

Dingwall Fencing Club

Code of Conduct

Members (including Junior Members)

As a member of the club you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- You must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- You must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- You should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and inform your coach or team manager if you are going to be late or absent.
- You must wear suitable kit that conforms to the appropriate safety standards for all training and tournaments as defined by British Fencing, and announced by your coach.
- You must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- You are not allowed to smoke anywhere in or around the venue or whilst fencing at competitions.
- You are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind in or around the venue or whilst fencing at competitions.

Parents and Carers

As a parent or carer of a junior member of Dingwall Fencing Club you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- 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 the good performances of all.

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All coaches, club officials and volunteers at Dingwall Fencing Club must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all the guidelines laid down by the British Fencing Association, Scottish Fencing, and Dingwall Fencing Club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.

- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.