

CODE OF CONDUCT for 2009-2010 FENCING SEASON

FENCER'S PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____

The FIT Board of Directors pledges to provide you with a reasonably safe and healthful environment while at FIT and on team trips. We will do everything in our power to ensure you have a fun and safe fencing experience, and provide you an opportunity to fence to your full potential.

All fencers and parents of minor fencers must have a signed form on file at FIT. Please carefully read and sign both sides of the following "Code of Conduct." Your form will be kept on file at FIT for the entire fencing season (August 1st through the following July 31st). Your understanding of these rules will help us ensure a safe and healthful fencing environment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FENCING INSTITUTE OF TEXAS, INC.
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1. I understand that competing as a member of the Fencing Institute of Texas' Competitive Team is a privilege and an opportunity for personal growth. Membership on the Competitive Team carries with it many responsibilities to my family, my teammates, my coach, and myself. I understand my behavior as a member of the Team reflects on my family and my team. I pledge to represent my family, my team and myself with honor and conduct myself with dignity and good sportsmanship.
2. I shall follow all the rules of the salle at all times. I shall treat all coaches, fencers, families and visitors to FIT with respect. I will personally welcome all visitors to FIT by introducing myself to them if I am not participating in instruction or fencing.
3. I shall follow all the rules of the United States Fencing Association. I understand there will be questionable calls during any given bout; however, I pledge to accept all rulings by Tournament Officials as the final decision. I will conduct myself with dignity at all times while on strip, in the venue, and at all team functions. I understand any Black Card given for misconduct at a fencing tournament is grounds for reprimand and removal from the FIT Competitive Team, the reprimand period of time to be determined by the Board of Directors.
4. I will follow all safety rules in the salle, during travel, at venues, and at lodging/accommodations.
5. I will set a healthful example for my teammates to follow. **Minors:** I understand the use of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages is grounds for removal from the FIT Competitive Team. **All:** I understand use of any illegal substance is grounds for removal from the FIT Competitive Team.
6. I agree that I am responsible for the logistics of my equipment and belongings to and from the venue, to and from the hotel, and to and from the airport. At no time shall a FIT Coach or Team Representative be responsible for the logistics of my/my child's equipment or belongings.
7. I pledge to treat all teammates, coaches, and chaperones with respect. I understand harassing or demeaning remarks or gestures are grounds for reprimand and possible removal from the FIT Competitive Team.
8. I understand and agree that a member or members of the FIT Board of Directors will arbitrate Team conflicts. Serious breeches of conduct will be submitted to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. I will be offered an opportunity to address the Board of Directors directly (personally or through written statement) concerning any breach of conduct involving me/my child, whether caused by my/my child's actions or through actions of another. I also understand and agree that the Board of Directors' recommendation of disciplinary action is the final decision.

Fencer's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature for minor Date

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