



Salem Classical Fencing

a non-profit corporation – 354 Belmont Street NE, Salem OR 97301

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL FENCING LEAGUE EXPLANATION OF INHERENT RISKS AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Athlete's name (please print) _____ Year of birth _____

School _____ Expected year of graduation _____

THE LEAGUE: The Salem High School Fencing League (“the league”) is an outreach effort of Salem Classical Fencing in cooperation with Salem-Keizer high schools (both public and private) and homeschool families in the Salem area. The league organizes and conducts fencing meets for the benefit of the student participants. The league does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, marital status, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or financial ability in admission to its programs, services, or activities, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of its operations. The league is an organization that is independent from, and receives no funding, in-kind services, or supervision from, the Salem-Keizer School District.

EXPLANATION OF RISKS: Competitive fencing is an exciting competitive sport that involves frequent contact with steel swords, as well as occasional contact between fencers, in the course of an intense aerobic physical activity. The sport also requires layers of protective clothing that can be hot. Because of these conditions inherent to the sport, participation in competitive fencing exposes athletes to many risks of injury. Those injuries include, but are not limited to, death; paralysis due to serious neck and back injuries; brain damage; impalement; damage to the eyes and face; damage to internal organs; heat illness; serious injuries to the bones, ligaments, joints, and tendons; cuts and bruises; and general deterioration of health. Such injuries can result not only in temporary loss of function, but also in serious impairment of future physical, psychological, and social abilities, including the ability to earn a living.

In an effort to make the sport of fencing as safe as it can be, the meet officials will enforce the rules of the American Fencing League. It is vital that athletes follow the officials' instructions, the meet rules, and the equipment requirements in order to decrease the possibility of serious injury. Rules are made available to all meet participants, and can also be found on the web site of the American Fencing League (<http://www.americanfencingleague.org>). Ignorance of the rules is no excuse!

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: I/we certify that the above-named athlete is in good health and that there is no physical or emotional reason prohibiting my/his/her participation in the sport of fencing. I/we understand that any violations of proper conduct or safety rules (including improper or inadequate equipment) may result in participation privileges being revoked without refund of fees. I/we understand that the success of the league is based on the efforts of volunteers. I/we will try to provide an enjoyable experience for all participants.

I/we have read the information above concerning the risks of competitive fencing. I/we understand and assume all risks associated with competing in the sport of fencing. I/we further agree to hold harmless the employees, representatives, instructors, coaches, officials, volunteers, and agents of the following organizations (as well as the organizations themselves) in any and all liability actions, claims, or additional legal action in connection with participation in any activities related to participation as a fencer under the auspices of the Salem High School Fencing League: Salem Classical Fencing, American Fencing League, Salem-Keizer School District, and the owners and management of the meet venue.

In signing this form, I/we assume the inherent risks of competitive fencing and waive future legal action by my/our heirs, estate, executor, administrator, assignees, family members, and myself/ourselves.

X _____ Date: _____
Signature of athlete (regardless of age)

X _____ Date: _____
Signature of father/legal guardian (if participant is under 18 years of age)

X _____ Date: _____
Signature of mother/legal guardian (if participant is under 18 years of age)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The athlete and both parents or legal guardians (if living) must sign this form before any athlete under the age of 18 may participate in the league. If only one parent's signature appears above, that parent assumes responsibility for informing the other parent of the inherent risks of competitive fencing.