

# MK Fencing Academy: Parent Policy and Code of Conduct

## I. Parent Policy and Code of Conduct During Training Sessions

At MK Fencing Academy, we are committed to providing a positive, safe, and focused environment for all our fencers. To ensure the best possible experience for your child and all participants, we kindly ask parents to adhere to the following guidelines during training sessions:

### 1. Respect the Training Environment:

- Parents are to remain seated in the designated area provided within the academy venue. This helps maintain a calm and orderly environment, allowing coaches and fencers to focus on their training.

### 2. No Interference on the Piste:

- Parents should not interfere with or engage with their child or any other fencers while they are on the piste (the fencing area) during training. This includes giving instructions, coaching, or distracting the fencers in any way.

### 3. Respect the Coaching Staff:

- Trust in the expertise of the coaching staff. Parents should refrain from offering advice or questioning the methods used during training sessions. Any concerns should be addressed privately with the coach after the session.

### 4. Encouragement Over Criticism:

- Parents are encouraged to support and motivate their child through positive reinforcement. Avoid negative comments or criticism that could undermine the fencer's confidence or the coach's authority.

### 5. Sportsmanship:

- Parents should always exhibit good sportsmanship by respecting all participants, coaches, and other parents. Any form of unsportsmanlike behavior, including arguing with coaches, other parents, or fencers, is strictly prohibited.

## 6. Safety and Well-being:

- The safety and well-being of our fencers are our top priorities. Parents are asked to support all safety protocols put in place by the academy and report any safety concerns to the coaching staff immediately.

## II. Parent Policy and Code of Conduct During Official Events

When attending official events, such as competitions and tournaments, MK Fencing Academy expects parents to uphold the highest standards of conduct. This ensures that our fencers can compete in a supportive and respectful environment. The following rules apply:

### 1. Remain Seated and Respectful:

- Parents are to remain seated in the designated spectator areas and should not approach the piste during matches. This includes refraining from approaching referees, coaches, or fencers during the bout.

### 2. No Interference or Coaching:

- Parents must not engage with their child or any other fencer while they are on the piste during official events. Coaching, shouting instructions, or offering advice is strictly prohibited. Allow the coaching staff to provide guidance.

### 3. Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship:

- Applaud and encourage all competitors, regardless of the outcome. Show respect for referees' decisions, even if they do not favour your child. Unsportsmanlike behaviour, such as arguing with officials, booing, or any form of negative commentary, is unacceptable.

### 4. Support the Team:

- Parents are encouraged to support not just their child but the entire MK Fencing Academy team. Positive reinforcement and a team-first attitude are key to fostering a strong, supportive community.

### 5. Adherence to Event Rules:

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- Comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the event organizers. This includes adhering to any venue-specific policies, such as seating arrangements, photography restrictions, or access to fencers.

#### **6. Communication with Coaches:**

- If you have questions or concerns during an event, please address them with the coaching staff at an appropriate time, preferably between matches or after the event. Avoid interrupting the coach during an ongoing match.

#### **7. Safety and Conduct:**

- Ensure that your behaviour, as well as that of any guests you bring, aligns with the expectations of MK Fencing Academy and the event organisers. Any conduct deemed unsafe or inappropriate could result in removal from the venue.

By following these guidelines, parents can help create an environment where fencers can thrive, learn, and enjoy their fencing journey. Thank you for your cooperation and for being an integral part of the MK Fencing Academy community.