

Dundee City Fencing Club

Code of Conduct

Dundee City Fencing Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the sport of fencing and the wellbeing of all its members.

The club believes that it is important that members and guest fencers, coaches, administrators, and parents associated with the club should show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others at all times.

Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the organisers.

Parents/Carers

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and act 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 applauding the good performance of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publically accept officials' judgements
- Use correct and proper language at all times

Club Officials, Coaches, and Volunteers

Dundee City Fencing Club (DCFC) promotes good ethical conduct by staff. Good practice is expected and summarised below.

- Consider the wellbeing of fencers above the development of performance
- Have an appropriate working relationship with fencers, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are age appropriate and appropriate for the experience level of the fencers
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport including fair play
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over fencers to obtain personal benefit or reward

- Never condone rule violations, rough play, or the use of prohibited substances
- Encourage fencers to value effort and performance, not just results
- Encourage and guide fencers to accept responsibility for their own performance or behaviour

Fencers

As a member at DCFC you are expected to follow the following rules

- Be polite and kind to others
- Follow the rules of fencing
- Represent DCFC when competing
- Wear suitable kit for training and competitions
- Treat club kit with care
 - Ensure borrowed kit is returned on time
- Support others in their training
- Find opportunities to help run the club
- Try your best every session.

Guests are also expected to follow these rules where applicable.

Committee Members

The club committee members agree to:

- Represent the club to the best of their ability
- Communicate clearly and promptly with club members
- Attend meetings when called or offer apologies
- Take responsibility for development tasks identified at meetings
- Show respect to all fencers, managers, and spectators
- Support all club members and parents through sharing of information and experience
- Promote the club positively. Support the marketing of the club through social media
- Promote the safety and welfare of club members
- Treat everyone equally and fairly
- Follow the general rules of the club

Spectators

DCFC encourages family members to support their fencer at training sessions. Ward Road offers a gallery viewing area with seating and a fantastic view of the hall.

Spectators are required to follow the rules below.

- Encourage all fencers and act as a positive role model
- Show respect for other spectators
- Respect officials decisions (even if they appear to be a mistake)
- Do not use inappropriate or abusive language
- Treat everyone equally and fairly
- Remember that children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of spectators
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than winning at all costs
- Verbally encourage all fencers in a positive manner. Shouting 'for' the fencer, not 'at' them