

SAFETY RULES FOR COMPETITION AND SQUAD TRAINING – MARRICKVILLE

1. Clothing and equipment

- 1.1 All fencers must wear a plastron, jacket, mask and fencing glove.
- 1.2 Female fencers must wear a chest protector.
- 1.3 Masks must be in good condition without visible damage, fit snugly and be secured by an elastic strap at the back.
- 1.4 Fencers must wear fencing breeches for state competitions and breeches or long track pants for school events. No skin should be exposed between jacket and pants. Shorts are not permitted.
- 1.5 Weapons must be in good condition without sharp or rough edges on blade or guard.
- 1.6 Broken blades must be disposed of carefully.

2. Bags and equipment

- 2.1 Fencing bags and equipment must be stored against the perimeter wall.
- 2.2 Equipment must be returned to your bag when not in use, not left lying around the hall.
- 2.3 Fencers must carry weapons carefully, held vertically by either the tip or the handle. Do not wave weapons about near spectators.

3. Piste clearance

- 3.1 Spectators and fencers not engaged in fencing or refereeing must not congregate in the area between pistes when a bout is underway. Keep behind the rear boundary of the piste.

4. Conduct on piste

- 4.1 Observe the NSWFA Code of Conduct at all times.
- 4.2 Fencers must not throw or kick their masks or weapons as this could injure other fencers or spectators. A Black Card penalty will be given for this offence.
- 4.3 Return leads to the spool carefully.

5. Spills & rubbish

- 5.1 Liquid spills must be wiped up immediately.
- 5.2 Please don't leave empty drink/food containers and other rubbish in the hall.

6. Equipment handling

- 6.1 Covered shoes must be worn when laying or taking up metal piste panels.
- 6.2 Children under 12 should not lift or handle metal panels.
- 6.3 When loaded, metal panels must be secured to the trolley by the straps provided.
- 6.4 Movement of loaded trolleys must be supervised by an adult.

7. Injuries

- 7.1 Report all injuries to the Duty Executive or DT.
- 7.2 A first aid kit is available.

8. Other

- 8.1 Between bouts, please store remotes within the enclosed space on top of the scoring boxes to minimize the risk of them falling and being damaged.
- 8.2 At Marrickville, lay pistes from the curtain end (#1) – pick up from the wall end (#18).