To our Fencers and their families,

Each fencer at FIT is required to sign this "Code of Conduct" form annually and submit it to the General Manager. Your form will be kept on file at FIT for the entire fencing season (August 1 through the following July 30). Your understanding of these rules will help us ensure a safe and healthful environment.

The FIT Board of Directors pledges to provide you with a reasonably safe and healthful environment while fencing at our club and on team trips. We will do everything in our power to ensure you have an opportunity to fence to your full potential. Please carefully read and sign the following "Code of Conduct."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FENCING INSTITUTE OF TEXAS, INC.

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Code of Conduct for: _____
(Please print fencer's name)

I understand that fencing at the Fencing Institute of Texas (FIT) is my choice for personal growth and, thereby, a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to my family, my teammates, my coach, and myself. I understand my behavior at FIT 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 at all times.

1. I pledge to treat all fencers, coaches, parents and chaperones with respect, and to display positive leadership at all times in our club and at competitions. I understand harassing or demeaning remarks or gestures are grounds for reprimand and possible suspension of FIT privileges.

2. I will set a healthful example for my teammates to follow. ***Adults***: I will not smoke or use smokeless tobacco in the presence of junior fencers, nor will I overindulge in alcoholic beverages. ***Juniors***: 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 and immediate suspension of all FIT privileges.

3. **DURING COMPETITIONS**: I will 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 my Directors and Referees 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 suspension of all FIT privileges and removal from the FIT Competitive Team, the length of suspension to be determined by the Board of Directors.

4. **ON TEAM TRIPS**: I will follow all safety rules during travel, at the venue and at lodging and accommodations. I will conduct myself properly during meals.

5. I understand that minor children shall not be housed in hotel rooms by themselves on team trips. I agree to accompany my minor child, or make arrangements for my minor child to room with another team mate or team chaperone or coach. (Exceptions to this may be made on a case by case basis with the General Manager upon submission of adequate release forms a minimum of two weeks prior to travel date.)

6. I understand and agree that fencers are responsible for the logistics of their own equipment to the hotel, to the venue and to the airport. At no time shall a coach, FIT, or FIT Board of Directors be liable for or responsible for the transportation of a fencer's equipment or personal belongings. I understand that anyone I may ask to provide logistical support for my fencing equipment does so by my choice and not in any official capacity.

7. 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 breech of conduct involving me, whether caused by my 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 Date Parent/Guardian's Signature for minor Date