

Good morning British,

How could self-reflection benefit your club? 2611-1616CF10U

The main focus of this Club Digest is for your club to take a step back, look at where you are and reflect on how you would like to progress over the next 12 to 18 months.

Being able to assess parts of your club that may have stagnated over the last few years is important to the long term future of your club. Adapting to suit the needs of your members, ensuring they are satisfied with the service you offer and having peace of mind that you have all the policies, processes and development plans in place to be a successful beacon in your community, must be a continual objective.

We know for a number of clubs this is could be a new and unknown area however the outputs upon completion can be astounding and highly beneficial to your club. It can be a thought-provoking exercise that offers ideas to take your club to the next level.

The three sections below will direct you to useful self assessment tools and provide insight from four clubs that have recently completed ClubMark, who discuss the importance of reflection and the positive impact it has had on the club. Remember, do not do this in isolation, sit with your coaches, volunteers, members and parents to help you put change into motion and move the club forward.

[The Club Improvement Tool...](#)

This helps you create a personalised improvement plan by assessing your club's strengths and weaknesses. The tool has a new look and feel, as well as incorporating Sport England's new guidance on topics like incorporation, women and girls and governance. It takes minutes to complete: answer a series of questions to create your plan, and there are links to support you and helpful resources at the end.

[British Fencing's ClubMark Self Assessment Document...](#)

Whether or not your club would like to complete ClubMark (the universally acknowledged cross sport accreditation scheme for community sports Clubs), this tool will take you through the latest criteria and give you the opportunity to visually see your strengths and areas for improvement. You are required to honestly score your club, 0 = none , 1 = some and 2 = all, your scores will be calculated and added up to give you a % completion rate of each section.

[ClubMark Q&A with fencing clubs...](#)

Paul Davis Fencing Academy, Foiled Again, Radcliffe Sword Club and Roselyon School Fencing Club have all recently been through a journey of self assessment, reflection, improvement and learning, to all be awarded ClubMark. Four Clubs of varying backgrounds, objectives and strengths working towards a common objective. They have all answered a selection of questions to share their experience of ClubMark with the fencing community and the importance of self reflection.

GDPR: SUPPORT FOR YOUR CLUB

On the 25th May 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force.

Earlier this year, the [January Club Digest](#) featured an article on GDPR which summarised the latest information from industry experts from within and outside the sport sector.

British Fencing received a large number of questions from clubs, coaches, event organisers, members and volunteers on a variety of topics such as;

- Does **GDPR** really affect my fencing club?
- What should I do when uploading members to **Sport80**?
- Could you provide example wording to use on the **membership** sign up form?
- What if my club organises **events**, do we need to add anything to the booking form?
- I looked at the impact of the existing **UK Data Protection Act** on my club and am happy that my club is compliant, so what is new about GDPR?
- I regularly **communicate** with my members via email, whats new?
- I've read all the articles - what do I do **now**?

When writing that feature piece, we asked ourselves is that enough? We listened to the questions and have since created further advice specific for everyone involved with fencing to access, use and implement across clubs, events, membership and communication. To access this free of charge guide head to the British Fencing website via the button below!

[GDPR Guide](#)



2018 COMMONWEALTH
JUNIOR & CADET
FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS
NEWCASTLE // ENGLAND

England Fencing are delighted to formally announce that Newcastle is going to be the host city for the 2018 Junior and Cadet Commonwealth Championships!

Beth Davidson, England Fencing Director of Representative Fencing *“This is a great opportunity for our Home Nation youth fencers and the North East Region!”*

I thank the team who put the bid together and venue partner, Northumbria University, who have made this possible!”

[See the full announcement here.](#)

Is your club based in the North West, North East or Yorkshire Regions?

Volunteers from your club are needed to join the Touche Toon Army for the following roles:

- Leaders for fencing taster sessions
- Piste-side assistants
- Teams support attaches
- Armoury
- Welcome and Information points
- Competition communications
- Officials and fencers areas

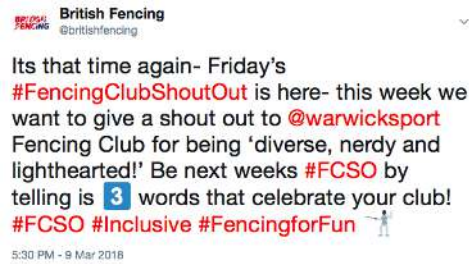
To be part of this amazing event and join the Touche Toon Army, follow the link below and you can access free training, event kit and an unforgettable experience! For any questions, contact Beth Davidson, [here](#).

**Join the Touche Toon
Army**

#FCSO

Is your club active on Twitter? Do you want recognition for the great work your club does for your local community? We want to hear from you!

We have recently started #FencingClubShoutOut also known as #FCSO to interact with clubs via social media. You can see the most recent two tweets here:



Every Friday afternoon we will choose a club at random to be given a shout out! All you have to do to be in for the chance of being tomorrow's Fencing Club Shout Out is simply tweet us with 3 words that best describe your club and wait to see if you are the lucky winner!

Top tip: the more inventive the words, the more you'll stand out! #FCSO

[Tweet us now...](#)

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The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods. There is no deadline and applications are accepted at any time.

Awards for All are for community groups, not-for-profit groups, Parish or Town Councils, Health bodies, and schools.

You can apply for a range of things such as equipment, one-off events, small capital projects, staff costs, training costs, transport, utilities/running costs and volunteer expenses.

Head over to the National Lottery website below to learn more and start your online application!

[Awards for All](#)



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