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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first FSA Newsletter for 2016. We have included general information and updates, including changes to equipment rules and revised fees.

The Fencing SA website continues to be developed, and those new to fencing are encouraged to use it as a source of information re policies, competition categories and requirements, South Australian Fencing clubs, competition results and more.

The website also shows the South Australian State Competition Timetable, with the inclusion of National competitions. It also offers a link to the Fencing SA Facebook page, which keeps our fencers up to date with events, both State and National, photos and items of interest.

We hope this newsletter will provide information throughout the fencing year for fencers of all levels, and welcome any suggestions for inclusions in future issues.

Email secretary@fencingsa.org.

STATE COMPETITION UPDATE

The first State Fencing competitions for 2016 are Open & Veteran categories, commencing 10am on Sunday 6th March. A link to the FSA competition calendar is provided below:

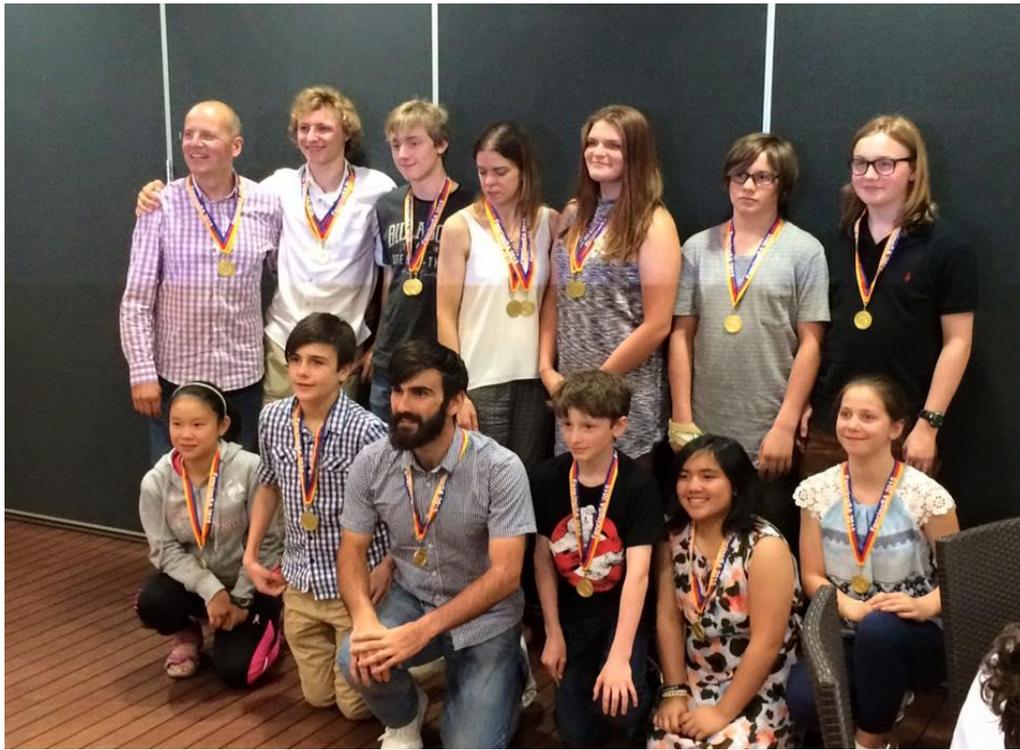
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2016 competition entry is subject to the following costs:

- Individual entry (any age): First event \$15
- \$7.50 for each subsequent event (any age) fenced on the same weekend.

Entries are to be sent by email to competitions@fencingsa.org.au by 10pm Wednesday in the week before the competition is to run. All competitions must have a minimum 4 entrants, or will be cancelled. Notification of cancellation will be made to individual entrants. The times listed in the timetable are the competition start times, and fencers need to be there 15 minutes beforehand for roll call.

Referees are always required for our State comps. Fencing SA participates in the Department of Recreation & Sport Coloured Shirt Programme, which encourages young referees to gain experience in an encouraging and secure environment. Refereeing is a great way to develop your skills and confidence, and there are always experienced referees around to assist and guide you. If you are happy to assist, you will be paid in competition entry vouchers.



STATE FENCING COMPETITIONS, 2015

Fencing SA congratulates the following fencers for attaining top ranking in South Australia, 2015, in their chosen weapon and age categories:

	FOIL	EPEE	SABRE
U11 B	Darcey Cowling		
U11 G	Elizabeth Lim		
U13 B	Julian Mortimer		
U13 G	Ashleigh Kurbatfinski		
U15 B	Clayton Ferguson		
U15 G	Ceska Dullona		
U17 B	Ben Alderson	Tobias Adams	Angus Thomas
U17 G	Georgina Rawson	Maria Zhdanovich	
U 20 B	Ben Alderson	Leighlan Doe	Will Campbell
U20 G	Georgina Barratt	Maria Zhdanovich	
YOUTH INTERMED. MALE	Max Thomas		
YOUTH INTERMED. FEMALE	Joanna Barry- Murphy		
NOVICE MALE	David Edwards		
NOVICE FEMALE	Michelle Edwards		
INTERMEDIATE MALE	Clayton Ferguson	Tobias Adams	
INTERMEDIATE FEMALE	Ying Qian	Maria Zhdanovich	
VETERAN MALE	Simon Bowering	Steve Howlett	
VETERAN FEMALE	Maria Kirby	Nadine Ferguson	
OPEN FEMALE	Ying Qian	Nadine Ferguson	Jamie Bomi Kim
OPEN MALE	Simon Bowering	Alex Burgun	Will Campbell

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FENCING CIRCUIT COMPETITIONS

The AFC 1 DH McKenzie competition, incorporating the Australian U23 Epee, will be held in Melbourne on 23rd, 24th and 25th of April. Make sure that your License has been renewed for 2016, and enter via the Australian Fencing Federation website. A link to the timetable is <http://www.ausfencing.org/home/attachments/article/4700/DHM2016%20Schedule.pdf>.

RENEWAL / NEW REGISTRATIONS WITH FENCING SA

Fencers are reminded that affiliation fees are now due. All previously registered and licenced fencers should have received an email directing them to renew on the Fencing SA membership portal via the Fencing SA website.

If you have new contact information, remember that you can update your personal details via the portal. This will assist us in keeping our membership data up to date.

Costs and categories of registration are outlined below:

Junior Competitive Fencer - License

This subscription is for all competitive fencers who are under 20 years old as of 1st January. The subscription allows you to fence at State Competitions, Australian Fencing Circuit competitions and National Championships.

\$111.93

Junior Participative Fencer - Registration

This subscription is for Social, Novice, Intermediate, Under 11, Under 13 and Schools League fencers who are Under 20 years old on the 1st of January. The subscription allows you to fence in specific state competitions. Please see the Fencing SA website to check the competitions you can enter.

\$53.30

Schools League Fencer - Registration

This category allows for entry in the Fencing SA Schools League competition only and not in State Competitions.

\$31.98

Senior Competitive Fencer - License

This subscription is for all competitive fencers who are 20 years old or over. The subscription allows you to fence at State Competitions, Australian Fencing Circuit competitions and National Championships.

\$127.92

Senior Participative Fencer - Registration

This subscription is for Social, Novice and Intermediate fencers who are over 20 years old. The subscription allows you to fence in specific state competitions. Please see the Fencing SA website to check the competitions you can enter.

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CHANGES TO COMPETITION EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The clothing requirements for U15, U17 and U20 competitions at State Level have been upgraded to the following, in line with requirements for these categories when fencing in National competitions:

Enforcement of these requirements will begin from July 1st, 2016.

All fencers in these events are required to wear the following equipment:

- 800N FIE certified Plastron
- 800N FIE certified Jacket
- 800N FIE certified Breeches
- 1600N FIE certified Mask (with lame bib for Foil)
- Knee length socks
- Fencing Glove
- Breast Plate (Females compulsory)
- Lame (Foil and Sabre only)
- Conducting 1600N FIE certified Mask (Sabre only)
- Head Lead (Foil and Sabre only)
- Conducting Cuff/Glove (Sabre only)
- Body wire

In addition, the requirement for Leon Paul X-Change Masks to have an additional strap (as per current FIE regulations) will not be enforced at the U11 and U13 levels of State competition.

2013 360 DEGREE REPORT

The ORS provides \$3.1 million per year to state sport and recreation organisations and industry representative bodies to provide leadership, policies and services for their activity areas. The funds are provided through the Sport and Recreation Sustainability Grant Program (SRSP).

To measure the program's return on investment, ORS developed the 360° review survey to gather feedback from affiliated members and stakeholders on the delivery of their organisations' services, policies and leadership.

A summary of the 2013 360 Degree Review has been posted on the FSA website under the Policies flag.

2015 AGM & GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2015 FSA Annual General Meeting and the General Meeting that followed it on November 22nd, 2015, have now been posted on the FSA website. They can be found under the News tag. Regular FSA committee meeting minutes will also be posted on the website.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Fencing SA requires the assistance of the local fencing community in the running of two iconic South Australian competition events.

- Fencing SA continues to host the AFC 2 National Competitions in Adelaide, held in June. We are looking for expressions of interest from people to join a working party to assist in the management of the Robyn Chaplin Tournament. Areas of interest include technical set up and planning, competition execution including weapons checks, the running of the canteen facility, and public relations.
- The annual School's League is a team competition comprising a round robin "league" followed by the tableau knockout challenge. We require an event facilitator; duties would include PR, organization of teams and schedule, and referees for each competition.
- Our local State comps are run 100% by volunteers; fencers, families and coaches. There are many ways you can help with these competitions if you haven't before. Set up of the venue before the fencers arrive to warm up, (and pack up at the end of the comps), collating entrant lists and collecting entry fees, learning how to use the EnGarde computer application for managing the events are all crucial to the success of our local competitions.

Please email secretary@fencingsa.org if you would like to participate in the running of any of these great events.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP, 2016

Last year's Junior Development Camp was a great success, and we will be running it again in the school holidays, April 18th to 21st. It is suitable for Beginners (3 days) to Advanced (4 days), is non-residential and includes strength & conditioning, skills training and high level coaching. It will include lunch and morning tea. Further details will be circulated soon.



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