

Madison Fencing Academy Membership Application

Name	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	
Age	
Date of App.	
Fees Paid	

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Prior fencing experience:
Reasons for membership application (learn the sport, hone skills, train for competition...):
ANY medical or physical condition that could affect your ability to engage in rigorous athletic training:

**Madison Fencing Academy
Liability Waiver**

I agree to abide by the Safety Rules contained herein and by the instructions of the fencing coaches and staff. I understand and appreciate that participation in any sport carries a risk to me of serious injury or death. I voluntarily and knowingly recognize, accept and assume this risk and release Eagle School, Michael Garrison, the Madison Fencing Academy, its members, officers and coaches from any liability.

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Name (print)

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature
(Required if attendee is under 18)

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name (print)

Date signed

Madison Fencing Academy Safety Rules

1. **Never cross blades, for any reason, without first putting on your mask. This rule has no exceptions!**
2. **Most fencing injuries are from muscle, ligament and tendon trauma. Always warm up and stretch properly before fencing.**
3. **Don't wear clothing with holes. A trapped blade in your clothing could cause an injury.**
4. **In competition, fencers must wear the full USFA kit. For women, this includes hard chest protectors.**
5. **When training with the epee, legs must be protected with training pants or knickers.**
6. **Be aware of your surroundings. Don't step onto an active floor without looking to be sure it's safe.**
7. **Do not drive your opponent into the wall or a hazard in your eagerness to win a touch.**
8. **Inspect your weapon periodically. Check the blade's curve. Make sure it's uniform and that the button is secure.**
9. **Be mindful of your fencing distance; don't fence too close! If you are colliding with your opponent, stop fencing until you can correct the error.**
10. **Aggressive fencing is OK; violent uncontrolled fencing is not. You should never seek to cause harm.**
11. **First, Last and Always, never cross blades, for ANY reason, without first putting on your mask!**

Fencing is a wonderful sport. It is not an excuse to hit somebody with a sword. Fencers "touch" their opponents; they don't strike them with the intention to cause harm. If you feel yourself becoming angry, violent or too aggressive, it is your responsibility to STOP, take a break, perhaps even call it a night and return when you've cooled down.

Fencing is a very safe sport and the Madison Fencing Academy wants to keep it that way. All Members and guests of the Madison Fencing Academy are expected to follow the rules and regulations. Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for dismissal from the Academy. We take a very hard line when it comes to safety. We want you to enjoy fencing for years to come and not stop due to injury.