

The Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE)





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Today

Housekeeping

- 10:30 Welcome, Introductions – Neil Brown
- 10:45 AASE and British Fencing – Ben Champion
- 11:00 Overview of AASE – Jon Wyse
- 12:00 Lunch -
- 12:30 Completion of forms
- 13:00 Practical Assessment, introduction to Plan-Assess-Evaluate – David Kirby & coaches
- 13:00 – Parent questions – Lisa Godwin
- 14:30 – Questions – All
- 15:00 - Finish

Welcome and Introductions

 Neil Brown – British Fencing Project Officer

 Ben Champion – British Fencing National Development Manager

 Jon Wyse – Head of Department, AASE delivery at Filton College

 Jemma Turner – SkillsActive AASE Programme Manager

 David Kirby – Filton fencing coach

 Lisa Godwin – Head of AASE at Filton College

 Beth Davidson – National Academy regional coordinator, SUNEE

 Lynne Melia – National Academy head coach, Birmingham

 *Jes Smith – National Academy head coach, Brunel*

 *Iain Aberdeen – National Academy head coach, SUNEE*

 Alan Rapley – British Fencing National Academy Manager





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British Fencing Vision

- British Fencing is about creating a **WORLD LEADING FENCING FAMILY** - providing opportunities to start, stay and succeed in fencing.
- **Fencing Family** means providing opportunities for anyone to join our sport and feel welcome. It is about evolving elements of the sport to ensure that everyone can access fencing and achieve their own personal goals
- **World Leading** means challenging everything we do and seeking to improve to be the best we can. We will benchmark our organisation against the very best governing bodies in the UK and federations globally; we will learn from leading businesses and organisations and we will innovate to ensure that we are successful on the piste.

OUR 3G STRATEGY - Our "3G Strategy" is simple, to achieve the following targets:

- GREEN - a well governed, sustainable NGB
- GROW - a bigger, stronger sport
- GOLD - Gold medals at the Olympic Games

OUR VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS - Our values and behaviours are important to us. We will...

- Earn Trust through Integrity
- Display Team Spirit
- Challenge and Innovate to Excel

- SkillsActive is the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure, Learning and well-being. Their role is to **create** a framework of qualifications, training and continuous professional development based on industry requirements and standards.
- SkillsActive developed the AASE qualification in 2003 and currently works with over 20 sports delivering AASE.
- SkillsActive will work with British Fencing on the National Academy programme to deliver excellent quality training and assessment for the fencers.



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Apprenticeships in Sport

- Funded by Skills Funding Agency under the control/remit of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
- Budget of £13bn annually

Northern Ireland – still in development

Similar Apprenticeship framework in **Wales**

Only a level 3 equivalent in **Scotland**



England Programmes

- Young Apprenticeship in Sports Management, Leadership and Coaching (a Level 2 learning programme)
- Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships (level 2 and level 3)
- **Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (level 3 only)**

The AASE Framework



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The AASE Framework is made up of the following six components for British Fencing:

- **Competence**-what you do in your sport

Delivered within the *Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance*

- **Knowledge**- what you understand about your sport

Delivered within the *Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance*

- **Functional Skills**- GCSE grades A*-C are a proxy (replacement)

- **Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS)**-Delivered within the Certificates

- **Employment Rights & Responsibilities (ERR)**- Delivered during Induction (January 2012)

AASE Fencing – 2 programmes



British Fencing run two AASE programmes in two different ways to allow all eligible fencers to gain access to this performance programme.

- Full-time college based at Filton College in Bristol
- National Academy- stay within 'home' school/college and remain at existing fencing club



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Filton College

AASE Programme

- Endorsed by British Fencing, programme began in Sept 2010
- Learners are enrolled on a Full-Time Academic Programme at Filton College
- Timetables are arranged to allow Learners to access all of their Academic Lessons alongside Fencing Academy Sessions
- Dedicated fencing salle (coming soon!)
- All three weapons
- Head Coach David Kirby
- 2011- programme starts in September





AASE Programme

- The AASE programme is delivered within the National Academy framework by SkillsActive staff, trained British Fencing assessors and sports specialists. *This means AASE fencers must commit to these National Academy sessions*
- Approx. 20 days a year and documenting work in club training
- Financial support for all National Academy activity & international competition
- There is a requirement that this programme emphasises the step change in training and this will be in addition to training in your existing club.
- Once fencers start the AASE programme they are committed to complete it
- We expect 100% commitment to AASE and the National Academy programme



British Fencing National Academy



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- British Fencing National Academy was set up in 2010 with pilot days and a week-long residential at Nottingham Trent University in August
- The National Academy framework is now 3 regional centres (Birmingham, Brunel, and SUNEE) together with national weekends in February and March and a Summer residential
- Planned expansion includes Northern Ireland (started today, 6th Nov), Scotland and the South West
- Full information at www.britishfencing.com/academy

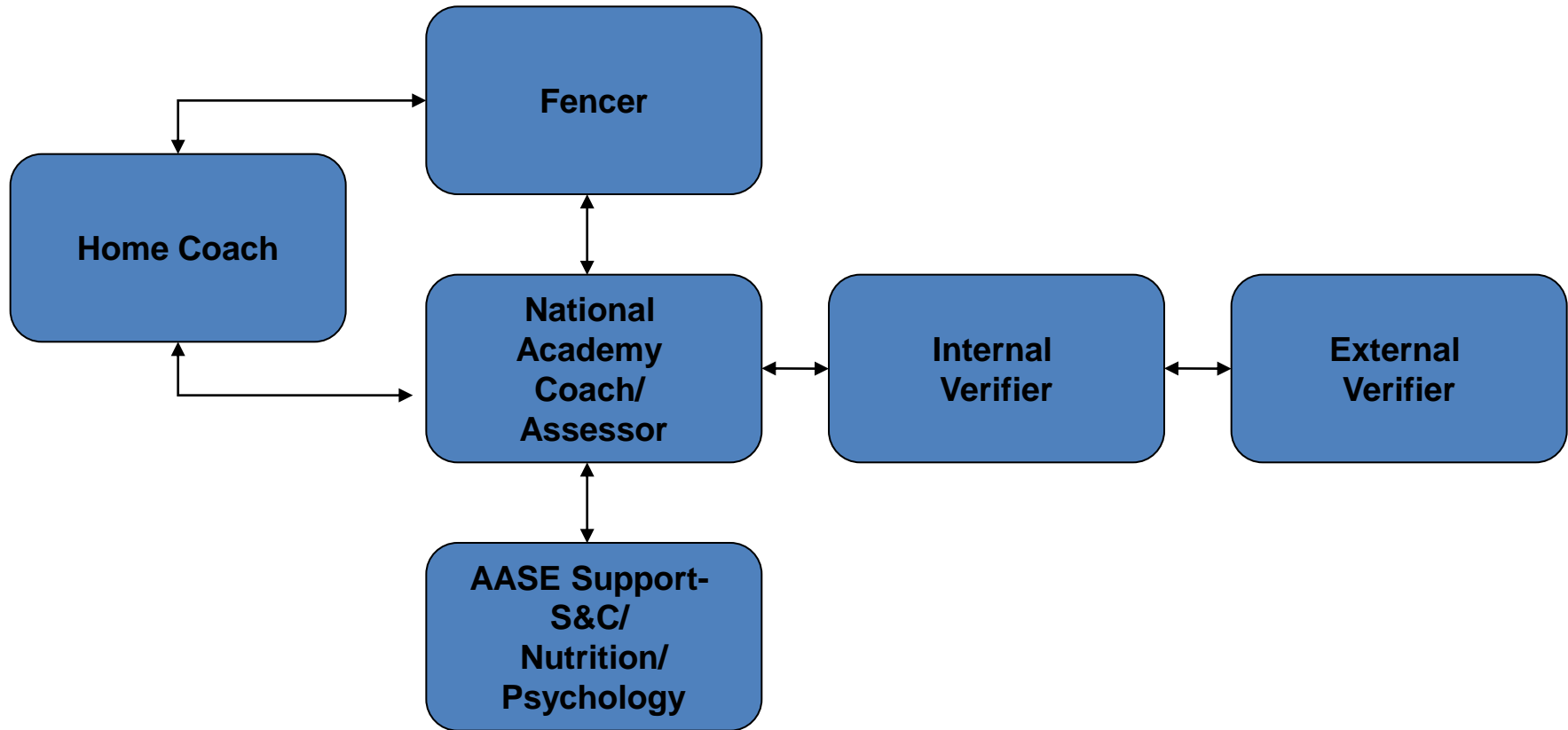


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AASE- How it works...





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University Entrance

- At present the AASE qualification does not carry any UCAS points
- UCAS currently undertaking a review and AASE should have UCAS points assigned once review complete
- AASE will enhance a personal statement and has made the difference between being accepted and rejected for many AASE athletes
- Examples of Universities that recognise AASE:-
 - Birmingham
 - Bath
 - Loughborough
 - Leeds Carnegie

AASE Success Story



Rebecca Adlington

Graduated from AASE:

Achievements: Double Olympic Gold Medallist

“My AASE apprenticeship with the Amateur Swimming Association provided me with high quality training whilst giving me the opportunity to gain qualifications at the same time. Winning two gold medals in Beijing and breaking a world record was the greatest achievement of my life and hopefully we’ll see many of the graduating and new AASE apprentices competing for Great Britain over the next few years.”

AASE Facts



- The programme is designed to make you better fencers and athletes, prepared for a life in sport, i.e. it is not there just to fund what you do now
- Available to fencers resident in England only
- Fencers must be aged 16, 17 or 18 on the 1st September in the academic year
- Fencers must have completed their GCSE year before starting AASE
- Fencers must commit to being part of the National Academy for 2 years
- Employment ministerial exemption, i.e. most apprentices are paid, athletes on AASE are not
- Olympic/ Paralympic and Commonwealth Sports exempt from ASCLA legislation around mandatory payment of apprentices @ £2.50 per hour for a minimum of 16 hours a week

AASE Financial Support



- National Academy regional and National weekend sessions at £10 per day
- AASE fencers selected for international trips can claim a grant of £200 once per season
- 35% discount on the Winter training camp (not a core part of the programme)
- National Academy Summer residential at £100
- National Academy tracksuit & AASE kit
- Extra training days at no cost
- Portfolio materials & information, including backup system
- Extra staff time at National Academy sessions



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AASE Contacts

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Over to Jon Wyse.....