

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG FENCERS

Fencing should be a place for you to be happy, have fun, and enjoy being a part of the community. When you participate in a sport, you have rights and responsibilities. These rules help you understand these. You should always follow this code to the best of your ability, and encourage others to do so, too.

## You are entitled to:

- Be treated fairly by everyone
- Feel safe and secure
- Have a voice in the decisions that affect you
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Train and compete at a level that is suitable for your age and ability
- Say no to something which makes you feel uncomfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help when you need it
- Confidentiality

## You should always:

- Treat Sports Leaders with respect, e.g. coaches, officials, etc.
- Play fairly at all times and do your best
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents and be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by your coach
- Respect the rules when travelling to away events
- Listen to and respect decisions made by others
- Talk to the designated person or children's officer if you have any problems

## You must never:

- Cheat
- Use violence or bad language
- Shout or argue with Sports leaders, team mates or opponents
- Harm any other person, or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another fencer
- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage
- Take banned substances or advise others to take banned substances
- Keep secrets, especially if they have caused harm
- Tell lies about adults or other young fencers