

### University of East Anglia

<b>Website</b>	Website pending – will pass on address when site is created		
<b>Facebook and Twitter</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/218800151521848/">http://www.facebook.com/groups/218800151521848/</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/UEA_Fencing">https://twitter.com/UEA_Fencing</a>		
<b>Contact email address(es)</b>	<b>Club President:</b> <a href="mailto:rj.gywfc@gmail.com">rj.gywfc@gmail.com</a> (Robert Johnson) <b>Coach:</b> <a href="mailto:andrew.sowerby2@ntlworld.com">andrew.sowerby2@ntlworld.com</a> (Andrew Sowerby)		
<b>Size of fencing club</b>	50 regular members, on average 30 attend per week.		
<b>Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)</b>	£25 for the year to join the club, £40 for the year to join the athletic union.		
<b>Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)</b>	UEA Sportspark, - top class facilities, 1 of 5 indoor sports halls used for fencing, 4 Badminton courts worth of space, club has 4 lockers located in storage area for club kit, no space for personal storage. Change rooms, showers and cafe all located on site. <a href="http://sportspark.co.uk/">http://sportspark.co.uk/</a>		
<b>Coach(es)</b>	Andrew Sowerby (BAF Level 4 all weapons), Paul Stimpson (BAF Level 3 all weapons), Diane Goodwin (BAF Level 1 Foil), Robert Johnson (BFA Level 1 F&S). Pending – Martin Walters & Kris Sales (BFA Level 1 Epee)		
<b>Additional coaching costs</b>	No additional coaching costs to members – paid for by Students Union, fencers can book private lessons outside of club time if they wish however.		
<b>Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)</b>	4 Beginner Courses ran during the year, 2 during semester 1, 2 during semester 2. Held on Mondays and Wednesdays, lead by Diane Goodwin, with assistance from student coaches and club members. Costs £15 for a 6 week beginners course, after which time if the participant wishes to continue they top-up £10/5 to continue on for the rest of the year. All beginners are taught Foil to begin with.		
<b>Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)</b>	Two sessions per week. Monday – Intermediate (7pm to 10pm), Wednesday – Advanced (5.40pm to 7.40pm). All training sessions include a formal warm up, footwork, and drill exercises. Group lessons in intermediate foil and either group or individual lessons with Epee, Sabre and advanced Foil. The club has 6 electric pistes and is looking to invest in more shortly. Free fencing, structured piste training and formal ladder nights are held in each weapon.		
<b>Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)</b>	A few experienced fencers with national rankings from before joining the university in each weapon. Weapons are fairly even in their ability, though Foil is generally strongest and Sabre weakest. The club has no specific weapon speciality; all weapons are catered for equally.		
<b>Does the club run out of term time?</b>	Not currently – currently working on setting up an out of term time section of the club.		
<b>Club equipment to use for training and competitions?</b>	Equipment can be borrowed by all members at training sessions, for BUCS matches and can be signed out by members to allow them to compete in non BUCS competitions, i.e. Opens + Counties.		
<b>Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year</b>	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's	Midlands 1A	7 <sup>th</sup> of 9
	Women's	Midlands 1A	5 <sup>th</sup> of 6
<b>Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?</b>	Yes the AU pays for entry fees whilst the club subsidises transport and accommodation.		
<b>Do club members attend open competitions?</b>	Yes		
<b>Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.</b>	Club takes part in many friendly matches, and is helping to set up a local league, hopefully starting this season.		
<b>What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.</b>	Socialise at the gypsy pub after every training session. Regular active events such as paintball, laser tag etc. Formal Christmas and Easter meals and awards nights. Summer BBQ by lakeside.		

<b>Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.</b>	No scholarships available.		
<b>Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.</b>	Martin Walters (Current) Stephen Domek (Alumni) Robert Johnson (Current)		
<b>What is the best thing about your university fencing club?</b>	The team spirit – at UEA our teams are not a group of fencers going to the same match, they are a team, win or lose we always go home as a team. We take fencing seriously but have fun doing so; we constantly push each other on to get the best results possible.		
<b>What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?</b>	We would like have extra training time, but due to restrictions imposed by the Sportspark we cannot currently extend this; however we are currently in negotiations to resolve this problem.		
<b>Anything else we should know?</b>	UEA Fencing Club is consistently in the top 3 for the most BUCS points		
<b>Any advice for prospective applicants</b>	Ignore the concrete! UEA boasts many top class courses, lecturers and facilities.		
<b>If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:</b>	Norfolk Fencing Club	Great Yarmouth & Waveney Fencing Club	
<b>Cost to join</b>	Free	£10 for the Summer Season June - September	
<b>Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)</b>	UEA Sportspark, Norwich	East Point Sports Center, Lowestoft	
<b>Coach(es)</b>	Andrew Sowerby, Paul Stimpson, Diane Goodwin, Bernard Harbourn Malcolm Mather David Beckham John Croxton	Paul Stimpson Robert Johnson Simon Blackwell Paul Gostick Alan Johnson	
<b>Additional coaching costs</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)</b>	Arranged when there is sufficient demand	Runs 3 to 4 courses a year,	
<b>Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)</b>	10 Pistes, formal warm up and footwork sessions, group foil and individual lessons in all weapons are available. Free fencing only	6 Pistes, formal warm up and footwork sessions, group foil and individual lessons in all weapons are available. Free fencing, on the piste training and formal ladder nights organised.	
<b>Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)</b>	Fences all three weapons, Epee is its strongest.	Fences all three weapons, Foil is its strongest.	
<b>Club equipment to use for training and competitions?</b>	Yes at training + competitions for NFC club members only.	Yes at training + competitions for GYWFC club members only. UEA & GYWFC also share equipment between each other when needed for competitions.	

<b>Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?</b>	Foil team – Norfolk Friendly matches.	Foil Team – Norfolk Friendly matches and the Suffolk County League.	
<b>Do club members attend opens competitions?</b>	Yes in Epee and Sabre.	Yes in all three weapons.	
<b>Any other information?</b>	Contact Peter Gallop at <a href="mailto:pmgallop@yahoo.co.uk">pmgallop@yahoo.co.uk</a>	Contact Robert Johnson at <a href="mailto:rj.gywfc@gmail.com">rj.gywfc@gmail.com</a> for more information.	