

# Dingwall Fencing Club

## *Code of Conduct*

### ***Members (including Junior Members)***

As a member of the club you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- You must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- You must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- You should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions and inform your coach or team manager if you are going to be late or absent.
- You must wear suitable kit that conforms to the appropriate safety standards for all training and tournaments as defined by British Fencing, and announced by your coach.
- You must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- You are not allowed to smoke anywhere in or around the venue or whilst fencing at competitions.
- You are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind in or around the venue or whilst fencing at competitions.

### ***Parents and Carers***

As a parent or carer of a junior member of Dingwall Fencing Club you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.

### ***Coaches, Officials and Volunteers***

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All coaches, club officials and volunteers at Dingwall Fencing Club must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of sport (e.g. fair play).
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Follow all the guidelines laid down by the British Fencing Association, Scottish Fencing, and Dingwall Fencing Club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover.
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.

- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.