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## CODE OF CONDUCT – AT THE CLUB

Zeta Fencing is a world-class sabre fencing club that represents the traditional values of swordsmanship, respect, honor, and honesty. All fencers and guests are expected to represent these values with their demeanor and behavior while they are using our facilities or are involved in any activities that are related to Zeta Fencing. As a member or guest of Zeta Fencing, you agree to the following:

### **1) I behave respectfully and sportsmanlike at all times.**

I will not engage in any form of inappropriate, dishonest, or discriminatory behavior towards other fencers, coaches, or guests. I understand that coaches and staff hold a role of authority and I will follow their directions without exception.

### **2) I contribute to a safe environment by following the rules of fencing.**

On the strip, I will wear all required safety equipment and appropriate clothing at all times. I am responsible for the functionality and safety of my fencing equipment. I will control my actions and exercise good judgment to prevent harm or injury to other fencers and myself. As a guest, I will not enter the fencing floor without the consent of a coach or staff.

### **3) I strive for the best on and beyond the fencing strip.**

As an athlete, I will train hard and stay focused. I will attend practice on time and will not miss classes unless absolutely necessary. As a guest, I will respect Zeta's goals and will not disrupt the operation of classes or lessons at any time.

### **4) I honor and respect the venue and the culture of our sport.**

I understand that Zeta Fencing provides an exceptional environment for cultural education and intellectual growth. I will treat the facility, its furnishings and equipment with care and attention. By example, I will demonstrate and deepen the understanding of an open-minded, cultivated community.

Inappropriate behavior at a fencing club includes, but is not limited to, hitting or kicking objects, throwing equipment, yelling, name calling or negative talk during practice, using inappropriate language, leaving trash or dirt on the premises, leaving equipment on the floor after practice, etc.

Fencers and guests who violate the Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the club. Zeta Fencing reserves the right to suspend or revoke the club membership of any fencer who does not act in accordance with the Code of Conduct.



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## CODE OF CONDUCT – AT TOURNAMENTS

The reputation of Zeta Fencing is established by the behavior of its fencers and their parents at tournaments. By representing Zeta Fencing at a tournament, every fencer and parent agrees to the following:

**1) I appear at the tournament venue on time and fully prepared.**

I will ensure to bring a clean uniform and all required fencing equipment in perfect, fully functional shape. I will arrive at the venue no later than 60 minutes prior to the close of registration.

**2) Before and between the bouts I warm up, stretch, and prepare mentally for the next bout.**

I am responsible for following the progress of the tournament and showing up for my next bout on time.

**3) I behave respectfully and sportsmanlike towards other fencers, tournament officials, and members of the audience.**

I will follow the directions of my coach and tournament officials. As a parent, I will not interfere with my child's fencing and bout preparation. I will keep my voice down at all times.

**4) I accept and learn from the results of my fencing.**

I will control my demeanor at all times. After every bout, I will shake my opponent's and the referee's hand. I will analyze and discuss my performance with my coach in order to improve my fencing during practice after the tournament.

**5) I play an active role as a team member.**

I will show team spirit and support all team members who are present at the tournament. I will never seek unfair advantage towards my teammates in any form and understand that when teammates face each other in competition, no coaching will be provided to either side. I understand that representing Zeta Fencing at tournaments is a privilege as well as a responsibility.

**6) I keep coaches fully informed before and during the tournament.**

I will consult with coaches before signing up for a tournament. I will contact the coach upon arrival at the venue and will keep them informed about my schedule and strip assignments.

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