

University of York

Website	http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~socs126/		
Facebook and Twitter	https://www.facebook.com/groups/2249855409/ @FencingClub		
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: George Watkins (Men's 1 st Team Captain), gw592@york.ac.uk (ideally please use fencing@yusu.org) Coach: Various – Richard Lloyd-Jones, Helen Kay and Dr Pavel Gudoshnikov		
Size of fencing club	Approx. 90 members		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	Currently only £35 per annum, no hidden costs. This includes all equipment, extremely good coaching, competing expenses e.g. travel and optional strength and conditioning programme.		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Full size sports hall plus storage space; possible salle being constructed in the next few years. Multiple gyms, provision for personal kit storage.		
Coach(es)	Excellent epee and foil coaches named above. Opening for a sabre specialist.		
Additional coaching costs	None at all during BUCS season, freelance coaching available for remainder of summer term.		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Courses mostly run from start of academic year; cost is annual membership but with £2 taster sessions for first two weeks.		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	Around six pistes inc. FIE, free fencing for all abilities and weapons with optional tough footwork drills at the start of busier sessions. Four sessions per week totalling 9 hours!		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	All weapons and abilities catered for right up to international level.		
Does the club run out of term time?	Yes, on an informal basis. In particular there is focused pre-season and Easter training.		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Yes! Thousands of pounds of recent investment.		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's 1s	Northern 1A	4
	Women's 1s	Premier North	2
	Men's 2s	Northern 2A	5
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes, the club pays all expenses for BUCS Individuals, BUCS matches and some other competitions.		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes, opens are publicised and transport is shared. Several of our team fencers won medals this year.		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	We get involved in all regional competitions and send competitors to London Student International.		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	Regular post-training drinks/pub lunches, plus socials.		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	The University offers scholarships for elite athletes. In recent years ALL fencers who applied got scholarships worth several hundred pounds – we expect our position within the AU to remain favourable enough to continue getting them for all our team fencers. The club is also a designated Focus Sport and this means a professionally-led strength and conditioning programme is provided FREE for all team fencers. In coming years the Focus Sport programme is expected to deliver even more support for elite athletes e.g. physio, sport psychology, nutrition.		

Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	Louise Highton, Harry Whitwell, Thomas Skingle, Alistair Bullward, Sophie Mason, Sophia Henneberg, Bryan Herling, Bairong Huang, Thomas Jones		
What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	The club is currently one of the most successful in the university and is popular with the AU meaning we get more support and funding than the vast majority of uni clubs – we can offer more sessions and more coaching than most universities and are also efficiently run, friendly and competitive.		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	The club could be even better if York were a more sporty university overall.		
Anything else we should know?	Few universities have both excellent academic credentials and a very well funded and supported fencing club – there's no better uni to fence at we think!		
Any advice for prospective applicants	We'd love for prospective students to get in touch with any questions they may have! We are very friendly and extremely keen to attract competitive fencers to our club. If you're visiting for an open day why not bring your kit and come to one of our sessions! We also host the York Open at the start of the year so we'd love to see you there!		
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	Harrogate Fencing Club	"Epee Squad Fencing @ Sheffield Sword"	
Cost to join	approx. £5/session	approx. £5/session	
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	High quality sparring partners, plenty of boxes, especially good for epee. In Harrogate.	At English Institute of Sport in Sheffield once/twice a month. Excellent coaching and sparring specifically for elite epee.	
Coach(es)		Matthew Haynes	
Additional coaching costs			
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)			
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)			
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)			
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?			
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?			
Do club members attend opens competitions?			
Any other information?			