

British Fencing Awards 2017

Award Categories:

Category: **Athletes**

Awards: Athlete of the Year - Young Athlete of the Year

Category: **Coaching**

Performance Coach of the Year - Development Coach of the Year - Community Coach of the Year

Category: **Officials & Volunteers**

Referee of the Year - Young Referee of the Year

Volunteer of the Year - Young Volunteer of the Year

Unsung Hero Award

Category: **Clubs & Regions**

Club of the Year – University Club of the Year – Region of the Year

Category: **Other**

Innovation Award

Fencing Personality of the Year

Lifetime Achievement Award

Award Criteria:

Lifetime Achievement Award

- A current member of British Fencing aged 50+
- Evidence that they have dedicated a significant amount of their life to fencing
- Demonstrably benefitted the sport of fencing in the UK

Athlete of the Year

- Won a competition, either internationally or domestically
- Achieved something no other GB fencer has previously in a competitive environment
- Evidence of having been a positive role model within the sport
- Only in exceptional circumstances can the same person win this award two years in succession

Young Athlete of the Year – as for Athlete of the Year AND aged 20 or below on 1st January 2017

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Coach of the Year (Performance, Development & Community)

All nominations within the coaching category should include

- Evidence of the impact of the coaching in the last 12 months
- Examples of innovative coaching practice
- Evidence of appropriate player-centered approach
- Evidence of a positive and continuous learning attitude in their development as a coach
- Positive role model within the sport

Performance

The award is to recognise a coach that has had a material impact on fencers success in competition at Regional, National or International Level. Additional Criteria

- Evidence of significant achievements by the fencer(s) being coached
- Evidence of the provision of opportunities and dedicated support to the fencer(s) to help them achieve their goals

Development Coach of the Year

The award is to recognise the coach that best provides developing fencer(s) with a great coaching experience, nurturing talent leading to successful performance

Community Coach of the Year

The award is to recognise the coach that has worked within a club or specific community, providing suitable coaching to meet the needs of the fencer at their current stage of development, and has had an impact on widening access to the sport through coaching.

Club of the Year

The award is for affiliated clubs that have made a significant impact or achievement for their members/local area

- Evidence of links with the local community and schools
- Evidence of strong coach development structure
- Evidence of commitment to being inclusive and providing opportunities for all
- Must be a registered British Fencing Club

University Club of the Year

The award is for affiliated University Clubs that have demonstrated a commitment to development resulting in increased participation, inclusion and diversity in its membership

- Evidence Club has contributed to the development of fencing within the University
- Provides a wide range of activities for their membership that are well organized and successful
- Innovative, student led projects that have increased participation, memberships and inclusion of the club

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- Proactive and creative marketing and communication that has increased participation and recruited new students to the club

Region of the Year

The award is for regions that have made a significant impact or achievement for clubs based in their local area

- Evidence of links with the local clubs, community and schools
- Evidence of strong workforce development structure, including CPD opportunities
- Evidence of commitment to being inclusive and providing opportunities for all
- Evidence of a good communication structure through updated web and social media information

Innovation Award

We are looking for a project that has used innovative practice to provide fun and engaging experiences in fencing that make people return week after week, and helps people to start and achieve personal success in fencing.

- Can be a combination of foam, plastic and metal fencing
- Does not need to take place in a traditional setting
- Evidence of disciplined collaboration that enhances the project
- Evidence of more people participating and enjoying the sport as a result of the project
- Evidence of innovative practice/opportunities through the running of this project
- Evidence of the impact on a particular area of the community in which this project took place
- Evidence of how this project has had wider social impacts (wellbeing etc)

Unsung Hero Award

- A person within fencing who is not normally recognised
- Their role within the sport should be entirely voluntary
- Behind the scenes in all aspects of work to do with fencing

Referee of the Year

The award is to recognise a referee for their contribution and dedication to fencing and the development of refereeing within fencing

- Regularly supports the fencing community through officiating
- Respects everyone who is involved in the sport, and demonstrates good sportsmanship
- Positive role model for other officials within the sport
- Involved in development activities, both for their own professional development, and that of other officials
- Demonstrates commitment to self improvement, education and training
- Must be a registered official

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Young Referee of the Year - as for Referee of the Year AND aged 20 or below on 1st January 2017

Fencing Personality of the Year

- Anyone within the sport who promotes fencing in the UK in a positive light
- Someone recognised as engaging people with fencing from outside the sport eg through coaching/taster session, use of social media, events etc.

Volunteer of the Year

This award is to recognise the volunteer who has made a significant contribution of time and effort to their club and/or British Fencing.

- Made a notable commitment of their personal time to volunteering over the past year
- Provides invaluable support to their club or British Fencing
- Has positively impacted on their club/community/event
- Has supported any number of competitions – local, regional, national or international – or performance or participation projects and programmes

Young Volunteer of the Year - as for Young Volunteer of the Year AND aged 20 or below on 1st January 2017