

Grand Rapid Fencing Academy

REGISTRATION

Date		
Fencer's Name		
Address:		
E-mail Address		
Phone	Day: ()	Evening: ()
Birthdate:		
Emergency Contact:	Emergency Phone: ()	
Fencing Experience:	USFA Member? yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	
Use of Salle (check all that apply):		
Adult Membership only	Membership and Class	Junior Member <input type="checkbox"/> (under 20)
<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tournament: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Clinic: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Guest Fencer <input type="checkbox"/>
Payment of Member Dues (if applicable):		
Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> (see current Dues and Fees Schedule)		

Rules and Code of Conduct. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Grand Rapids Fencing Academy Rules and Code of Conduct printed on the other side of this form, and agree to be bound by them and any other rules of the GRAFA.

Assumption of Risk. I understand that any athletic activity involves physical exertion and risk of injury, and that the sport of fencing involves aggressive physical contact with other participants. I assume the risk of any injury or other medical condition arising as the result of my participation in any athletic activity in which I engage at Grand Rapids Fencing Academy. I understand that it is my responsibility to wear appropriate clothing to all class, clinic, tournament and open fencing sessions. I understand I am responsible for my own safety and for comporting myself in a safe manner at all times.

Liability Release. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless, and hereby release, Grand Rapids Fencing Academy and its officers and directors, instructors, coaches, members, guests and other participants, and the United States Fencing Association, from all claims, liability, demands, or actions of any kind in connections with my participation in any class, clinic, tournament, free fencing session or other activity that I may attend at Grand Rapids Fencing Academy, or any other athletic or training activities sponsored by Grand Rapids Fencing Academy on or off of the GRAFA premises. This includes, but is not limited to, claims, liability, demands, or actions for personal injury or property, damage or loss. This agreement also shall be binding on my personal representatives, heirs and assigns.

Participant's Signature (or signature of Participant's parent/legal guardian if Participant is under 18 years old)

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RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Grand Rapids Fencing Academy is open to anyone with an interest in promoting or engaging in the sport of Olympic fencing. However, participation at Grand Rapids Fencing Academy is a privilege, not a right. Along with this privilege comes certain expectations of behavior by the GRAFA's members, guests, students, coaches and staff, in accordance with these Rules and Code of Conduct.

- **No Discrimination.** All participants and guests of GRAFA are to treat all other participants, guests, staff, and instructors at all times and in all respects in a manner free of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or sexual orientation.
- **Payments.** Participants are expected to promptly pay when due all guest fees, membership dues, tournament fees, travel costs, equipment costs and any other amounts owed to the GRAFA.
- **Physical Safety.** Physical safety is one of the highest priorities of GRAFA. All participants are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor while fencing or otherwise participating at the GRAFA. All participants are expected to exercise good judgment as to the degree of force in fencing reasonably appropriate to the age, size and experience level of their opponents.
- **Sportsmanship.** Good sportsmanship is another of the GRAFA's highest priorities. All fencing encounters are to be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner regardless of whether the encounter takes place during open bouts, at a tournament or during a class. All participants are expected to salute their opponent and the referee, if any, before and after each encounter, and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout, in a sportsmanlike manner.
- **Scoring/Referees.** In non-refereed bouts, discussions of priority and valid touches are to be resolved quickly and amicably between the participants, or thrown out. In non-electric bouts, the fencers are expected to acknowledge touches against them. In refereed bouts, the decision belongs solely to the referee and that decision is final, unless, at a tournament, it is a question appropriate for a bout committee. Fencers and guests are expected to treat all referees with respect, regardless of the outcome of any particular call or encounter.
- **Equipment.** All participants are expected to keep any equipment owned by them in a safe condition, and are responsible for the suitability and condition of that equipment. All participants using GRAFA equipment are expected to not use any equipment which appears damaged or unsafe and to give any such equipment to an Instructor. All experienced fencers or participants continuing beyond the Advanced class are required to purchase their own equipment.
- **GRAFA Activities.** All classes and other programs at the GRAFA must be treated with respect by the non-involved participants or guests. Participants and guests must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity at the GRAFA or its Instructor.
- **Tournament Conduct.** Members attending tournaments represent GRAFA to the wider fencing community. Members are bound by these Rules, and by the USFA and USOC codes of conduct regardless of whether it is a local, regional, national or international competition. Any fencer representing GRAFA who regularly breeches these Rules or the USFA or USOC codes of conduct may be subject to disciplinary action by the GRAFA Managers
- **Ejection.** If at any time a participant or guest threatens the safety of the other participants, guests, staff or instructors, any manager of GRAFA or coaching staff may immediately remove the threatening participant or guest from GRAFA premises. The Managers will promptly determine the duration that such removal will remain in effect and any other penalties.

REVOCAION OF PRIVILEGES. THE MANAGERS AND THE COACHES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE MEMBERSHIP OR USE PRIVILEGES OF ANY PERSON WHO THE BOARD FINDS HAS VIOLATED ANY OF THESE RULES.