



Hutt Valley Fencing Club

Code of Conduct and Structure

February 2018

By attending Hutt Valley Fencing Club, you are agreeing to uphold the HVFC and FENZ code of conduct, and support the club objectives. This is to ensure that all club members have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Club Objectives

- To promote the sport of fencing
- To make the sport more accessible through providing the equipment and by keeping the membership fees as low as possible without compromising on safety
- To provide a safe, inclusive and fun club environment for people of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, religions, genders, and orientations to enjoy fencing, socially or competitively.
- To collaborate with the other fencing organisations to provide development opportunities for our fencers, coaches and referees.
- To encourage the development of leadership skills through involvement in the club.
- To support team spirit, fun competitions, team travel, and other exciting opportunities

Membership Agreement

- I will be polite, respectful, and demonstrate good sportspersonship at all times. The club aims to maintain an inclusive and supportive atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.
- I agree to follow the coaches' instructions at all times.
- Please note term fees are set by the Committee and are payable at the beginning of each fencing term.
- The Committee will review and set term fees for the calendar/financial year annually or as required.
- Equipment borrowed from the Club for competitions/training has to be returned immediately after the event in the same condition it was issued. The Club Committee reserves the right to charge for any damaged or lost equipment.
- As a member of HVFC I agree that I may be called upon to take on a club duty or be rostered on for small recurring tasks.
- While every reasonable precaution is taken to ensure safe fencing practices, all fencers must be aware that they fence at their own risk and the Club cannot be liable for accidents or equipment failure.
- I consent that, should emergency medical care need be sought, that this is at my own expense in the event of sudden accident or illness.
- I will adhere to the Fencing NZ Code of Conduct at all times.

General Expectations

- Behaviour should be appropriate and welcoming for all ages and members.
- Coaches saying 'training time' means that it is time to focus.
- Fencers are expected to be working towards the grade requirements with support of their coach.
- Cellphones should be left in gear bags unless approved by coaches (eg. As a stopwatch)
- Fencers are expected to be involved in supporting the lesson's success through set-up, pack-down, and other tasks as required. These tasks should be completed correctly and in a timely manner.
- The clubrooms and equipment should be respected, and kept clean and clear of litter. This includes packing away all personal gear and zipping up bags.
- Fencers are expected to participate in all group drills and exercises.
- Shorts must not be worn whilst fencing any weapon due to safety concerns.
- High-performance fencers should be committed to training and self-manage distractions.
- Fencers aged 15 and under must remain on premises until parents/caregiver arrive to pick them up, unless prior arrangements have been made with coaches or committee. We encourage that parents come into the clubroom to pick their child up.

Disciplinary Procedures

Minor Offence (eg. Talking over the coach)

1. Class burpees x10
2. Class burpees x20
3. Individual burpees x25~30 (discretionary)

Major Offence (eg. Disrupting lesson, minor H&S concerns)

1. Individual burpees x25~30
2. Cleaning coffee mugs
3. Packing-up/setting up all pistes

Critical Offence (Disrespectful behaviour, major H&S concerns)

1. Re-hang/tidy jackets, plastrons, masks, piste cart etc.
2. Removal from session

Club Hierarchy

1. Executive Committee
2. Head Coach (Robert)
3. Senior Coaches (Russell and Nathan)
4. Junior Coaches and Senior fencers (Will, Nyah, and L7+)
5. Assistant Coaches (Lucy)
6. Intermediate fencers (L4-6)
7. Junior fencers (L1-3)