

# Surrey County Fencing Union

## Youth Championships

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

1. Entry form available via:

[http://www.surreyfencing.com/Entry\\_Surrey\\_Youth.html](http://www.surreyfencing.com/Entry_Surrey_Youth.html)

Please post paper entry with cheque.

Also submitting on-line helps us and reduces post risk.

2. Venue: Sports Hall, Epsom College, Longdown Lane South,  
Epsom, KT17 4JJ. (no dogs or smoking)

3. Report By Times (Foil, Epée, Sabre):

Year of birth ->	2009 -2005	2004 -2003	2002 -2001	2000 -1998
Foil	9am	11am	11:30	11:30
Epee	1pm	2pm	3pm	3pm
Sabre	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm

**Note change for  
U16 & U19 Foil to  
enable better  
combination of  
events**



The organiser may combine some age categories and possible boy/girl.

Start times will depend on event progress / referees. You may enter multiple events but your entry would be refunded if events overlap.

4. Please enter (pay) before the event (£15 in advance, £15.75 PayPal, £20 on the day; see entry form). The organiser may accept a limited number of on the day payments but too many makes timely starting of events difficult. In all cases, please enter details via the web form in advance. Posted cheques preferred. For multiple events, eg Foil+Epee/Sabre: do enter. Worst case -> we'll refund.
5. Eligibility: Please see [www.SurreyFencing.com](http://www.SurreyFencing.com). This is a Surrey County event, not Region or Open.
6. BF. Membership: We can e-check from your online entry. Advance entry is required.
7. Organisers are not loco-parentis. All children to be supervised by an adult where necessary. [Conduct](#).
8. Please help if you can (volunteers invited) or just pick tape / pack away at the end if you can.
9. Referees: If your club can bring a referee, this will help the smooth running of the competition. If clubs wish to reserve a coach for coaching / supervising then please bring additional referees as well. If there are not enough referees then fencers may be asked to referee each other. Don't enter if not OK.
10. Electric apparatus: Would clubs please send a box if possible (we may rely on this, please notify organiser how many sets you can bring).
11. Kit: You must bring your kit in good working order and in a safe condition. The organiser reserves the right to refuse to allow a fencer to compete in kit he considers to be unsafe. Plastrons are mandatory. Breeches are required but safe trousers (pockets closed/taped/sewn) for U10&12 may be allowed at organisers discretion. Mask bib lame optional for U10/12/14 foil (not target but your choice...may be taped). Mask bib lame required for U16 & U19 foil (but not allowed for epee).
12. Kit room: If the entry is large the organiser may designate zones for equipment & for spectators.
13. U19=born in 1998 or 1999 or 2000. U16=born in 2001 or 2002; U14=born in 2003 or 2004; U12=born in 2005-2006. U10=2007-2009. Events may be combined at organisers discretion (even with different blade sizes) Separate results & medals per original category.
14. Blade size restrictions: U10: size 0 [recommended](#), up to size 2 epee/sabre & up to size 3 foil allowed. U12 and U14: Foil size 0-3, sabre 0-2, epee 0-2 only. U16 & U19 may use any size 0-5. Note that the Surrey rules may be different to the BYC rules (to enable combinations).
15. Food and drink will be on sale. Please do not consume or spill sticky drinks in the sports hall. Your entry fee does not include cleaning of the sports hall; we are relying on no one spilling any food or drink.
16. Disclaimer: All fencers are reminded that they compete at their own risk. The organisers will take all reasonable care, but do not accept liability for loss or injury, howsoever caused. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form. If you object to photography then consult the organiser before entering.
17. Changes, announcements and results will be posted at [www.SurreyFencing.com](http://www.SurreyFencing.com).

I hope we will have a great day of fencing.

Yours,

Ian de Whalley  
SCFU webmaster

on behalf of SCFU Committee  
Competition Organisers

## Extra notes for Parents at Surrey Youth Fencing Championships

Thank you for entering this event. A large entry is expected so I'm afraid I won't have much time to talk to you on the day. Here's some extra information:

**Travelling by train?** Check online – there may be engineering works in the area.

**Parking:** It is likely that for much of the day the small carpark at the sports hall door will be full. There is more parking under trees near cricket nets (this is the only place you may park on grass). Please leave enough time to park and walk.

**Check-in:** When you arrive, please make sure your name is ticked. For a photo/video pass please leave your details at check-in and take a badge (we take “safeguarding” seriously).

**Parents waiting facilities:** Please expect an event taking many hours. There is some seating outside the glass squash courts but apart from that, standing is likely. There may be a few benches in the hall but there won't be much space because we need the entire hall for fencing. Although I have stated that a nominated adult is to be responsible for fencers, feel free to share that so that some of you can leave the venue and collect later.

**Venue times:** Hall 2 is the lower hall. We have this booked from 8.30am until 7.30pm. Hall 1 is the upper hall, booked 10am to 5pm. I recommend making use of the seating outside the glass squash courts and anywhere else if not required by other venue users. Main halls may be rather full.

**No armoury Service:** Tape your foils before you arrive. Don't bring faulty kit.

**Parents and supporters etiquette:** Like most sports, psychological influence is strong so please moderate how you affect your child's opponent. Please do not intervene or speak to the referee unless you see a safety issue. Grumblers may be asked to watch from further away or leave. If you notice awarded points being recorded the wrong way around, notify the scorer politely. Fencers are invited to check every hit – corrections are supposed to be made before fencing resumes. [Link to Parents code of Conduct.](#)

**Food and Drink:** There will be food and drink on sale this year. See last sheet of these details for menu.

**New to fencing competitions?** I suggest reading this: ([Click here](#))

**Information:** We will stick print-outs to a wall. Please keep an eye out as that's how we will communicate what's going on. Please avoid interrupting the organisers and in particular please do not speak to the computer operators (just calculate the logistics...a minute for each of 170 fencers adds to nearly 3 hours delay!). Do listen for announcements around the time you expect to be called. It is up to fencers to position themselves suitably to hear, a little while after the previous round ends.

**Fencer to Fencer changeovers:** Everyone can help speed the event up by helping with this. As each bout is called, listen for who is next, find them and get them ready. The first fencer called goes on the right of the ref unless one is left handed (then left on left). The fencer going on unclips the fencer coming off. The fencer coming off then clips the spool onto the fencer going on. Parents are invited to help ☺.

**Disappointment on Losing:** Everyone will go home with a mixture of experience, hopefully including the pleasure of some good fencing (whether the hits are for you or against). When you lose, try not to look for blame/excuses; it's all part of sport to lose with good grace. Blaming the ref. etc. is never helpful. We look forward to a fun day and hope to see you leave with a smile ☺.

**Predicted end times:** The organisers cannot predict closely but last year some groups took several hours from check-in to presentation. We try to get slicker each year but rely on fencers refereeing each-other. The sabre and all U19 groups are expected to be about 2.5 hours. The speed of the event depends significantly on the change over times from fencer to fencer... see above how you can help.

Organisers Announcements for each 1<sup>st</sup> round poule group of fencers

1. Welcome ☺
2. There are <n> entries (announce for each sub-group).
3. Format: 1 round of poules then direct elimination

Poules

U14, 16, 19 One round, fights to 5 hits, time limit 3 minutes

U10, 12 One round, fights to 5 hits, time limit 2 minutes

Direct Elimination

U14, 16, 19 Fights to 15 hits, 3 periods of 3 minutes with gaps of 1 minute

U10, 12 Fights to 10 hits, 3 periods of 2 minutes with gaps of 1 minute

4. Blade sizes: see event details. U10 Please be amicable where-ever you chose to negotiate to use the same size – otherwise the default is per details.
5. Toilets (both foyer and changing rooms). Not age segregated.
6. Drink & food spillages, Please pick up litter and clean up any mess you see.
7. Nothing to be left in changing rooms.
8. Label equipment and keep it with you.
9. All fencers must wear a plastron (please show referee when you 1<sup>st</sup> start).
10. Timing will depend on how quick changeovers are. Please be ready to go on as the previous bout completes, help the previous person off, help the next person on.
11. Any equipment problems please act quickly. Any suspect spools please wrap wire round handle.
12. Safety: Testing, look where hitting, not at box.
13. Be very polite to the refs and they might come back next year.
14. Remember to smile and be positive – especially when you lose - enjoy the good points rather than blaming the ref!

Draft / Provisional Poule Groupings (updated 14Jan2017) – might change with late entries:

	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19
GF	2	8	13	3	1
BF	5	20	16	10	2
GE	2	8	8	5	1
BE	9	10	8	8	5
GS	0	0	0	0	3
BS	0	1	4	1	4

	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19
GF	7	8 on 2 pistes	6,7	4	
BF		5,5,5,5	5,5,6	6,6	
GE	11 on 3 pistes	8 on 2 pistes	8 on 2 pistes	6	
BE		5,5	8 on 2 pistes	8	5
GS	5			8 on 2 pistes	
BS					

**There will be a Food Stand at the Competition this year.**

Customers with allergies are asked to not risk problems – do check.

## **Menu**

### **Rolls:**

Likely examples: Roast beef and horseradish, Brie and grape, Cheese and Ham, Cheese and pickle, Ham and mustard.

### **Snacks:**

Crisps & Fruit.

### **Cake:**

Various yummy cakes 😊

### **Drinks:**

Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Apple / Orange Juice and bottled water.

**All proceeds will go to the youth DofE Diamond Challenge.**

Forget your packed lunch and come and see us instead ;D

Good luck at the competition!

*Please clear up not just your own litter / mess but also other peoples.  
This is a community event run by volunteers; we have hired the halls on  
a no food basis. Sticky drinks etc in particular to be outside the fencing  
hall (lobby OK).*

*Thank you 😊*