



KAPRICA UNITED FENCING ACADEMY

104 Mt. Horeb Road ♦ Warren, NJ 07059

PARENT COMMUNITY COVENANT

KAPRICA UNITED FENCING ACADEMY is a community with an ethic of excellence. We embrace the ancient warrior traditions of respect for the opponent, reverence for the salle, honoring one's family, and supporting one's fellow warriors.

1) We will support and love our child through this journey unconditionally

We understand that it is the overall growth and development of the whole child - and not results or a ranklist - that measure the success of our child in fencing.

2) We agree to never criticize, berate, or exhibit contempt for our or any child's performance in the gym or in competition.

This may seem elementary, but it is impossible to create positive thinking, positive behavior, and positive results in an environment where parental approval is dependent on athlete performance.

3) We agree to act in good faith toward the club and coaching staff

By agreeing to this, we agree not to create a conflict in our or any child about the coaches, curriculum, camps, clinics, or any other student. Constructive criticism and suggestions are welcomed, but only directly to staff - **NEVER** to student-athletes.

No athlete can be expected to follow the teachings of Kaprica United if he or she believes they are not correct.

4) We strive to be the best fencing parent(s) we can be.

As fencing parents, we will do our best and be an example for others. We will honor the space and never distract or disrupt. We will take any suggestion for improvement seriously, just as our Kaprica United staff agrees to take from us.

Casual observation is acceptable if it does not interfere with training - such determination of interference is made entirely by coaching staff.

For legal and privacy reasons, video or images within our club which include any other student besides your own is EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED

5) We honor and respect our environment and culture.

Everything and everyone in our environment has value and must be treated as if it were our own. By diminishing anything or anyone in it, we diminish ourselves, our child, and all that we strive for.



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PARENT COVENANT FOR COMPETITION

1) We agree to bring my child to the tournament venue early and prepared

This means arriving with all equipment in full working order. I/we arrive *no later than 60 minutes prior to the close of registration and 90-120 minutes before whenever possible.*

2) We understand that no strip coach will likely be present for all bouts and DE matches. There are always more athletes than coaches. Once a DE or pool bout has begun, it is our policy that the coach remain with that athlete until the conclusion or (very rarely) if it is entirely one-sided

3) We behave respectfully and in a sportsmanlike manner towards other fencers, tournament officials, and members of the audience.

We will not argue with referees or officials or interact directly (besides politely) with any other parent or coach. ***We will absolutely NEVER VERBALLY ABUSE OR PHYSICALLY TOUCH any parent, official, or athlete in any venue.***

4) We will not assume the role of strip coach unless by previous agreement between coaches, parents, and athlete.

Moreover, we will restrain emotions. It is impossible to ask our athletes to be emotionally and physically disciplined if we are unable to clearly demonstrate the same.

5) We play an active role as team members.

We will show team spirit and support all team members who are present at the tournament. We will never seek an unfair advantage over teammates in any way. We understand that when teammates face each other in competition, no coaching can be provided to either side. We understand that representing Kaprica United Fencing Academy at tournaments is a privilege as well as a responsibility.

6) We keep coaches fully informed before and during the tournament.

We will inform and confirm with coaches before signing up for a tournament. We will contact the coach upon arrival at the venue and will keep them informed about my schedule and strip assignments.

Kaprica United Fencing Academy reserves the right to SUSPEND OR REVOKE the club membership of any fencer or parent who does not act in accordance with the Community Covenants

Sign _____ Date _____