

The Historical Combat Collective

Society Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct applies to all participants of The Historical Combat Collective Society (HCCS). Any violations of the code should be reported to a facilitator, Voting Member, or Board Member. Please see section 12 of our Policy Document for more information on Infractions.

Respect:

- Address your training partners and facilitators respectfully at all times, and do not crosstalk when they are speaking.
- Clean & return equipment to its proper place once you are finished. Leave the space looking cleaner than when you found it.
- Do not borrow someone's personal equipment without asking, and if you are not willing to help pay for potential damages
- Treat others how they want to be treated. There is zero tolerance for harassment.
- We have many students from all different walks of life with many different views of the world. Be respectful of these different opinions by avoiding controversial topics such as politics, religion, or any other topics of conversation that could make others uncomfortable. We are here to learn sword fighting and train.

Examples of behaviour that are not respectful: interrupting or talking over others, disruptive socialization or any form of distracting your training partners during training, misusing gear, borrowing gear without permission, leaving the space without helping clean, using language that makes others uncomfortable.

Safety:

You are responsible for your safety and that of your training partner. Accidents happen in all martial arts and, at times, injuries will occur. We should always try to minimize the risk to ourselves and our training partners.

- Out of consideration to your training partners, stay home if you are ill.
- Be present and pay attention. Accidents happen when we are distracted.
- Everyone is a "safety officer". If at any time you see something that you considered unsafe, stop the activity.
- Everybody is a "gear judge". If at any time you see a piece of equipment that you consider unsafe or is damaged, stop and get it checked out.
- Always exercise self-control. Never lose your temper or act out of anger. If need be - remove yourself from the activity.
- Do not train through an injury. Take the time to rest and recuperate. You'll be happier once you come back ready to go!
- Regulate yourself. You are responsible for your own well-being. Take water when you need to. Take a break if you need to.

Development:

HCCS is a group that trains together and organizes ourselves to better each other. To this end, we expect that participants treat practices and events as opportunities to develop their skills and understanding.

How to participate:

- Greetings and farewells are expected. We're all here with a common interest so it is important to acknowledge the value of each participant
- Actively participate during drills and activities; work to understand the design of a drill and its intended purpose. Take responsibility for your development as a martial artist.
- Be patient with your practice partners and yourself. The arts we practice can be challenging, especially as a beginner. Show up, train hard, and stay positive. You will improve!
- Help your training partners achieve their own goals in the martial arts by being a good training partner.
- Coaching by people other than the facilitators and most experienced participants can be distracting to others. Rather than telling someone how you think they should do a technique, ask the facilitator for assistance.

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read this Code of Conduct in its entirety and agree to follow and adhere to it. You also agree that infractions of this code of conduct may result in anything from pushups to a permanent ban from The Historical Combat Collective depending on the severity.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____