

Bay State Fencers: Code of Conduct

Bay State Fencers is open to anyone interested in participating in the Olympic sport of fencing. However, participation at Bay State Fencers is a privilege, not a right. Along with this privilege come certain expectations of behavior by fencers, guests and staff as defined by this Code of Conduct.

- **No Discrimination:** Fencers, guests and the staff of Bay State Fencers are expected to treat other fencers, guests and staff at all times and in all respects in a manner free from discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or sexual orientation.
- **Physical Safety:** Fencers are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor at all times and to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size and experience level of their opponents.
- **Sportsmanship:** Good sportsmanship is expected from all fencers at all times. Fencers are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner. Fencers are expected to salute their opponent and the referee before and after each bout and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout in a sportsmanlike manner.
- **Payments:** Fencers and guests are expected to pay all membership fees, lesson fees, floor fees, equipment costs and all other amounts when due.
- **Equipment:** Fencers are expected to keep all equipment owned by them in safe working order, and are responsible for the suitability and condition of their equipment at all times. Fencers using Bay State Fencers equipment are expected to not use any equipment that appears to be damaged or unsafe and to give such equipment to a coach.
- **Club activities:** All fencers and guests must treat all Bay State Fencers activities with respect. Families, friends and visitors must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity or coach. No children under the age of six (6) are permitted on the fencing floor unless invited.
- **Tournament Conduct:** Members who attend competitions represent Bay State Fencers to the wider fencing community. Members are bound by the rules of fencing and by the USFA and USOC Codes of Conduct regardless of whether it is a local, regional, national or international competition. Any fencer representing Bay State Fencers who breaches the rules and/or codes of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action.
- **Ejection:** If at any time a fencer or guest threatens the safety of the other fencers, guests or coaches a staff member may immediately escort the threatening individual from the Bay State Fencers premises.
- **REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES:** Bay State Fencers reserves the right to suspend or revoke membership or use privileges of any person whom the staff finds has violated this code of conduct