

THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF ARMS

FENCING INSTRUCTOR CODE OF ETHICS

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As a classical fencing instructor I will:

- Ensure that my students have a safe environment for learning, that I enforce safe conduct by my students, and that I personally set a standard of safe conduct.
- Represent my level of knowledge, skill, ability, and certification as an instructor accurately.
- Teach my students to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the actual technique of fencing in the period from 1880 to 1939.
- Appropriately supervise individuals in training to become instructors or to upgrade their credentials, and develop their ability as professional instructors.
- Participate in professional continuing education to further develop my skills as a fencer and as an instructor.
- Recognize that I hold a position of authority, and not enter into improper business or professional relationships with my students or physically or psychologically abuse them.
- Recognize when a student requires instruction at a level that I cannot provide, and appropriately refer that student to another qualified instructor.
- Accord appropriate respect to other fencing professionals, schools, and methods of fencing.
- Treat all students with respect and fairness, regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender preference, age, religion, political affiliation, or disability.
- Maintain appropriate standards of grooming and personal hygiene, dress in a professional manner when teaching, and conduct myself with appropriate decorum and professional reserve.
- Safeguard the property of my students when it is entrusted to me.
- Ensure to the greatest degree possible that my teaching space presents a professional and welcoming atmosphere in which students feel comfortable.
- Conduct my business affairs as an instructor in accordance with generally accepted standards of business ethics.
- Make every effort to instill in my students a sense of sportsmanship and fair play and a life-long love of fencing with the sword.