



# NWFC Code of Conduct

Northwest Fencing Center (NWFC) is open to anyone with an interest in promoting or engaging in the Olympic sport of fencing. Membership and participation at NWFC is a privilege, not a right, with obligations. NWFC expects all members, non-member participants, guests, coaches, and staff to follow these Rules and Code of Conduct.

**NO DISCRIMINATION:** All participants and guests of NWFC are to treat all other participants, guests, staff, and instructors at all times and in all respects in a manner free of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

**PAYMENTS:** Participants are expected to pay promptly when due, all guest fees, membership dues, tournament fees, travel costs, equipment costs, and any other amounts owed to the NWFC. If payments are in arrears by two months, members' privileges may be suspended until payment is made.

**PHYSICAL SAFETY:** Physical safety is the highest priority at the NWFC. All participants are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor while fencing or otherwise participating at the NWFC. All participants are expected to exercise good judgment as to the degree of force in fencing that is reasonable and appropriate to the age, size, and experience level of their opponents.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** Good sportsmanship, like physical safety, is another priority of the NWFC. All fencing encounters are to be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner regardless of whether the encounter takes place during open bouting, at a tournament, or during class. All participants are expected to salute their opponent and the referee, if any, before and after each encounter, and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout, in a sportsmanlike manner.

**SCORING/REFEREES:** In non-refereed bouts, discussions of priority and valid touches are to be resolved quickly and amicably between the participants, or thrown out. In non-electric bouting, fencers are expected to acknowledge touches against them. In refereed bouts, the decision belongs solely to the referees and that decision is final unless, at a tournament, it is a question appropriate for the bout committee. Fencers and guests are expected to treat all referees with respect, regardless of the outcome of any particular call or encounter.

I certify that the information provided on this form is true. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this document and understand the information therein and I agree to each of the terms and acknowledgments above.

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Fencer Signature

Print Name

Date

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Parent Signature (If under 18 fencer)

Print Name

Date