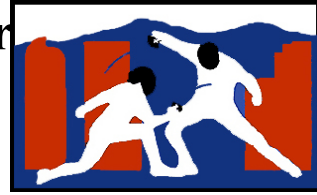




# Denver Fencing Center Rules and Code of Conduct



The Denver Fencing Center is open to the general public who are interested in the sport of Olympic Fencing. Upon entering the Denver Fencing Center, all individuals including DFC members, participants, guests, students, coaches, and staff, agree to follow these Rules and Code of Conduct along with adhering to the rules of fencing as adopted by the USFA.

- **Payments:** All participants will pay promptly all drop-in fees, membership dues, tournaments fees, travel costs, equipment costs, or any other amounts owed to the Denver Fencing Center. All members **agree to pay by the 1st of the month for your membership**. By the **5th of the month**, you are late and **agree to pay a \$20 late charge**.
- **No Discrimination:** All participants and guests of the Denver Fencing Center will treat all other instructors, staff, participants, and guests with respect and in a manner that is free of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.
- **Sportsmanship:** All participants and guests of the Denver Fencing Center will conduct themselves with the highest degree of respect and courteousness towards their opponents. All participants will salute their opponent, referee, and audience, if available, before and after each bout of fencing. Every bout will end with both opponent shaking hands in a sportsmanlike manner.
- **Physical Safety:** All participants will maintain control over their actions and demeanor while fencing or otherwise. All fencers are expected to use good judgment in the degree of fencing force that is appropriate to the age, size, and experience level of their opponent.
- **Equipment:** All participants must keep their owned equipment in safe, working condition. All participants using the Denver Fencing Center equipment should examine the equipment upon receiving it and report to the management any equipment that appears unsafe or damaged. All Denver Fencing Center members are required to have and use their own equipment for free fencing or during class participation.
- **Referees:** When fencers lack a referee, the conversations over priority and valid touches should be resolved quickly and amicably, or thrown out. In non-electric bouts, all fencers must acknowledge a touch scored against them. In bouts decided by a referee, the final decision on any touch lies solely with the referee. In tournament bouts, the decision on any touch follows the U.S. Fencing rules. All referees will be treated with respect from fencers, coaches, and guests alike.
- **Classes:** All classes will be treated with respect from all participants and guests of the Denver Fencing Center. Interruptions of a non-emergency nature will not be tolerated.
- **Tournament Behavior:** DFC Members attending tournaments where they represent the Denver Fencing Center shall follow the rules of the U.S. Fencing Association, as currently published.
- **Black Cards/Ejection:** If a fencer's actions would receive a black card at a tournament, that fencer may be subject for removal from the Denver Fencing Center for that evening. If the participant or guest threatens the safety of anyone at the Denver Fencing Center, they may be subject to immediate removal. The Denver Fencing Center management or its Board of Directors will promptly determine the duration and penalty for such actions.

**All participation at the Denver Fencing Center is subject to these rules. The Denver Fencing Center management and/or its Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke membership or any privileges to any person who has been found to violate any of these rules. Fencing at the Denver Fencing Center is a privilege, not a right.**