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SYDNEY ACADEMY OF FENCING

CODE OF CONDUCT, PRINCIPLES

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The Sydney Academy of Fencing (SAF) Code of Conduct outlines expected behaviour for all participants in fencing, including players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators. It emphasises fair play, respect, and safety, aiming to create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone involved in the sport. Key aspects include respecting the coaches and the directors of the Academy, respecting officials, controlling temper, avoiding harassment and discrimination, and promoting fair play.

Core Principles of the SAF Code of Conduct:

- **Respect:**
Treat all participants with respect, regardless of their background, ability, or role in the game.
- **Fair Play:**
Adhere to the rules of the game, avoid cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct, and encourage fair play.
- **Safety:**
Prioritise the safety and well-being of all participants, avoiding any actions that could cause harm or injury.
- **Inclusivity:**
Promote an inclusive environment that welcomes and supports all individuals, regardless of their background or identity.
- **Integrity:**
Maintain honesty and integrity in all fencing-related activities,

avoiding any actions that could damage the reputation of the Sydney Academy of Fencing and the sport in general.

Specific Expectations for Different Groups:

- Fencers:
Play by the rules, control temper, avoid arguing with officials, and treat opponents with respect.
- Coaches:
Focus on player development, provide equal opportunities, and avoid any form of abuse or harassment.
- Parents/Guardians:
Encourage children to participate, focus on the fun of the game, and avoid criticising players or officials, respect at all times all coaches and, in particular, the SAF coaches who work daily with your kids.

Consequences of Breaching the Code of Conduct:

SAF may impose disciplinary measures for breaches of the Code of Conduct, ranging from warnings to suspensions or other penalties, depending on the severity of the infraction.

SAF Directors