



CODE OF CONDUCT

Upon entering the club, everyone including members, guests, coaches and staff, agrees to follow this Code of Conduct, along with adhering to the rules of fencing adopted by the Ontario Fencing Association, Canadian Fencing Federation and International Fencing Federation (FIE). We reserve the right to suspend or revoke membership of any person who has been found to violate any of the following rules and safety requirements.

Rules

Respect and be courteous to each other, visiting fencers, coaches, officials and spectators. We are all in the Halton Blades Fencing Club for the same reason: the love of the sport fencing.

Complete and turn in the Waiver/Release of Liability along with the Application form.

Obtain a corresponding membership with the CFF through the OFA. This is absolutely necessary for your third party liability insurance. No uninsured fencers on the floor.

Never forget about salute and handshake, a gesture of respect and civility performed with the weapon at the start and end of a bout, as well as at the start and end of a lesson.

Aid your fellow fencer and participate in positive sportsman-like behaviour.

Do not interrupt, run by or closely approach a coach and student engaged in an individual lesson unless there is an emergency.

Safety

Safety precautions must be observed at all times.

Mask and all other appropriate equipment must always be worn when fencing. A full protection gear must be worn when bouting or engaged in any contact during a class or lesson.

Never touch an unmasked person with a weapon. Never raise a weapon towards an unmasked person, even as a demonstration of a move.

Do not cause body contact nor use the unarmed hand against your opponent. Avoid intentional dangerous actions and brutal sword play.

Never turn your back on an opponent during a bout. Always hold the point of your weapon down except when bouting or getting a lesson. Do not run with a weapon in hand.

Do not cross fencing strips while there is fencing going on.

Treat weapons with respect and awareness at all times. They're called 'weapons' for a reason. Do not touch another fencer's weapon without consent.

Exercise control of your actions and demeanor at all times and exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age and experience level of the opponents.

Report any unsafe activity on a piste or elsewhere, call halt and bring it to the coach's attention. Report all injuries, even minor ones to the coach immediately.

Stop fencing instantly if you think something is wrong or if your opponent retreats and waves the unarmed hand or gives any sign of wanting to stop.