

University of Kent Canterbury

Website	http://www.kentunion.co.uk/organisation/7333/		
Facebook and Twitter	https://www.facebook.com/groups/UKCfencing/ (facebook, no twitter)		
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: Stuart Orr (president) Coach: Peter Huggins		
Size of fencing club	40 – 60 members		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	Club fee for last year was £37 is now £47 as of September 2013, termly fee of £25 if only 1 term's fencing, Also sports centre membership advised of £3.50 per session with a £5 1 off fee next year's costs still to be confirmed		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	University of Kent Sports Centre, Storage: 1 cage (large) and 3 cupboards (1 cupboard for peter and a metallic piste as well for him) Personal kit cannot be stored at any times due to insurance rules with the Sports centre.		
Coach(es)	2 coaches plus a committee position		
Additional coaching costs	Travel and		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Run all year and start when the student turns up, primarily at the start of each term there is a new course. Can take beginners for a first session when if they just turn up.		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	We run on average a 20 minute warm up with footwork included, the running on average 4 pistes (due to space) free fencing for experienced fencers (been fencing 1+ years) and training with beginners until they are felt safe to move on to free fencing (2 hour sessions)		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Average a 50 – 50 split though that can change year on year We fence all weapons		
Does the club run out of term time?	No		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Yes		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's	1A	2nd
	Women's	2A	4th
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	We do send fencer to BUCS individual (won this year), Entry fee and transport come out of the budget for the club.		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	Inter club and a inter university beginners competition at University of Warwick		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	Socials after sessions, film nights, Christmas meals, regular other socials		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Yes check union and University web site		
Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	Christian Thronely, Tom Fletcher, Lorenzo Rossi (won BUCS individual and Invicta to name a few)		

What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	Good equipment and friendly atmosphere, we take any and all and are completely crazy, Additionally have 2 Journeyman Armourers to look after kit and can supply all kit bar breeches and socks every session (so long as we don't have too many members)		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	Funding and limited session times, we have a number of old boxes which have wrong timings (last count was 6 I think so only 3 perfect boxes)		
Anything else we should know?	<p>We have a committee of 9 and maintain all our own equipment, fence all three weapons and have been up for promotion in BUCS for the men the last 2 years (not happened due to 1st funds to get to the match in Edinburgh and 2 due to an Admin issue)</p> <p>Session times are Tuesday 8-10 pm Coaching available to beginners Wednesday 9-11am private coaching with Pete for team and experienced, 5-7pm normal session Coaching available to beginners Saturday 1-3pm free fencing</p> <p>Plans are to try to run an inter university individual tournament this year. Require refereeing course to be found</p> <p>We are only allowed to take current university members on to fence due to sports centre. Though an alumni tournament is run every year.</p>		
Any advice for prospective applicants	Turn up and have fun we don't judge anyone and our main aim is that you enjoy yourself, if you just want to fence 1, 2 or 3 times a week that up to you, or if you only want to give it a try come along and see.		
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	There are local clubs but unfortunately travel is not easy so we do not attend to my knowledge	N/A	N/A
Cost to join	N/A	N/A	N/A
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coach(es)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional coaching costs	N/A	N/A	N/A
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	N/A	N/A	N/A
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?	N/A	N/A	N/A
Do club members attend opens competitions?	N/A	N/A	N/A
Any other information?	N/A	N/A	N/A