

## University of Liverpool

Website	<a href="http://www.liverbirdfencing.co.uk">http://www.liverbirdfencing.co.uk</a>		
Facebook and Twitter	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/2224365907/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/2224365907/</a>		
Contact email address(es)	<b>Club Captain:</b> Alex Coleman <a href="mailto:alexjcoleman@gmail.com">alexjcoleman@gmail.com</a> <b>Coach:</b> Atanas Atanasov		
Size of fencing club	50		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	AU Costs: £30 Club Costs: £10 (without whites) £30 (for white hire) Sports Hall: £120 for access or £170 for access to sports centre and gym		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	On campus sports centre. Fencing club runs 3 sessions, 2 in a full basketball court size sports hall, 1 in a dance studio large enough for 3 pistes.		
Coach(es)	Atanas Atanasov: Level 4 (3 Weapon) Keith McCarthy Level 2 (3 weapon)		
Additional coaching costs			
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Beginners courses are ran at the start of term in September and in January if numbers are high enough		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	Full Club training – Tuesday 6-10pm, 8 pistes, warmup, footwork, bladework, free fencing Team Training – Thursday 8-10pm, Warmup Conditioning, free fencing Weekend training – Saturday 1.30-3.30pm, warm up, cardio, free fencing		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Large proportion of foilists and epeeists with a smaller but dedicated group of sabreurs. Experience levels range from novices to very experienced. We have a number of nationally ranked fencers at senior level: 2 Top 15 Womens Epeeists 1 Top 50 Mens Sabre 1 Top 150 Mens Foil		
Does the club run out of term time?	No		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Yes club equipment can be borrowed for competitions		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's 1st	Northern 1A	2/6
	Women's	Northern 1A	1/6
	Men's 2nd	Northern 2A	2/6
	Women's 2nd	Northern 1A	6/6
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes we send individuals to BUCS individuals and this year our AU paid for entry and travel costs for 2 entrants per category.		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes several of our members regularly attend opens. We especially encourage entrance into the Merseyside Open and our own Liverpool University Open competition.		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	Each year we have the 3 way competition between Liverpool-Manchester-Leeds, the Christie Cup. Which involves a team fencing match between each of the teams.		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	Liverpool University Fencing Club prides itself on fantastic socials with regular post training trips to the pub, exciting social evenings traversing the exotic haunts of Liverpool along with Team dinners and an End of Year awards.		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Elite fencers can apply for sports scholarships from the University if they are competing at a Junior, U21 or Senior international level. These can be upto £500 cover of equipment, travel and entry costs.		

Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	Emily Jeanes 16 <sup>th</sup> Senior Women's Epee Alex Coleman 48 <sup>th</sup> Senior Men's Sabre		
What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	A fantastic community spirit that continually strives to train harder and be better.		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	Sometimes overlooked by our Athletics Union		
Anything else we should know?	An up and coming club in the North West that can guarantee a University fencing experience you won't forget!		
Any advice for prospective applicants	Contact the club early to find out more and let us know your interested in Liverpool University.		
<b>If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:</b>	Liverpool Fencing Club		
Cost to join	£10 membership, £4 per visit. Student deals are available		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Large 5-a-side sports hall, with 6 pistes.		
Coach(es)	Keith McCarthy Level 2 (3 weapon)		
Additional coaching costs	None		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Beginners courses run throughout the year run by Keith and other weapons specialists.		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)	6 pistes, warm up, footwork, free fencing		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Range from novices to experienced fencers. Particularly strong foilists with a top 100 Men's foilist.		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Negotiable		
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?			
Do club members attend opens competitions?	Several members actively compete in local Opens		
Any other information?			