

## **Youth Fencing Academy, Sydney: Enrolment Terms**

As a condition of enrolment, parents, guardians, and fencers agree to adhere to the following policies and procedures:

### **1. Respect and Conduct:**

- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of fellow fencers, coaches, officials, and spectators. Parents and guardians are expected to model these behaviors.
- Bullying, aggression, and inappropriate behaviours are not tolerated. All participants are expected to demonstrate good conduct in language, temper, and punctuality. The Academy reserves the right to reassign fencers to alternative training if their behaviours disrupt the class.

### **2. Equipment Care:**

- Treat all equipment with care and respect. Parents and guardians are responsible for any damage to facilities or equipment caused by deliberate misuse by their children.
- Fencers are expected to pack their equipment promptly after each class.

### **3. Field of Play:**

- Parents and guardians should not enter the training area unless invited by instructors or in case of a medical emergency.
- Fencers are required to wear appropriate clothing for physical training, and for sparring practice – full fencing protective uniform, glove, and mask must be worn.

### **4. Health and Safety:**

- The safety and well-being of our participants are paramount. All fencers will receive training in safety and fencing etiquette at the start of each program. Compliance with safety policies is mandatory for both fencers and their parents/guardians.

### **5. Personal Conduct:**

- Always maintain high personal standards. Fencers are expected to be honest in their attitude and preparation for training and competition. Everyone is expected to uphold the Academy's reputation.
- Fencers are expected to be positive examples for others, including younger fencers. Demonstrating good sportsmanship, fair play, integrity, and respect in competition and training.
- Fencers should take responsibility for their behaviors, both on and off the piste. This includes apologizing for any unintended breaches of conduct and making amends where necessary.

### **6. Gifts and Services:**

- Coaches are not permitted to accept gifts or services from parents.

**7. Respect for Authority:**

- Parents and guardians must respect the decisions of coaches and officials. Interference in coaching decisions regarding training arrangements and competition coaching is not allowed.

**8. Media and Privacy:**

- By enrolling in the Youth Fencing Academy Sydney, participants and their guardians authorize the Academy to use their images for promotional purposes, including social media.
- Fencers, parents, and guardians wishing to take photos or videos during group or private lessons must obtain prior written approval from the Academy.

**9. Refund and Makeup Policy:**

- Fees are non-refundable.
  - I. There are no makeup sessions for missed group lessons.
  - II. Fencers are allowed one opportunity per term to reschedule a private lesson. To do so, a parent or guardian must contact the Academy in writing with at least 24 hours' notice before the appointed lesson time, and to arrange a new time for the make-up lesson. Please note that make-up private lessons cannot be rescheduled once confirmed.

**10. Schedule Adjustments:**

- The Academy reserves the right to adjust the training schedule as needed without prior notice.

**11. Communication:**

- All official communications from the Academy will be conducted via email.

**12. Policy Updates:**

- The Academy reserves the right to update policies without prior notice to members.

By agreeing to these terms, parents, guardians, and fencers commit to fostering a positive and respectful environment at the Youth Fencing Academy, Sydney.