

British Fencing Achievement Awards - Epee



Grade 1

Demonstrate: (with coach or partner)

- 1. The grip
- 2. The salute
- 3. The on guard
- 4. Steps forward and backward
- 5. The lunge and recovery
- 6. Direct attack with lunge to hand, arm, and body
- 7. Opposition hitting in sixte and quarte as attacks and in defence

Describe:

- 1. How to use your epee safely
- 2. How to fence safely
- 3. The target area
- 4. The principles of fencing with the epee
- 5. Fencing etiquette

Grade 2

Demonstrate: (with coach or partner)

While following your partner's steps forward and backward:

- 1. Maintain fencing line
- 2. Maintain correct distances and each time your partner
- Hit to arm with a short lunge
- Hit to body with a full lunge
- 3. Maintain correct distance and each time your partner pauses, hit to arm with a short lunge and continue immediately with an opposition attack to body with a full lunge

From a stationary position:

- 4. Engagements in sixte, quarte and octave and changes of engagements
- 5. Disengage attack with lunge to hand, arm, and body on partner's:-
- Engagement in sixte
- Engagement in quarte
- 6. Circular parries in sixte and quarte with opposition riposte
- 7. A remise to body following:
- Attack to arm
- Riposte to arm

Describe:

- 1. Courteous and respectful behaviour and fencers "Pledge of Honour" (cf. t.84)
- 2. Parts of the epee
- 3. Dimensions of the piste

Grade 3

Demonstrate: (with coach or partner)

While following your partner's steps forward and backward:

- 1. Maintain correct distance and each time your partner pauses, make a false attack to arm with a half lunge and then attack to body with opposition and a full lunge
- 2. Maintain correct distance and each time your partner attacks to body with a step lunge counter-attack to arm and follow with circular parry and opposition riposte
- 3. Direct attack to body with full lunge on one of your partner's steps forward
- 4. Disengage attack to arm or body as your partner attempts to engage in sixte or quarte

From a stationary position:

- 5. Semi-circular parry to octave
- Opposition riposte
- Detached riposte
- 6. Opposition attacks and counter-attacks in octave
- 7. Beats and change beats in sixte, quarte, septime, and octave
- 8. A redoublement to body following:
- Attack to arm
- Riposte to arm

Describe:

- 1. Simple actions in opposition and detachment
- 2. Remise and redoublement
- 3. Rules regarding the boundaries of the piste
- 4. Double hits, scoring and timekeeping
- 5. Duties of referee and floor judges

Grade 4

Demonstrate: (with coach or partner)

While following your partner's steps forward and backward:

- 1. When your partner attacks to body with a lunge, counterattack with:-
- Opposition in sixte
- Opposition in octave
- 2. Maintain step-lunge distance and each time your partner attacks to body with a steplunge, Counter-attack to arm and follow this with a parry to octave and riposte in opposition
- 3. Maintain correct distance and when your partner pauses. Attack to arm with a beat direct with lunge: continue with a redoublement to arm whilst recovering each time your partner parries with a step forward
- 4. Maintain correct distance and when your partner pauses:
- Attack to arm with a beat disengage
- Attack to body with a beat disengage

From a stationary position:

- 5. One-two and double compound attacks to arm and body
- 6. Parry of quarte with opposition riposte

Describe:

- 1. Scoring on a pool sheet: first and second indicators
- 2. Simple and compound attacks
- 3. Electrical recording apparatus
- 4. Fencers electric equipment
- 5. Test weight and gauges
- 6. Testing the electric equipment before the start of a
- 7. Rules regarding faults in a fencer's equipment before and during a bout

Grade 5

Demonstrate: (with coach or partner)

While following your partner's steps forward and backward:

- 1. Attack to your partner's arm with:-
- One-two with lunge
- Double with lunge
- 2. Maintain correct distance and step forward with a feint to arm then:-
- Deceive your partner's parry of quarte and lunge to body finishing in opposition
- Deceive your partner's parry of sixte and lunge to body finishing in opposition
- 3. Maintain correct distance and when your partner pauses, step forward to engage blades in sixte, quarte, octave then:-
- Attack to arm with direct and indirect attacks
- Attack to body with direct and indirect attacks

From a Stationary Position:

- 4. Successive parries
- 5. Hits with angulation
- 6. Direct attack to body with
- 7. Attacks and ripostes using a bind and a croise

Describe:

- 1. Second-intention actions
- 2. How the electric epee works and how to correct errors in the travel and compression springs

Demonstrate

3. Referee hand signals for a normal epee bout

Grade 6

Demonstrate: (with coach or partner)

While following your partner's steps forward and backward:

- 1. Angulated hits around your partner's wrist
- 2. Maintain correct distance and choose the moment for a direct attack to body with fleche
- 3. Defend against your partner's compound attacks using successive parries with opposition ripostes
- 4. Maintain step-lunge distance and step forward to draw your partner's hit to arm and attack to body using a bind

From a stationary position:

- 5. Attacks and ripostes using envelopment
- 6. Direct and indirect renewals using reprises with lunge and
- 7. Actions with rassemblement

Describe:

- 1. Counter-time actions 3. Use of preparations
- 2. Tactical use of corps-a-corps

Demonstrate

4. Referee a fight for 5 hits correctly using hand signals