

FENCERS CLUB

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Frequently Asked Questions

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What age is a good age to begin lessons?

Fencers can begin their training from the age of seven and up. There is appropriate equipment, and there will be fencing partners for them, and most children this age have the ability to respond well to both group and private instruction.

What are the benefits of fencing?

- It is a fast-paced and exciting sport
- Great for concentration
- It is mentally and physically invigorating
- Practice quick decision making skills based on changing circumstances
- Teaches persistence in the face of challenges
- It is a combat sport that is suitable for all ages, temperament and body types
- Great way to meet interesting people and make friends
- It is a lot of fun

Why choose Fencers Club?

Fencers Club is the oldest fencing club in the United States with some of the best coaches in the world. We have produced more Olympians and World Champions than any other club in America. We welcome all ages and all levels of fencers and families to promote the social and athletic interaction of its members through fencing. As a nonprofit organization, we offer many services to the community to serve the public's interest and to promote the sport of fencing.

How does one join the Fencers Club?

You can come in, or enroll online. A good way to start is with our Introductory Packages. You have four weeks to use the package, and the package payment can be applied towards membership. During this period, you can enjoy all the privileges of Fencers Club membership.

Does one need to be a member in order to take lessons at the Fencers Club?

After the Introductory Packages, yes, you must be a member to take lessons.

What does membership cover?

Your membership fee allows you to fence as well as take classes and lessons at the Fencers Club. Lockers and coaching fees for lessons are extra. We are open seven days a week, and a range of fencers from beginners to Olympians, and fencers of all ages will be at the club. We also offer a range of benefits to the members such as: free footwork classes, college information evenings, and discounts to international training camps as well as to our own in-house camps. The most valuable benefit is you will be a member of a close and tight-knit group of interesting and diverse people who love to fence and share resources.

How do I pick a weapon for my Fencer?

You can start fencing with any of the three weapons: foil, epee or saber – although most coaches recommend you begin with foil, which was originally designed as a training weapon. You may want to try all three; temperament usually dictates the choice of weapon. Talking to our coaches is also a great way to proceed. They are the experts and can help guide you.

How do I pick a coach for my fencer or myself?

All the coaches on the Fencers Club floor are professional, highly educated instructors who are excellent at what they do. You should choose a coach based on weapon, schedule and personal fit between yourself and the coach. After a few private lessons, the etiquette involved means you have made a commitment to that particular coach and should try to work with him or her, but fencers are free to change coaches at any time. If the coaches' schedules are full, they are not obliged to take on new students. Please discuss with the Club Manager or the Executive Director.

How much are group classes and private lessons?

Group classes: Fees for private lessons are \$40 for 20 minutes and the group classes are from \$40 and up, depending on the class. Please discuss the exact fees with your coach.

What do I do about equipment?

Our brand new in-house retail store, Kfir Fencing Equipment, offers a great selection of fencing apparel and products (French/German/Russian/Chinese) for all levels of fencers right here at the Fencers Club. Epee, foil and sabre equipment are available, as well as

onsite repair, rental and laundry services. We also sell a wonderful variety of Fencers Club branded merchandise including warm-ups, T-shirts, socks and more!

Is the Fencers Club only for high-level fencers?

Not at all - the Fencers Club is proud to serve the entire spectrum of fencers. Our members range from 7 to 87 years of age, with varying abilities. We currently have a membership of approximately 425 members who range from recreational fencers to Olympians and World Champions.

Can I pay a floor fee and fence at the Fencers Club?

The floor fee is \$30. If you would like to participate in a group class, please discuss with the coach. The class fees are additional to the floor fee. Please note that only members are allowed to take private lessons with our coaches.

Now that I have joined the club, what is next?

Come in and fence and join the community of interesting people who love to fence and have diverse interests. We offer many services so please take advantage of them.

How much should I or my child fence?

A member in good standing should fence as much as time allows. It's found that a minimum of twice a week will keep you in shape. Stronger and more competitive fencers come in 4 or more times a week. We are open 7 days a week. Make friends at the club and come in and fence.

When should I or my child start competing?

There are many levels of competitions offered at the Fencers Club as well as in the tri-state area. There are also national and international competitions for more experienced fencers. Please consult your coach.

For additional information, please do not hesitate to call the club or contact the manager.

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If you would like to speak to the Executive Director with any issues, please call Liz Cross, 646.644.3812