



## USA Fencing Spectator Code of Conduct

As a spectator and supporter of the sport of fencing, I understand that it is my role to help create 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.
- Recognize that USA Fencing competitions should be safe spaces for everyone and refrain from using harmful or discriminatory language.

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.