

International Fencer Council (IFC), Inc. Athlete Code of Conduct

The following rules of conduct will be strictly applied to all fencers traveling on behalf of and representing the IFC at all IFC exchange events to include but not limited to US and foreign travel, fencing competitions, fencing events, training camps, award ceremonies, ceremonial dinners and other related activities. Any failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in funding and sponsorship forfeiture as well as United States Fencing Association (USFA) disciplinary action.

The following conduct is prohibited while representing the IFC during any activity in which the athlete's participation is sanctioned by or entered under the auspices of the IFC. The duration of any such activity is defined as the period beginning with travel to the event from home site until conclusion at home station. The following activities are not permitted:

- The illegal possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs or any banned substance as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) throughout the duration of the trip (until travel is complete).
- The disregard of curfews and other rules of deportment established by the Host Nation, IFC Team Leader, or other person invested with the authority of the IFC for the conduct of that trip.
- Absence, tardiness, or disruption of any team functions, meetings, practices, and media occasions unless excused by an IFC leader in authority for that trip. Such activities supersede any private, non-team related activities.
- Not appearing promptly or not having equipment ready for all competitions and fencing events.
- Failure to notify the IFC in a timely manner of any circumstance that would prevent the participant from being able to compete or participate at optimal level.
- No male athlete may enter the room of a female athlete and no female athlete may enter the room of a male athlete during the course of the trip unless said athletes are married or otherwise related.
- Any sexual contact or advance or any other inappropriate sexually-oriented behavior directed toward an athlete by another athlete, including violation of any sexual harassment policy of the USFA that may be in effect.
- Any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the USA, the USFA, the IFC, or themselves as representatives of the USA. Illegal behavior is defined as conduct that contravenes the stricter of the laws of the United States of America or the host country in which the activity takes place.
- Failure to respect all laws, customs, and traditions of the countries in which athletes are traveling or competing.
- Failure to display proper sportsmanship and respect toward other coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors, and the public and failure to follow fencing rules and regulations to include any activity that will result in the presentation of a black card against the fencer. These activities include but are not limited to abusive, aggressive, or otherwise inappropriate behavior on the strip and leaving a team competition prior to completion.
- Not attending host-sponsored events/activities specifically planned for IFC members.
- Not following any additional written or verbal guidelines established by the IFC. The IFC Team Leader may establish whatever rules of conduct he/she deems appropriate in light of the conditions of the trip or activity.

I acknowledge receipt of the IFC Athlete Code of Conduct. I have read and understood the provisions stated therein and agree to abide by them while representing the United States at any official IFC event. I also understand that I may not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or substance banned in the United States or by the U.S. Olympic Committee. If I possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or banned substance I will be subject to both expulsion from the IFC-sanctioned event without monetary refund and disciplinary action by the USFA, up to and including expulsion.

FENCER Name in Full (First, Initial, Last):

Date / Signature

Print Parent/Guardian Name in Full (First, Initial, Last) (if fencer is under 18)

Date / Signature
