



Dear British,

All the latest information for BF clubs

CLUB ADVICE

BEHIND THE MASK: BF LAUNCHES A MAJOR FENCING SURVEY - TAKE PART TODAY!

BF has launched 'Behind the Mask', a major survey, supported by our funding bodies, to gather essential data about what motivates people to fence. Members are invited to complete the survey and help gather a full picture of the mindset 'Behind the Mask', to help inform and develop our sport.

The *Behind the Mask* survey has now launched and is open to all BF members. In 2014, Crowd DNA conducted research into understanding more about young British fencers including how they relate to fencing and the role that it plays in their lifestyle. By overlaying insight from their Tribes youth research we identified key attitudes and behaviours that fencers shared, helping to inform how to best target new fencers. Almost seven years on, British Fencing would like to revitalise this study to update their audience understanding and continue engaging with potential fencers of the future.

Georgina Usher, BF's CEO says, "As an NGB, it's important that we understand our members, going beyond basic demographics and really getting to the heart of the community we serve. We

use this insight in all sorts of ways, including to enhance funding bids which, when successful, provide vital investment into supporting and growing our community. This is incredibly important at this critical time as we return to fencing. This insight also plays a crucial role in helping us to attract new members whilst also developing a deeper understanding of our increasingly diverse community.”

The ‘Behind the Mask’ survey is now open. It takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. There is an option to enter for a chance to win £300 cash prize (terms and conditions apply*).

[BE INVOLVED. TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS WITH ALLIANZ

ALLIANZ SPORTS FUND

BF has been given access to a fund set up by Allianz through our partnership with Bluefin Sport. We are able to offer clubs access to apply for grants to help sports clubs get back on their feet post pandemic.

Allianz are offering grants between £500 - £3000 for those community clubs who need it most. Awards are to help sports clubs meet their obligations, continue to provide opportunities within their local community and ease the financial impact as a result of coronavirus.

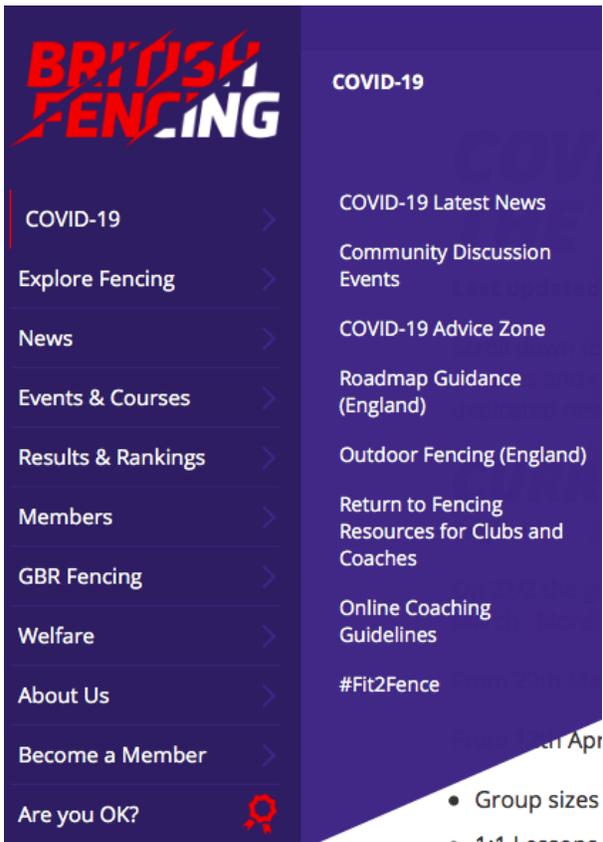
Applications for the next round of funding are open and will close on the **8th October 2021**.

Full information can be found [here](#) including how to apply. When completing your application please contact Hannah (hannah.gavin@britishfencing.com) for the relevant required broker name and information

COVID-19 LATEST

There is a lot of information to take in around COVID-19 and how it will affect sports clubs in the future.

Here's our guide to the BF website so you can keep up with all the latest.



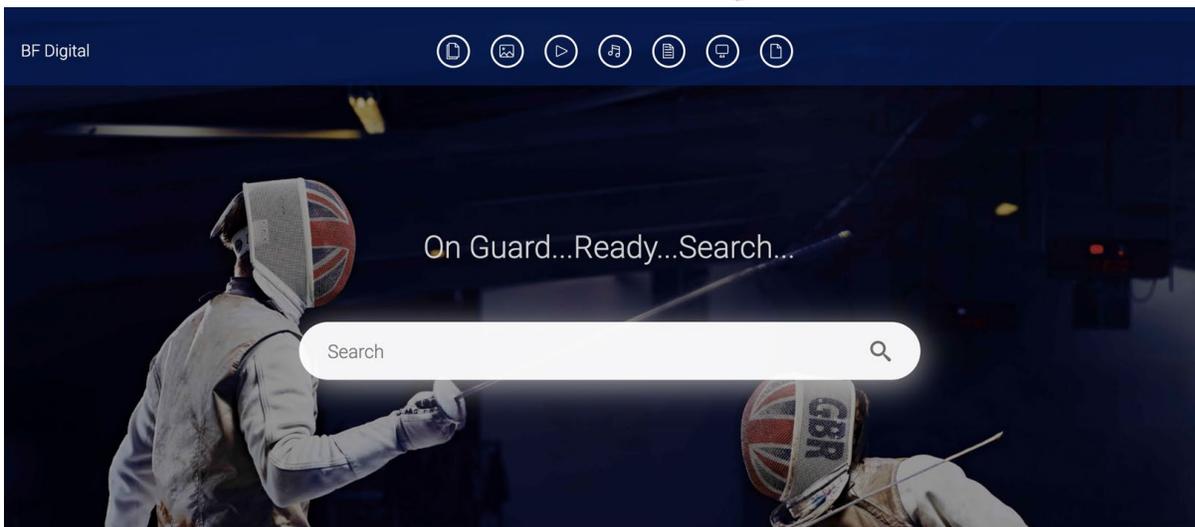
COVID-19 ZONE

This zone sits at the top of the main website menu, here you can find all the **'Latest News'** relating to COVID as well as the **'Advice Zone'** which highlights the current status for all Home Countries and where to head to find out more.

There is also a dedicated page for current **'Roadmap Guidance'** with an explanation of what is possible at each stage and what is expected to change as we move forward.

Finally the **'Return to Fencing Resources'** section details everything you need to get back to fencing including the latest Fencing Guidelines document and FAQs.

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Free Marketing Assets for BF Affiliated Clubs

Click on the albums below to access social media images and posters for the audience best suited to your club

BF DIGITAL - A NEW PORTAL FOR CLUBS

BF has launched a new home for digital assets, providing clubs with imagery for their social media and websites. The assets are approved and available to download free to all BF affiliated clubs.

WHATS ON OFFER?

Members can use the search function to discover what's available. You can search via a platform, i.e. 'Facebook', to see all compatible items, or search by theme, i.e. GB League, to find all assets in that category.

The portal has launched with several asset packs to help clubs attract new members as we return to fencing. There is also a campaign pack available to help clubs share the free BF 90-day Introduction to Fencing membership.

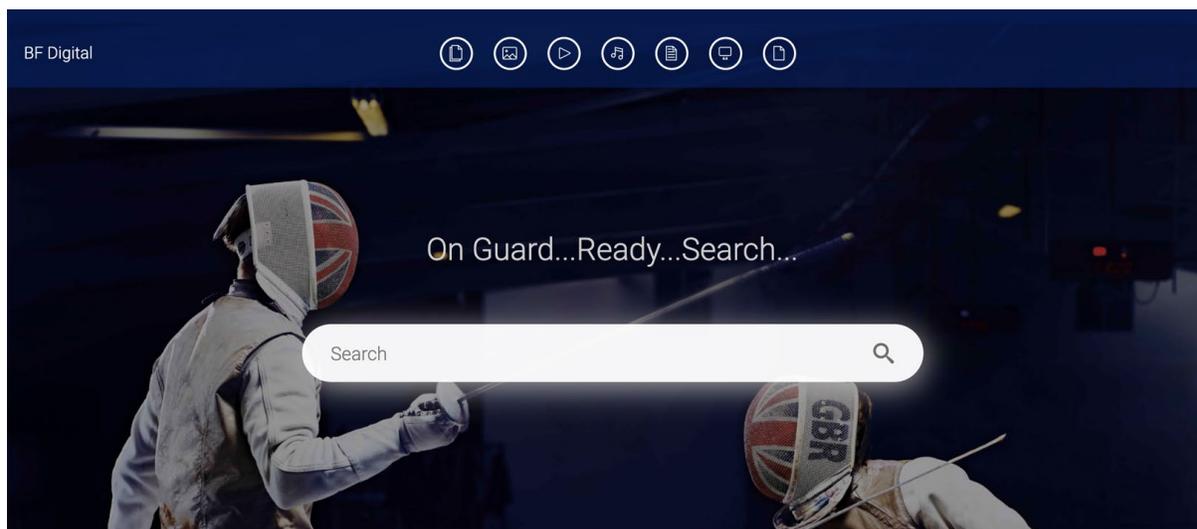
The portal also includes annual campaign imagery for clubs to download and support themes throughout the year.

Members, partners and clubs are invited to browse the BF Digital portal from September 2021. New asset packs will be announced on our website when they are released onto the portal.

Assets can be requested via the asset request form on the portal. If you have imagery that you would like to share on the portal for general use, or if you would like to request a campaign asset pack, please email media@britishfencing.com

A step by step guide to the portal can be found [here](#).

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BF PERKS - LIFESTYLE SAVINGS & WELLBEING FOR MEMBERS

BF Perks is now available for all valid BF members, offering financial savings at hundreds of retailers, as well as learning, wellbeing and fitness modules.

BF Perks is a new section within the BF membership platform, that gives members access to financial savings, wellbeing tracking, learning opportunities and fitness activities. Valid members can access BF Perks at no extra cost via a new tab within the membership platform. Click on BF Perks when logged in to your membership to access the modules and special offers.

LIFESTYLE SAVINGS

Save money on your weekly shop, holiday bookings, insurance, computers, home improvements and more. There are thousands of offers across retailers with more offers added every week.

LEARNING

BF Membership now opens up a host of learning opportunities for members to increase their skills off the piste. Brush up on your languages and presentation skills or try something completely new. There are hundreds of high quality courses from top learning providers. Over 92% of courses are free.

MOVE

The Move module includes video workouts that can be completed at home. Use Deskercise to stretch whilst working from home, increase your core strength with Pilates, or improve your flexibility with some yoga sessions.

WELLBEING

BF Membership now offers a new way to track and maintain your wellbeing. The wellbeing module takes you through simple questions to help you monitor your sleep, mood and more. Complete sets of short questions to start your wellbeing path. Discover breathing, sleep assistance and meditation recordings as well as simple tasks to keep you on track.

To access BF Perks, ensure you have a valid membership. If your membership has lapsed, renew to access the BF Perks tab.

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REMEMBER TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR RETURN TO FENCING TASKS AS WE LOOK TO A NEW SEASON

Search 'Return to Fencing' on any of our platforms to stay up to date with the latest.

You can also subscribe to our new weekly summary email – The Fencing Digest – featuring the previous week's latest news and announcements. [Sign up here](#).

UPDATE YOUR CLUB'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Make sure all contacts on your club profile are up to date to ensure that the club is kept in the loop with all the latest information.

1. **CLUB ADMINS** - Check your club details are up to date on the Sport80 membership platform. We are still getting a number of undelivered messages when we send emails, to club contacts. Please ask your club secretary to check and update the club profile if necessary.
2. **COACHES AND WELFARE OFFICERS** - It's a good time to check that all your coaches and welfare officers are up to date with their required certificates. Remember you can add them to our online Coach Register and Welfare Officer lists (see our requirements for coaches [here](#) and welfare officer guidance [here](#)).
3. **COVID-19 OFFICERS** - We are requesting that clubs as part of their return to play practices appoint a COVID-19 Officer. To register your COVID-19 Officer on the membership platform please see instructions [here](#).
4. **MEMBERS** - Encourage your members to check their own details are up to date on the Sport80 membership platform.

[Follow the instructions here](#)

UPDATE YOUR CLUB'S RISK ASSESSMENT

It is important for all clubs to not only have an up to date Risk Assessment but also have a plan in place to refresh and review processes on a regular basis as activity returns.

As clubs look to return to fencing for the new season, now is a good time to start to build a framework for a risk assessment. There is also added importance of planning regular reviews to ensure that processes implemented remain fit for purpose.

Hannah Gavin, BF's Development Officer for Clubs and Regions, has put together a video guide to

writing a club risk assessment that can be seen on BF's YouTube channel [here](#). For further guidance, check out BF's sample risk assessments on the [Return to Fencing Resource Page](#).

Please remember that BF are here to advise and if you would like help with your risk assessment please don't hesitate to get in touch; hannah.gavin@britishfencing.com.

Also, clubs can store their up to date risk assessment on their sport80 membership profile;

1. Log into your club's account; www.bf.Sport80.com.
2. Select 'Documents' on the left hand menu
3. Click 'Add Document' in the top right corner of the window
4. From the dropdown menu select 'Covid-19 Risk Assessment' and click 'Next'
5. Upload the file and click 'Add'

GET YOUR NEW, DIGITAL BF MEMBERSHIP CARD TODAY!

Following feedback and discussions with our community, we are pleased to announce that your BF membership now comes with a digital card. The card includes a scannable QR code so that your membership can be checked on the go.

Your card can be downloaded TODAY from the sport80 platform;

1. Log into your account – bfsport80.com
2. On your profile menu click 'Memberships' and then click 'Current' on the status bar
3. On the pop up click 'Resend Membership Email' at the bottom
4. Go to your inbox and the instructions of how to download your card onto your device are at the bottom of the email. You also receive a printable version, including the scannable QR code, so that you can pop it in your wallet.

Remember to keep your sport80 membership details up to date so that you don't miss out on important updates!

For more member tasks like this search 'Return to Fencing' on any of our platforms.

NEWS

A selection of the latest news from BF.

Remember to keep up to date on our website.

[2021 AGM INVITATION TO MEMBERS](#)

The British Fencing Board announces the Annual General Meeting & Forum will be held on Saturday 9th October, 2021, 09.30am, to be held on Zoom.

Dear Member,

On behalf of the British Fencing Board, I invite you to the Annual General Meeting of British Fencing Association Limited to be held on Zoom on Saturday 9th October 2021 at 09:30am, where your Board will invite you...

[THE COST OF RUNNING A BF EVENT EXPLAINED](#)

Following questions from the community, BF provides a summary breakdown of costs incurred in running the September BF events which is factored into entry fees.

As we start to return to fencing and rebuild the sport, we are very much looking forward to seeing events and competitions taking place across the country again. During September we are running three weekends of Cadet and Junior ranking events made up of 24 individual competitions in total, giving young fencers across the...

[BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT - 2021 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS](#)

With only one nomination received for the post of Director, Mary Cohen has been deemed elected to the Board to take office from the next AGM

Only one nomination for the post of Director was received by BF so there is no requirement for an election.

In accordance with Bye Law VI.6(a) & (b), therefore, Mary Cohen has been deemed elected to the Board with effect from Monday 16th August, but will actually take office from the...

[MARCUS MEPSTEAD RETURNS FROM TOKYO - A GAMES LIKE NO OTHER](#)

Marcus Mepstead is heading home from Tokyo after participating in one of the most memorable Olympic Games in world history.

Two times Olympian Mepstead was Team GB's sole fencing representative in Tokyo, having secured the top European qualification slot in an extended qualification period. Currently...

We will continue to update our COVID-19 advice [here](#).

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