

# DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL FENCING TEAM

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Dunwoody High School Fencing Club is open to any DHS student interested in participating in the sport of fencing. However, participation at DHS Fencing Club is a privilege, NOT a right. Along with this privilege come expectations of behavior by fencers, guests, volunteers, and staff in accordance with the following published Code of Conduct.

Revocation of Privileges: DHS Fencing Club reserves the right to suspend or revoke the Club membership of any person whom the coach or staff finds has violated this Code of Conduct.

1. **No Discrimination.** Fencers, guests and staff of DHS Fencing Club are expected to treat other fencers, guests and staff at all times and in all respects in a manner free from discrimination or harassment on the basis of color, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. We have zero tolerance for hazing or similar dangerous behavior.
2. **Physical Safety.** Fencers are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor at all times and to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size, and experience level of their opponents. Fencers are expected to wear all safety equipment (including personal athletic supporters and chest plates) and appropriate clothing, including full-length pants (practice) or fencing knickers (tournaments) with long sport socks and no leg showing, and fencing friendly sneakers. Fencers shall not, under any circumstances, raise a weapon in anger or retaliation, or toward any unmasked person or take weapons outside of the designated fencing room. Fencers may not remove mask or protective gear till they hear "Halt" at end of bout. Fencers must self-check Masks, Gloves and Epees before Tournaments.
3. **Sportsmanship.** Fencers need to arrive and be "ready to fence" on-time for events. Good sportsmanship is expected from all fencers at all times. Fencers are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner. Fencers are to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size and experience level of their opponents. Fencers are expected to salute their opponent and the director before and after each bout and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout in a sportsmanlike manner.
4. **Equipment.** Fencers are expected to keep all equipment owned by them in safe working order and are responsible for the suitability and condition of that equipment at all times. Fencers using Club equipment are expected not to use equipment that appears to be damaged or unsafe and are to notify a coach or instructor of the issue immediately, and turn in the equipment for repair or replacement. Fencers will NOT be allowed to borrow another Fencer's epee during tournaments except for the second epee required on the strip on a temporary basis.
5. **Club Activities.** All Club activities must be treated with respect by fencers and guests. Families, friends, and visitors must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity or any coach or instructor. Good spirited cheering for our fencers during tournaments is allowed. Any disruptively loud, negative comments or mean-spirited jeering will not be tolerated. No flash photography!
6. **Club Dues & Fee Payments.** Fencers and guests are expected to promptly pay all Club membership fees, equipment costs and all other amounts when due, or risk losing Club membership. Annual Dues are \$300 and must be paid in full prior to Fencers's participation in a tournament.

7. **Tournament Conduct.** Club members attending tournaments represent the DHS Fencing Club. Members are bound by the rules of fencing and the USFA code of conduct regardless of whether they are participating in a local, regional, national, or international competition. Any fencer representing DHS Fencing Club who breaches these rules and/or code of conduct is subject to dismissal from the Club ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org), Click on: Athletes and Coaches, Athlete Handbook- Section 8.3).
8. **Ejection.** If during any DHS Fencing Club event, (i.e. practices, tournaments or fundraising events), a fencer, parent or guest threatens the safety of other fencers, guests or staff, any member of the staff may immediately escort the threatening individual from the applicable premises. No children under age 12 are permitted on the fencing floor.
9. **Staff Leadership.** Only DHS Fencing Club Staff members (coach, Team Sponsor, Booster Club Board and/or Team Captains) are allowed to make policy and/or issue instructions. NO ONE ELSE is responsible for creating Club regulations or policies. Under NO circumstances should a parent or fencer other than a Fencing Club Staff member give any fencing instructions or make Club policy. Anyone violating this request will be asked to leave. Repeated violations will result in the fencer's termination from the Club.
10. **Parent Meetings.** We will occasionally have Parent Meetings, as we need to address Club needs, safety issues and any new policies or requirements. At least one parent or legal guardian for each fencer needs to attend these meetings.
11. **Forms. *FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO FENCE AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST SIGN!*** In order to participate in any DHS Fencing Club event (including practices), DHS Fencing Club members must have their parents/legal guardians complete and sign all required forms.

Please SIGN below after reading this entire document. Thank you.

Fencer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print)*

Signature of Fencer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print)*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_