FENCER CONTRACT revised 1 March 2020 by Board of Directors

FENCER INFORMATION – ADDITIONA			IATION MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED
Name:		N	Ionth/Year of Birth:/
Address:		H	ome Phone:
City/State/Zip Code:			ell Phone:
E-mail Address:		A	It. Phone:
Emergency Contact:		R	elationship:
Emergency Phone:		U	SFA Member #:
How did you hear about Fencing Institute of Texas?	Internet	🖵 Friend	Advertisement in:
News Article in:	School	Other	
Invited by FIT Fencer/Coach:			
Current Members: Coach:		Weapon: _	

FENCING PROGRAMS

For multiple family members, the first person pays full fees and the second family member receives a 15% discount.

Musketeer (ages 6-9 years, 1 hour, one day per week)	\$155.00/month
Bronze (beginner 10-15 years, 1 ¹ / ₂ hours, one day per week)	\$210.00/month
Silver (beginner to advanced, up to three days per week; private lessons recommended)	\$230.00/month
Gold (competitive team level, up to 6 days per week, requires additional lesson purchase)	\$340.00/month
• Level I (intermediate) additional private lesson purchase is recommended	
• Level II (Elite Team) additional private lesson purchase is required	
Veteran (40 and older, fencing only)	\$150.00/month
Adult Fitness (16 and older, 1-3 times per week)	\$195.00/month
Victorian (13 and older)Free to FIT fencers enrolled in another program	\$ 65.00/month
Wheelchair	\$ 35.00/month
Paralympian (requires additional private lesson purchase)	\$180.00/month
PRIVATE LESSONS (20-30 minutes with coach)	
1 Lesson	\$ 40.00/each
• Schedule through Setmore.com; payment is required at time they are scheduled	
• There is a 24 hour cancellation policy	
TRAINING CLASSES	

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Endurance Class (Coach Volodymyr, Tue/Thurs 5-6 pm)	\$ 55.00/month
Strength/Conditioning (Coach Rhonda, Monday 5-6 pm)	\$ 55.00/month
Sabre Class (Coach Mike, Friday 5-6 pm)	\$ 55.00/month

- I understand that all fees are due by the 1st of the month, and I am obligated to pay for the entire month unless I cancel my enrollment by written notification to the FIT Business Office at least THIRTY (30) DAYS IN ADVANCE.
- Program fees are prorated for the first month only; fees thereafter are on a monthly basis and not prorated; no refunds for advance \triangleright payments; no makeup classes.
- I understand that training for even one day in a month requires full payment of fees. I am required to notify FIT office staff in writing 30 days prior to cancellation of any program or I am required to pay the entire monthly program fee.
- Students in off-campus PE are required to attend practice if they are able to go to school, even when injured. \geq
- I understand that tournament coaching fees are in addition to these fees and are payable by me to FIT in accordance with the current FIT coaching policies. I understand that coaching fees are due at the regular registration deadline for that tournament. Coaching fees paid after that will incur a \$100 late fee.
 - I agree to abide by Fencing Institute of Texas' payment policies as set forth from time to time. I understand these fees are subject to change either directly by my choice or indirectly through my actions. I also understand there will

be a \$30 late fee if I do not pay fees by the 1st of the month in which they are due. I understand all fees are due in advance and there are no refunds for unused fees. Returned check or credit card payment fee is \$35. Participation in FIT Programs is a privilege and I understand that the Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, terminate my participation with a refund of any unused portion of my fees with or without cause at any time.

- I am 18 years or older and understand and agree to all obligations; or
- I am the parent or guardian of this minor fencer and I understand and accept all obligations on behalf of this child.
 - I understand that I am obligated to maintain a USA Fencing membership for this fencer; renewal required each August 1 with USA Fencing. Parents should get a Supporting Membership if your child is competing.

Signature:

EFFECTIVE April 30, 2020

TRAINING AUTHORIZATION, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND RELEASE

Student Fencer's Name (please print):_____ Check One:

_Month/Year of Birth:____/

□ I am an adult student athlete, 18 years or older, and agree to ---□ I am the Parent of the named minor (under 18 years of age) and agree to direct my child to --Cooperate and to conform with directions and instruction of the Fencing Institute of Texas (FIT), activity co-sponsors, and/or their representatives in charge of the activity, with the rules and regulations of the facilities, FIT and USFA Codes of Conduct, and all directions given by FIT personnel, activity co-sponsors, and/or their representatives.

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All persons participating in these activities are deemed to have waived all claims against Fencing Institute of Texas, Inc., Irving, Texas, and its employees, and any co-sponsoring organization(s) for injury, accident, illness or death occurring during or by reason of participation in FIT activities.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: I understand that participation in any sporting activity carries a certain degree of risk for injury and exposure to communicable diseases such as flu, coronavirus and other airborne illnesses. Upon entering this activity, I agree to abide by the current rules and safety regulations of the Fencing Institute of Texas. Failure to follow these rules and regulations will result in expulsion and no refund of fees will be made. Expulsion is at the sole discretion of Fencing Institute of Texas' Board of Directors and the decision may not be appealed. I enter this activity voluntarily and at my own risk, and release the Fencing Institute of Texas, its Board of Directors, sponsors, and organizers from any liability, claims including attorney's fees and court costs, suits, demands, causes of action which may arise, or are alleged to arise, from the sole negligence or acts or omissions of Fencing Institute of Texas, its officers, agents, employees, or officials. I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of the group and that I will be notified as soon as possible in case of an emergency.

RELEASE FORM: I hereby grant and give permission to Fencing Institute of Texas to use my/my child's photograph or image with or without my or my child's name both singly and in conjunction with other persons or objects for any and all purposes including but not limited to private or public presentations, advertising, publicity or promotion relating to Fencing Institute of Texas activities, without promise, expectation, or receipt of monetary compensation. I further agree to hold Fencing Institute of Texas harmless of and from any and all liability of whatever nature which may result from such use.

I,______, as a parent or guardian of the above named minor, give permission for this minor to participate in the program activity. I understand the proposed activity, the mode of transportation if necessary, the leadership accompanying the group and all other circumstances relating to this activity. .

I have read and understand the forgoing statements and agree to assume the responsibility stated and waive all claims. I certify that (I am/my child is) in good health and can participate in all normal activities of the group. I further certify that I am in sound mental health and fully capable of making this waiver of liability.

(Signature of Fencer)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor) (Date)

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

This form will be given to medical personnel in the event the participant requires transportation or evaluation to/at a hospital or clinic.

This is to certify that on this date I,, give my consent to the Fencing Institute of Texas and its representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above named athlete for any injury or illness that may arise during this activity now or in the future. In the event of sickness or accident, I will not hold the FIT Board of Directors, FIT Staff, or group sponsor responsible. In case of sickness or accident, I authorize the calling of a medical doctor and/or providing of other necessary medical services. I agree to pay for those medical services that are deemed necessary by medical authorities.						
Sig	gnature of Fencer)	(Date)	(Signature	e of Parent /Guardian of Minor)	(Date)	
1.	medical attention?	□ Yes	□ No	ction(s) that would require imme		
2.	Emergency Procedures to follo	w if necessary:				
3.	. List any known allergies to food or drugs:					
4.	Limiting physical conditions (e	.g., asthma):				
5.	Current medications:					
6.	Other information for emergene	ey or medical staff: _				
		FENCER	INFORMATI	ON:		
Ad	ldress: Street:		City/St:	Zip:		
Hc	ome Phone:	Cell Phone:		Alt. Phone:		
	I	EMERGENCY CON	TACT INFOI	RMATION:		
Na	ume:		Relationship	o:		
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FENCER CODE OF CONDUCT

FENCER'S PRINTED NAME:_

DATE:

The FIT Board of Directors pledges to provide you with a reasonably safe and healthful environment while at FIT and on team trips. We will do everything in our power to ensure you have a fun and safe fencing experience, and provide you an opportunity to fence to your full potential.

All fencers and parents of minor fencers must have a signed form on file at FIT. Please carefully read and sign both sides of the following "Code of Conduct." Your form will be kept on file at FIT for the entire fencing season (August 1st through the following July 31st). Your understanding of these rules will help us ensure a safe and healthful fencing environment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FENCING INSTITUTE OF TEXAS, INC. (revised 18 August 2009)

- 1. I understand that competing as a member of the Fencing Institute of Texas' Competitive Team is a privilege and an opportunity for personal growth. Membership on the Competitive Team carries with it many responsibilities to my family, my teammates, my coach, and myself. I understand my behavior as a member of the Team reflects on my family and my team. I pledge to represent my family, my team and myself with honor and conduct myself with dignity and good sportsmanship.
- 2. I shall follow all the rules of the salle at all times. I shall treat all coaches, fencers, families and visitors to FIT with respect. I will personally welcome all visitors to FIT by introducing myself to them if I am not participating in instruction or fencing.
- 3. I shall follow all the rules of the United States Fencing Association. I understand there will be questionable calls during any given bout; however, I pledge to accept all rulings by Tournament Officials as the final decision. I will conduct myself with dignity at all times while on strip, in the venue, and at all team functions. I understand any Black Card given for misconduct at a fencing tournament is grounds for reprimand and removal from the FIT Competitive Team, the reprimand period of time to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 4. I will follow all safety rules in the salle, during travel, at venues, and at lodging/accommodations.
- 5. I will set a healthful example for my teammates to follow. *Minors*: I understand the use of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages is grounds for removal from the FIT Competitive Team. *All*: I understand use of any illegal substance is grounds for removal from the FIT Competitive Team.
- 6. I agree that I am responsible for the logistics of my equipment and belongings to and from the venue, to and from the hotel, and to and from the airport. At no time shall a FIT Coach or Team Representative be responsible for the logistics of my/my child's equipment or belongings.
- 7. I pledge to treat all teammates, coaches, and chaperones with respect. I understand harassing or demeaning remarks or gestures are grounds for reprimand and possible removal from the FIT Competitive Team.
- 8. I understand and agree that a member or members of the FIT Board of Directors will arbitrate Team conflicts. Serious breaches of conduct will be submitted to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. I will be offered an opportunity to address the Board of Directors directly (personally or through written statement) concerning any breech of conduct involving me/my child, whether caused by my/my child's actions or through actions of another. I also understand and agree that the Board of Directors' recommendation of disciplinary action is the final decision.

Fencer's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature for minor Date

RULES OF THE FIT SALLE

All FIT fencers, parents, and visitors are responsible for reading, following, and enforcing these rules.

- 1. The salle is a place of work and training where there should be a healthy spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship!
- 2. Fencing Coaches and Instructors honor and assist each other. Students shall honor and assist all Fencing Coaches, Instructors, students, and visitors at the salle. Students not participating in training or fencing shall introduce themselves to visitors to FIT and welcome them.
- 3. All individuals occupying the fencing salle must behave in a civil and educated manner. Any action which would normally receive a "black card" at a fencing competition shall be grounds for your removal from the club that evening. Repeated offenses shall result in suspension for a specified period or expulsion.
- 4. Students are expected to shake hands with the Fencing Masters and Instructors upon arrival and departure to the salle. However, do not interrupt a lesson or class; in this case, a simple "hello" or "goodbye" will do.
- 5. **NEVER** interrupt fencers on strips, nor interrupt the Fencing Masters or instructors during private lessons or classes.
- 6. Students may "free bout" *only* if an instructor, knowing their ability, has given permission. It is prohibited to engage in the exercise of arms in the fencing salle without a protective jacket, glove, and mask appropriate to the weapon in use.
- 7. Students are expected to be at the salle 30 minutes prior to their class or lesson and be properly clothed, warmed up and stretched out at the beginning of the class or lesson.
- 8. Only fencers, instructors and armorers are allowed on the fencing strips when classes, lessons or free bouting are taking place. Persons not involved in fencing shall remain in the spectator areas. Small children are not allowed to play in the hallways at any time and shall be accompanied by an adult to/from the restroom area.
- 9. It is absolutely forbidden to touch an unmasked person with a weapon.
- 10. The complete fencing outfit and all safety equipment must be worn when fencing and as required by the instructor during lessons or classes. The complete fencing outfit shall be clean and free of odor.
- 11. During fencing, if one or more of the two fencers is disarmed and his/her weapon drops, the other, regardless of his rank, must pick it up and hand it to his adversary by the guard in order to avoid even the idea of haughtiness.
- 12. Fencers must salute prior to beginning, and upon completion of, any drills or bouts which involve multiple fencers.
- 13. At the end of a bout, the fencers are expected to remove their masks, disarm themselves, and safely acknowledge their opponent (shaking hands with gloves on, fist bump, elbow bump, bow, etc.).
- 14. All fencing equipment, clothing and personal belongings must be removed nightly or stored in a rented locker.
- 15. Students and visitors shall respect and take care of the salle's property. Any equipment or property broken or damaged beyond repair by a student or visitor shall be replaced or paid for by that person.
- 16. Equipment will be graciously loaned to beginning fencers; however, as soon as possible, fencers should get their own equipment. All loaned equipment must be cleaned before and after use in accordance with salle rules.
- 17. No one shall be ignorant of the rules of the salle.

□ I am the parent of the fencer and have read these rules

I am the fencer and have read these rules

Parent/Guardian's Signature for minor Date

Fencer's Signature

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT for 2019-2020 FENCING SEASON

I understand that competing as a member of the Fencing Institute of Texas' Competitive Team is a privilege and an opportunity for my child(ren)'s personal growth. Membership on the Competitive Team carries with it many responsibilities. Parents, staff and students at Fencing Institute of Texas (FIT) are all required to sign their unique Code of Conduct. This document is specifically for PARENTS of FIT athletes under the age of 18.

1. I understand my behavior as a member of the Team reflects on my child, FIT Staff and my child's team. I pledge to represent myself, the FIT team and FIT Staff with honor, and conduct myself with dignity and good sportsmanship.

2. I shall follow all the rules of the salle at all times. I shall treat all coaches, fencers, families and visitors to FIT with respect. I will personally welcome all visitors to FIT by introducing myself to them.

3. I shall follow all the rules of the United States Fencing Association. I understand there will be questionable calls during any given bout; however, I pledge to accept all rulings by Tournament Officials as the final decision. I will conduct myself with dignity at all times while in the venue, and at all team functions. I understand any Black Card given for misconduct at a fencing tournament is grounds for withdrawal of my privilege to attend team practices, the reprimand period of time to be determined by the Board of Directors. I will follow all safety rules in the salle, during travel, at venues, and at lodging/accommodations.

5. I understand that I <u>must remain in the designated parent area</u> and <u>shall not enter the fencing floor or have contact with</u> <u>fencers or coaches at any time practice is being conducted</u> with the exception of medical emergencies or by express permission of the coach. A warning will be given for the first offense; for the second offense the parent and child(ren) will be asked to leave for the day; subsequent offenses will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

6. I agree that I am engaging professional coaches to train my child at FIT. I understand that each coach has a plan for my child's development and I should not interfere with that. <u>At no time when a FIT Coach is working with my child, either during training or competition, shall I distract my child from listening to that coach by trying to offer fencing advice.</u> I shall not alter or change coaching advice given by a FIT coach to my child, nor shall I try to coach or teach my child when in the FIT Salle.

7. I shall follow the structure of the FIT programs. <u>It will be a decision of my child's current coach and the General Manager</u> when to move my child into a new level, program or group.

8. <u>I shall not encourage FIT fencers to change coaches, weapons, or programs within FIT</u>. Should my child(ren) want to try another weapon, **I will discuss this with their current coach** before approaching another coach or the office staff. I shall not solicit fencers from other clubs to **join** FIT. (You may invite others to come *fence* at our club.)

9. I understand that I am responsible for the logistics of my child's equipment and belongings to and from the venue, to and from the hotel, and to and from the airport. At no time shall a FIT Coach or Team Representative be responsible for the logistics of my/my child's equipment or belongings.

10. I pledge to treat all teammates, coaches, and chaperones with respect. I understand harassing or demeaning remarks or gestures are grounds for reprimand and possible removal from the FIT Competitive Team.

11. I understand and agree that a member or members of the FIT Board of Directors will arbitrate Team conflicts. Serious breaches of conduct will be submitted to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. I will be offered an opportunity to address the Board of Directors directly (personally or through written statement) concerning any breach of conduct involving me/my child, whether caused by my/my child's actions or through actions of another. I also understand and agree that the Board of Directors' recommendation of disciplinary action is the final decision.

12. Failure to follow the Code of Conduct, Rules of the Salle, or directions given me by the FIT Staff or Board Member may result in disciplinary action for me and my child(ren). A warning for the first offense will be given. Removal from practice for **my child(ren)** and **myself** for designated periods will be imposed for subsequent offenses, length of time designated by the General Manager or Board of Directors with recommendation of Coach, with **no reduction of fees**.

Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date:
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