

The logo for British Fencing, featuring the words "BRITISH" and "FENCING" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a white outline, giving it a dynamic, energetic feel. The background of the logo is a red triangle pointing to the right.

**BRITISH
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UK Ratings Platform

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We have rankings, why ratings?

The UK Ratings System is a two-year trial programme recently extended to all six weapons aimed at increasing the number of appropriate level competitions for British Fencing members at all levels (ages 13 and above). The ratings system is designed to provide extra incentives to compete, which should benefit fencers, clubs and coaches.

UK Ratings should support and over time accelerate fencers moving from recreational level (GB League in Club) to regular compete level.

The system doesn't replace existing ranking scheme used for international selection

Fencers achieve ratings through competing against other fencers and their final result placement.

Group	Minimum Fencers	Rated Fencers Required	Rated Fencers Must Finish	Classifications Awarded	
E1	6	NONE	N/A	1	E
D1	15	4 E's (or higher)	2 E's (or higher) in top 8	1 2-4	D E
C1	15	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or higher)	2 C's & 2 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 2-4 5-8	C D E
C2	25	4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)	4 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 2-4 5-8	C D E
C3	64	24 D's & 12 E's (or higher)	4 D's in top 8 & 4 E's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 5-8 9-16	C D E
B1	15	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 2-4 5-6 7-8	B C D E
B2	25	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 2-4 5-8 9-12	B C D E

B3	64	24 C's & 12 D's (or higher)	4 C's in top 8 & 4 D's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 5-8 9-16 17-32	B C D E
A1	15	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 2 3-4 5-6 7-8	A B C D E
A2	25	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 2-4 5-8 9-10 11-12	A B C D E
A3	64	24 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 B's in top 8 & 4 C's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 5-8 9-16 17-24 25-32	A B C D E
A4	64	12 A's & 12 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 A's in top 8 & 4 B's (or higher) in top 12	1-8 9-16 17-24 25-32 33-48	A B C D E

Baseline by the numbers

- Since Jan 2022, UK Ratings recorded:
 - Tournaments – 350
 - Events – 2,239
 - Entries – 34,993
 - Licensed Fencers Competing – 6,301
 - Average entries per Licenced Fencer – 5.5

Ratings Distribution

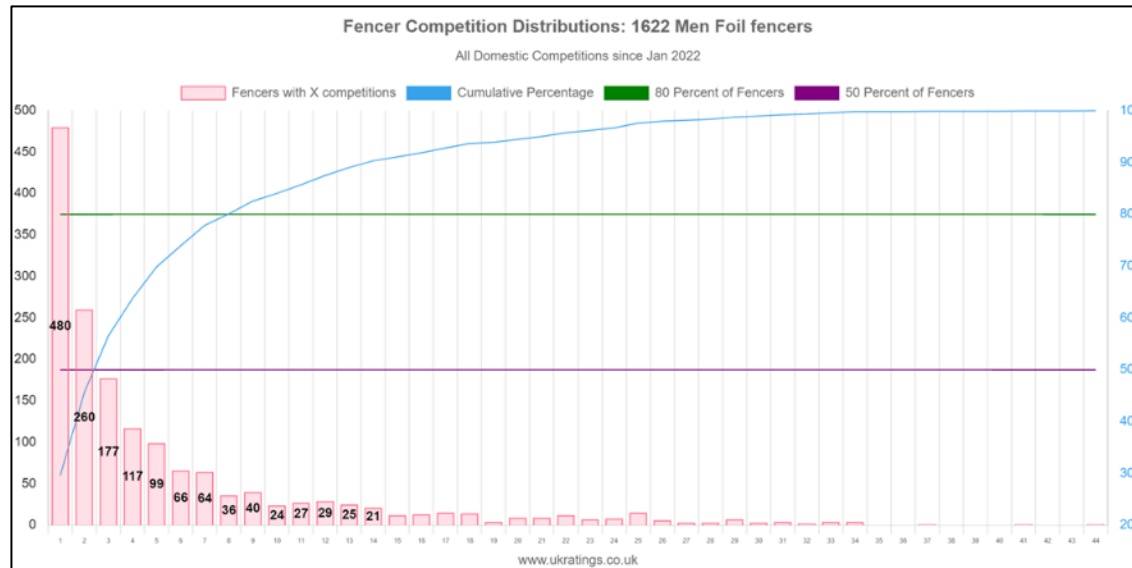
- Since Jan 2022, UK Ratings recorded:
 - Men Foil 1,622
 - Women Foil 820
 - Men Epee 1,685
 - Women Epee 827
 - Men Sabre 927
 - Women Sabre 420
 - Total 6,301
- UK Ratings recorded:
 - A's 2%-4%
 - B's 2%-4%
 - C's 2%-4%
 - D's 2%-4%
 - E's 7%-10%
 - U's 76%-82%

Findings



57% of BF licensed fencers compete, however not very often.


- Two key competing fencer stats (since Jan 2022):
 - 50% of competing fencers average 1 event per year.
 - 80% of competing fencers average 4 or less events per year.




Licensed Fencers: >11,000. Competing Fencers: 6,301


8 2,501 of 34,993 did not have a BF License Number


We can help people choose the right events based on their skill level.

 **10th Leon Paul Foil Open**
10/02/2024 - 11/02/2024 - London, Greater London

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Status Active

Entries On Platform YES

Level Beginners,Novices,Experts

Registrations Open 20/06/23 08:00 (GMT)


10th Leon Paul Foil Open
Leon Paul Fencing Centre
10.02.2024 - 11.02.2024
Mens Events: Foil
Womens Events: Foil
Closing Date: 08.02.2024
[Website](#)

Competition information

RANKED COMPETITION
Level: MF-A2 WF-C1

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Unit 19
: Garrick Industrial Centre
London
Greater London
NW9 6AQ

[Competition Website](#)



Foil (71/84 Entries) (Men Foil)
Potential Rating: A2
Potential NIF: 253

Beginner/immediate fencers could participate in the Leon Paul Open. Unfortunately, it is not an appropriate event and their event experience will be brutal based on the level of the competitors. As a beginner fencer (or parent of a beginner fencer) you need a guide to help you choose the right events.

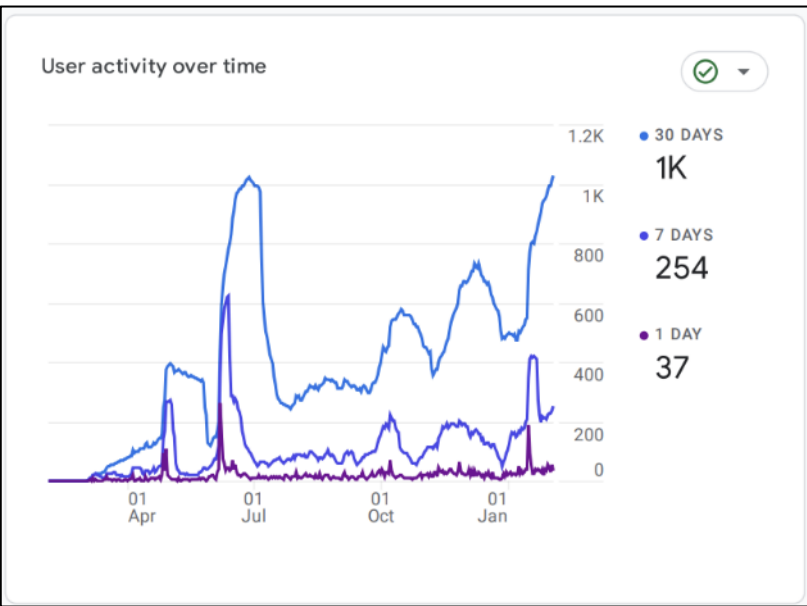
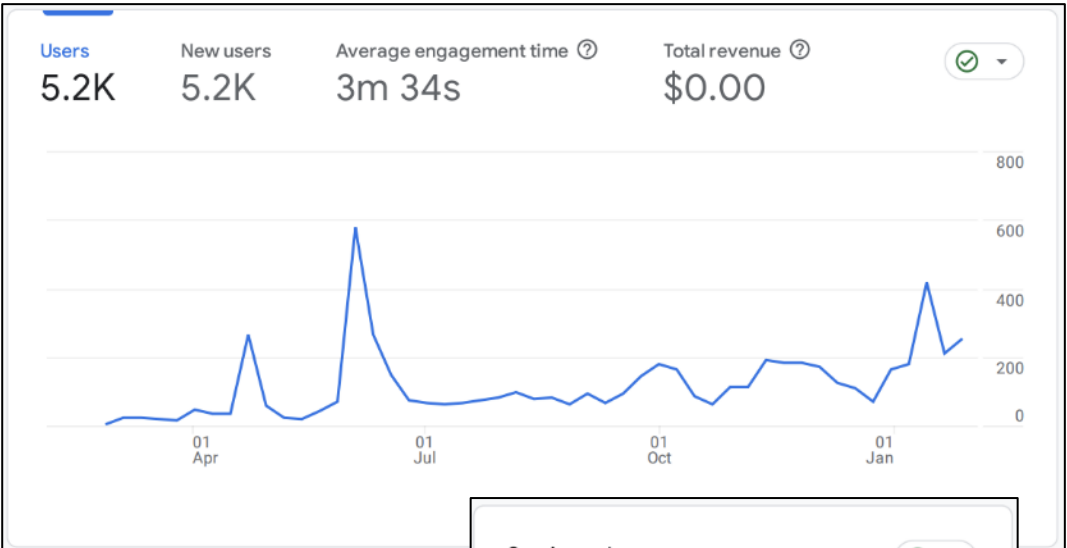
UK Ratings offers an Event Rating A4-E1 as well as an approximate NIF where possible.

Ratings can reasonably predict the outcomes of events.

The higher rated fencers generally do go top of the results.

Warwick Open						
Senior Mens Foil						
27.01.2024						
Gender Men	Weapon Foil	Category Senior				
Fencers 41	NIF 72	Final Rating B2				
Name	Club	Final Position	Final Points	Previous Rating	Earned Rating	Award Date
MONNET Sebastian	Salle Boston	1	1440	A	B	2024
ANSARI Azean	Battersee Foil	2	1239	C	C	2024
ELLIKER Daniel	Salle Boston	3	1092	B	C	2024
EVANS Callum	Chester Fencing : Salle Sciparovs	4	1092	B	C	2024
CARR Ben	Fencers Club London	5	876	D	D	2024
BROOKS SCODELLARO Maxim	ZI W Fencing Club	6	862	D	D	2024
AL-MOHSIN ALI	Fencers Club London	7	849	B	D	2024
BROUGHTON Archie	Louth Fencing Club	8	838	B	D	2024
PRITCHETT Jon	Salle Boston	9	805	U	F	2024
LEE Christopher	None	10	676	U	E	2024
SUNG Velota	Birmingham Fencing Club	11	668	E	E	2024
KERR Joseph	Cocks Moors Woods Fencing Club	12	661	E	E	2024
FOURIAL Jacques	Touche Fencing Club	13	656	U	U	2024
WILLIAMS Tony	Bristol Blades Fencing Club	14	649	U	U	2024
WEBB Benjamin	Birmingham Fencing Club	15	643	B	U	2024
MUSIAIHA Muhl	ZI W Fencing Club	16	638	E	U	2024
DEBOYER Alistair	Nottingham Cavaliers	17	489	U	U	2024
REYNOLDS Adam	None	18	485	U	U	2024
SYSUM DAVID	Cotswold Fencing Club	19	480	U	U	2024
TALBOT Alexander	Club Escrime Winchester	20	476	U	U	2024
SMITH Jacob	University of Leeds Fencing Club	21	472	E	U	2024
MCLAUGHLAN Matthew	Sutton Coldfield Fencing Club	22	468	U	U	2024
STEPHENSON Dominic	Warwick University Fencing Club	23	465	U	U	2024
KMIOTEK Adrian	Cocks Moors Woods Fencing	24	461	U	U	2024

Usage of UKRatings is increasing slowly.



Sessions by Session primary channel group...

SESSION PRIMARY CHAN...	SESSIONS
Organic Search	2.8K
Direct	1.9K
Organic Social	347
Referral	198
Unassigned	6

Implications for competition organisers

- Opportunity to promote your event on the ratings upcoming competition page
- All competitors need to be British Fencing members. Mixed events are acceptable if desired
- In the US, typically there are C and above competitions, DEU competitions and even U events
- No obligation to use these bands. You can still run a simple open, or you can run a plate competition which will be rated too
- However, by separating out the different levels you can handle more overall entries on fewer pistes, requiring fewer referees thereby improving the economics of your competition
- British Fencing will automatically capture results and new ratings from Fencing Time and Engarde, as long as you close the competition in the software

DEU Events improve tournament outcomes: Fencers Club London June 2023

- Originally FCL planned a six-weapon open, but only got four entries for epee and two for sabre. With three weeks to go they cancelled the second day and added in a D/E/U event on the same day as the Foil Open.
- They managed to gather 23 entries, which netted them an additional £1,000 in gross revenues, most of which went to the bottom line since they already had pistes set up and referees.
- The competitors were a good mix of cadets (one of our primary audiences), adult intermediates and a sprinkling of veterans. Half had entered the Open as well.
- FCL will repeat the men's event in June 2024, adding a women's DEU event.

DEU Events improve tournament outcomes: Leon Paul March 2024

- Leon Paul ran a DEU event on March 2, 2024 for men and women's epee and men and women's foil
- A total of 56 competitors entered. ME: 14; WE: 7; MF:25; WF:7
- This compared with a poor previous turnout for previous Leon Paul intermediate competitions
- The event generated pre-tax profits of about £1,500
- The competitors were a mix of adult intermediates and veterans, with some BUCs university fencers
- Leon Paul intends to repeat the event in the autumn

DEU Events improve tournament outcomes: British Senior Nationals

- British Fencing is running its first DEU Nationals competition at the Senior Nationals on 28 April
- This year, men and women's epee and men and women's foil
- Entries limited to 40 per weapon

Implications for fencers

- Fencers who want a higher rating have a new incentive to compete more often
- Intermediate cadet and junior fencers who are unlikely to make senior, junior or cadet international squads have a reason to continue in the sport
- Intermediate and novice fencers are likely to have a much more agreeable experience (not being beaten up by top-ranked fencers in the poules and going out in first round)
- Veteran fencers will have a venue to compete against appropriate intermediate fencers
- Fencers can see their record in competitions, and even their head to head results and trajectory over time

Implications for clubs/coaches

- Opportunity to incentivise fencers to compete more often in appropriate level competitions
- Chance of increasing retention rates, particularly among adult novices and intermediates as well as cadets and juniors many of whom drop out of the sport
- Provides a bridge through university to senior fencing
- Each club has a page on the rating website showing their fencers and current ratings
- Opportunity to download certificates for small fee and present them at club nights

Competition organiser asks

- Please consider running DEU competitions as stand-alone events or as plate competitions on the same day as opens
- Please promote Upcoming competition page on social media to generate additional entries. The page shows entries, likely NIF and potential rating
- Please name your events consistently in the software, mentioning weapon and location. Eg: Men's Sabre, Manchester Fencing Centre
- Please use up to date versions of FencingTime and Engarde which automate results collection by the ratings system. Standard FencingTime licence for one computer for one year is \$129 for first year and renewal of \$69. Leon Paul providing a subsidy of 50% for first 10 licences
- Please promote the names of those who have earned additional ratings on social media after the event. Details can be seen on the results page

Club/Coaches asks

- Please promote the UK ratings club page and athlete page to your club members
- Please encourage your fencers to enter appropriate level competitions, using Upcoming competition page to see level of entries and potential NIF
- Please consider putting on DEU competitions yourselves. It can be as few as six fencers to generate an E1 competition
- Check out the results page every Monday when it's updated
- Please celebrate club members when they gain a rating in your newsletters, e-mails and social media
- Do download certificates and present them on club nights

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Questions?

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