

# SPECTATOR

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As a **SPECTATOR & SUPPORTER** of the sport of fencing, I understand that it is my role to help create a positive & supportive environment for everyone involved in a tournament – both on and off the strip.

- **Display good sportsmanship** by respecting athletes, coaches, referees, officials and other spectators.
- **Act appropriately** and remain orderly so I do not disturb the smooth running of the competition. I will remember to enjoy the competition – regardless of the outcome - and will not taunt or disturb other spectators.
- **Abide by all applicable USA Fencing rules and regulations**, including USA Fencing's FenceSafe policies, Athlete Handbook and Rulebook.
- **Support the referees and coaches** by trusting their judgment and integrity. I understand that continually vocalizing criticism so that it detrimentally affects the good order of the competition is a violation of fencing rules.
- **Never physically contact a referee** in an aggressive or confrontational manner.
- **Be a role model** by positively supporting athletes and not shouting instructions or criticism to the athletes, coaches or officials.
- **Help provide a safe and fun environment** for all participants.
- **Encourage all competitors in a positive manner**, remembering that the use of profanity and objectionable gestures are offensive and are prohibited.
- **Be supportive after the competition** – win or lose. I will recognize good efforts and sportsmanship.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE** that failure to comply with the USA Fencing Spectator Code of Conduct may result in removal from the venue or other disciplinary action. I understand its requirements and agree to abide by the letter and spirit of the Code.



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