



ALLE FENCING CLUB PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Alle Fencing Club (ALLE) is committed to the physical and emotional well-being and safety of all the children in its program, as well as to its managers, coaches, directors, volunteers, parents and fans attending ALLE events including camps, practices and any other ALLE sponsored and/or affiliated events.

ALLE adheres to essential elements of character building and ethics in sports embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the core principles of respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

ALLE has adopted its Parent Code of Conduct (PCC) which must be adhered to always, both in substance and intent, by all parents without exception. ALLE intends to enforce the PCC with a Zero Tolerance Policy for its violation. The PCC specifically requires each Parent to adhere to the following rules and guidelines:

I agree that:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and develop friendships and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach or manager of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others in a timely manner.
4. I will endeavor to learn the rules of fencing.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all fencers, managers, coaches, directors, officials, parents and spectators at every fencing event, practice, or other ALLE sponsored and/or USFA events.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any players, managers, coaches, directors, officials, parents and spectators including, but not limited to, physically and/or verbally harassing, taunting, booing and otherwise in any way demeaning or insulting; refusing to shake hands; using profane or crude language and/or gestures; any other inappropriate behavior. I will further respect the decisions of the Coaches in the operation of the ALLE club with respect to practice and lesson structure, and in determining whether my child should participate in any specific competition.



7. I will not exhibit and/or display any behaviors, language and/or other practices that would, or even potentially could, endanger the physical and/or emotional health, wellbeing and/or safety of any fencers, managers, coaches, directors, officials, parents and spectators.
8. I will support my child to fence by the rules and to resolve conflicts in a safe and respectful manner.
9. I will demand that my child treat other fencers, managers, coaches, directors, officials, parents and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, or ability.
10. I will teach my child that trying and doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a match or by his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time, just for participating.
12. I will never ridicule, yell at, berate, antagonize, degrade and/or otherwise cause my child or any other participant to feel embarrassed, shamed, belittled or disrespected. for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the fencers ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will accept all decisions of directors and fencing officials made during a competition as fair and judged to the best of their ability, regardless of whether I agree with same. I will respect the directors, coaches, and other officials and their authority during matches and will never question, discuss, and/or confront directors, officials, managers and/or coaches at the venue. If I have concerns about the results of a competition, will take the time to speak in a respectful and civil manner to officials, directors and/or coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and I will refrain from their use at all matches and practices.
17. I will not coach and/or instruct my child or any other fencers during competitions and practices and will limit my words or actions to those that provide positive support to my child. At outside competitions, I will not coach and/or instruct my child or any other fencers, unless I receive prior approval from the ALLE designated coach in attendance or from the head coach in advance of the competition in circumstances where there is no designated ALLE coach present at the tournament. In circumstances where two ALLE



fencers are competing, I will not coach, instruct, or praise any single fencer but instead will only encourage both fencers to perform their best.

18. I will not incite, participate in and/or otherwise condone any unsportsmanlike conduct at any time.

I also understand and acknowledge, whether or not the PCC is signed, that ALLE has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy and agree that if I fail to abide by any of the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by a coach or a member of the Board of Directors
- Written warning from the Board of Directors
- Immediate ejection from ALLE events and practices
- Suspension and/or Removal of ALLE membership and/or private lessons
- Parental suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by ALLE
- Any other action consistent with the ALLE By-Laws

This Parent Code of Conduct is strictly enforceable at the sole discretion of the ALLE Board of Directors or its duly authorized representatives.