

FOLGARIA FENCING CAMP 2026

Rules and Safeguarding Policy

1. Introduction

To ensure the success of the camp and to maintain a calm and productive atmosphere, all participants, coaches and staff are required to behave in a manner appropriate to a sporting environment. Mutual respect, cooperation and a sense of responsibility are the core values on which the entire camp experience is based.

This document sets out the rules of conduct and the safety regulations with which every participant must comply for the entire duration of the Folgaria Fencing Camp 2026, together with the safeguarding policy adopted by ACFencing Academy to protect the wellbeing and safety of everyone present, with particular attention to underage athletes. Registration for the camp automatically constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these rules and of the safeguarding policy, with no further signature required.

2. Camp Rules

2.1 Compliance with schedules

All athletes are required to comply with the schedules communicated by the coaches, both for training sessions and for the daily activities set out in the programme. Punctuality is regarded as an integral part of one's sporting commitment and allows all activities to run in an orderly and regular manner.

2.2 Outings and movements of underage athletes

Underage athletes are not permitted, under any circumstances, to leave the hotel or move away from the facilities where the camp takes place without prior authorisation or without the supervision of a member of staff. This provision is intended to ensure the safety and supervision of younger participants at all times.

2.3 Prohibition on using the lifts

For safety reasons, all athletes are prohibited from using the lifts within the hotels. Movement between floors must therefore take place exclusively via the stairs.

2.4 Fencing equipment

Each athlete is required to arrive at the camp with all their fencing equipment complete and in full working order. It is each participant's responsibility to check, before departure, that their equipment is intact and functional, so that they can take part in all activities without interruption.

2.5 Prohibition of alcohol and smoking

No participant is permitted, in any way and for the entire duration of the camp, to consume alcoholic beverages or to smoke. Compliance with this rule is mandatory and admits no exceptions.

2.6 Damage to rooms and facilities

Any damage caused to hotel rooms will be charged to the person responsible. Where it is not possible to identify the person responsible with certainty, the cost of the damage will be divided equally among all the occupants of the room concerned.

2.7 Reporting inappropriate behaviour

Any inappropriate behaviour may be reported to the Safeguarding Officer, Dr Marzia Sgambelluri, by writing to safeguarding@acfencingacademy.it. Every report will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

3. Safeguarding Policy

ACFencing Academy is committed to providing all participants, and minors in particular, with a safe, calm and respectful environment in which everyone can enjoy the sporting experience in conditions of full physical and psychological wellbeing. The protection of participants is an absolute priority throughout every stage of the camp.

3.1 Our principles

The camp is founded on respect for the dignity of every person and on a zero-tolerance approach towards any form of abuse, mistreatment, physical, psychological or verbal violence, harassment, bullying, discrimination or behaviour that may cause harm or distress to others. Coaches, staff and athletes are all called upon to foster a climate based on cooperation, inclusion and mutual respect.

3.2 The Safeguarding Officer

The Safeguarding Officer is the point of reference responsible for receiving and handling any reports concerning the safety and wellbeing of participants. For the Folgaria Fencing Camp 2026 this role is entrusted to Dr Marzia Sgambelluri, who can be contacted at safeguarding@acfencingacademy.it.

3.3 How to make a report

Anyone who witnesses inappropriate behaviour, or is subjected to it, is encouraged to report it promptly to the Safeguarding Officer or to a trusted member of staff. Reports may also be made by parents or accompanying adults. Every communication will be handled with discretion, confidentiality and respect for the people involved, giving priority to the protection of the person making the report and of any vulnerable individuals.

4. Breaches and consequences

Any breach of these rules will be assessed by the responsible staff, who will decide, on a case-by-case basis, on the measures and consequences deemed most appropriate in relation to the seriousness of the behaviour. In the most serious cases, this may lead to measures up to and including removal from the camp, it being understood that every assessment will be made with fairness and in the interest of the safety and wellbeing of all participants.
