BUCS REGIONAL FENCING SERIES: SOUTH EAST AND LONDON 2024-25

**EVENT GUIDE**

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# LOGISTICS

## DATE

Sunday 02 February 2025

## VENUE

## Leon Paul Fencing Centre

## London

## NW9 6AQ

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR(S)

Henry Youngblood

## SCHEDULE:

• Epee

• Foil

• Sabre

# COMPETITION

## CHECK IN

All participants will be required to check-in, including proof of student eligibility (student ID) & British Fencing (including Introductory) membership. Fencing commences approximately 30 minutes after check-in closes. The final check-in times for each weapon are listed below:

• 9:00-9:30- Check In for: -

-Novice Men’s Foil

-All Men’s Sabre Categories

-Open Men’s Foil

-Open Women’s Foil

-All Women’s Epee Categories

• 13:00-13:30- Check In for: -

-All Men’s Epee Categories

-Beginner Men’s Foil

-All Women’s Sabre Categories

- Novice Women’s Foil

## ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all students who attend a BUCS Member institution and meet the BUCS Individual Eligibility Criteria. The BUCS Regional Fencing Series will give priority to those students attending institutions in the region the event is being held, but all institutions are welcome to compete.

To encourage a fair and enjoyable competition, different grades are being offered in each weapon, bespoke to the BUCS Regional Fencing Series.

Please read below before making your entry:

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| **Grade** | **Description** |
| Beginner | For fencers that are new to the sport and/or weapon. Participants who entered the Beginner grade during the 2023-24 Regional Fencing Series are unable to enter Beginner for the 2024-25 Series. |
| Novice | For fencers that started fencing/their weapon less than three years. |
| Open | For all other fencers |

Depending on the number of entries into the competition, beginner and novice fencers **may be** grouped together to ensure competition can take place. If this was to occur, the grouping would be as follows:

**Beginner & Novice Women** – Epee, Foil and Saber

**Beginner & Novice Men** – Epee, Foil and Saber

**Open Women** – Epee, Foil and Saber

**Open Men** - Epee, Foil and Saber

***NB:*** *Competitors may choose to enter different weapons at different grades.*

## BRITISH FENCING MEMBERSHIP

Competitors are required to hold a valid BF membership to compete in the Regional Fencing Series, however those without can register for a free 90-day Introduction Membership to compete.

## FORMULA

All competitions will start with Poules, and all fencers will be promoted to the Direct Elimination stages of their grade/weapon.

Please note that the organisers reserve the right to change the formula to assist the smooth running of the competition and to improve the experience for the participants. This may include merging of grades or genders to facilitate a desirable competition experience.

Fencers who wish to enter more than one weapon are encouraged to do so, however may be asked to prioritise one weapon over another if necessary. Should a fencer be unable to compete in both weapons entered due to this, they will not be charged for the weapon they have conceded.

**REFEREES**

In order to run the competition, each host institution will be required to supply entrants or volunteers from the club to undertake some refereeing, these individuals will need to also check in with the Regional Competitions and Events Coordinator before the Poules. This may be experienced members of the club or coaches but can also be competitors themselves while in their Poules fencing.

Volunteers will be on-site to guide and shadow all Poules, and ensure the competition runs smoothly. British Fencing may provide opportunities in conjunction with these events to upskill students on their knowledge of refereeing. If you are interested in fencing refereeing opportunities past the event get in contact with [British Fencing](https://www.britishfencing.com/about-us-zone/contact-us/).

**EQUIPMENT**

Competitors must be properly equipped for their events and competitors clothing MUST conform to British Fencing rules and ‘’Guidelines on Safety in Fencing’’ sent to all British Fencing members. BUCS cannot be held responsible for accident, loss or damage to persons or property, however caused.

Please ensure you have long socks and appropriate fencing shoes; also, please ensure you respect the venue by changing into your indoor fencing shoes before entering the salle to avoid tracking dirt/moisture onto the venue floor.

Any Equipment request would have need to have been communicated with the regional competition coordinator prior and well in advance of the event, to discuss if hire through the venue would be possible.

## WITHDRAWALS

If you are unable to attend the event after your entry has been accepted, you must contact the Regional Competitions and Events Coordinator as soon as possible. **Withdrawals are not eligible for a refund on the entry fee.**

Depending on when you withdraw, there may be additional fines. Please see the table below for a breakdown of these:

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| **Date / Time** | **Amount** |
| Prior to 23:59 on Tuesday 28 January | £0 |
| Prior to 23:59 on Friday 31 January | £25 |
| No Show at Event | £50 |

# OTHER EVENT INFORMATION

## CHANGING

The Fencing Centre has toilets, showers and changing facilities.

## TRANSPORT

## The venue can be reached by public transport, using the Thameslink or the Northern Tube Line. The closest station is Hendon. There are easy routes in via the A406, A1 and M1 if you are travelling by car.

## PARKING

## There is parking available outside the centre.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions regarding the BUCS Fencing Series please contact

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