

# BRITISH FENCING

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION EVENT  
6PM TO 7PM

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GB LEAGUE APP

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# ***Community Discussion Agenda***

- Welcome & Introductions
- What Is The GB League?
- The Rationale Behind GB League
- What Are The Additional Benefits?
- What Is Different from previous launches
- How To Get Involved In The Pilot
- Next Steps
- A GB League App Demonstration (Simon)
- Q&A

# What Is The GB League?

- An exciting recreational league taking place within BF affiliated clubs where you can earn national league points for participating in competitive club fencing in designated league fixtures
- The GB League is for everyone and has been designed to mirror many of the aspects already seen in inter-club competitive sparring
- The focus for participating clubs and participants is to create a fun and inclusive environment and results/positions **will not be used to make GBR selection decisions**
- The exact format of the GB League is still to be determined ahead of the re-launch and further details will be communicated in due course

# ***The Rationale Behind GB League***

- A mechanism to encourage club fencers that don't want (or can't) go to competitions to still take part in some competitive/meaningful activity within a club setting
- An opportunity for clubs to (more officially) open up and advertise activities to other club fencers that may only get a limited offer at their primary club
- A structure which recreational events can easily be set up without the need for formalised refereeing and piste layouts etc
- Retention Tool
- Alternative to Rankings
- Reward recreational fencers
- An easy way to check memberships especially on guest sparring nights

# ***What Are The Additional Benefits?***

- An opportunity for clubs to open up activities to a new audience (e.g. universities)
- The ability for clubs to create additional revenue through the GB League due to fixtures being run on a club night so no additional hiring charges in terms of venues
- Gender/age/disability neutral – a fight is a fight
- Create their own recognition programme – eg Josie is the top U16 in the epee league. Celebrate others in the club not just competitors
- People that travel around UK can more easily see where they are welcome, and know that there will a lot of fencing that evening (rather than footwork and drills)
- A group of local clubs can get together to provide more competitive training opportunities to participants

# ***The Difference Between Now And Then***

- A dedicated resource for driving the GB League initiative forward
- BF website (given a more visible space on the website and webpages condensed)
- Prizes and incentives, led by BF
- The opportunity to 'storytell', growing and supporting the development of the GB League
- Participants need a BF Recreational Membership as a minimum and need to comply with BF Kit and Equipment requirements while taking part in the GB League
- Clubs hosting GB League events will be required to be 'fully compliant'

# How To Get Involved in the Pilot

- Respond to our expression of interest (further details later in presentation)
- Safety check your club kit (take a look at our new safety zone – [SAFETY ZONE - BRITISH FENCING](#))
  - Breeches required for metal sword leagues
- Participants need a BF Recreational Membership as a minimum and need to comply with BF Kit and Equipment requirements while taking part in the GB League
- Clubs hosting GB League events will be required to be 'fully compliant' or 'working towards full compliance'.
  - As a reminder the legal compliance element is non-negotiable – DBS/PVG checks are legal requirements and non-compliance will invalidate insurance and membership

# Next Steps

- Look out for the Community Discussion Event roundup on our website – a link will be contained within the article to register your interest in being involved in the GB League pilot
- If interested in taking part in the pilot, please check if you feel your club is 'fully compliant' and take action accordingly before the pilot - [BF AFFILIATED CLUBS COMPLIANCE - BRITISH FENCING](#)
- Seek to work with both NI Fencing and Scottish Fencing to encourage geographical spread of GB League

# GB League App Demonstration (Simon Brock)



# Q&A

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