

# **Herefordshire Fencing Club Code of Conduct**

## ***All Club Officers, Club Members and volunteers: -***

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 co-operate in ensuring that the spirit of the Laws of the Sport are upheld and refrain from selecting players guilty of foul play;

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 not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which a referee handled a fight;

1.6 shall not publish or cause to be published criticism of the manner in which the Board or any other fencing disciplinary 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;

1.7 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;

1.8 shall promote the reputation of the Sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute;

1.9 shall not commit doping offence as defined in the FIE/BFA doping regulations;

1.10 shall not abuse, threaten or intimidate a referee, organiser or other official, whether on or off the field of play;

1.11 shall not use crude or abusive language or gestures towards referees, organisers or other officials or spectators;

1.12 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;

1.13 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.

3.1 Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.

3.2 Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.

3.3 Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.

3.4 Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).

3.5 Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.

3.6 Follow all guidelines laid down by the National Governing Body and the club.

3.7 Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover.

3.8 Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward.

3.9 Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances.

3.10 Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results.

3.11 Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.