



## Code of Conduct

The North Gwinnett High School Fencing Club is open to all NGHS Students. However, participation is a privilege, **NOT** a right. All fencers, parents, guests, volunteers and staff are expected to be in accordance with the following code of conduct.

1. **No Discrimination-** Fencers, guests and staff of NGHS Fencing Club are expected to treat all others, at all times, and in all respects in a manner free from discrimination.
  - a. NO crude, lewd, racial, religious, gender or sexual comments to others.
  - b. There will be zero tolerance for hazing or similar dangerous behavior.
2. **Physical Safety- Fencers are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor at all times.**
  - a. Fencers should refrain from horseplay or causing mayhem at all club activities.
  - b. Fencers will treat others with kindness, dignity and mutual respect, which includes no touching, poking, jabbing, kicking, pinching, pushing, punching, assaulting or otherwise harassing others.
  - c. Fencers shall not, under any circumstances, raise a weapon in anger or retaliation, or toward any unmasked person.
  - d. Fencers are expected to wear all safety equipment and appropriate clothing/shoes including full length pants (practice) or fencing knickers (practice or tournaments). (e.g. No shorts, sandals, flip flops, tank tops or bare-midriff shirts)
  - e. Fencers should not remove mask during a bout, and should only remove mask and protective gear when both fencers have stopped.
  - c. Fencers will use caution at all times while fencing or carrying weapons and remain constantly aware of their surroundings before, during, and after bouts, which includes not standing between or near fencing strips between bouts.
3. **Sportsmanship-** Good sportsmanship is expected from all fencers and guests at all time.
  - a. Fencers are to exercise good judgment and to conduct themselves in a respectful manner, which includes no arguing, verbal assault, harassment, intimidation or do anything that might offend or cause harm to others.
  - b. Fencers will not pester, taunt or otherwise distract other fencers during bouts.
  - c. Fencers shall not involve themselves or others in gossip, rumor, or hearsay that involves any other fencer, parent, guest or anyone associated with NGHS or NGFC.
  - d. Fencers should always demonstrate an attitude of good sportsmanship by their words and actions and take winning and losing as well as praise and criticism in a humble and gracious manner.
  - e. Fencers should avoid accusing, arguing, complaining, bickering or bragging at all times.
  - d. Fencer will not display excessive physical contact (e.g. kissing, wrestling, sitting in laps, etc.) with any other individual(s) during team practice or tournaments.
4. **Equipment-** Fencers are expected to keep all equipment owned by them in safe working order and are responsible for the suitability and condition of that equipment at all times.
5. **Activities/Facilities-** All fencing activities and facilities must be treated with respect. Fencers and spectators must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity, coach or instructor.
6. **Ejection-** If at any time a fencer, parent or guest threatens the safety of others, any member of the staff, may immediately escort the threatening individual from the applicable premises.

I have read and understand North Gwinnett High School Fencing Code of Conduct:

Participant's Signature	Date
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Responsible Parties Signature (If fencer under age 18)	
Printed Name	Signature