

The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Fencing Club Constitution

In order to provide an opportunity for students to learn and practice safe fencing, the Thomas Jefferson fencing community adopts the following Constitution.

Section 1: General Guidelines

1. The name of the organization will be the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Fencing Club.
2. No student will be denied membership in the organization on the basis of his or her experience, ability, race, religion, sex, creed, economic status, national origin, sexual preference, or disability.
3. Members of the Club must uphold the image of the school by winning justly and losing graciously. All safety rules must be followed at all times.
4. In the event of poor behavior or gross violation of safety code, the sponsor and the president reserve the right to remove the offending individual(s) from the club.

Section 2: Club Organization

1. A president and a vice president will be elected at the second-to-last club meeting of every school year, and will serve in office during the following school year.
2. The president and vice president must have competition experience, and preferably a USFA rating of E or above.
3. The officially recognized offices in the fencing club shall be: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, webmaster, and historian.
4. The president may reserve the right to appoint any officers he wishes. Officers will be elected at the second meeting of the year for positions that have not yet been filled.

Section 3: The Safety Code

1. The club Safety Code is not all-encompassing. Fencers are expected to exercise common sense in how they treat and use the equipment.
2. While fencing, all members must wear full protective gear. At the minimum, this includes: mask, glove, jacket, long pants, and athletic shoes.
3. The tip of the fencing weapon must not rise above waist level if nearby persons are without protective gear.

Section 4: Officer Responsibilities

1. The president of the club will run the meetings, coordinate the officers, and teach members how to fence. He will decide how much time each meeting is used for warm-up purposes, announcements, and classes.
2. The vice president will preside if the president is not present. The vice president will also coach new members.

3. The treasurer will:
 - a. Raise funds for the purposes of equipment, travel, and coaching
 - b. Report monthly on the status of the treasury
4. The secretary will:
 - a. Announce upcoming events at each meeting
 - b. Perform necessary tasks, including paperwork, to facilitate other officers' roles
5. The historian will:
 - a. Record the results of all competitions
 - b. Take pictures of memorable moments
6. The webmaster will:
 - a. Maintain the fencing website, and assist other officers in using it
 - b. Maintain a mailing list
7. Any member may propose to impeach an officer for incompetence or lack of commitment. This requires the approval of the president and a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote from the members.

Section 5: Ratification and Amendment of the Constitution

1. The Constitution will be ratified by the approval of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the fencing club and the sponsor.
2. Any officer may propose amendments during general meetings, which can then be ratified by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote, and the approval of the sponsor.