

SCOTTISH FENCING

CODE OF CONDUCT - ATHLETES

2022 COMMONWEALTH FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS



1 SCOPE

Scottish Fencing has adapted this Code of Conduct from the British Fencing-approved Code of Conduct and the British Fencing approved Code of Conduct for youth events (Click [here](#) for associated documents). In this instance it applies to the Scotland team for the 2022 Commonwealth Fencing Championships.

2 DUTY OF CARE

There are Scottish Fencing staff/officials to guide and supervise athletes, and athletes are required to abide by and respect their authority, at all times. Staff/officials are persons appointed by Scottish Fencing for the purpose of the event and they are responsible for the welfare of the athletes. The event starts when the athlete joins at the specified time at the specified place and likewise ends when the athlete leaves at the specified time and/or place.

All members of the Scottish Fencing team are expected to act responsibly in the event of anything that might pose a significant risk to themselves or others. This includes informing a member of staff if the risk is due to the behaviour of any other member of the group. If in any doubt, those concerned should seek advice from an official.

3 GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

All athletes are expected to act in a responsible and respectful manner appropriate to membership of a Scotland team, be it to each other, team officials, other competitors, event officials, hotel staff or to any other people. Athletes are reminded that selection for a Scottish Fencing team carries with it a responsibility to the sport and to their country. Athletes are expected to be positive ambassadors for the sport and their country at all times.

4 PUNCTUALITY

Every athlete must be punctual. Lateness will not be tolerated as it disrupts the smooth and efficient running of the event and is unfair on those members of the squad who do make the effort to be on time. Exceptional circumstances must be reported to the relevant member of staff, and the decision of the Team Manager on such circumstances is final.

5 BULLYING

Bullying will not be tolerated in any form, whether physical, psychological or verbal, or by anybody. Any athlete who believes s/he has been subjected to or has seen anyone else being subjected to bullying must inform a member of the staff as soon as possible, whether the bullying is by a fellow athlete or member of staff. Scottish Fencing staff/officials will respect confidentiality wherever possible.

6 EQUITY and DISCRIMINATION

All athletes and officials are required to respect the rights of every person, regardless of age, ethnic origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, cultural background or political affiliation. Discrimination will not be tolerated in any form or by anybody. Any athlete who believes s/he or any other athlete or member of staff has suffered from discrimination is required to inform a Scottish Fencing official as soon as possible. Scottish Fencing staff/officials will respect confidentiality wherever possible.

7 COMMUNICATION

All athletes are expected to use all forms of communication, including social networking sites and texting, in a sensible and respectful manner at all times, regarding Scottish Fencing generally and, in particular, their fellow athletes and appointed staff.

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8 ANTI-DOPING

Athletes must comply with the World Anti-Doping Code, and the UKAD regulations. Anti-Doping remains the responsibility of the individual and all athletes are expected to make themselves aware of current anti-doping regulations including the need for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for certain medications. Athletes must comply with any Anti-Doping tests organised by British Fencing, UKAD or international competition organisers.

9 ALCOHOL

Athletes under the age of 18 are not permitted to drink or be in possession of alcohol under any circumstances during their event and in the CFC venue.

All athletes are reminded of their responsibility to act as positive role models throughout the event and should not do anything which brings themselves or Scottish Fencing into disrepute.

10 SMOKING

Athletes are not permitted to smoke or be in possession of cigarettes, tobacco or similar substances such as vaporisers at any point during the event and in the grounds of the venue.

11 VENUE

Athletes may not leave the venue without prior permission, under 18s should be accompanied by an official.

12 PERSONAL APPEARANCE

All athletes are expected to wear appropriate kit at all times. The relevant kit, as specified by Scottish Fencing officials, is to be worn at all designated times at designated events. Members of the group must comply with requests from any Scottish Fencing official to change inappropriate clothing.

13 SIGNED AGREEMENT

All athletes will be asked to confirm they agree to this Code of Conduct. For parents/carers of fencers aged under 18, by signing this you agree that you have read the Athletes Code of Conduct with your athlete and have explained what is expected of them.

As a member of the Scottish Fencing squad for the 2022 Commonwealth Fencing Championships I agree to abide by the Athletes' Code of Conduct for the Championships (as above). I realise that if I do not comply with these Scottish Fencing can issue a penalty or sanction which may affect future selection to Scottish Fencing or GB squads.

Agreements can be signed by completing the online form which will be sent by Scottish Fencing.

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