

On Target

Australian Open Fencing Championships ~ Team Selection

Team selection for the Australian Open Fencing Championships will be based on performance in the individual events. The first four NSW fencers, who are available for teams, in the individual event will form the A team and the next four will form the B team.

The Head Coach will appoint team managers.

This follows the approach taken for the U15/Cadet and U20 Junior championships earlier this year, with the appointment of a Selection Commission not finalised yet.



Alex Donaldson Honoured

At the recent General Meeting of the Australian Fencing Federation, Alex Donaldson was honoured with the award of Life Membership of the AFF. The AFF citation says:

"Alex has made a unique and outstanding contribution to Australian Fencing over almost two decades. Over that time, he has led the adoption of information and communication technologies for the running and communication of results for both NSW and AFF tournaments and has also been over that time a member of the DT as results manager for all international tournaments in Australia and the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. He has also been a NSW and AFF selector and a member of both the NSW and AFF Executives."

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Volunteers for Nationals

Plans are well advanced for the Oceania and Australian Open and Veteran Championships to be held at Marrickville PCYC from Friday 2 December to Tuesday 6 December. We still need to volunteers to help with smooth running of the competition, sell raffle tickets, organise medals for presentation etc. If you would like to assist on any or all of the days of competition, please contact secretary@nswfencing.org.au

Applications Called for NSWFA Head Coach Position

NSWFA has invited applications for the position of Head Coach to carry through to the 2016 Olympics. The position is advertised on the NSWFA website.

Applicants should contact secretary@nswfencing.com.au before **5pm** on **Friday 9 December 2011**.

Competitions Supervisor

To assist the smooth running of Sunday competitions at Marrickville next year, the Executive invites expressions of interest in the role of Competitions Supervisor whose duties will be to organise:

- Spacing and laying of pistes
- The set-up of scoring boxes, reels, cabling, gauges/weights etc
- Trouble shooting during competitions
- Assist on registration desk when required
- Taking up and storage of pistes and other equipment at the end of competition
- Keeping an inventory of equipment and arranging repairs/replacement as necessary
- Making sure that safety rules are observed

Hours are from 7.30am – 5pm on competition Sundays.

Payment will be \$150 per day.

Please contact secretary@fencingnsw.org.au if you or your club is interested in taking on this task.

Camera Taken

Annelise Davison had her new red Olympus Tough camera taken from her handbag in her fencing bag during the pre-nationals competition at Marrickville on Sunday 20 November. If anybody saw this camera taken, please contact Annelise at g.j.davison@bigpond.com.au or contact

secretary@nswfencing.org.au



Summer Camp

A Summer Camp for foil and sabre fencers from U11 to U17 will be held **21-22 January at PCYC, Marrickville**. Cost: **\$40 for one day, \$70 for two days**. To book, contact **alexandra.andre@three.com.au**

Referee Program

To grow the ranks of our referees, particularly for school and junior events, NSWFA aims to train a larger pool of referees, encourage clubs to provide referees and maintain a referees' roster.

NSWFA also plans to appoint, in conjunction with the AFF, a State Officiating Director to work with the National Officiating Director.

1. The first step in the process is to expand our referee ranks. To this end, Antonio Signorello will be conducting a referee training course on Tuesday 13 and Tuesday 20 December from 6pm to 8pm at Marrickville PCYC.

Referee training is FREE!

Members who are interested in learning how to referee – a useful skill for all fencers that should help their own fencing – should get in touch asap with admin@nswfencing.org.au

2. The second step is to encourage clubs to provide referees and members able to perform the DT role to assist with the efficient running of competitions, particularly the larger events for junior fencers.

Clubs will be asked to nominate members for the referee roster depending on the size and capability of the club, as indicated by their Grand Prix performance. The top three clubs on GP points will be asked to nominate three referees and one DT member. The next six clubs will be asked to nominate one referee each and the remainder will be invited to nominate referees and DT members. NSWFA will be in touch with clubs soon.

3. The third step is to develop a referees' roster. The idea is that referees will know well in advance when they will be required to attend a competition so they can plan ahead. The roster will be worked out when the pool of referees is known.

The existing referee points system, which offers free competition entry in return for points earned on referee duty for School, U15, U13, U11 and Novice competitions, will be maintained.



AFF News

Your views sought on high level fencing programs

Fencers competing in international events, or aspiring to do so, are invited to participate in an AFF survey seeking feedback on the AFF's High Performance Program, the Australian Fencing Team model and the development needs of Australian fencers. Responses will provide input to a review paper for the AFF Executive to consider the development, training and competition needs of Australian fencers. Parents are welcome to participate in the survey. The online survey is open until 26 January and is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/33F3KND>

Coaching Seminar

All accredited coaches are invited to attend a coaching workshop to brainstorm ideas on development of fencing. 4-6pm Saturday 3 December during the national championships in Sydney. See AFF website for details. Please respond by 27 November to development@fencingvictoria.org

Opportunity to train and compete in Europe

A Cadet/Junior epee tour is offered from 18 January to 6 February to train and compete in France, Switzerland, Austria and Sweden. See the AFF website for more details and email Paul Crook at paul@thefencingclub.com.au if you have questions.

AFT Nominations

Nominations for senior positions on the Australian Fencing Team close 30 November.

Grand Prix Awards Night

More than 100 fencers and their families enjoyed the NSWFA Grand Prix awards dinner at Marconi on Sunday 13 November.

Awards were presented to the winning GP Club – University of New South Wales Fencing Club – and to the individual fencers who earned the most points in their category.

The award for Fencer of the Year for an exceptional effort went to Lishan Sung (UTS) who at 15 won the 2010 Australian Open Women's Foil Championship and this year took the U20 Australian Women's Foil Championships gold, won two AFF circuit foil competitions and the NSW Women's Foil Championship.

Thanks to the hard working organising committee (Josette Giampietro, Pam, Zopf and Leslie Witkop), to club members who competed in the table decoration competition, and to MC Mitch Fox for keeping the show rolling.

NSWFA Achievement Awards 2011

2011 Fencer of the Year Lishan Sung
 2011 Club of the Year: University of
 New South Wales
 Fencing Club

Individual Veteran Grand Prix Points

Best Male Foil Veteran 2011 Rowan Turner
 Best Female Foil Veteran 2011 Fiona Budniak
 Best Male Epee Veteran 2011 Volker Hrovat
 Best Female Epee Veteran 2011 Julie Seggie
 Best Male Sabre Veteran 2011 Christopher Blood
 Best Female Sabre Veteran 2011 Harriet Jordan

Individual Grand Prix Points

Grand Prix Open Men's Foil Results Andrey Tyshchenko
 Grand Prix Open Women's Foil Results Lishan Sung
 Grand Prix Open Men's Epee Results Luke Mansfield
 Grand Prix Open Women's Epee Results Abigail Nutt
 Grand Prix Open Men's Sabre Results James Walsh /
 Adam Wilcock
 Grand Prix Open Women's Sabre Results Cheryl Chan
 Grand Prix U20 Men's Foil Results Max
 Andrew-Kabilafkas
 Grand Prix U20 Women's Foil Results Helene Humphery
 Grand Prix U20 Men's Epee Results Robert Snell
 Grand Prix U20 Women's Epee Results Ashleigh
 Fordham
 Grand Prix U20 Men's Sabre Results Adam Kortynski
 Grand Prix U20 Women's Sabre Results Mathilda Barnard
 Grand Prix U17 Men's Foil Results Matthew Donald
 Grand Prix U17 Women's Foil Results Imogen Brush
 & Leah Mangion
 Grand Prix U17 Men's Epee Results Lachlan Fitzgerald
 Grand Prix U17 Women's Epee Results Imogen Brush
 Grand Prix U17 Men's Sabre Results Jasper Rowley
 Grand Prix U17 Women's Sabre Results Mathilda Barnard
 Grand Prix U15 Boys' Foil Results Sholto Douglas
 Grand Prix U15 Girls' Foil Results Leah Mangion
 Grand Prix U15 Boys' Epee Results Matthew Dall'Asen
 Grand Prix U15 Boys' Sabre Results Matthew Perry
 Grand Prix U15 Girls' Sabre Results Mathilda Barnard
 & Raechel Rudolf
 Grand Prix U13 Boys' Foil Results Boston Fawkes
 Grand Prix U13 Girls' Foil Results Beatrice Hay

Grand Prix U11 Boy's Foil Results Emilio Lapitan
 Grand Prix U11 Girls' Foil Results Morgan Kelly
 Grand Prix U13 Boys' Epee Results Matthew Dall'Asen
 Grand Prix U11 Boys' Epee Results Jonas Dowson
 Grand Prix U13 Boys Sabre Results Boston Fawkes
 Grand Prix U13 Girls' Sabre Results Nora Campbell
 Grand Prix U11 Boys Sabre Results Sean Andrews
 Grand Prix U11 Girls Sabre Results Sylvia Musel

Individual Novice Grand Prix Points

Best Male Foil Novice 2011 Brendan O'Keefe
 Best Female Foil Novice 2011 Kim Moore
 Best Male Epee Novice 2011 Gabriel Peacock
 Best Female Epee Novice 2011 Ashleigh Syme
 Best Male Sabre Novice 2011 Christopher Blood
 Best Female Sabre Novice 2011 Fatma Onal



*UNSW Fencing Club was awarded
 NSWFA Club of the Year*



*Thanks to all UNSW Coaches, above pictured:
 Mitchell Fox, Hugh Cotman, Antonio Signorello, Craig Davis
 (Sport Development Manager, UNSW), David Hoffman,
 Arash Karpour.*

*And also... Jess Brooks, Alex Andre, Enzo Machiavelli, Adam
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