



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all parents and guardians involved in the Ontario Fencing Association (the “OFA”) activities and events, including but not limited to tournaments, clinics and club events.

The OFA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. All participants, including parents, are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner promotes safety and is consistent with our values of fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

As a parent or guardian, you should:

- Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy their sport;
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and to resolve conflicts without resulting to hostility or violence;
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials;
- Help your child to recognize good performance, not just results.
- Make your child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard;
- Never punish, ridicule or belittle your child for making a mistake or losing;
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behavior;
- Use correct and proper language at all times;
- Refrain from comments or behaviours, which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist;
- Publicly accept officials’ judgments at events or tournaments;
- Never criticize the coach but discuss concerns in an open, respectful and dignified way;
- Not engage in any activity or behavior which interferes with a competition or with any fencer or official, or which endangers the safety of others;

DISCIPLINE

The Ontario Fencing Association will investigate reported violation(s) of this policy. Violation to this policy may result in disciplinary actions, which may include, but are not limited to the parent’s expulsion from an event or a series of events.



Recommended for approval:

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Date

Approved by the OFA Board of Directors on
