you, help each other improve.
5. Infinity members are part of a team. Support and help one another at the club and at competitions.
6. Never argue with a referee, opponent, or coach. Be polite and respectful when questioning a call.
7. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying. First offense will be a warning to the Fencers and parents; with the second offense, you will be suspended from the club until all parties involved find a resolution.
8. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE for brutal fencing by anyone during class and open bouting. If there is any brutality, the offending fencer will be warned one time. If it occurs again, the fencer will be dismissed and must leave the premises immediately. They will be banned from IFA for a month and only allowed to return after a conference between fencer and parents with coach and/or club owner.
9. Respect your coaches, their time, and their concern for you and others at the club. Contact them if you cannot attend your private lesson or class. If you are late for class, join class with the least amount of disruption.
10. This is your fencing club. Treat your club and everything in it with respect. Protect your club; do not damage any equipment, walls, floors or strips. Do not hit the wall, floor or strip with your weapon. Set an example for others through your behavior in your club. Fencing scoring equipment is expensive. If a fencer damages equipment because of roughness, abuse or negligence, the fencer or parent will pay the cost of repair.

11. Under NO circumstances should anyone throw fencing equipment.
12. Respect your club. Put all equipment away before you leave, put cups, plastic bottles and food wrappers in the trash whether they are yours or not.

SAFETY IS A HABIT and IS CRITICAL

1. Always check your equipment for defects in gloves, masks, uniforms, lame, body cords and weapon. Always have your blade tip pointed down. Never aim it at anyone who is not wearing a mask. You must be aware of anyone standing behind you. Keep weapon point down when putting on your own mask. Leave your weapon on the floor of the fencing area when you put on your uniform.
2. Wear proper protective fencing attire; wear fencing knickers or long warm-up pants when fencing.
3. For the safety of all, walk back to the reel before you unhook to release the connector. Hold on to the connector as it recoils into the reel. If you are not handing the connector to another fencer, make sure the other fencer is holding the connector before releasing it.
4. For hygiene, all fencers (except for beginners) must have their own mask, body cords and glove (FIE glove for sabre fencers). The borrowing of these items from another fencers is PROHIBITED. Carry sanitizing wipes to clean your equipment at the beginning and finish of each practice.

IFA Member Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/guardian Signature _____

Date _____