Sporting Excellence Award Expression of Interest -- 2017-19







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SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARD 2017-19

Fencers who are interested in being part of this programme are now asked to complete this expression of interest form.

Information

British Fencing is committed to providing fencers with opportunities to improve performance and develop as individuals in a cost effective way. The British Fencing AASE programme will become the Sporting Excellence Award due to the changing nature of government Apprenticeship standards and funding. We have worked with South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) to offer you the chance of being part of this programme and achieving the Award

All 16-18 year olds who have completed their GCSE year and are ranked in the top 40 (for their age on any national ranking list) are eligible to apply for this British Fencing programme.

What is the Sporting Excellence Award?

It is a Level 3 qualification based around NVQs (National Vocational Qualification) in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance and Understanding Sports Performance. It is designed for fencers who have the realistic potential to achieve excellence and are seeking to perform at the highest level. The programme will cover all areas of your training, will help you to develop as an athlete and fencer, and gain a UCAS-recognised qualification.

The award is notionally a 2-year programme for fencers aged16-18 on the 1st September 2017. They can be studying other academic qualifications at a school or college of further education. Fencers must have completed their GSCE level qualifications and cannot combine this with University education or other Level 4 qualification. So normally fencers will start at the beginning of year 12.

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) Tariff 2017

These qualifications are on the UCAS Tariff. Fencers who successfully complete the Sporting Excellence Award will get the following qualifications (these may be with different awarding bodies but will still be on the UCAS tariff):-

Pearson BTEC Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance Pearson Edexcel Certificate in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance

On the UCAS tariff calculator at https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/getting-started/entry-requirements/tariff/calculator these certificates are worth 32 points towards University application.

The Sporting Excellence Award is a direct replacement for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE) in all non-professional sports such as fencing. There are currently 50 British fencers enrolled in this programme.

AASE Programme Information

The AASE programme reflects the broad range of skills, knowledge and performance required by elite level sports people. It is designed to measure the athlete's ability to plan, apply and evaluate their development in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of their sport. It also addresses wider issues such as lifestyle, career development, communication, and health and safety.

The AASE programme currently runs in the following sports: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cricket, Fencing, Football, Golf, Handball, Judo, Lacrosse, Modern Pentathlon, Motor Sports, Netball, Rugby Union, Swimming, Table Tennis, and Tennis.

There are currently over 2500 athletes enrolled in the programme.

AASE is designed to directly measure the athlete's ability to apply themselves to "professional" development in their sports, covering:

- Technical Skills
 Tactical Awareness
- 3) Physical Capabilities4) Mental Skills

Importantly it also directly addresses wider issues, such as:

- 5) Lifestyle Organisation
- 6) Career Planning
- 7) Communication and Working With Others,
- 8) Health & Safety
- 9) Nutrition

These nine areas of focus directly contribute towards achievement of the certificates in the AASE Framework.

British Fencing Programme

The programme offers fencers the ability to stay at their current school or college. The majority of the programme will be delivered through 20-25 contact days at weekends or in school holidays.

The programme will begin in October 2017 and run as an 18-month programme, finishing in February 2019.

- Available to fencers resident in England only, we cannot accept applicants who do not have an address in England
- Fencers must be aged 16, 17, or 18 on the 1st September in the academic year (for September 2017 intake born between 2/9/1998 & 1/9/2001)
- Fencers should have completed their GCSE year before starting
- Applicants must be in the top 40 in Britain at their age group
- Fencers will need to commit to attending training days (approx. 20-25 days a year), to maintaining a portfolio of their learning and training activity, and to complete the course.

What do I need to do to register my interest?

If you wish to be involved with this innovative and exciting programme please complete the expression of interest form below and return it to Neil Brown, neil.brown@britishfencing.com or post it to the British Fencing office

Please do this as soon as possible but at least by 15th July 2017. We will provide you with further information once you have registered your interest. Completing the form does not commit you to start the programme at this stage.

If you feel that the AASE programme is something you may be interested in do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname:	First Name:
Address:	Home Telephone:
	Mobile Telephone Number:
	Email Address(s):
Postcode:	
National Insurance Number:	Date of Birth:

Parent's details if U18

Surname:	First Name:
Address:	Home Telephone:
	Work Telephone:
	Mobile Telephone Number:
Destanda	
Postcode:	Email Address(s):

Main fencing club:	Main coach:
Other fencing club(s):	Other coach(es):

EDUCATION

Which educational establishment are you attending in 2017-19:	Name: Address:
What year did/will you start	
What year do you plan to finish:	
What course are you doing and what qualifications do you expect to complete?	
Do you plan to continue full-time education afterwards? If so, what year do you expect to complete your full-time education?	
Anything else we should know about your education?	

FENCING

What is your current British National ranking	Junior ranking: Cadet ranking:
Have you competed in any international events? If so, please specify and include results	
Describe the training you normally do in term-time.	
What have been your best 5 results in your fencing career?	
Anything else we should know about your fencing?	

AMBITION and PERSONAL STATEMENT

What are your ambitions for your fencing career?
Please state what you have done to support your ambitions as for
Please state what you have done to support your ambitions so far.
Personal statement:-
Please state what future training and commitments you are planning to support your ambitions in the
sport, include details of education, career plans, etc. This should be no more than 300 words.
Signed (parent or guardian if U18): Date:
Name:
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If you would like this form in an alternative format please contact HQ to discuss your requirements.

Please return to Neil Brown, neil.brown@britishfencing.com or by post to:-Neil Brown, British Fencing, 1 Baron's Gate, 33-35 Rothschild Road, London, W4 5HT

Please do this as soon as possible but at least by 20th July 2017

Applicants will be notified if they have been successful by the 27th July 2017 or a few days after their application.