

Fencing Parent's Charter

Introduction:

This parent's charter aims to encourage parents to support children and BF, to get the best possible all-round experience from their involvement in the sport of fencing. BF recognises the importance of parents' contribution and is committed to working with you to address any concerns.

For most children fencing will be an enjoyable activity that will contribute greatly to their lasting physical, personal, social and emotional development, and for a few it will become a commitment taking them to the highest levels of international competition. However the principles remain the same.

- Provide unconditional support and encouragement.
- Avoid placing undue expectations, or pressure. Fencing should be rewarding to the fencer, they are not doing it for your benefit.
- Emphasise respect for referees, coaches and other volunteers. It is never acceptable for a parent to be publicly confrontational.
- Condemn bad behaviour and language.
- Learn the basic rules of the sport and encourage your child to abide by them.
- Encourage a child who has made a mistake during a competition or training – never ridicule or embarrass. Help them to learn from defeat.
- Help your child to recognise effort, performance and not just results.
- Applaud good fencing and conduct – children learn best by example and from what they observe. Good sportsmanship should always be encouraged
- Familiarize yourself with and encourage your child to follow the BF codes of conduct at all times.
- Be welcoming to new families and each other. We can all learn from each other's experiences.
- Don't be afraid to get involved and ask questions. There are lots of opportunities for volunteer support at all levels; any help you can give will be appreciated.

En garde... Ready... Fence..... Enjoy !