

Blackheath Fencing Club

Code of Practice for Members under 18 years

Blackheath Fencing Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, officers and parents associated with the Club should show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of other people at all times.

If anyone becomes aware of any concerns or complaints from a junior member they should advise the Child Welfare Officer or any member of the Management Committee or Club Coaches that they feel comfortable speaking to.

As a member of Blackheath Fencing Club's Musketeers you are expected to keep to the following rules:

- *Comply with the Safety Rules (displayed on the Club Notice board and elsewhere)*
- Play within the rules of fencing and *observe proper etiquette (manners)*
- Respect officials and their decisions, do not argue
- Respect the rights of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious belief or sexual identity.
- Be on time for training and competitions or inform the coach or team manager if you are going to be late
- Wear suitable kit for training and competitions, as agreed with the coach or team manager.

Compulsory items of kit are:

- Mask rated CEN1
- Plastron rated at 800N
- Fencing jacket rated CEN1
- Trainers or other suitable footwear
- Glove
- Girls must wear chest protectors
- *For electric fencing you must wear breeches rated at 350N*
- Do not smoke or consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on club premises or while representing the club at competitions
- *You must not wander around training or competition buildings but always be in the presence of other members together with a coach or the On Site Officer of the Club*
- *If you have any concerns or complaints about other members, coaches or club officers do not be afraid to tell any adult you feel comfortable speaking to.*

Items in italics are additional to or amended versions of the national guidelines