

## **NTFA Club Rules**

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

1. Sportsmanship is a mainstay in our club. All behavior on and off the strip is expected to support this value.
2. Never interrupt fencers on strips, coaches or instructors during private lessons or classes.
3. All students and fencers will wear the appropriate uniform and equipment required for the activity in which they are participating. No one shall engage in any weaponed activity without a jacket, glove and mask.
4. Any action which would normally receive a "black card" at a fencing competition may be grounds for your removal from the club that evening. Depending on the offense, suspension may be longer.
5. Students are expected to be at the club 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. No horseplay will be permitted. At no time is it allowed to touch an unmasked person with a weapon.
6. The fencing outfit must be kept clean and in proper order.
7. Fencers must salute prior to beginning, and upon completion of, any drills or bouts which involve multiple fencers.
8. All fencing equipment, clothing and personal belongings must be removed nightly or stored in a rented locker. For students who have lockers, fencing uniforms must be taken home and laundered on a regular basis.
9. Students and visitors shall respect and take care of the NTFA'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.
10. Equipment will be may be borrowed from the club by new members when available. However, upon joining the club, students are expected to order their own equipment.
11. Students may loan out their own equipment to others at their personal risk. Any compensation for broken loaned equipment will be handled outside of the club by the fencers involved.
12. To preserve the integrity of the coaching program and student- coach relationship, no parent will try to strip coach their child.
13. Fencers will salute and shake hands at the end of every bout.
14. No soliciting of any kind is allowed inside the fencing club.
15. Respect for others and their differences is paramount. No disrespectful, racial or otherwise derogatory or discriminatory behavior will be tolerated by any one. To do so is to risk permanent ejection from our club.