

# British Fencing Code of Conduct

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## 1. Purpose of Document

For all Home Nations, Regions, Counties, Clubs, Members and Persons:-

- must ensure that Fencing is always conducted in a disciplined and sporting manner and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon the organisers to maintain those principles;
- shall co-operate in ensuring that the spirit of the Laws of Fencing are upheld and only select fencers that uphold these Laws;
- shall observe the Fencing Laws at all times;
- shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of referees, organisers and all other fencing disciplinary bodies.
- shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which a referee handled a fight;
- shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which the Board or any other fencing disciplinary body handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the Bye-Laws, Regulations, or Laws of the Sport;
- shall not engage in any conduct or any activity on or off the piste that may impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of a fight, competition, Championship or Series or in the integrity and good character of any Person;
- shall promote the reputation of the Sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- shall not commit a Doping Offence as defined in the FIE/British FencingA doping regulations.
- shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, organiser or other official, whether on or off the piste;
- shall not use crude or abusive language or gestures towards referees, organisers or other officials or spectators;
- shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other Person at an event on the ground of their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin;
- shall not do anything which adversely affects the Sport of Fencing, the Board, any member or any commercial partner of the Sport;

Each body within British Fencing is under an obligation to;

- Comply with and ensure that each of its members comply with this Code of Conduct; and adopt procedures to monitor compliance with and impose sanctions for breaches of the Code of Conduct by Persons under its jurisdiction.

Note: Definitions of 'Person' and as follows;

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'Person' means a fencer, trainer, referee, organiser, coach, selector, armourer, medical officer, physiotherapist or any other individual who is or has been at any time involved in the Sport, or in the organisation, administration or promotion of the Sport including spectators and supporters.

At a Board meeting of 11.12.14 the Board of BF has delegated authority to the CEO to administer such matters which have not expressly been reserved to be dealt with under the Disciplinary Code by this Code of Conduct. Notwithstanding such authority, the CEO may, in his or her absolute discretion, determine that an allegation of a breach of Code of Conduct is of a nature that it should properly be dealt with under the Disciplinary Code. In such circumstances, the CEO may refer such a matter to be dealt with under the Disciplinary Code.