

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

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CHILD PROTECTION SUMMARY

Elite Sabre Coaching Ltd Coaches aim to follow the best practise set out by the BFA. This includes CPP and procedures, anti-bullying and equality. The company take these responsibilities seriously and any concerns or complaints raised will be dealt with without prejudice. Any employee found to be contravening the BFA Coaches Code of Conduct, or endangering the safety of themselves or others, would be subject to disciplinary procedures that may lead to dismissal.

Our company motto is 'Never Miss the Point' by which we mean, that fencing should be enjoyable, as well as being challenging and rewarding. It is important to us that students are healthy, fit and are able to achieve their goals. We work with Strength and Conditioning Coaches, as well as Sports Psychologists, on a regular basis and aim to provide students with the best experience of fencing possible as well as a wealth of opportunities that are available to all. We believe that all students have equal potential to excel.

All Elite Sabre Coaching Ltd Coaching Staff have been DBS cleared, are BFA Qualified, have attended a Safeguarding and Protecting Children course within the last 3 years and are first aid trained.

PARENTS SHOULD EXPECT

- coaches to check the area where the lesson will occur for hazards, and to take steps to mitigate them, before the lesson begins
- coaches to treat all students equally, without prejudice or discrimination
- coaches to give all students equal time and attention
- coaches to be encouraging and positive in their feedback
- coaches to avoid making comparisons between students that are disparaging
- school, leisure centre or club procedures to be followed in addition to BFA best practise guidance
- a first aid kit to be present • the coach to be in Elite Sabre Coaching/MX/National Academy uniform • kit to be safety checked on a regular basis
- to be invited, and encouraged, to sit in on lessons and/or observe from a balcony
- to be informed of any accident, incident or injury concern that has occurred, or been observed, during a lesson
- to be asked for written consent before photos are taken and for these photos to be used responsibly
- for information or photos to be removed immediately on request
- to provide medical details, permission to act in case of emergency and an emergency contact number before sessions as well as permission for the lesson to occur
- to be able to request a lesson with any coach
- to provide the student with feedback as well as setting regular realistic aims and goals

FOR 1-ON-1 COACHES ASK:

In addition to agreeing to the persons code of conduct and terms and conditions as detailed at:

www.elitesabrecoaching.co.uk/policies

- parents sitting in on lessons, or at least occasional visits/observations during lessons
- parents arriving to pick up their child 10 minutes before the end of the lesson
- parents informing coaches of any niggles, injuries or concerns before the lesson occurs
- students should be members of the British Fencing Association