

# 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.

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Fencer's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature for minor    Date

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PRINT FENCER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 shall honor and assist all Fencing Masters, Instructors, students, and visitors at the salle. Students not participating in training or fencing shall introduce themselves to visitors to FIT and welcome them.
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 shall be grounds for your removal from the club that evening. Repeated offenses shall result in suspension for a specified period or expulsion.
4. Students are expected to shake hands with the Fencing Masters and Instructors upon arrival and departure to the salle. 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. Only fencers, instructors and armorers are allowed on the fencing strips when classes, lessons or free bouting are taking place. Persons not involved in fencing shall remain in the spectator areas. Small children are not allowed to play in the hallways at any time and shall be accompanied by an adult to/from the restroom area.
9. It is absolutely forbidden to touch an unmasked person with a weapon.
10. The complete fencing outfit and all safety equipment must be worn when fencing and as required by the instructor during lessons or classes. The complete fencing outfit shall be clean and free of odor.
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 shall be ignorant of the rules of the salle.

I am the parent of the fencer and have read these rules

I am the fencer and have read these rules

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Parent/Guardian's Signature for minor    Date

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Fencer's Signature    Date

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