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**USA Fencing and [Insert Club Name] Spectator Code of Conduct**

\*\*Note: This is a template only, for clubs to use when creating their own policies. This is the USA Fencing Spectator Code of Conduct. As a USA Fencing Club, you may modify to have a stricter codes for your membership, but not more lenient than the USA Fencing Code of Conduct.\*\*

As a spectator and supporter of the sport of fencing, I understand that it is my role to help creative a positive and supportive environment for everyone involved in a tournament – both on and off the strip.

I will:

* 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 and [Insert Club Name] 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.

Signature Date