
Oceania Fencing Masters' Academy Call for Expressions of Interest Online Level 1 Epee Coaching Course 2023

The Oceania Fencing Confederation (OFC) is seeking Expressions of Interest from potential participants for an Online Level 1 Epee Coaching Course in 2023. This will be an activity of the Oceania Fencing Masters' Academy (OFMA), using the online teaching materials of Global Fencing Masters (GFM).

Twenty participants will be selected by the OFC Coaching Commission from applicants across the Oceania Zone.

The course is planned to begin in March 2023 and will be completed over a period of 3 months (13 weeks).

Partnership with Global Fencing Masters

Limited places are being offered to coaches from the Oceania Zone to participate in this course to be conducted by OFMA in conjunction with Global Fencing Masters (GFM).

Since 2017, GFM has provided consulting services and innovative online education programs for coaches, fencers and referees, as well as organising in-person camps & clinics in Europe, North America, Oceania and Asia. GFM has developed online courses in partnership with the French Fencing Masters Academy (Académie d'Armes de France - AAF), to support the growth of the international fencing community.

The GFM Online Education Platform provides a convenient, self-paced, visual experience. Participants walk through essential terminology and techniques step-by-step, all types of actions, cues, class or private lesson planning and much more.

The courses have been assembled in collaboration with expert Masters from the United States and France and they exceed standards of practice in online sport training.

GFM curriculums are endorsed and recognized as a leading method of instruction for fencing coaches by AAF while also following the United States Fencing Coaches' Association (USFCA) requirements and the International Masters of Arms Qualification System (IMAQS) level framework defined by the Académie d'Armes Internationale (AAI).

For more information about GFM visit globalfencingmasters.com

Course details

The Level 1 Course establishes the basis for knowing and demonstrating the essentials in fencing to offer well thought-out collective drills and manage a group class, covering:

- Pedagogy & Technical Basics
- Preparatory Movements
- Offensive Actions (Simple & Compound)
- Parries & Ripostes
- Best practice / Safety environment
- Introduction to the Private Lesson.

The course itself will be presented using the GFM online learning platform. The program will include:

- the professionally presented online course (fencing terms & definitions, video illustrations, guidance & tips, practical application drills, quizzes, self-evaluation sheets), and
- access to a continuing education app that includes interactive feedback and analysis of short videos uploaded by the students using the app throughout the course.

Candidates will be supported during the course by the OFC Regional Development Officer/OFMA Coaching Program Director and other OFC Coaching Commission members, as well as by GFM expert coaches. Overall assessment and accreditation will be carried out by members of the OFC Coaching Commission under the auspices of OFMA.

The Level 1 GFM course, focusses on collective (group) lesson presentation, and as such equates to an OFMA Level 1 Epee Group Coaching qualification.

Learning outcomes

Through a combination of theory and practice, the expected learning outcomes are:

- Using adapted and precise fencing terminology/vocabulary to describe major technical skills and actions when communicating with your students or colleagues;
- Organising and planning your classes, leading structured training activities and increasing your fencers' toolbox of actions to support their progression;
- Managing group classes properly, including demonstrations and collective drills, knowing what to observe and how to adjust your pedagogical progression based on the level of your students;
- Describing/demonstrating fencing actions efficiently using simple and clear descriptions/key words;
- Providing guidance and answering your students' concerns more proficiently;
- Providing productive and positive feedback to your students.

Fees and subsidy

A fee of AUD 670 per participant will be charged by GFM for participation in the course.

Participants selected for the Course from Australia & New Zealand will receive a subsidy of 50% of their fee (AUD 335) from the OFC.

Participants selected for the trial from all other Oceania countries will receive a subsidy of 100% of their fee (AUD 670) from the OFC.

Further education & training

There may be a subsequent course held later in 2023, utilising GFM online level 2 materials (corresponding to OFMA Level 1 Individual instruction).

Criteria for selection

Candidates should be:

- a citizen of an OFC member country or Fiji
- a person who has been involved in fencing for at least two years;
- either a Level 1 Epee Coach or a person who has started working towards becoming a Level 1 Epee Coach;
- a current member of their National Fencing Federation.



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Candidates must commit to be willing to:

- upload short videos (no more than 3 minutes in length) of their practical course work to the continuing education app, as requested;
- attend group online sessions every two weeks for video analysis;
- provide feedback on their experience of the course to the OFC and GFM.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest

All Expressions of Interest must be submitted by **Tuesday 28 February 2023.**

To lodge an Expression of Interest and for all enquiries, please contact Leon Thomas, OFC Regional Development Officer at developmentofficer@oceaniafencing.org

Successful applicants will be notified on **Monday 6 March 2023.**