**NSW Kendo Association**

**Rules or Behaviour for Kendo, Iaido and Jodo**

■ I will always play by the AKR’s rules of Kendo, Iaido & Jodo.

■ **I will never argue with an official.** If I disagree with a decision I will inform the coach or manager during a break or after the competition

■ **I will control my temper**. I understand that verbal abuse in any language will not be tolerated by officials and sledging other players and deliberate, distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any of the arts.

■ I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are my team or the opposition

■ **I will treat all players in my art as I like to be treated**. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of other competitors.

■ **I will cooperate with all officials**, coaches, team members and opponents

■ I will accept both modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat

■ I will participate for my own enjoyment and benefit of the art.

■ I will respect the rights, dignity of all participants including coaches, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

■ I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game

■ I will comply with anti-doping policies

**NSW Kendo Technical Committee procedures attaining to bad behaviour in Kendo**

As an administrator, it is important that when an incident occurs you understand exactly what to do and who is responsible for what.

Here are some of the steps that can be taken depending on the seriousness of the incident:

**Reporting inappropriate behaviour**

Responsibility of everyone. Behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct should be reported to the ground official. Any person who is unsure who the ground official is should report the incident to a club committee member.

**Approaching the offender**

Responsibility of the Head Referee / Technical Committee. Only the ground official should approach the offender - this prevents the situation escalating.

**Issuing warnings**

Responsibility of the Head Referee /Technical Committee. The first time a person breaches a code of conduct, they might be issued with a warning, depending on the severity of the breach of conduct. **The person might not be aware that their behaviour is unacceptable and should be notified of the club’s rules regarding behaviour.**

**Taking disciplinary action**

Is the responsibility of the Technical Committee concerned with the art?  If the conduct is repeated or of a serious nature the committee should consider taking disciplinary action in accordance with its guidelines. **This might result in suspension or expulsion**.

**Removing people from the field of play or venue**

Responsibility of the ground official / club committee. The referee/umpire should communicate directly and immediately with the ground official to remove a person from the field. If the club is in a position to control ground entry, it will be able to evict persons from the ground. Where attendance is not controlled, clubs can request offenders leave the venue, or otherwise can discipline the person for breach of the code.

**Suspending play**

Responsibility of the referee/umpire. The referee/umpire may suspend play and refuse to restart until appropriate action has been taken. They may request that a person is removed from the match and, in serious cases, abandon the match altogether.