



## Codes Of Conduct

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West Lothian Fencing Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the sport of fencing and the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members and guest fencers, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the club secretary.

### **Parents/Carers**

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognize good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgments.
- 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.

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

West Lothian Fencing Club promotes the essence of good ethical conduct by staff. Good practice is expected and summarised as follows:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with participants, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport including fair play.
- Display consistently high standards of behavior and appearance.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club.
- Hold 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.

### **Fencers**

As a member or a guest fencer at West Lothian Fencing Club you are expected to abide by the following:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit – mask, jacket, glove for training and full fencing kit including breeches for competitions and matches
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club

### **Committee Members**

- They will represent the club to best of their ability
- All committee members will attend meetings when called.
- Any tasks set out by The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary will be carried out.
- Show respect to all players, managers and spectators.
- On match days to carry out the clubs best intentions to visiting teams.
- The expectations of the committee members are to promote the club to its full potential.
- To have the safety of all concerned on match days and other club activities.
- To treat everyone equally and fair.
- To abide by the rules of the club.

### **Spectators**

- To encourage players at all times and act as a positive role model.
- To represent the club to the best of their ability.

- To show due respect to visiting spectators.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players and teams.
- To show due respect when visiting opponents venues.
- Do not use inappropriate language.
- Treat everyone equally and fairly.
- To abide by the rules of the club.
- Be familiar with, and abide by, the clubs child protection guidelines in relation to verbal and emotional abuse.
- Do not use inappropriate behaviour at competitions
- Respect guidance from the Club with regard to spectator behaviour.
- Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of the spectators.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for', not 'at', the players.
- Encourage all players irrespective of the ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.