

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL FENCING TEAM
2013-2014 FENCER HANDBOOK

Parents & Students – Please READ ALL pages.

REQUIRED 2013 - 2014 FORMS to sign

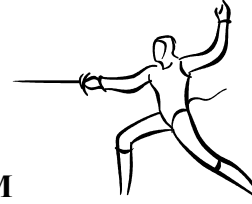
EACH Fencer must turn in these SIGNED FORMS in order to be allowed to fence at Indiana Division USFA events, Tria Gladius Fencing Foundation events AND HHS practices!

- 1 – Emergency Contact Information & Medical Insurance Form (pg. 2)**
- 2 - Code of Conduct Form (pgs. 3-4)**
- 3 - Fencing Permission/ Assumption of Risk, Waiver & Release of Liability Form (pg. 5)**
- 4 – Club Contact Information (pg. 6)**
- 5 – Fencing Equipment Guide (pg. 7)**

**Please only PRINT forms (legible handwriting).
(Various handwriting styles make it very difficult
to interpret and read critical contact and medical info in case of emergency.)**

BRING FORMS TO PRACTICE & GIVE TO COACH SCHAFER





HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL FENCING TEAM

CODE OF CONDUCT – Return this form with your sign-up sheet.

The Harrison High School Fencing Club is open to any HHS student interested in participating in the sport of fencing. However, participation at HHS Fencing Club is a privilege, NOT a right. Along with this privilege come expectations of behavior by fencers, guests, volunteers, and staff in accordance with the following published Code of Conduct.

Revocation of Privileges: HHS Fencing Club reserves the right to suspend or revoke the club membership of any person whom the coach or staff finds has violated this Code of Conduct.

1. **No Discrimination.** Fencers, guests and staff of HHS Fencing Club are expected to treat other fencers, guests and staff at all times and in all respects in a manner free from discrimination or harassment on the basis of color, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We have zero tolerance for hazing or similar dangerous behavior.
2. **Physical Safety.** Fencers are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor at all times and to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size, and experience level of their opponents. Fencers are expected to wear all safety equipment (including personal athletic supporters and chest plates) and appropriate clothing, including full-length pants (practice) or fencing knickers (tournaments) with long sport socks and no leg showing, and fencing friendly sneakers. Fencers shall not, under any circumstances, raise a weapon in anger or retaliation, or toward any unmasked person or take weapons outside of the designated fencing room. Fencers may not remove mask or protective gear until they hear “Halt” at end of bout. Fencers must self-check Masks & Epees before Tournaments.
3. **Sportsmanship.** Fencers need to arrive and be “ready to fence” on-time for events. Good sportsmanship is expected from all fencers at all times. Fencers are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner. Fencers are to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size and experience level of their opponents. Fencers are expected to salute their opponent and the director before and after each bout and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout in a sportsmanlike manner.
4. **Equipment.** Fencers are expected to keep all equipment owned by them in safe working order and are responsible for the suitability and condition of that equipment at all times. Fencers using club equipment are expected not to use equipment that appears to be damaged or unsafe and are to notify a coach or instructor of the issue immediately, and turn in the equipment for repair or replacement. Fencers will NOT be allowed to borrow another Fencer’s Epee during tournaments.
5. **Club Activities.** All club activities must be treated with respect by fencers and guests. Families, friends, and visitors must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity or any coach or instructor. Good-spirited cheering for our fencers during tournaments is allowed. Any disruptively loud, negative comments or mean-spirited jeering will not be tolerated. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY!

6. **Tournament Conduct.** Club members attending tournaments represent HHS Fencing Club. Members are bound by the rules of fencing and the USFA code of conduct regardless of whether they are participating in a local, regional, national, or international competition. Any fencer representing HHS Fencing Club who breaches these rules and/or code of conduct is subject to dismissal from the club.

(www.usfencing.org Click on: Athletes and Coaches, Athlete Handbook – Section 8.3)

7. **Ejection.** If during any HHS Fencing Club event, (i.e., practices, tournaments or fundraising events), a fencer, parent or guest threatens the safety of other fencers, guests or staff, any member of the staff may immediately escort the threatening individual from the applicable premises. No children under age 12 are permitted on the fencing floor.

8. **Staff Leadership.** Only HHS Fencing Club Staff members (Presiding fencing coach, Team Sponsor, and/or Team Captains) are allowed to make policy and/or issue instruction. NO ONE ELSE is responsible for creating club regulations or policies. Under **NO** circumstances should a parent or fencer other than a Team Captain or Assistant Team Captain give any fencing instructions or make club policy. Anyone violating this request will be asked to leave. Repeated violations will result in the fencer's termination from the club.

9. **Parent Meetings** – We will occasionally have Parent Meetings, as we need to address the Club's needs, safety issues and any new policies or requirements. At least one parent or legal guardian for each fencer needs to attend these meetings. We will send emails in advance to announce these meetings. Fencers may attend most of these meetings, unless otherwise requested by Club Staff.

10. **FORMS REQUIRED TO FENCE – PARENT'S SIGNATURES NEEDED!** In order to participate in any HHS Fencing Club event (including practices) ALL HHS Fencing Club members must have their parents/legal guardians complete and sign the Code of Conduct, Permission/Risk/Liability/Waiver Release, and Emergency Contact Information Forms.

Please SIGN below ONLY after reading this entire document. Thank you.

X _____
Signature of Member/Fencer Date

Fencer's Full Name : _____

X _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, (if Fencer is under age 18) Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL FENCING TEAM
PERMISSION FORM &ASSUMPTION OF RISK,
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I _____(print fencer’s full name) understand and appreciate that participation in the sport of fencing carries a risk to me of serious bodily injury, including permanent paralysis or even death. I understand that fencing as an athletic activity involves physical exertion and that the sport of fencing involves aggressive physical contact with other participants. If I am under 18 years of age, I have my parent or legal guardian’s full permission to participate in HHS Fencing Club, & my parent/legal guardian has also signed below.

I knowingly and voluntarily recognize, accept, and assume the responsibilities as a member of the HHS Fencing Club. I assume the risk of bodily injury or other medical conditions arising as a result of my participation in the sport of fencing. I understand that it is my responsibility to wear appropriate safety equipment, including the appropriate clothing, to all fencing practices, practice sessions, tournaments, or other activities sponsored by the Tria Gladius Fencing Foundation or HHS Fencing Club. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and for conducting myself in a safe manner at all times. By signing below I represent that to the best of my knowledge I am in good general health as determined by a medical doctor within past 12 months, I do not have any medical conditions, nor have I been given medical advice, that would preclude me from participating in a strenuous physical contact sport, due to illness, disability, medical condition, or any other reason.

I agree to hold harmless and hereby release HHS Fencing Club, the Tria Gladius Fencing Foundation, its coaches, sponsor(s), volunteers, members, guests, other participants, practice facilities and the Tippecanoe School Corporation from any and all claims and liabilities of any kind in connection with my participation in the sport of fencing. This agreement shall also be binding on my personal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

This Assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release of Liability shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is revoked in writing by the undersigned.

Please SIGN below ONLY after reading this entire document. Thank you.

X _____
Signature of Member/Fencer _____
Date

Fencer’s Full Name (Please print legibly) : _____

X _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, (if Fencer is under age 18) _____
Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Please print legibly): _____



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****Practices at HHS are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please be ready to start no later than 2:45 p.m.

All REQUIRED Forms must be completed and signed as soon as possible. Without signed forms, you are not allowed to fence.

TEAM CAPTAINS AND SQUAD LEADERS:

Selected by Coach with input by Sponsors based on following criteria:

- 1) Sportsmanship/Teamwork/Positive Attitude
- 2) Leadership/Maturity/Fencing Skills
- 3) Basic Form & Fencing Skills
- 4) Attendance (Tournaments & Practices)

TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

HHS Fencing Club Sponsor:

Coach & Volunteer Fencing Instructor:

Anita Schafer abschafer@gmail.com

765-421-1025

HHS Fencing Team Parent:

to be determined

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL FENCING CLUB

Fencing Equipment Guide

Item	Required for Practice	Required for Competition	Affordable Alternatives	Price Range
Jacket	✓	✓	None – get a jacket made for competitive fencing. There are no substitutions.	\$55 - \$130
Mask	✓	✓	None – get a mask made for competitive fencing. There are no substitutions.	\$55 - \$180
Glove	✓	✓	None – get a glove made for competitive fencing. There are no substitutions.	\$18 - \$25
Plastron	optional, but always a good idea	✓	None – there are no substitutions.	\$20 - \$30
Knickers	optional	✓	For practice, can use baseball/softball pants or even yoga pants (cropped length). For competitions and tournaments, you will need knickers.	\$40 - \$45
Lame (for foil and saber only)	optional	✓	None – there are no substitutions.	\$65 - \$200
Chest protection - ♀	✓	✓		\$9 - \$25
Chest guard - ♂	optional	optional		\$20 - \$25
Cup - ♂	✓	✓		
Socks	✓	✓		
Shoes	✓	✓	There are special shoes made for fencing, but they are expensive. Any sort of cross-trainer or court shoe will do.	
“Dry” weapons	✓		None – there are no substitutions.	\$22 - \$64
Electrical weapons		✓	None – there are no substitutions.	\$39 - \$99
Body cords		✓	None – there are no substitutions.	\$12 - \$30

Starter Sets/Kits – an inexpensive option for getting most of your gear if you have none. Many sets include a mask, jacket, glove and dry weapon, ranging from \$94 to \$130 for the entire set.

Suggested Equipment Vendors

Absolute Fencing Gear - <http://www.absolutefencinggear.com>

Alliance Fencing Equipment - <http://www.alliancefencingequipment.com/>

Blade Fencing Equipment - <http://www.fencingnewyork.com/>

Blue Gauntlet - <http://www.blue-gauntlet.com/>

Fence Smart - <http://www.fencesmart.net/>