



JWCs - Guide for Personal Coaches

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1. Purpose

This document is intended as a guide for personal coaches wishing to be part of the GB squads at nominated Junior World Cups for the 2016/17 season. It is intended to consolidate the information contained in the information Guide for Parents and Athletes, the Guide for Performance Team Managers, on the BF website and relevant BF policies.

2. Background

As of September 2016, British Fencing (BF) can no longer guarantee to send a coach to attend every JWC event. BF may choose to send an officially appointed BF Squad Coach. The BF Squad Coach will be confirmed at selection and will be sent at no additional cost to the individual fencers.

Fencers/parents/clubs and or groups of athletes may organise personal coaches to attend. This can be as individual or where no BF appointed Squad Coach exists on a squad basis. All costs must be covered by the parties concerned as BF or Sport:80 will not be held accountable for any costs.

These personal coaches are welcome to be part of the GB Squad (and thus be 'accredited coaches' for the purpose of this document) under the 'terms and conditions' summarised below.

British Fencing have appointed three Lead Performance Team Managers - one for foil, epee and sabre.

Lead Performance Team Managers and their contact details will be published on the British

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Fencing Website

For the 2016-17 season

- Foil: [Lorraine Rose](#)
- Epee: [Marie-Pauline McKinnon](#)
- Sabre: [Pat Aiyenuro](#)

LPTMs will act as the primary point of contact for the Performance Team Managers (PTM) assigned to JWCs. For some JWCs the LPTM will also be the acting PTM.

PTMs will be the primary person in charge of the GB Squad for the duration of the JWC event (between specified entry and exit times). The primary role of the PTM is to manage the logistics and welfare to support the performance of the athletes. They will also be responsible for upholding the GB Squad culture and where necessary managing the associated actions and behaviour.

PTMs will work with the official BF Squad Coaches and accredited personal coaches as appropriate. Where a Squad Coach is appointed, the Squad Coach will be automatically delegated responsibility for managing performance related matters.

For more information about the LPTMs and the PTMs please visit http://britishfencing.com/GBR/juniors/information_for_athletes_and_parents/

3. Terms and Conditions

- All coaches must be on the BF Coaches Register (or National equivalent for coaches working outside of the UK) and agree to operate under all relevant BF [Codes of Conduct](#)
- If personal coaches wish to attend and be treated as part of the GB Squad (e.g. stay in the squad hotel, included in squad meals/meetings etc.), written consent must be obtained from BF via the LPTM. BF retains the right to refuse approval for personal coaches to join the squad on the basis of disciplinary record, safeguarding and ability to work constructively with appointed officials (including any appointed Squad Coach) within the BF Codes of Conduct. BF will not be liable for any costs incurred by a coach on the assumption that approval will be granted.
- Accredited personal coaches will not need to apply separately for each event once permission has been given but they must inform the LPTM in advance each time they intend to travel. Should they not do so, or they subsequently breach BF Codes of Conduct then permission to be part of the squad may be revoked.

4. Expectations, roles and responsibilities

- Accredited personal coaches are welcome to stay in the team hotel and join in any group activities as may be arranged e.g. squad meals (at own personal cost), squad meetings etc.
- Accredited personal coaches may choose to travel on the same flights as the PTM or referees and take advantage of any organised group transport. Unfortunately this cannot be guaranteed, so we would advise coaches considering travelling to contact [Sport:80](#) at the earliest opportunity.
- Accredited personal coaches can, if they own one, wear a GBR tracksuit, otherwise should wear appropriate kit. They are also welcome to purchase Junior Squad GB tracksuits/kit (as and when these items become available).
- Accredited personal coaches should at all times uphold the core values of British Fencing – Honesty, Excellence and Respect.
- In the event that there is no officially appointed BF Squad Coach, the accredited personal coach may volunteer to act as the team coach for the team competition. This offer should be made in advance via the LPTMs who will liaise with BF and the athletes.
- The PTM has the authority to decide what is best for the welfare of the squad as a whole at all times between the entry and exit points. From time to time the PTM or Squad Coach will need to take decisions which may be in the best interest of the squad rather than an individual athlete, or find a compromise between opposing athlete/coach needs. Please respect the PTM and/or Squad Coach choices and support them in their roles.