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 or other USA Fencing sanctioned activities – 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 officials, event organizers, 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 an official or tournament organizer in any way that can be interpreted as unwelcome or in an aggressive or confrontational manner.
- Be a role model by positively supporting athletes and not shouting instructions that disturb order on the strip.
- 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.
- Do not engage, nor encourage others to engage in malicious or threatening language aimed at any member or USA Fencing staff member verbally or in writing whether hard copy or electronic communication, including e-mail or on any social media sites. I will not tag other members in social media posts with the intent to harass

I acknowledge that regardless of membership status, 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.