

Genesis Fencing Club Membership Agreement

Genesis Fencing Club (GFC) is open to anyone interested in participating in the sport of fencing. However, participation at GFC is a privilege, not a right. Along with this privilege comes expectations of behavior by fencers, guests, volunteers, and staff in accordance with the following published Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct

1. **No discrimination.** Fencers, guests and staff of GFC 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, or gender.
2. **Physical Safety.** Fencers are expected to exercise good judgment on the fencing floor. Fencers are expected to wear all safety equipment. Fencers shall not, under any circumstances, raise a weapon toward an unmasked person.
3. **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 directors before and after each bout and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout in a sportsmanlike manner.
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. **Club Activities.** All club activities must be treated with respect by fencers and guests. Families, friends and visitors must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity or any coach or instructor. Fencers will allow photographs and videos in which they are included to be used by Genesis Fencing Club for publicity purposes.
6. **Tournament Conduct.** Club members attending tournaments represent GFC. Members are bound by the rules of fencing and the USFA Code of Conduct regardless of whether they are participating in a local, regional, national or international competition. Any fencer representing GFC who breaches these rules and/or Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary action.
7. **Ejection.** If at any time a fencer or guest threatens the safety of other fencers, guests or staff may immediately escort the threatening individual from applicable premises.

REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES: GFC reserves the right to suspend or revoke the club membership to any person whom the coach or staff finds has violated this Code of Conduct. No refund will be made, club or tournament fees.

Assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release of Liability

I understand that participation in the sport of fencing carries a risk to me of bodily injury. I understand that fencing involves physical exertion and that the sport of fencing involves aggressive physical contact with other participants. I knowingly and voluntarily recognize, accept and assume this risk.

I understand that it is my responsibility to wear appropriate safety equipment, including the appropriate clothing, to all fencing classes, practice sessions, and tournaments. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and for conducting myself in a safe manner at all times.

I agree to hold harmless and hereby release GFC, its coaches, instructors, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, practice facilities, and the US Fencing Association from any and all claims and liabilities of any kind in connection with my participation in the sport of fencing. This agreement shall also be binding on my personal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

The assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release of Liability shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is revoked in writing by the undersigned.

Signature of Member/Fencer, Date

Printed Name of Member/Fencer, Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian, Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian, Date

Email

Phone