

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SPORT CLUB PARENTAL RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM  
**Fencing Club Event**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or guardian's name), on behalf of my minor child,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (participant's name), desire for my minor child to participate in fencing activities during the University of Maryland Cherry Blossom Open Fencing Tournament (the "Event"), to be held at the University of Maryland ("the University") on March 22-23, 2014. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in this activity, I, for and on behalf of my minor child and myself, our heirs, personal representative(s) and assigns, hereby represent and agree as follows:

1. I understand that the University is not the sponsor of the Event, which is organized by the University of Maryland Fencing Club, an independent student organization. The University is not responsible for the Event, and it does not oversee, supervise or control Event activities.
2. I fully recognize and understand that there are risks and hazards, minor and serious, associated with participation in fencing, which include, but are not limited to: **muscular strains, bruises, broken bones, dislocations, lacerations, head and eye injuries caused by approved equipment, paralysis**; and which may also include other serious bodily injuries and, even, **death**.
3. Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks associated with fencing, I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to person or property that my child may, in any way, sustain in connection with his/her participation in such activities at the Event.
4. I understand that the rules and regulations applicable to the United States Fencing Association are designed, in part, for the safety and protection of participants and others, and I agree that my child must abide by those rules and regulations. I further understand that protective equipment including, but not limited to, **fencing jacket, mask, and fencing glove** is recommended for the safety and protection of participants in fencing, and I agree that my child must provide and wear such equipment when participating in such activities. However, I understand that such rules and regulations and wearing such equipment will not eliminate the risks of participation in fencing activities.
5. I understand that fencing requires a minimum level of experience and fitness for safe participation. I, on behalf of my minor child, also understand that the University advises that participants in sport club related activities have a physical examination to determine their fitness for participation. I further understand that the University of Maryland does not provide medical, health or other insurance for participants in the Event or other sport club related activities.
6. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, Campus Recreation Services and their officers, agents, employees, students, and volunteers from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action on account of any loss or injury in any way arising out of or relating to my child's participation in or involvement with fencing activities during the Event, including the use of University equipment and facilities in connection therewith, whether due to the negligence, default or other action or inaction of any person or entity.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant  
is under 18 years old

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Date

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Signature of Participant

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Date