



Salle Dublin Code of Conduct

In order to ensure a safe, productive and sportsmanlike atmosphere for all our members, **everyone** who uses our facility **must** adhere to our code of conduct. By using our facilities, you agree to abide by this code and to be subject to its disciplinary provisions.

We expect you to show respect for our fencers, Maîtres and other coaches, visitors, facility and the rules of the fencing.

We expect you to be of good will towards one another when differences arise and to be generous and flexible as we strive to meet the needs of all our fencers.

1. Fencers must behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

Behaviour which would result in you receiving a warning or yellow card at a competition will get you a warning or yellow card at **Salle Dublin**. This includes, but is not limited to, the following specific prohibitions:

- Swearing
- Name calling or negative talk
- Throwing equipment
- Hitting or kicking the floor or walls
- Yelling (unless you have just scored a hit – or think you have)
- Misuse of equipment (including hooking and unhooking from reels in the middle of the piste)

Fencers who continue to violate these guidelines after being told to stop may be required to stop fencing for the evening.

2. When differences of opinions arise, fencers are expected to resolve such differences quickly, quietly and with an eye towards finding a solution that satisfies both parties. Be of good will.
3. Fencers should exercise the utmost care for the safety of themselves and other fencers. They must always wear full protective gear (including mask, jacket, breeches and plastron) when fencing, facing an opponent or taking a lesson.
4. If your behaviour would get you a black card at a competition, it will get you a black card in **Salle Dublin**. Such behaviour will result in your being required to leave the Salle immediately and includes, but is not limited to, the following prohibitions:

- Dangerously throwing equipment
- Wilful damage to club property or the venue
- Dangerous or vindictive fencing
- Shouting matches
- Fighting
- Threats
- Extreme unsportsmanlike conduct
- Failure to follow the directives of the Salle coaches

Fencers who are black carded more than once or whose behaviour is particularly egregious are subject to suspension from the Salle and will be prohibited from the use of the facilities. The Maître de Salle will review all black cards and their decision will be final.

I undertake to wear the appropriate protective clothing and equipment at all times when fencing.

I agree to abide by the **Salle Dublin** Code of Conduct and be subject to the Code's disciplinary Provisions.

Signature of Member: Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if member under 18):