

To the Point

Your monthly guide to Fencing in Great Britain
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Level 1 & 2 Foil and Epee Coaching Course

British Fencing are running a [Level 1 & 2 Foil and Epee Coaching Course in North London, August 2010](#). A Safeguarding and Protecting of Children and First Aid courses are being run alongside this course.

If you wish to enroll please contact us [here](#) or call BF on 0208 742 3032

Website News

British Fencing and England Fencing have come together to produce a new website which aims to allow us to communicate much more easily and clearly with you. It should also enable you to communicate much better with us, in terms of questions, feedback or search for information. This website will be launched in the next week, so there may be periods when it is offline whilst the transfer happens.

The site has been designed to give you the control to amend the way your homepage looks and identify what information is important to you. There will be a growing number of boxes or 'widgets' which will have links to internal pages on our site and also external links to sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Fencing Forum.

What is different?

We hope that this website will help us in our goal of developing one united sport: all fencing organisations working as one. This is one website for British and England Fencing, allowing more information on starting, staying and succeeding in fencing.

Does this mean British Fencing and England Fencing are merging?

No. British Fencing is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the UK and England Fencing is the NGB for England.

Why aren't the other Home Countries on the website?

Not at this time. They have been invited to be involved, but have opted to keep their own websites.

How does it work?

The home page is set out in three key sections. Firstly, the toolbar at the top gives menu options for our most important areas or those which are visited the most – these may change over time, depending on the information you want. Secondly, there is a key messages section, including the top five stories, announcements or bulletins from British Fencing and England Fencing. We also have a scrolling section that will give details of important notices which we need to make you aware of, such as a competition being cancelled or a rule change.

The bottom section is all yours. We have set up a range of widgets for you to select and, although initially a few will remain static (such as the sign-in widget), you can add as many or as few as you like. If you can't find a widget for something you want, then let us know. We have put a range of widgets on the site to start off with and will be developing more with you. These can be feeds to internal or external websites.

Can I access my membership profile online?

Yes you can, by signing in using the box on the home page. This will give you access to your membership profile which will allow us to ensure our details on you are up to date. No more incorrect address details or inaccurate coaching qualifications – you see what we see. As our database is now directly linked to the website, we will be phasing out membership cards to save on unnecessary printing and postage costs and doing our bit to be more environmentally friendly. Don't worry; you will still be able to print off proof of membership if needed, although all of our British and England Fencing competitions will now be entered online, through the website.

I can't find something on the new site; where do I go?

We have a search function for the website which can be found on the top menu bar. If you still cannot find something, please contact us [here](#) or 0208 742 3032. It may be, of course, that we don't have everything on the site that we need, or you want, in which case we will make sure we put it up – this is your website and we want you to help us define the content. Some content is being developed, for example the rankings only allow us to have a feed to some rankings because of the way they are compiled at the moment.

Piers Martin

Change 4Life (C4L) School Fencing Club Outline Plans

On the schools fencing front, we are starting to get a steady stream of enquiries from School Sports Partnerships (SSPs) and coaches associated with them asking about our plans for the support of the C4L fencing clubs. The training programme is currently in the design phase. A programme designer has been appointed and a forum of coaches is meeting to map out the programme on 1 and 2 June, with a film shoot for the DVD accompanying the initiative taking place on 14 and 15 June.

Our intention is to provide one day of training per term for teachers, other adults and junior volunteers from the 318 schools who have opted to start a fencing club, which will equip them to deliver the following term's activities. We are expecting to start this training in late June/early July by setting up temporary training centres that will be (as far as possible according to the geographical spread of participating schools) no more than 45 minutes drive-time from the schools themselves. You can get further details from [Norman Randall](#) at EF/BF HQ.

Norman Randall

World Class News

Members of WCPP have enjoyed one of the most successful two weeks ever, with four medals being won across the programme. The 2010 medal tally now stands at six – a new record! Chrystall Nicoll kicked off her recent run of events in style by winning a bronze medal at the Klagenfurt women's sabre World Cup, and then followed up with another bronze medal at the Koblenz World Cup a few weeks later. Chrystall narrowly lost 15-14 in Koblenz to Bogna Jozwiak, who went on to win the tournament. In men's foil, Richard Kruse took silver at the Seoul World Cup, after losing 15-10 to Korea's Young Ho Kwon in the final. Team-mate Laurence Halsted followed up on this success by reaching the podium at the Tokyo Grand prix, winning bronze, and enjoying his first podium finish at GP level. The medal success of four athletes (Kruse, Halsted, Nicoll and Willis), in three different disciplines in 2010 is evidence of real development across the weapons. All WCPP athletes will be hoping to match similar success in the remaining events of the season taking place around the world – Montreal, Bogota, Havana, Puerto Rico, Padua, New York, St Petersburg and Tianjin are all potential destinations for more medal wins!

Cat Paterson

Academy News

Plans for the Summer camp in August are going well; details will go out to the fencers who have applied and been accepted on the camp in due course. The National Academy now has a page on the new British Fencing website. Follow the Academy link for details of the opportunities available.

We are in the process of recruiting armoury and referee tutors; please see the adverts on the British Fencing website.

If you have any questions regarding the Academy, please look through the FAQs in the special Academy edition of To the Point [here](#).

London 2012 Ticketing News



Sign up to register your interest

The world's greatest sporting events are coming to London! Tickets for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will go on sale in 2011. Sign up now and you will be among the first to hear about ticketing news and other exciting events and offers.

Registering is a quick and easy process which will only take a few minutes to complete. It will also save you time when tickets go on sale in 2011.

To register please visit www.tickets.london2012.com or call 0844 847 2012.

Sainsbury's UK School Games

North East England, 2-5 Sept 2010

Fencing has been part of the games since its inception at Glasgow in 2006. The Sainsbury's UK School Games is a multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age.

The sports programme in 2010 will include road cycling (replacing track cycling from last year's programme) which, combined with the existing sports of athletics, badminton, fencing, gymnastics, hockey, judo, swimming, table tennis and volleyball, gives a total of ten sports. An integrated programme of disability events (physical and learning disabilities) in athletics, swimming and table tennis increases the athletes competing in 2010 to around 1600.

Each of the ten sports is combined into a four-day Games environment designed to replicate the feel of major events, such as the Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games.

The Sainsbury's UK School Games seeks to create an inspirational and motivational setting which not only helps our young elite athletes to thrive and perform at the highest level, but also encourages more young people to take part and succeed in sport. Responsibility for the development and organisation of the Sainsbury's UK School Games lies with the Youth Sport Trust.

All four home country teams have now been selected and are available to view on the UK School Games website at ukschoolgames.com. Congratulations to the 96 fencers, their schools and coaches.

Applications are open for people who want to volunteer at the event. We need referees and piste assistants for the fencing event; please contact [Neil Brown](#) for details of the opportunities available. Anyone who would like to be part of the overall running of the event can also volunteer for other roles [here](#).

I eXcel Programme

British Fencing have been give the opportunity to become part of this new programme, run in conjunction with the Youth Sport Trust

Recognising and Supporting National Level Athletes

What are the benefits of accessing the I eXcel programme?

I eXcel helps to develop young athletes who are successful in both their sport careers and their academic studies.

What is the I eXcel programme?

I eXcel is a programme of targeted mentoring and support designed to make a real difference to young athletes who are still at school and who are also competing at a national level in their sport. The programme objectives are to:

- Recognise the young athletes' talent in their sport
- Raise the profile of the unique needs of the young athletes to their school
- Support the young athletes in balancing their sport and school commitments and help them to fulfill their potential both academically and in sport
- Improve the provision and quality of mentoring support the young athletes receive from their school
- Improve communication between the young athletes' parents, coach and school, enabling them to work more closely together
- Assist National Governing Bodies of sport in managing the sport/academic needs of their national level athletes

Who can apply?

To be able to apply for a place on this programme fencers will need the following:

- A commitment to fully take part in the programme; this will need to involve the fencer's coach
- To have an aim of performing at international level
- To be born 1997 or later

- To be in full-time education in England
- To be in the top 15 of the British national rankings (cadet or junior, adjusted for age in 1-year age bands)
- To be part of British Fencing's National Academy (as appropriate)

More details and an application form will be on the British Fencing website.

Coach Education News

April saw a series of Fast Track and longer programmes in Southern, East and West Midlands, and North West and North East Regions. The National Academy programme for the training of L3 and L4 coaches is now well underway with a cohort of trainees looking forward to the residential training in August.

Plans are afoot for a series of summer and autumn coach development programmes which will be advertised in due course on the BF and EF website.

A conference of EF-approved Coach Tutors is to be held in Nottingham on 10 and 11 June. Items on the agenda will be the current school sports organisation and fencing provision, the Lead Tutor scheme, and future plans for the EF coach development scheme.

Leisure Sector News

Our work in the Leisure Sector continues apace with the establishment of an introductory award. This is for those who meet certain standards, having completed a taster session at a Holiday Camp or Activity Centre. Private holiday activity companies as well as youth organizations, such as the Scouts, continue to call on us to deliver the Fencing Activity Leader Award programme to equip their staff to lead foundation level taster sessions in fencing.

An exciting new project has been trialled at a luxury hotel and spa resort for one of our corporate clients, allowing their guests and members of their leisure clubs to undertake 'Fun Fencing'. The demographic tends towards the senior sector and so participants in Fun Fencing are often over 50. The project hits three key targets for the Third Age – social interaction, physical activity and mental stimulation. Fun Fencing ticks all these boxes and the scheme will be rolled out across other sites in England.

Events

Course Name	Date
LPJS Scotland Epee	5 Jun
LPJS Scotland Sabre	5 Jun
LPJS Scotland Foil	6 Jun
Hertfordshire Open	6 Jun
The Gateshead International	12 Jun
Wxreham Open	12 Jun
IAPS Championships	12 Jun
London Youth Games	12 Jun
London Six Weapon Open	19 Jun
England Youth Championships	19 Jun
Academy Youth Cup	26 Jun
Cumberland Open	26 Jun
LPJS Arnold Epee	27 Jun
White Horse Team Trophy	27 Jun
Bill Hoskyn's Open	3 Jul

NVA West Midlands Open	3 Jul
Manchester Open	10 Jul
Much Wenlock Open	11 Jul
Cambridge Open Air	11 Jul
Norfolk Open	17 Jul
GB Individual National Championships	24 Jul
GB Teams National Championships	25 Jul

Courses

Course	Date
First Aid and SPC	31 Jul
L1 Fast Track Foil, N'castle	31 Jul-1 Aug
L1 & 2 Foil and Epee, N. London	2-6 Aug

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