

**Brookwood Fencing Club
&
Brookwood Fencing Booster Club**

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Note 1: Please make checks payable to Brookwood Fencing Club. For record keeping purposes, please pay by check or money order. Payments are due in full no later than February 3, 2020. Late fee of \$50 will accrue if payment is not received on or before February 3, 2020. Students who have not paid by February 3, 2020 will not be allowed to participate in practice sessions.

Note 2: If you completed for summer fencing and there are no changes, please write “No changes” on the top and return.

Note 3: *A doctor’s physical exam is required in order to make certain that all fencers are prepared for the strenuousness of fencing.

Note 4: A copy of Fencer’s Medical Insurance Card (Front & Back) on 1 side of a piece of paper

Please complete the forms packet and return it to practice along with your Spring semester payment beginning Monday, February 3, 2020.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Fees and signed forms are due no later than Monday, February 3, 2020.
A late fee will accrue if payment is not received by that date.**

Patrick Kelley
President, BFBC
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BROOKWOOD FENCING CLUB

2020 SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Location:

Cannon United Methodist Church- Fellowship Hall (unless noted)

2424 Webb Gin House Road

Snellville, GA 30078

(An elevator is located inside the lobby of education building when you enter from back parking lot.)

Time: Mondays, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Dates:

Monday, January 6, 2020

Monday, January 13, 2020

Mini Camp - Monday, January 20, 2020

Monday, January 27, 2020

Monday, February 3, 2020

Monday, February 10, 2020

No Practice - No School

Monday, February 24, 2020

Monday, March 2, 2020

Monday, March 9, 2020

Monday, March 16, 2020

Monday, March 23, 2020

No Practice - Spring Break

Monday, April 6, 2020

Monday, April 13, 2020

Monday, April 20, 2020

Monday, April 27, 2020

Mini Camp: A three-hour mini-camp on Monday January 20, 2020 (School Holiday)

Fees: \$250

No Refunds will be made even if fencer withdraws or does not participate in all events.

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Fencer Signature Date

Parent of Fencer Signature Date

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Fencer's Name: _____
Fencer's Student Number: _____ Fencer's Locker # _____
Fencer's Email: _____
Fencer's Home address: _____
Fencer's Phone #s: (home) _____ (mobile) _____
Fencer's Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Grade: ____6th ____7th ____8th ____9th ____10th ____11th ____12th
Fencer's Weapon(s) & Years of Experience Per Weapon: Epee _____ Foil _____ Sabre _____
Weapon(s) that Fencer plans to fence during this season _____
Are you on Facebook? Parent: Yes or No Fencer Yes or No

Parent/Legal Guardian Emergency Contacts
(Please list in priority order of contact)

Contact 1: Name(s): _____ Email: _____
Phones: (home) _____ (mobile) _____ (office) _____
Relationship to Fencer: _____
Contact 2: Name(s): _____ Email: _____
Phones: (home) _____ (mobile) _____ (office) _____
Relationship to Fencer: _____
Contact 3: Name(s): _____ Email: _____
Phones: (home) _____ (mobile) _____ (office) _____
Relationship to Fencer: _____
Anyone who is **NOT** allowed to pick up Fencer from events: _____
Allergies/Medical issues/Medication (Anything else we need to know in an Emergency): _____

Please provide a copy of your health insurance card (front and back). If you do not have medical insurance coverage, we encourage you to consider the school insurance to see if it would be beneficial for your student.

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Co. Name: _____
Member Name _____ Member ID# _____
Group ID# _____ Customer Service Phone _____

In the event of an injury or illness, I/we grant permission for First Aid and Emergency Medical Care to be provided for (Fencer Name) _____ by Emergency First Responders or Professional Medical Personnel. I/we understand that the above Emergency Contacts will be contacted but I/we understand and grant permission that emergency care may be sought before reaching any of the above contact persons.

X _____
Signature of Fencer _____ Date _____
Name (Print clearly): _____

X _____
Signature of Fencer's Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____
Name (Print clearly): _____

X _____
Signature of Fencer's Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____
Name (Print clearly): _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Brookwood Fencing Club is open to any BHS student interested in participating in the sport of fencing. However, participation at Brookwood Fencing Club is a privilege, NOT a right. Along with this privilege come expectations of behavior by fencers, guests, parents, volunteers, and staff in accordance with the following published Code of Conduct.

Revocation of Privileges: Brookwood Fencing Club reserves the right to suspend or revoke the club membership of any person whom the coach or staff finds has violated this Code of Conduct.

1. **No Discrimination.** Fencers, guests and staff of BFC are expected to treat other fencers, guests and staff at all times and in all respects in a manner free from discrimination or harassment on the basis of color, race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We have zero tolerance for hazing or similar dangerous behavior.

2. **Physical Safety.** Fencers are expected to exercise control of their actions and demeanor at all times and to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size, and experience level of their opponents. Fencers are expected to wear all safety equipment and appropriate clothing, including full-length pants (practice) or fencing knickers (tournaments). Fencers shall not, under any circumstances, raise a weapon in anger or retaliation, or toward any unmasked person or take weapons outside of the designated fencing room. Fencers may not remove mask or protective gear till they hear "Halt" at end of bout. Fencers must check masks & weapons before Tournaments.

3. **Sportsmanship.** Fencers need to arrive and be "ready to fence" on-time for events. Good sportsmanship is expected from all fencers at all times. Fencers are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner. Fencers are to exercise good judgment by fencing appropriately for the age, size and experience level of their opponents. Fencers are expected to salute their opponent and the director before and after each bout and to shake hands with their opponent after each bout in a sportsmanlike manner.

4. **Equipment.** Fencers are expected to keep all equipment owned by them in safe working order and are responsible for the suitability and condition of that equipment at all times.

5. **Club Activities.** All club activities must be treated with respect by fencers and guests. Families, friends, and visitors must not interrupt or disrupt any ongoing activity or any coach or instructor. Good-spirited cheering for our fencers during tournaments is allowed. Any disruptively loud, negative comments or mean-spirited jeering will not be tolerated.

6. **Club Dues & Fee Payments.** Fencers are expected to promptly pay all club membership fees, equipment costs and all other amounts when due, or risk losing club membership.

7. **Tournament Conduct.** Club members attending tournaments represent Brookwood Fencing Club. Members are bound by the rules of fencing and the USFA code of conduct regardless of whether they are participating in a local, regional, national, or international competition. Any fencer representing Brookwood Fencing Club who breaches these rules and/or code of conduct is subject to dismissal from the club. (www.usfencing.org Click on: Athletes and Coaches, Athlete Handbook – Section 8.3)

8. **Ejection.** If during any Brookwood Fencing Club event, (i.e.; practices, tournaments or fundraising events), a fencer, parent or guest threatens the safety of other fencers, guests or staff, any member of the staff may immediately escort the threatening individual from the applicable premises. No children under age 12 are permitted on the fencing floor.

9. **Staff Leadership.** Only Brookwood Fencing Club Staff members (Coaches or Booster Club Officers) are allowed to make policy. NO ONE ELSE is responsible for creating club regulations or policies. Under NO circumstances should a parent or fencer give any fencing instructions except under the direction and supervision of the Coach. Anyone violating this request will be asked to leave.

10. **Pick-up/Departure Time after Fencing Events.** PER LAW AND SCHOOL POLICY, and for the safety of our children, all students must be picked up promptly at the end of each event. If a fencer is picked up after practice later than 4:15 PM or more than 15 minutes after Tournaments or Club events are over, more than twice in a semester, the fencer will be asked to leave the team.

11. **Parent Meetings.** We will occasionally have Parent Meetings, as we need to address the Club's needs, safety issues and any new policies or requirements. At least one parent or legal guardian for each fencer needs to attend these meetings. We will send emails in advance to announce these meetings. Fencers may attend most of these meetings, unless otherwise requested by Club Staff.

12. **FORMS REQUIRED TO FENCE. PARENT'S SIGNATURES REQUIRED!** In order to participate in any Brookwood Fencing Club event (including practices) ALL Fencers must have their parents/legal guardians complete and sign all of the forms provided by the President or Secretary of the Club.

13. **Violation of Code of Conduct.** Students who violate the BFC Code of Conduct will be subject to temporary suspension or dismissal based on the BFC review board findings. The review board will consist of a Brookwood High School teacher sponsor, fencing coach, parent sponsor, team captain and 2 BFC fencers.

Please SIGN below ONLY after reading this entire document. Thank you.

X _____
Signature of Fencer Date

Fencer's Full Name (Type or print clearly): _____

X _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, (if Fencer is under age 18) Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Type or print clearly): _____

X _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, (if Fencer is under age 18) Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Type or print clearly): _____

Please keep a copy for your records.

Brookwood Fencing Club Lettering Requirements

The following basic criteria must be met in order to earn a BHS letter for fencing: (Criteria may be updated as school or club regulations require.)

1. Student must actively and safely participate in 75% of the club practices for the school year (unless approved by coach or sponsor).
2. Student must participate in at least four (4) tournaments per school year.
3. Dues must be paid in full for current fencing year.
4. All fencers must exhibit good sportsmanship by:
 - Wearing appropriate attire to all practices and tournaments.
 - Respecting Fencing Coach, fellow fencers, parent volunteers, referees, League fencers, etc.
 - Displaying team spirit.
 - Helping other members of the team.
 - Maintaining dignity and appropriate behavior during practices and tournaments.
 - Maintaining good citizenship on and off campus.
 - Remaining until end of Tournament to receive award (unless prior notice is given to Coach or Club President).
 - Contributing to concessions or making donation for concessions for BHS hosted Tournament.
 - Assisting with Set-up and Clean-up, before and after Tournaments/Practices.
5. Fencers must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.
6. Fencers must obey all rules in the Brookwood Fencing Club Code of Conduct.

Late/Missed Practices: If a fencer has an excused absence on the day of a scheduled practice, he or she must notify the Student Board prior to the following practice date. If absences exceed the requisite percentage to letter and it is not due to illness or issues beyond the fencer's control, then fencer may not be eligible to letter. Fencers may makeup up to 4 missed practices by participating in community service events for our host churches (i.e. pumpkin patch, Christmas tree lot, cleanup days) and/or volunteering for fencing club events such as the homecoming parade, freshman night, etc.)

I acknowledge the lettering requirements.

Signature of PARENT/GUARDIAN

Date

(PLEASE PRINT) Parent/Guardian's Name

Signature of PARENT/GUARDIAN

Date

(PLEASE PRINT) Parent/Guardian's Name

Signature of Student

Date

(PLEASE PRINT) Fencer's Name

MEDIA RELEASE FORM
Brookwood Fencing Club
Brookwood Fencing Booster Club

I hereby give my consent to all photographs, audio recordings, academic work, and/or video recordings taken of me or my minor child by Gwinnett County Public School staff or their designee. I understand that any such photographs, audio recordings, academic work, and/or video recordings become the property of the local school or district and may be used by the school, district, or others with their consent, for educational, instructional, or promotional purposes created in the future. This consent extends to the Brookwood Fencing Club and its Booster Club as well as its members and representatives. Please check one of the options below:

_____ Yes, I give my consent. _____ No, I do not give my consent.

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____
(Please print)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' Name(s): _____
(Please print)

(Signature(s) of Parent(s)/ Guardian(s))

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Brookwood Fencing Club

PERMISSION FORM & ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I _____ (fencer's full name) understand and appreciate that participation in the sport of fencing carries a risk to me of serious bodily injury, including permanent paralysis or even death. I understand that fencing as an athletic activity involves physical exertion and that the sport of fencing involves aggressive physical contact with other participants. If I am under 18 years of age, I have my parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)'s full permission to participate in Brookwood Fencing Club, and my parent(s)/legal guardian(s) indicated their approval by signing below.

I knowingly and voluntarily recognize, accept, and assume the responsibilities as a member of the Brookwood Fencing Club. I will conduct myself in a respectful manner and practice good sportsmanship in all of my actions. I assume the risk of bodily injury or other medical conditions arising as a result of my participation in the sport of fencing and I assume the risk that such injury or condition could result in my death.

I understand that it is my responsibility to wear appropriate safety equipment, including the appropriate clothing, to all fencing practices, practice sessions, tournaments, or other activities sponsored by the Brookwood Fencing Club, Brookwood Fencing Booster Club, or On Guard High School Fencing League of Georgia, Inc. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and for conducting myself in a safe manner at all times. By signing below I represent that to the best of my knowledge I do not have any medical condition(s), nor have I been given medical advice, that would preclude me from participating in a strenuous physical contact sport, due to illness, disability, medical condition, or any other reason.

I agree to hold harmless, indemnify, and hereby release Brookwood Fencing Club, Brookwood Fencing Booster Club, its coaches, sponsors, officers, volunteers, chaperones, members, guests, other participants, practice facilities (Cannon United Methodist Church, Grace Fellowship, or any other facility selected by the Brookwood Fencing Booster Club) and the On Guard High School Fencing League of Georgia, Inc. from any and all claims and liabilities of any kind in connection with my participation in the sport of fencing. This agreement shall also be binding on my personal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

This Assumption of Risk and Waiver and Release of Liability shall remain in full force and effect until such time as it is revoked in writing by the undersigned.

Please SIGN below ONLY after reading this entire document. Thank you.

X _____
Signature of Member/Fencer _____ Date _____

Fencer's Full Name (Type or print clearly) : _____

X _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, (if Fencer is under age 18) _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Type or print clearly): _____

X _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, (if Fencer is under age 18) _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Type or print clearly): _____

