

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER FENCING CLUB

CODE OF PRACTICE

INFORMATION TO MEMBERS

Information to all members is given verbally and in written form at Freshers' Fair.

More detailed information will be given out at the first training session. Any further information will be displayed on the Fencing Club's Facebook page (found under "University of Leicester Fencing Club") and distributed through e-mail. Regular updates will be posted on the Facebook page.

The club offers an organised structured session, teaching and developing technique and general fitness. As such the main intake will be in Autumn with a separate intake done in Winter at the start of Semester Two.

INFORMATION GIVEN

Information is given about training sessions and competitions, and the arrangements that relate to these.

All club members are given a copy of the code of practice and are required to sign a declaration to say they will read it and abide by it.

FACILITIES

Training and home matches take place at the Manor Road sports hall. Times and arrangements are announced and on the "University of Leicester Fencing Club" Facebook page or are distributed by e-mail.

Home BUCS matches are played in the large hall whenever possible.

Sports hall staff are qualified first-aiders. A first-aid kit and telephone are available in the sports hall reception.

EQUIPMENT

Club equipment is kept in a locker at the Manor Road sports hall. Access to equipment is restricted to designated members.

The club provides basic equipment for beginners. More experienced fencers are encouraged to provide their own equipment. All equipment is compliant with current safety regulations, as specified by the BFA and FIE.

The Club Captain and an appointed Equipment Officer (Armourer) are responsible for the club's equipment.

An up-to-date log of all club equipment must be kept by the Armourer detailing quantity, type and condition.

Equipment must be checked on a regular basis and faulty equipment must be repaired or handed to the sports hall supervisor for safe disposal.

Members must draw the attention of the Captain or a committee member to any faulty or unsafe equipment so that it can be withdrawn immediately from use.

Details of new club equipment, or equipment disposed of, must be notified to the Sports Association so that the insurance schedule can be amended.

Instruction on the use of fencing equipment by novices will be given by the Coach, Captain or experienced committee members. No novice fencer may use club equipment unsupervised.

DISCIPLINE

Any member who is deemed to be fencing in an unsafe manner, or whose behaviour brings the club into disrepute, will be made aware both verbally and in writing by the Club Captain or the Coach that such actions are unacceptable and may lead to expulsion from the club.

Two such warnings within one semester will mean termination of membership without repayment of membership fees. This decision will be made by the Club Captain in consultation with at least one other member of the committee.

AFFILIATION

The club will be affiliated to the British Fencing Association.

INSURANCE

Every member must have a valid Sports card which includes the Sports Association's sports injury cover.

Should any member wish to fence in competitions, it is necessary for them to purchase individual BFA membership. Details can be obtained from the Captain, Coach or committee members.