

RULES OF THE FIT SALLE

All FIT fencers, parents, and visitors are responsible for reading, following, and enforcing these rules.

1. The salle is a place of work and training where there should be a healthy spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship!
2. Fencing Masters and Instructors honor and assist each other. Students are expected to honor and assist all Fencing Masters, Instructors, students, and visitors at the salle.
3. All individuals occupying the fencing salle must behave in a civil and educated manner. Any action which would normally receive a “black card” at a fencing competition may be grounds for your removal from the club that evening.
4. Students are expected to shake hands with the Fencing Masters and Instructors upon arrival to the salle and departure. However, do not interrupt a lesson or class; in this case, a simple “hello” or “goodbye” will do.
5. **NEVER** interrupt fencers on strips, nor interrupt the Fencing Masters or instructors during private lessons or classes.
6. Students may free bout *only* if an instructor, knowing their ability, has given permission. It is prohibited to engage in the exercise of arms in the fencing salle without a protective jacket, glove, and mask appropriate to the weapon in use.
7. Students are expected to be at the salle 30 minutes prior to their class or lesson and be properly clothed, warmed up and stretched out at the beginning of the class or lesson.
8. It is absolutely forbidden to touch an unmasked person with a weapon.
9. The complete fencing outfit and all safety equipment must be worn when fencing and as required by the instructor during lessons or classes.
10. The fencing outfit must be kept clean and in proper order.
11. During fencing, if one or more of the two fencers is disarmed and his/her weapon drops, the other, regardless of his rank, must pick it up and hand it to his adversary by the guard in order to avoid even the idea of haughtiness.
12. Fencers must salute prior to beginning, and upon completion of, any drills or bouts which involve multiple fencers.
13. At the end of a bout, the fencers are expected to remove their masks, disarm themselves, and shake hands with their opponent.
14. All fencing equipment, clothing and personal belongings must be removed nightly or stored in a rented locker.
15. Students and visitors shall respect and take care of the salle’s property. Any equipment or property broken or damaged beyond repair by a student or visitor shall be replaced or paid for by that person.
16. Equipment will be graciously loaned to beginning fencers; however, as soon as possible, fencers should get their own equipment.
17. No one should be ignorant of the rules of the salle.