



Greater Manchester Fencing C.I.C.

Directors

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### **GMF Code of Conduct**

As part of Greater Manchester Fencing all staff, fencers, and anyone spectating (family and friends) agree to the following:

- That fencing is always conducted in a disciplined and sporting manner and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon the organisers to maintain those principles;
- shall cooperate in ensuring that the spirit of the laws of fencing are upheld at all times;
- shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of referees, organisers and all other fencing disciplinary bodies;
- shall not publish, or cause to be published, criticism of the manner in which a referee handled a fight or criticism of the manner in which the board or any other fencing disciplinary body handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the bye-laws, regulations, or laws of the sport;
- shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the piste that may impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of a fight, competition, championship or series or in the integrity and good character of any person;
- shall promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute;
- shall not commit a doping offence as defined in the FIE/British Fencing doping regulations;
- shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, organiser or other official, whether on or off the piste;
- shall not use crude or abusive language or gestures towards referees, organisers or other officials or spectators;
- shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person at an event on the ground of their religion, race, colour, disability, gender or national or ethnic origin;
- shall not do anything which adversely affects the sport of Fencing, the Board, any member or any commercial partner of the sport;

### **General conduct during training**

- We ask that during training sessions that all fencers refrain, as far as possible, from using mobile phones as this can be a distraction during training.
- Turn up on time, ready to begin the sessions at the designated time. This is to ensure that sessions run smoothly, and all fencers are coached through from warm up to full fencing. We are aware that at times situations arise which may mean you arrive late. If this happens, we ask that you notify us via text message so that we can adapt the sessions accordingly.
- We have worked hard to establish a team that is built on mutual respect, hard work but also a true sense of family. If at any point you have concerns, please speak with a member of the GMF team who will be happy to speak with you and work to resolve any concerns you may have.

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