

On Target

Summer Fencing Camp

The Summer Fencing Camp marks the beginning of the NSW fencing season. **The Under 11 to Under 17 Foil and Sabre Camps will be held at Steel Park Leisure Centre, Marrickville PCYC, 531 Illawarra Road, Marrickville from 8am to 12.15pm on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 January.** The cost is \$40 per day or \$70 for both days. Equipment will be available. Registration is available on-line via the NSW Fencing entry portal or for more details contact Alex Andre alexandraandre70@gmail.com

Steel Park Cafe make really good coffee so, parents, don't be put off by the 8am start. George and Angela will make you very welcome.

There is a separate Epee Camp scheduled for **Saturday, 10 March from 8am to 12pm.** The cost is \$40. This camp is suitable for fencers from Under 11 to Junior and equipment will be available. A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

Coaching Course

Registrations for the 2012 Level 1 General Coaching Course will close 1 February, 2012. The primary weapon in the course will be Foil but Sabre and Epee will also be covered.

The course is being held at Steel Park Leisure Centre, 531 Illawarra Road, Marrickville on three consecutive Sundays ~ 19 February, 26 February and 4 March - from 9am to 7pm. The course fee is **\$400** which includes weapon manual and AFF administration fee.

The NSWFA Head Coach will conduct the course, assisted by NSWFA Assistant Coaches.

For enrolment information please contact the NSWFA State Coaching Director, Alexandra Andre at alexandraandre70@gmail.com or go online and register.



Action at the Open Championships last December in Sydney

Referee Training Programme

The new Referee Training Programme will begin in February 2012. Two 3 hour courses will be held on the 5th and the 19th of February from 9am - 12am at Marrickville PCYC. The course will consist of five hours of training with the final hour given to assessment. These initial training hours coupled with the first official assessment for the programme will begin the process of providing competent and well trained referees for the first competition of the season. To complement these sessions, five clinics will be held throughout the year to review and assess the referee's learning process. We would like to hold these clinics at various clubs across NSW so as to provide equal opportunities for all referees. If your club would be interested in hosting such an event please contact Max Andrew-Kabilafkas at admin@nswfencing.org.au

Why Become a Coach?

The future of fencing lies in the youngsters we can attract to take up and stay with our sport.

Our corps of experienced coaches is doing a great job in developing the skills of those who choose to take up fencing.

We can do more with more new coaches, particularly younger coaches with the energy and commitment to take fencing out to the community, introduce our sport to new schools, assist your own club with beginners or maybe even set up a new club.

The spin-off for you as a fencer is that the more you learn about the sport by teaching newcomers, the greater insight this may bring to your own fencing. And you have the satisfaction of watching novices develop into accomplished fencers...and maybe even giving you a run for it on the piste.

Learn more about how to become an accredited coach at: www.ausfencing.org

Commonwealth Juniors

Commonwealth Junior Championships in St Helier, Jersey in February.

Representing Australia:

Men's Epee – **Patrick Daley, Lachlan Fitzgerald, Rob Snell**

Men's Foil – **Anthony Gauke, Sam Mooney-Grand**

Men's Sabre – **Patrick Daley**

Good luck guys.

2012 Fees

NSWFA memberships for 2012 are due from 1 January. Registration and payment can now be made online at www.nswfencing.org.au except for coaches who will be invoiced separately (*see below*).

The NSWFA affiliation and registration fees for 2012 are raised to pass on exactly the increased cost of AFF capitation. NSWFA competition entry fees remain unchanged.

The NSW levy on entries for national championships remains unchanged, as do club affiliation fees.

NSWFA will continue to apply a \$5 administration charge to AFF competition entries. 2012 will be the third year of unchanged NSW membership and competition entry fees.

Coaches will be invoiced separately to avoid coach registration errors that have occurred previously.

Clubs are reminded of the benefit to their non-competitive members of joining as Associate Members for \$10 which covers them for personal accident insurance and regular NSWFA Newsletters.

	2011	2012
Senior Affiliation	\$130	\$132
Junior Affiliated	\$100	\$103
Senior Registered	\$50	\$50
Junior Registered	\$40	\$40
Associate	\$10	\$10
Coach	\$110	\$112
Coach Fencer	\$170	\$172
Hon Coach	\$60	\$62
Club affiliation	\$60	\$60
NSW comp individual entry online	\$25	\$25
NSW individual comp not online (late entry)	\$35	\$35
NSW comp individual second entry	\$15	\$15
NSW comp team entry	\$50	\$50
NSW Schools comp individual entry	\$25	\$25
Schools comp team entry	\$50	\$50
AFF comp individual entry	\$65	\$70 - plus \$5 NSW admin fee
AFF comp individual veteran entry	\$65	\$90 - plus \$5 NSW admin fee
AFF comp team entry	\$130	\$140 - paid from NSWFA levy
NSWFA levy for AFF National Champs individual entry	\$60	\$60

Note: \$55 of the Senior Affiliation fee and \$30 of the Junior Affiliated fee is capitated to AFF. The \$70

AFF competition entry fee is shared equally between NSWFA and AFF when AFF competitions are held in NSW.

Coach Affiliation

All NSWFA accredited coaches are being invoiced individually for their 2012 Affiliation fees. This will avoid mistakes made in previous years when some coaches have inadvertently registered in the wrong category, or registered as coaches when they are not accredited or did not register and pay the appropriate fee.

When they receive their invoice, coaches will be asked to confirm that they:

Hold current ASC coaching accreditation confirmed by their listing on the AFF website list of accredited coaches.

Have registered via the AFF Portal and provided their venue details and student numbers (for insurance purposes).

Have completed the NSW Working with Children Self Employed Certificate (if applicable).

Coach membership categories are:

Coach	- \$112	(Accredited Coach)
Coach Fence	- \$172	(Accredited Coach)
Honorary Coac	- \$62	(Honorary Member of NSWFA who is an Accredited Coach)

A chance to earn \$150

& fence too!

NSWFA is looking for someone to take on responsibility for supervising set-up and pack-up at Sunday competitions.

Hours are from 7.30am to 5pm and the pay is \$150. The job entails supervising the spacing and laying down of pistes in the morning, set up of scoring boxes and reels and packing the equipment away in the afternoon and generally helping to make competitions run smoothly. In between setting up and packing away, the supervisor should have time to fence as well. If you or your club is interested, please contact secretary@nswfencing.org.au

Planning Ahead



The FIE has confirmed changed dates for the 2012 Asian Championships in Wakayama, Japan.

This competition will be held **22 – 27 April 2012.**



Above: More action at the recent Open Championships

Club News

*Welcome to our newest club the
Mosman Musketeers Fencing
Academy*

*– opening in February 2012.
See the NSWFA website for details.*



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Correction

In the December Newsletter, we mistakenly reported that the NSW Women's Sabre Team had won gold at the Australian Championships in early December. It was of course the NSW Women's Foil Team who took gold. The Women's Sabre Team also fenced well to win silver.