



Cambridge University Fencing Club CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

The Cambridge University Fencing Club (CUFC) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience. All those involved in CUFC activities, whether they are involved as participants, coaches, officials or spectators, are therefore required to adhere to the standards of behaviour – set out within this Code of Conduct - and to support the mission of the CUFC. This Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure the highest possible standards of competition and sportsmanship as well as promoting fairness, honesty and positive behaviour in relation to the conduct of all those representing CUFC.

OUR COMMITMENT

CUFC respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person involved in its activities. CUFC is committed to team members enjoying fencing in an environment free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment and abuse. CUFC believes that it is the responsibility of all of its members to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

AFFILIATIONS

CUFC is governed by its constitution, which is registered with the University of Cambridge Sports Service. This Code of Conduct is in addition, and by no means replaces, the standards set by the British Fencing Association, the student's individual college and the overarching Proctor regulations.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

Members of CUFC are solely responsible for their conduct when representing CUFC.

Members **must** therefore:-

- Respect the rights, dignity and values of others;
- Operate within the rules of the sport.
- Treat facilities, staff and students at the University of Cambridge and other institutions with respect and abide by any rules that may apply;
- Be aware of how their actions may be perceived by others;
- Maintain high standards of personal behaviour at all times;
- Conduct themselves in a reasonable manner relating to offensive language and temperament
- Refrain from any form of bullying or harassment of others. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
- Respect the decisions of officials, making all appeals through the appropriate formal process and respecting the final decision;

- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of bullying, harassment or discrimination if witnessed;
- Refrain from the use of and involvement with illegal substances at all times.
- Not act in an unlawful manner;
- Not encourage or pressure others into acting against the code;
- Understand the repercussions of any breaches of this Code of Conduct.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

CUFC is strongly committed to encouraging members to take part, but the health, well-being and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern. The Club will therefore take all reasonable steps to ensure that all its activities are safe in line with the Club Safety Policy <http://www.cufencing.org.uk/docs/CU%20Fencing%20Safety%20Policy.pdf>.

To support the Club, all members are expected to :-

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do or not do.
- Co-operate with the club on health and safety issues.
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club.
- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.
- Ensure that they update the club and coaches with any medical information or changes to emergency contact details.

PUBLICATIONS, INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

CUFC wishes to promote the club positively both within the University and externally. It recognises that its publications, online, print and social media are important tools in recruiting new members and engaging with alumni and potential sponsors. It is the responsibility of all CUFC members to manage their personal social media presence responsibly. As such, all members are responsible for ensuring that they:-

- Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or judges and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
- Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications.
- Identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher
- or author.
- Review responses to online posts and resolve any concerns before they are posted.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social functions form an important part of a club's activities. CUFC is committed to ensuring that all students are able and encouraged to participate in student activities in an

atmosphere free from discrimination or fear. As such, CUFC will aim to organise a range of social events that are as inclusive as possible. Members should be aware that :-

- Participation in any form of social activity is completely optional.
- They must not force others to participate in initiations and/or other social and sporting events run by the CUFC.
- Members must be made aware that they can opt-out of social activities without fear of undue pressure, reprisal or any other form of discrimination at any point.

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Article 17 of the Club constitution states that *“the Committee shall have the authority to expel or to suspend a member”*. This action may be applied when a member of the Club brings the CUFC into disrepute, breaches the Code of Conduct or engages in any activity that adversely affects the smooth running of the Club in a major way.

Should a serious breach of the Code of Conduct be identified, the Vice President, in consultation with the president, may suspend a member from CUFC and Club activities pending further investigation.

In the event of an expulsion, the excluded member is required to return all equipment, documents and finances belonging to the Society within 7 days. He/she will not be entitled to any full or partial refund of annual subscriptions.

If the excluded or suspended member wishes to appeal the decision, that appeal should be made to the Senior Treasurer, who will consider all the facts, and whose decision will be final. An appeal as to the process of exclusion, but not a further investigation into the facts, may be lodged with the Junior Proctor.

WELFARE

CUFC takes the welfare of its members seriously. Any member of the Team that has any concerns regarding their welfare or those of others involved in Team or Club activities can discuss these, in confidence, with the Club Welfare Officers.

Signed:
CUFC President
Date :-