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**SYDNEY ACADEMY OF FENCING**

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The Sydney Academy of Fencing Code of Conduct for parents emphasises respect, positive behaviour, and supporting young fencers' enjoyment of the game. It outlines expectations for parents to be positive role models, respect the coaches, their expertise and their work, respect officials' decisions, and encourage fair play. Violations of the code can lead to disciplinary actions, including potential ejection from the Sydney Academy of Fencing.

### Key Expectations for Parents:

- **Positive Attitude:**  
Parents are expected to be supportive and encouraging of all players, focusing on effort and fair play rather than solely on winning.
- **Respect for Officials:**  
Accepting referees' decisions and addressing any disagreements through appropriate channels (e.g., through the club) are crucial.
- **Respect for Opponents:**  
Showing respect for the opposing fencers and clubs is essential for maintaining a positive sporting environment.
- **Appropriate Behaviour:**  
Parents should avoid using foul language, engaging in verbal or physical abuse, or demonstrating any form of harassment.
- **Safe Environment:**  
Parents are responsible for ensuring a safe and positive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators.

- Following Rules:  
Encouraging players to follow the rules of the game and respecting the coaches' and officials' decisions is a key responsibility.
- Social Media:  
Being mindful of social media behaviour and avoiding negative or inappropriate comments is crucial.
- Videos and photos:  
Recording videos and taking photos during any SAF training session is not allowed, for safety and technical reasons, without previous authorisation from the coaches.
- Complaints:  
The Sydney Academy has set a number of ways, including the REACH protocol, for parents to get in touch with the coaches for any disagreement or complaint. Please get in touch with the coaches for any disagreement or complaint you may have, we are here to listen and eventually find a solution for the common good.

#### Consequences of Violations:

- Removal from Trainings:  
SAF has a Zero Tolerance Policy and reserves the right to remove or refuse entry to any person exhibiting inappropriate or abusive behaviour.
- Disciplinary Action:  
Violations of the Code of Conduct can lead to disciplinary actions, including potential removal from our fencing activities.
- Potential Legal Action:  
In cases of severe violations, legal action may be taken,

especially in matters related to child protection.

Where to Find the Code of Conduct:

- SAF website

SAF Directors