British Fencing Membership and Insurance Requirements Policy

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At a glance

- Fencers should have the appropriate British Fencing membership for their activity.
- Membership and insurance requirements may differ for beginner sessions, club training and competitions.
- Competition entries may require a specific membership level.
- Parents/carers and fencers are responsible for keeping membership details current where required.
- The club may ask for membership evidence before participation in certain activities.

Purpose

This policy explains Cambridge Sword's expectations around British Fencing membership, insurance and competition eligibility.

Membership expectations

Fencers should hold the appropriate British Fencing membership for the type of activity they are doing.

Beginner, introductory, club and competition activities may have different membership or insurance requirements.

Competitions

Fencers entering British Fencing licensed competitions or ranking events may need a specific membership level.

Parents/carers and fencers should check competition entry requirements before entering.

Club responsibility

Cambridge Sword may remind families about membership requirements, ask for evidence of membership where necessary, and refuse participation in an activity where membership or insurance requirements are not met.

Parent/carer and fencer responsibility

Parents/carers and fencers are responsible for ensuring membership information is accurate, current and appropriate for their activity.

Where unsure, they should ask the Club Manager or relevant coach before entering a competition or activity.

Risk assessments, equipment responsibility and insurance

Cambridge Sword policies and risk assessments should be read alongside the current British Fencing Safety Guidelines. British Fencing notes that failure to follow a relevant risk assessment may in some circumstances affect insurance cover.

Fencers are responsible for keeping their own equipment safe and suitable. Competition organisers may require entrants to confirm that clothing and equipment comply with British Fencing requirements and are in good condition.

Parents/carers should check the membership, insurance, clothing and equipment requirements for competitions before entering, particularly where requirements differ by age group, competition type or governing body rules.

Related policies and guidance

This document should be read alongside:

- Fencer Code of Conduct
- Parent/Carer Code of Conduct
- Spectator and Competition Conduct
- Equipment, Kit Loan and Armoury Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- British Fencing membership and insurance guidance

Review

This document will be reviewed annually, or sooner if there is a safeguarding concern, complaint, incident, near miss, change in club practice, change in guidance, or change in relevant law or governing body requirements.

Approval and review record

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