

Club Rules

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The overall intent of these club rules is safety. Risk of harm to fencers, coaches and visitors needs to be minimised. The pistes are very close to one another so fencers and coaches must be extra careful whether they are bouting or receiving lessons.

On the Piste

General

1. Access all the pistes from either end as close as you can to each wall.
2. Do not walk across the middle of the other pistes to access your bouting piste.
3. Be careful crossing over pistes at the wall when the piste is in use.
4. If fencers are moving towards you, pause until it is clear.
5. Shoes must always be worn in the salle, whether fencing or warming up.
6. Masks must be on and down once fencers are 2 metres away from either end wall. Fencers need to salute within 2 metres of the walls and not lift masks up until they are back at the walls.

Bouting

7. The minimum clothing requirement is a chest protector (women), 350N plastron, 350N jacket, robust long pants with a pocket to secure the wireless pack, shoes, socks, glove and mask. If fencers have breeches, they should wear them. Long socks are preferable.
8. All clothing must be in good order, with no rips, holes or open zips and be worn correctly. Masks must meet all current FeNZ standards for determining structural condition and a 350N bib.
9. You should stay on your piste when fencing. If you do leave your piste during a bout, for any reason, it is your responsibility to avoid collisions, contact or interfering with other fencers.

Individual Lessons

10. Lessons should be conducted on the training piste or unused pistes, but priority must be given to bouting fencers; piste access and on piste rules must be observed.
11. When you are having a lesson from a club coach, the minimum clothing requirements are shoes, a glove and mask all in good condition.
12. During a club night when bouting is occurring full gear is required when receiving a lesson as in point 6 above.
13. When giving a lesson, the minimum clothing requirement is a coaching jacket or fencing jacket, shoes, glove and mask all in good condition.

Refereeing

14. A refereed bout can only occur on piste 1 and 8 so that the referee is clear from fencers.
15. Lessons take priority on the training piste over referred bouts.

Off the Piste

16. Your weapon must never be pointed or waved at or used to hit any person off piste.
17. Keep all your bags off the floor; place in the cubbyholes provided.
18. If you are not currently fencing you must store all your gear in your bag, in your storage space or tidily off the piste and outside of the salle.
19. All cups and dishes that you use must be washed after use and returned to storage or put into the dishwasher.
20. All gear must be hung up on the rails.
21. Fencers and coaches must change their clothes in the changing rooms and not the gear storage areas.
22. Anyone acting in a coaching capacity or running a non-club session is responsible for ensuring these rules are adhered to.

Code of Conduct

I agree to:

1. Respect fencers, coaches, officials and referees.
2. Not use any form of rudeness, abuse, obscene language, harassment, discrimination or victimisation towards others.
3. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
4. Participate in the spirit of fair play, cooperation and good conduct.
5. Be gracious both in victory and in defeat.
6. Accept responsibility for my own behaviour and actions.
7. Be considerate and honest in all my dealings with others.
8. Be a positive role model.
9. Assist and encourage those less experienced than myself.
10. Protect the club facilities and equipment.
11. Be aware of, and maintain, an uncompromising adherence to, standards, rules, regulations and policies of the Fencing Institute.
12. Reject corruption, drugs, racism, sexism and violence.
13. Promote the interests of fencing.