

The University of Manchester

Website	www.umfencing.co.uk		
Facebook and Twitter	University of Manchester fencing club 2013/2014		
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: Jennifer Schofield Coach: Andrew Vincent		
Size of fencing club	50		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	£65 per annum for intermediates and up. £30 per semester for beginners		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Sugden Centre, Manchester, with space for 5 pistes and the equipment for them, no personal storage but spare kit available		
Coach(es)	Andrew Vincent, Jackie Redikin, John Worsley		
Additional coaching costs			
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	£35 per course, runs for a semester (10 weeks), coached by john worsley		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	<p>Beginners train on Tuesday , 8:30-10:30pm Intermediate/advanced on Thursday 8:30-10:30pm</p> <p>For intermediates usually have 4 pistes, run sessions for footwork at the start of the night and then some free fencing, with personal lessons and also group training.</p>		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	A real mix. We have beginners, intermediates and people who fence nationally and internationally. No weapon speciality, all are welcome.		
Does the club run out of term time?	No		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Yes		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's	Premier North	3rd
	Women's	Premier North	5th
	Men's second	Northern 2a	4th
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes, and entry fees are paid for		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes, we mostly club together to drive to nearer ones and try and all stay together for further away competitions.		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	no		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	Yes! We go to the pub after training (of course). But we also hold regular socials including a beginners night curry, Christmas party and summer ball.		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Yes. Scholarships are available on 3 levels, bronze, silver and gold, the money awarded depends on the level. Physio is given to all team fencers in the case of an injury. For scholarship information see http://www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/sport-scholarships		
Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	Hannah Lawrence (epee), Greg St-Claire Jones (epee), Hannah loryman (epee), Hannah burn (foil), Mike Salter (sabre), Andrew Fenwick (epee), Jennifer Schofield (foil)		
What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	The mix of weapons and abilities, everyone talks to everyone and it creates a really great atmosphere.		

What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	The hours mean it is sometimes too late for some people to want to attend (finishing at 10:30pm)		
Anything else we should know?			
Any advice for prospective applicants			
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	Stockport Swords	Manchester Fencing Club	
Cost to join	£5 a night	£6 a night	
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Didsbury, manchester	Stalybridge, Manchester	
Coach(es)	Andy Vincent, mike marshall,	Robert kiss and others	
Additional coaching costs	no	no	
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	On arrival	See website	
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)	Monday and weds 8:30 -10:30pm 3 pistes, free fencing and individual lessons	Thursdays 7-9:30 pm 5 pistes, free fencing	
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Mixed, mostly experienced, speciality epee	Mixed, foil mostly	
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	no	no	
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?	no	no	
Do club members attend opens competitions?	yes	yes	
Any other information?			