

FAQ's for Fencing in the Scouts

Q1 Fencing looks like fun and I know my section would love to have a try, how do I go about getting a qualification to run it as an internal 'scout led' activity?

A1 *You need to enrol onto a Core Coach Fencing course which is a full days basic skills and coaching course, you are continually assessed throughout the day, certificates are issued and this entitles you to lead fencing sessions.*

Q2 Does Fencing come under the Adventurous Activity Permit scheme?

A2 *No, it is a British Fencing National Governing Body certification, once you have the certificate you can run the activity.*

Q3 What does the qualification entitle me to do (and what does it NOT entitle me to do)?

A3 *Core Coach entitles the holder to instruct up to 12 youngsters with plastic or metal kit within the parameters of the Core Coach qualification. It does not entitle you to deliver individual lessons or anything beyond what you have covered in Core Coach.*

Q4 Am I insured to run the activity?

A4 *Once you have attended (and passed) the course you are covered under the normal Scout Association insurance for 'scout led' activities. Activity instruction which is bought-in is covered by the British Fencing National Governing Body certification - provided the coach is qualified to Core Coach (or higher - see Q8 below). You details are held on a separate British Fencing register, which insures you to run sessions with groups such as GirlGuiding and other organisations which may ask you to run taster sessions for them.*

Q5 Does fencing count towards badge work?

A5 **Beavers**, Health and Fitness Activity Badge, Sports Activity Badge,
Cubs, Sports Enthusiast Activity Badge,
Scouts, Physical Recreation Activity Badge, Master at Arms Badge,
Explorers, Physical Recreation Activity Badge,
British Fencing have mapped the Go Fence Bronze Badge to help achieve the badge work, as well as achieving the British Fencing Go Fence Bronze Award.

Q6 I've got a qualification to run fencing using the plastic kit, can I take things further?

A6 *Yes, you would need to enrol onto a Introduction to Fencing course which looks at the individuals ability to coach the sport in more depth and covers technique and the technical elements of the sport in more detail.*

Q7 We want to 'buy in' the activity using a qualified coach, how can I check if they are qualified?

A7 *British fencing have an up to date coach register which indicates the certification level of the individual by weapon, all British Fencing coaches listed have up to date disclosure checks, basic first aid certification and 'keeping youngsters safe' module. Link to the register:
http://britishfencing.com/courses/coach/coach_register/*