

BEDFORD FENCING CLUB: CLUB RULES

(REV 01 JUNE 2016)

1. BFA MEMBERSHIP

- All fencers and/or coaches must be individual members of the BFA,.
- Beginners/fencers, whilst under 100% supervision of one or more qualified club coaches need not be a member as in "A" above.

2. SAFETY

For all fencing activities (fencing, practising, demonstrations, lessons or any activity using a sword) must comply with the requirements of the BFA guidelines on safety. Available on the BFA web site <http://www.britishfencing.com/governance/guidelines/>

Always check your equipment (or the equipment you use) on a regular basis for wear and tear. Please see B.F.A. guidelines on safety. (Available from the BFA or on their web site) Do NOT use damaged and/or worn equipment. Broken or damaged club equipment must be reported to a club officer immediately.

Swords, these MUST always to be carried with the point down and close to the ground (except when fencing).

3. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

No running in the hall while fencing is in progress. - No inappropriate behaviour or behaviour that endangers yourself or others. - Keep well away from the fencing action unless refereeing. - If refereeing, be aware of action on other pistes near you. - Please note, members less than 13 years of age are not allowed to referee unsupervised.

4. CLUB EQUIPMENT

Please look after it. Put it away in a neat and tidy manner in its correct cupboard.

If wet, dry it or leave it to dry before putting away or insure in is correctly on a hanger

If fencers wish to take club equipment outside of the club, this can be arranged via the club armourer or secretary, who must enter in the equipment book when taken and correctly recorded on its return.

The club **STRONGLY** recommends members to buy their own equipment as soon as possible.

5. VENUE

The rules of the leisure Centre must be adhered to (copy available on request). No litter to be left in the hall.

6. CHILD PROTECTION

Your attention is drawn to the club's policy on Child Protection; please ensure you read the policy document, if you do not have a copy, copies are available on the club web site, on request by e mail or a hard copy is available at the club to read.

7. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MEMBERS

All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions

All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

Members must not indulge in inappropriate or any bullying behaviour.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously.

8. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results. Never force your child to take part in sport. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.

Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes. Publicly accept officials' judgements. H) Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport. I) Use correct and proper language at all times. J) Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

9. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR COACHES, OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS

Rights- Please respect & champion the rights of every individual to participate in sport.

Relationships –must develop a relationship with athletes (and others) based on honesty, mutual trust & respect.

Responsibilities – Personal standards, We must demonstrate proper personal behaviour & conduct at all times. Professional standards, to maximise the benefits & minimise the risk to athletes, coaches must attain a high level of competence by attaining qualifications & through a commitment to ongoing training that ensures safe & correct practice. Coaches wherever possible, must champion Equal Rights, Equality & Equity within the club and their coaching.