



BRITISH FENCING

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Saturday 16th April – 19:00 – 22:00

Venue – The Great Hall, University of East London - Stratford Campus, Water Lane, E15 4LZ

The inaugural British Fencing Awards Dinner will be taking place on the Saturday evening of the British Fencing Championships 2016 – further information regarding the British Fencing Championships is available [here](#).

Tickets: Tickets are available via bf.sport80.com – members will be able to buy additional tickets for non-members, however if any non-members wish to purchase tickets directly please contact katie.rhodes@britishfencing.com.

Tickets cost £40 and this includes a 3-course meal plus a welcome drink. There will be a cash bar available for further drinks throughout the evening. There will also be a guest speaker.

Dress Code: Dress code for the event is smart/casual wear – no jeans, tracksuits or trainers will be permitted.

Availability: There is strictly limited availability due to the venue capacity – initially there will be 125 tickets available for sale to members, with additional tickets being made available subject to demand.

Nominations: Please see page 2 of this document for full details of the awards categories, the awards criteria and how to submit nominations.

Sponsors: This year we are offering the opportunity for partners to sponsor an award – several of the awards are already sponsored at the time of publication and we hope more will follow. If anyone is interested/knows anyone who may be interested in sponsoring any of the awards, please contact katie.rhodes@britishfencing.com.

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Award Categories: Lifetime Achievement Award
Athlete of the Year
Young Athlete of the Year sponsored by Patrons of British Fencing
Performance Coach of the Year
Development Coach of the Year
Club of the Year sponsored by Wedlake Bell
Region of the Year sponsored by Sport80
Innovation Award in memory of Viveca Abrahams
Unsung Hero Award presented by Shiho Ichinose
Official of the Year
Fencing Personality of the Year

Award Criteria:

BF 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

BF 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

BF Young Athlete of the Year

- Nominees should be a junior (aged under 20) or below on 1st January 2016
- Won a competition or 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

BF Performance Coach of the Year

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

- Evidence of significant achievements by the fencer(s) being coached
- Examples of innovative practice supporting the fencer(s)
- Evidence of the impact of the coaching in the last 12 months
- Evidence of appropriate player-centered approach and excellent coaching

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- Positive role model within the sport

BF Development Coach of the Year

The award is to recognise the coach that best provides developing fencer(s) with a great coaching experience

- Evidence of a life long learning attitude in their development as a coach
- Evidence of the provision of opportunities and dedicated support to the fencer(s) to help them achieve their goals
- Examples of innovative coaching practice
- Evidence of appropriate player-centered approach and excellent coaching
- Positive role model within the sport
- Non discriminatory

BF Club of the Year

The award is for 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

BF 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

BF 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)

BF Unsung Hero Award

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

BF Official of the Year

- 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

BF Fencing Personality of the Year

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

Who can nominate?:

Awards will be open nominations to any member of British Fencing – nominations will be via Survey Monkey at

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2016_British_Fencing_Awards

Guidelines:

There will be the opportunity to provide a brief paragraph as to why you are nominating the person/organisation, and within this it must be made clear why they meet the criteria above – as the members of the final panel will be independent, no assumptions should be made and as much of a history as possible should be provided including all information material to the nomination.

People will be able to nominate for more than one category in one survey, but may only nominate one person per category.

You will need to provide both your contact details, and the details of the person you are nominating. We will contact you should we have any further questions regarding the nomination, and will then contact the nominee prior to shortlisting to confirm they are happy to be shortlisted and that all the information provided is correct.

Shortlisting:

A panel will consider all nominations, and will include representation from all areas of British Fencing, including (but not limited to):

- 1 member of the Development Team
- 1 member of the Performance Team
- 1 member of the Head Office Team
- 1 British Fencing Board Director

The final shortlist will be made public prior to the event (once the nominees have

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confirmed they are happy to be nominated).

Panel: The winner of each category will be decided by an independent panel, which we hope may include representatives from Sport England, UK Sport and other organisations within the sporting landscape. For this reason it is really important to be clear on the reasons behind a nomination, as this panel will most likely have no knowledge of the people who have been nominated.

Fencing Personality: The winner of the Fencing Personality of the Year will be decided via Social Media – the finalists will be shortlisted in the same way as other categories, and then published on the British Fencing Facebook page. Members will then have the opportunity to “like” the image of the person they would like to win. People may only vote once, and if one account is found to have voted for multiple nominees, none of the votes will count.

Deadline: The deadline for nominations is Sunday 27th March.
The initial panel will then meet to consider all the nominations and decide the shortlist in week commencing 28th March.
Shortlisted nominees will also be contacted week commencing 28th March.
The shortlist will be published on the British Fencing website on Monday 4th April.
Photos for those shortlisted for Fencing Personality of the Year will also be put on Facebook on 4th April, with voting closing in this category at 17:00 on Friday 15th April (votes after this will not be counted).