

University of Aberdeen

Name of University	University of Aberdeen		
Website	http://abdnfencing.weebly.com/		
Facebook and Twitter	Twitter @abdnunifencing, Facebook facebook.com/AberdeenUniversityFencingClub		
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: fencing@abdn.ac.uk Coach: rory.high.10@aberdeen.ac.uk		
Size of fencing club	Between 50 and 70 members annually		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	Students £35 for year or £20 for half-year Non-students £80 for year or £40 for half-year Mandatory Sports Union membership £12.50 for year		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Aberdeen Sports Village (indoor athletics area) AB24 5RU Large facility with club armoury, not the best surface. Personal kit may be left on request.		
Coach(es)	Neill Tannock (epee, sabre, foil; advanced only), Rory High (epee, foil), Kristof Miklos (epee), Tim Wynn (foil, epee; advanced only), Chris Hyde (sabre), Artur Bartoszek (epee)		
Additional coaching costs	Non-student coaches may charge extra, price varies coach to coach		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Beginners course during Wednesday training throughout the autumn term as part of membership fees. Course run by Rory High and assisted by senior fencers		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	Training on Tuesday/Thursday 8pm to 10pm, Wednesday 1pm to 3pm. Maximum of 5 pistes. Training comprises of free fencing and individual lessons.		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Large amount of beginners every year but elite fencers too (selections for GB and the home nations). Strong in Men's Epee and Women's Sabre		
Does the club run out of term time?	Yes		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Club equipment may be borrowed for both training and competition.		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Overall Position 13-14
	Men's	Scottish League 1A	Champions (plus quarter-finals BUCS Trophy)
	Women's	Premier League North	Runners-up (plus semi-finals BUCS Championship)
	Men's B Women's B	Scottish League 1A	Both new 2014/15
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes. The club tries to subsidise entry and transport where possible		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes.		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	ScumScab (vs Dundee), friendly vs St Andrews (new 14/15), Students vs Alumni (new 14/15).		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	Pub after training, seasonal socials (freshers/Halloween/Christmas/end-of-year etc). Plus various fundraising socials.		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Sports Bursaries up to £1000 per year, including free membership to all facilities, elite strength and conditioning, physio and sports massage plus other forms of support. Further information and application forms can be found at www.abdn.ac.uk/sportandexercise		

Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	Bridget Pleasant (GB sabre squad), Neill Tannock (GB epee squad), Michelle Guarino (Scottish sabre team), Alastair Johnston (NI foil team), Chloe Lopez-Colclough (NI sabre team), Kristof Miklos (Former Hungary junior/cadet epee squad), Rebecca Wain (GB pentathlon squad), Scott Chalmers (Former GB cadet epee squad), Rory High, Neill Fotheringham, Fiona Grant, Will Mackey (all winners of British Open medals)		
What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	Cohesive team atmosphere and high standard of training		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	Lack of working equipment at times.		
Anything else we should know?	We also compete in SSS Individuals and SSS Beginners (for fencers under 2 years experience)		
Any advice for prospective applicants	Come see us at the fresher's fayre or contact us online and we will answer all your questions!		
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	Aberdeen City Fencing Club		
Cost to join	Annual student membership £20 plus £20/month or £5/night floor fees.		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	International School Aberdeen AB15 9PN Fantastic enormous facility but no personal storage.		
Coach(es)	Tim Wynn, Kristian Neal, Laura Jamieson		
Additional coaching costs	Coaches charge different rates		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	None		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)	Warm up, footwork then free fencing/individual lessons. Up to 6 pistes.		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Mainly beginners and intermediates, the rest are students.		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Kit can be borrowed if requested		
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?	None		
Do club members attend opens competitions?	Yes.		
Any other information?			