

Florida Fencing Coaching Declaration

ARTICLE I NAMES

Florida Fencing, a sport club under the Division of Recreational Sports at the University of Florida, is hereafter referred to in this document as the Club. A coach will be defined as any alumnus or community person volunteering their fencing expertise to the Club with the approval of the Sports Club Coordinator.

ARTICLE II DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document (1) defines the parameters in which the Club requests to be coached, the responsibilities of a coach, and the expectations from the Club; and (2) serves as an addendum to the policies stated in the Sport Clubs Volunteer Contract.

ARTICLE III RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Section 1: General A coach is welcome to make recommendations for decisions made by the Club officers. Ultimately, the operation of Florida Fencing is the sole responsibility of the Club officers as stated in the Sport Clubs Handbook. All coaches are expected to work together with each other, the Club officers, and the captains to improve the dynamic of the Club.

Section 2: Practice A coach leads practice. This includes producing footwork and bladework drills, and discussing strategic elements. During practice a coach gives equal personal attention to everyone, regardless of their skill level or ability to produce results. During exercises, a coach gives meaningful feedback to individuals. This includes making corrections, observations, and recommendations. During supervised bouts, a coach stops bouts to discuss options, strategy, and technique.

Section 3: Competition Coaches attend some competitions. In addition to representing Florida Fencing themselves, they attempt to help every team member who is representing the Club. If the Club decides that the goal of a tournament will be to win, then coaches work with the people necessary to make that goal a reality. However, coaches should not ignore other members if their advice is sought. If the Club decides that a tournament should help build the experience level of the Club, coaches should attempt to distribute their expertise equally.

Additionally, a coach advises the Club about competitively beneficial teams, which is based on his/her knowledge of the opposing team and his/her relationship with the coaches or team officials. A coach should be able to provide the teams available to the Club, as well as an estimation of victories and losses.

A coach should also recognize that building the Club's competitive schedule is not solely his/her responsibility. Planning for competitive events (including, but not limited to, travel, accommodations, and entry fees) is the Club's responsibility. A coach may assist in planning at his/her discretion.