



Code of Conduct

All club members and individuals involved in fostering the aims of QUB Fencing:

- Must ensure that fencing 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;
- Shall observe the Laws of Fencing 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 a fencing disciplinary body handled or resolved any dispute or disciplinary matter resulting from a breach of the Bye-Laws, Regulations or Laws of Fencing;
- Shall not engage in any conduct/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 individual involved in the sport;
- Shall promote the reputation of fencing and prevent it from being brought into disrepute;
- Shall not commit a doping offence as defined in the Fédération Internationale d'Escrime / British Fencing doping regulations;
- Shall not abuse, intimidate or threaten a referee, organiser or other official, whether on or off the field of play;
- Shall not use crude or abusive language or gestures towards referees, organisers, other officials or spectators;
- Shall not engage in any discriminatory behaviour at any time;
- Shall not do anything which adversely affects the sport of fencing or the members and commercial partners of the sport.

In addition, all fencing coaches involved with QUB Fencing:

- Must ensure that all individuals in their care are treated equitably and with dignity at all times;
- Ensure that training complies with current guidance issued by British Fencing and does not constitute any form of abuse (bullying, emotional, physical, sexual etc.);
- Should recognise that the personal development of a fencer takes precedence over the development of their performance;
- Should have an ongoing commitment to their own training and work with others (referees, sports scientists, medical advisors, other coaches etc.) to ensure the safety and enjoyment of fencers as they develop both within and outside of the sport;
- Should respect a fencer's need for confidentiality;
- Should work within their own competency and qualifications;
- Should strive to be positive role models and promote good behaviour within the Laws of Fencing;
- Should never abuse their position of power in any way;
- Should never fail to record an incident in line with British Fencing guidelines.