

# Scottish Fencing

## 2017 – 2018 Development Plan Overview



### CLUB DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Funds available :** £3000

**SF strategy 2017-18 targets addressed:**

Increase Membership by 4% to 1042.

**Activities identified:**

- Regular club-led recruitment programmes for plastics/size 0 from at least 6 clubs (With good geographical coverage).
- Clubs identify specific activities aimed at promoting membership and apply to the Fund.

**Action:** Fund promoted on website and social media with examples of grants awarded in 2015-16 and guidance notes.

**Measurable Impact:** Increase in membership of Scottish Fencing. Progression towards Swordmark status of clubs awarded grants. Steadily expanding clubs which are constantly building capacity and resources for planned growth.

### DIRECT CLUB INVESTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPORTSCOTLAND

**Funds available :** £500

**SF strategy 2017-18 targets addressed:**

Establish 2 Super Clubs

**Action:** Award Salle Ossian previously agreed grant.

**Measurable Impact:** Salle Ossian to achieve “Super” club status before 31/3/2018. Performance of Salle Ossian fencers between beginning of season 2017-18 and 31/3/2018.

### WOMEN BEGINNER AND RETURNER, PARENT AND CHILD BEGINNER PROGRAMMES

**Funds available :** £3500

**SF strategy 2017-18 targets addressed:** Increase Membership by 4% to 1042.

**Activities identified:**

- Club-led recruitment programmes for women only beginner/returner sessions at least 6 clubs (with good geographical coverage) – highlighting fitness aspect of fencing.
- Club-led adult Parent and child programmes in at least 6 clubs (with good geographical coverage).

**Action:** Provide clubs (good geographical coverage) with funds to run women-only beginner and returner sessions. Provide clubs (good geographical coverage) with funds to run parent and child sessions.

**Measurable Impact:** Increase in membership of Scottish Fencing. Increase in female memberships of Scottish Fencing. Increase in 40 plus membership of Scottish Fencing. Steadily expanding clubs that are constantly building capacity and resources for planned growth.

## COME AND TRY EVENTS AT SCOTTISH, ABERDEEN AND EDINBURGH OPENS

**Funds available:** £1500

**SF strategy 2017-18 targets addressed:** Increase Membership by 4% to 1042.

**Activities identified:**

- Club-led events held at the major fencing opens.
- Possibly 2 or 4 sessions with different local club running each session.
- Creates a direct link with the club.

**Action:** Run Come and Try events across the two days of fencing at the Scottish Open 2017 in partnership with club. Clubs to commit to running Child and Adult beginner session directly after Scottish Open 2017 .

**Measurable Impact:** Increased membership of Scottish Fencing. Progression of grant awarded clubs towards Swordmark status. Steadily expanding clubs which are constantly building capacity and resources for planned growth.

## SCHOOL/GROUP PLASTIC FENCING COACH DEVELOPMENT

**FundsAvailable :** £3500

**SF strategy 2017-18 target/s addressed:** Increase Membership by 4% to 1042.

**Activities identified:**

- Promote club leader/teacher fencing opportunities via social media
- Use existing club leader/teacher stories to highlight benefits
- Create a direct link with a local club by using cross-over events to provide familiar faces

**Action:** Provide Schools/clubs (guides/scouts) (good geographical coverage) with support and a link to a local club or clubs, in order to set up after-school fencing clubs in areas of social deprivation. Offer advice and support to direct them to funding streams for kit.

**Measurable Impact:** Increased membership of Scottish Fencing. Increase in fencing clubs. Increase in membership of Scottish Fencing for children living in Scottish Multiple Deprivation Index areas 1 and 2.

## DEVELOPMENT OF REFEREES

**Funds available :** £2000

**SF strategy 2017-18 target/s addressed:**

A network of strong clubs.

Steadily expanding clubs which are constantly building capacity and resources for planned growth.

**Activities identified:**

- Create application process for applicants
- Coordinate events (GB Cadet/Juniors, GB Seniors, UKSG, Scottish Open) where applicants can be mentored by the assessors
- Create referee log book where registered referees record fencer, coach and other referee feedback

**Action:**

Senior referee development programme is based on a mentoring system using FIE Qualified referees to provide mentoring and feedback to registered referees.

**Measurable Impact:** Increased membership of Scottish Fencing. Progression of clubs towards Swordmark status.

**VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT**

**Funds available :** £2000

**SF strategy 2017-18 target/s addressed:**

A network of strong clubs.

Steadily expanding clubs which are constantly building capacity and resources for planned growth.

**Activities identified:**

- Hold club-based development events covering different areas; finance, CP, First Aid, armoury.
- Run training sessions for club volunteers and potential volunteers
- Register SF with Saltire Awards to recognize, record and reward young people’s volunteering hours.

**Actions:**

Develop Volunteer Policy. Develop volunteer job descriptions. Register with Saltire awards for young people volunteering.

**Measurable Impact:** Increased membership of Scottish Fencing. Progression of clubs towards Swordmark status.

**TALENT DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY**

**Funds available:** £7000

**SF Strategy Targets:**

Fencers are equipped to understand and achieve their maximum performance potential.

**Activities identified:**

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| • SFA Week long Summer camp                               | (£3,500)      |
| • SFA Training Days                                       | (£2,500)      |
| • Challenge Wratislavia (International Youth Competition) | (£1,000)      |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£7,000</b> |

**Action:**

Sustain existing Scottish Fencing Academy programmes for development of technical, mental and physical skills, competitive experience and fencing knowledge of young fencers, and support of progression through age-group categories.

**Measurable impacts:**

Scottish fencers selected for GB Cadet and Junior representation.

Scotland medals in 2018 Commonwealth Cadet and Junior Championships (July 2018).