



Introduction

- This document sets out the requirements to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of Bath Sword Club members (fencers, coaches, volunteers, parents). It is essential the information contained within this document is communicated to all parties and/or groups involved in the activity and that there is continual communication and transparency between the parties/groups.
- A safety induction will be delivered to all coaches, participants and where necessary parents/carers on arrival to the activity. All participants and parents/carers will be briefed prior to the activity to ensure they understand the activity and expectations to keep everyone safe. Normal consideration should be applied to the attire and jewelry policy within this induction.
- Fencing activity will only include that covered by British Fencing Guidelines for recommended activity.

Government Guidelines

- We will adhere to all guidelines set out by our Governing body, British Fencing, which have duly been signed off by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

Emergency Contacts

- Covid officer & Lead Coach (Tim Miles: clanmiles.bath@btinternet.com (07962-081236) and Welfare Officer Leanne Gover: leanne867@btinternet.com) (07816 888988)
- Club Chair Andrew Courtney (chairman@bathswordclub.co.uk, 07921255740)

First Aid and PPE

- First aid provision is provided by the university of Bath Sports Training Village/Founders Hall – we will adhere to their guidelines.
- When first aid is required a nominated individual will call the duty office for support.
- We also have all club members with their own first aid kit.
- Members will be required to wear face coverings at all times in all public areas of the university. As per British fencing guidelines, members are also required to wear face coverings in the fencing area.

Access to the session

- All sessions MUST be booked in advance, no walk ins will be facilitated. All spaces will be confirmed by confirmation from the coaches.
- Capacity of these sessions is limited by social distancing requirements as follows. Founders Hall. Whole Hall, 48 fencers and coaches. Half hall, 24. Fencing Salle, 24. 4 pistes, 6 per piste with an empty piste between active ones. Indoor sprint track, 30. Indoor jumps and throws hall 30 fencers and coaches.
- Members will be expected to have their entrance card in order to get through reception, if a new one is required this will need to be indicated on the return to training form.
- All members are expected to arrive on time for their session and make their own way down to the hall.
- Fencers will arrive ready to fence and keep all kit bags in designated socially distance area.
- The university is implementing a 'keep left' policy around the building, we ask for all members to ensure that they abide by this.

- Members will enter the Founders Hall and STV immediately on arrival at a designated time to allow 15 minutes for previous activities to disperse. These times will be advised when the club has confirmed session times from the University for both Founders Hall and STV.
- Members will be asked to sanitise their hands at the designated sanitation station at this time. Any outdoor clothing must be removed and placed next to their fencing equipment bag.
- All fencers will be allocated a space, suitably distanced, in a safe space around the edge of the hall.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the Founders Hall or STV.
- Parents will be asked to collect and drop off their child from designated entry and exit points.
- For the Founders Hall, entry and exit point are through the main doors on the ground floor, use the appropriately marked door.
- For the STV, entry and exit points will be the main doors to the STV.
- A club coach will be on station at entry and exit times to ensure all under 18s are accounted for.

Track and Trace

- The club has a declaration form and detailed register that monitors the members that attend the club
- Coaches have access to this throughout all sessions.
- Members are asked that if they or their family have any symptoms of Covid 19 that they do not attend sessions until they have either had a negative test result or have fulfilled the necessary isolation period as set out by the government.
- Before returning to training, we will require all members to fill in an up to date contact form with any relevant medical conditions and stating that they are fit to train.
- Anyone aged 16 years or over entering the Founders Hall or STV must use the NHS QR code check in.

Facilities, Equipment and session timings

- Coaches will enter the session first and set up all equipment.
- Coaches will welcome members into the session and designate their spot for the session – this will be where members keep their equipment and bag.
- All members will be registered via the club register and will be required to confirm that they are Covid 19 free in reply to their invitation to fence in that session.
- Members are asked to only please bring their fencing bag with their weapons and a clearly marked water bottle.
- If members need to leave the hall for any reason they are asked to please ensure that they follow Team Bath directions and access to the hall – they are asked to please ensure that they undertake the same process of hand cleaning during this time.
- Members will be reminded to clean their hands every 30 minutes during the session – hand sanitiser will be provided and/or members are free to bring their own.
- At the end of the session members are asked to please ensure that they leave in a timely manner and exit the hall after sanitising their hands.
- Members are asked to please ensure that they remain socially distanced and respect each other's spaces.

Cleaning

- The only shared equipment will be the use of electric boxes which will be cleaned down between uses and at the beginning and end of each session.
- Fencers will be asked to bring their own water bottle, use their own kit and ensure that after every night session they must wash their kit.
- Participants will be reminded to sanitise or wash their hands regularly.

Capacity and Safeguarding

- The sessions will follow British Fencing guidelines and university Covid safe protocol.

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- The fencers will be assigned to a weapon bubble of no more than 6 and will train only with those in that group.
- Participants will not move between groups at any time during the session.
- At present fencing sparring and 1:1 lessons are permitted provided they conform to social distancing.

Further policies

- Please refer to our website & our NGB British Fencing for all policies

<https://www.britishfencing.com/covid-19-advice-guidance/>

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