

Davis Fencing Academy

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Membership Packet 2012

Fees Policy

- All Monthly Fees are due by the 5th of each month
- Place checks in the box next to office window with name of fencers and month. If paying with cash please attach note with name using a clip. If paying with credit card please do so before class.
- No prorated rates due to vacations, illness, or missing dates.
- All lessons must be paid for in advance.
- Please give 24-hr notice if rescheduling lessons or they will be charged and forfeited.

Equipment Rules

Beginning Fencers are:

- ✓ Allowed to borrow dry (non-electric) equipment
- ✓ Limited to fencing only during class time

Intermediate Fencers are:

- ✓ Allowed to borrow dry equipment
- ✓ Allowed to borrow electric fencing gear only with the permission and supervision of a coach
- ✓ Allowed full use of club during open bouting

Advanced Fencers are:

- ✓ Allowed to borrow dry equipment
- ✓ Allowed to borrow electric gear
- ✓ Expected to wear full protective gear while fencing (jacket, knickers, mask, glove, under arm, and chest protector for ladies)
- ✓ Allowed full use of club during open bouting

Etiquette

Fencing has held some gentlemanly traditions for many years. Traditions of respect dignity and honor are upheld in the sport at all levels of competition. If serious enough, violation of these traditions can potentially lead to sanctions of a fencer by the USFA.

Before you begin a bout, lesson, or drills with a partner, it is customary to salute. The salute is an acknowledgement of respect to your opponent, coach, or training partner and an agreement to the rules of combat. It is also customary to salute the director, and other observers present.

Taunting your opponent or any action designed to threaten or impose physical harm to your opponent, or any other person, is not allowed and may result in disqualification, and sanctioning by the USFA.

Cursing and swearing of any sort is not tolerated and may even result in disqualification and suspension of one's national USFA membership.

At the end of a bout, lessons, or drills with partner, it is customary to salute your opponent, coach or training buddy and shake hands. This is the way of acknowledging the end of combat or a lesson and thanking your opponent for their efforts. Any director and subordinate officials should also be saluted at the end of a bout.

Treat all members with respect. We welcome all members with an interest in fencing and will not tolerate disrespect of any person's differences or needs.

Our Club

Our club has a mixture of members with different back grounds, interests and goals. In general "Competitive Fencers" see fencing as a competitive outlet for their personal goals. In comparison "Recreational Fencers" see fencing as a fun game to play while also getting great exercise. However both types of fencers have a lot in common because we are playing the same game under the same set of rules with the same short term goals such as scoring the next touch. Success may be measured through tournament results or level of an individual's game. A successful youth competitor can potentially earn a respectable rating in the USFA which may become a vehicle to a prestigious college scholarship. The DFA has had several of its members recruited by top level colleges because of their fencing abilities. With great discipline and hard work a fencer can travel on the world cup team and may even compete in the ultimate arena of sports, the Olympics.

Coaches will organize students to attend a practice together. The organization of practices is crucial to the development of individual fencers. Practices are an opportunity to gain experience in bouting as well as physical exercise, conditioning and social time. A club is only as strong as its fencers.