

University of Nottingham 2015/16

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| Website | http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/sports/sport/Fencing/ | | |
| Facebook & Twitter | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/32331237208/> <https://twitter.com/uon_fencing> | | |
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| Size of Club | Approx 90 | | |
| Cost to join AU and fencing club (2014/5 prices) | Athletic Union Membership - £135 (see [here](https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport/membership/membershipfees.aspx) for what it includes)  Club Membership £40. No further training or coaching fees needed. | | |
| Venue Details  (for 2015/16 to be confirmed) | Mondays – Main Campus Sport Centre – 19.30-21.30 Beginners & Team Sparing  Tuesday – Main Campus Sports Centre – 17.30-19.00 Fencing Fitness & Sparing  Tuesday – Sutton Bonnington Campus – 21:00-22:30 Beginners and Sparing  Thursday – Main Campus Sports Centre – 20:30-22.30pm Team Training/Sparing  Training Days – 5 Sundays per year between October and February  No personal kit storage available. | | |
| Coaches | Head Performance Coach – Paul Sibert – Level 4 in all three weapons  Sabre Coach – Mike Bales. David Dobel-Ober (training days only)  Epee Coach – Tony Klenzcar (training days only)  Beginners Coach – David Beck | | |
| Additional Coaching Costs | All individual coaching within the club environment is included. | | |
| Details of beginners courses | Monday and Tuesday evening one on each of the campuses. Included in club membership. | | |
| Club night information | 4 badminton court area. Up to 10 electric boxes available.  S&C warm up and footwork followed by fencing. Free fencing, team fencing and themed fencing. Individual lessons given on a sign up basis/teams prioritised | | |
| Composition of Club | Caters for all 3 weapons to a good standard. | | |
| Does the Club run outside term time | Yes, where demand is there. Coach will gauge demand. | | |
| Club equipment to use for training and competitions. | Yes, available to use on club nights and can be signed out for use at competitions | | |
| Teams entered into BUCS leagues and finishing positions in 2014/15 | Team | League 2015/16 | Position 2014/15 |
| Men’s First | Midland 1A | 2nd |
| Men’s Second | Midland 2A | 3rd |
| Women’s First | Premier | 1st (Midland 1A) |
| Women’s Second | Midland 1A | 9th |
| Women’s First Won the BUCS Trophy in 2014/15 | | |
| Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals and does the AU pay for transport and entry fees | Yes, up to the maximum allowed per weapon.  All fees and travel are paid including accommodation if needed. | | |
| Do club members attend open competitions? | Yes – usually local ones. Travel and entry costs can be paid by the club, where considered useful training. | | |
| Do you have other regular matches, friendlies and local leagues | Limited, but we do have involvement with local fencing including university fencers turning out for the Excalibur and the Winton Cup. | | |
| What about social events After training, dinners, parties | Usually go to the pub after training. Two social reps arrange regular nights out, Christmas meal and annual formal | | |
| Can elite fencers get grants/scholarships/bursaries | Yes. Scholarships are available ranging from free AU membership and S&C to four figure monetary awards, depending on previous achievement. Award will be communicated before acceptance of offer. | | |
| Hall of Fame – list some current fencers or recent alumni. | No current fencers have representative honours | | |
| What is the best thing about your university fencing club? | The team spirit and togetherness which has taken a club without superstars to achieve well in BUCS events. With 4 teams, over 30 fencers have experienced BUCS league fencing. | | |
| What is the worst thing about your university fencing club? | There are no downsides, we’re awesome! | | |
| Anything else we should know? | For the 2015/16 academic year we will be in a superb quality temporary facility while a massive new sports centre is completed which will contain a semi dedicated fencing sale. | | |
| Any advice for prospective applicants | Simple, join us. You’ll have a great time. | | |
| Local Clubs | **Chilwell Blades** (<http://www.chilwellblades.co.uk/> )  Wednesday Nights – Specialises in Sabre and Epee. Club members have competed in Senior Commonwealth Games | | |
|  | **Nottingham Cavaliers** (<http://www.nottinghamcavaliers.co.uk/> )  Friday Nights – Specialises in Foil. Club members have represented Great Britain and European and World Veterans championships. | | |
|  | **Arnold & Carlton Sword** (<http://nottinghamfencing.com/> )  Monday and Wednesday nights - Specialises in foil with a much younger profile. Members have represented England at U15 level and been on GBR cadet squads. | | |