

**Central London Fencing Club**

**Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians**

**All parents/guardians SHOULD:**

- Remember that many children take part for FUN only.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Always respect the club managers, coaches, match officials and referees' decisions.
- Remain outside the field of play (piste) and within the designated spectator area.
- Let the coaches do their job; not confuse the fencers by telling them what to do.
- Encourage fencers to respect the opposition, referee, and match officials.
- Avoid criticising a fencer for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.
- Be aware that we expect all relationships at the club to be based on respect, honesty and openness.
- Recognise that the personal development of young fencers takes priority even over the development of their performance.
- Encourage young fencers to take responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Have an ongoing commitment to their child(ren)'s training and work with others to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all fencers.
- Respect a young fencer's need for confidentiality.
- Strive to be positive role models, working within British Fencing guidance displaying high standards of personal behaviour.
- Promote good behaviour within the rules of Fencing.
- Behave in a polite and appropriate manner with other adults in the venue.
- Maintain good time-keeping, ensuring that that your child(ren) are dropped off and collected from training sessions in accordance with sessions times.

**Parents and guardians SHOULD NEVER:**

- Invite a child to their home or secluded place when they will be alone with a child.
- Share a bedroom with a child.
- Neglect their responsibility for any child under their care at any time.
- Bully a child either physically or verbally, nor reduce a child to tears as a form of control.
- Engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games.
- Make sexually suggestive remarks to a young/vulnerable fencer – even in fun.
- Allow or engage in any form of inappropriate touching.
- Allow the use of inappropriate language to go unchallenged.
- Do things of a personal nature for a fencer that they can do for themselves unless specifically requested to do so and then with the utmost discretion.
- Vacate the venue and leave a child entirely on their own.
- Spend excessive amounts of time with individual fencers away from others.
- Allow allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Embarrass, humiliate or undermine any individual or cause them to lose self esteem.
- Make remarks about another individual that are in any way offensive or in any way can be construed as such.
- Engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

**Parents/guardians UNDERSTAND that if the  
Code of Conduct for parents and guardians is NOT adhered to,  
THE FOLLOWING OUTCOMES/ACTIONS MAY OCCUR:**

- Issuing of a verbal warning from a club manager, coach, referee or official.
- Formal requirement to meet with the club welfare officer(s) to discuss behaviour.
- Formal requirement to meet with the club managers to discuss behaviour.
- Obligation to undertake a related education/training/awareness course.
- Obligation to leave the club or a match/competition venue.
- Request from club managers not to attend future training sessions and/or matches/competitions.
- Suspension or removal from the club, along with any other dependents/siblings.

**STATEMENT OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

- I confirm that I have read, and fully understood, the above Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians.
- I agree to abide to this Code of Conduct at all times whilst at Central London Fencing Club, and/or attending competitions, and/or when visiting another fencing club, and will report any concerns to the Club Managers, Club Welfare Officer(s) or to British Fencing, as appropriate.
- I am aware that contact details of the Club's Welfare Officer(s) are available on the Club's website, and that I should report any concerns to them as appropriate.

**Name(s) of your child(ren) - please PRINT:**

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**Parents' Full Name (please PRINT):**

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**Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....