

BRITISH FENCING - CODE OF CONDUCT

All Home Nations, Regions, Counties, Clubs, Members and Persons:

- 1.1 must ensure that the Sport is conducted in accordance with disciplined and sporting behaviour and acknowledge that it is not sufficient to rely solely upon the organisers to maintain those principles;
- 1.2 shall cooperate in ensuring that the spirit of the Laws of the Sport are upheld and refrain from selecting any athlete with an unsatisfactory disciplinary record;
- 1.3 shall observe the Laws of the Sport at all times;
- 1.4 shall accept and observe the authority and decisions of referees, organisers and all other fencing disciplinary bodies;
- 1.5 shall read and follow all BF policies and guidelines as introduced and amended from time to time. Including but not limited to the Byelaws, Regulations, or Laws of the Sport; and all other BF policies as amended from time to time, including but not limited to the BF Publicity and Communications Policy, BF Safety Guidelines, BF Equality Policy, BF Photographic Policy, and the BF Welfare Policy;
- 1.6 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;
- 1.7 shall promote the reputation of the Sport and take all reasonable steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute;
- 1.8 shall not commit a Doping Offence as defined in the FIE/BFA doping regulations;
- 1.9 shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, organiser or other official, whether on or off the piste;
- 1.10 shall not use crude or abusive language or gestures towards fellow competitors, referees, organisers or other officials or spectators;
- 1.11 shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other Person as set out in the BF Equality Policy; and
- 1.12 shall not do anything which adversely affects the Sport of Fencing, the Board, any member or any commercial partner of the Sport.
- 2.1 Each body within British Fencing is under an obligation to:
- 2.2 Comply with and ensure that each of its members comply with this Code of Conduct; and

2.3 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 'Player' as follows; '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

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