

Club Constitution

Article 1 – Name and Aims

1. The Club shall be known as the **KING'S SWORDS FENCING CLUB. (KSFC)**

The Club shall be a non-profit making organisation.

2. The aims of the Club shall be:

- To promote the sport of fencing, especially within the Wimbledon area.
- To teach fencing to all levels of ability, to all individuals regardless of race, sex or religious belief.
- To be open to all children between the ages of 6 to 18 years old who wish to participate in the sport of fencing.
- To promote fencing to the youth of Wimbledon and to introduce the sport into local schools.
- To encourage members to enter competitions so as to promote the Club and the sport.
- To give displays of fencing to the general public and encourage them to take up the sport.
- To operate Equal Opportunity and Child Protection policies.

Article 2 – Membership of the British Fencing Association

- The Club shall be a member of the British Fencing Association, the national organising body for fencing, and shall abide by its rules and regulations.
- The present Membership Number is 4286.
- The Secretary shall renew the membership and liability insurance for the Club in December each year.
- Any Club member may view the Insurance Policy, the Equal Opportunities Policy, the Child Protection Policy, and any other relevant document, on request to the Secretary.

Article 3 – Location and Time

- The Club shall primarily serve fencers in the Wimbledon and surrounding areas.
- The Club venue shall be The King's Club, Woodhayes Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4TT
- The Club shall meet on Saturdays during the King's College School, Wimbledon, school term from 0900-1200.

Article 4 – Membership

- Membership shall be open to all children between the ages of 6 to 18 years old interested in the sport of fencing and the aims of the Club.
- Fencers will be allocated a place in either the Prep fencing, beginner fencing, or improver/advanced fencing classes dependent upon their age, fencing experience and skill level. Advancement and progression from one class to another is at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.
- Prospective members shall be allowed their first Saturday session of fencing at the Club free of charge. Thereafter standard fees shall be payable. Visitors shall pay the required fee.
- Any member joining the Club partway through a term shall be charged on a pro-

rata basis.

- Current members of the Club shall be those who have paid their fees in full for that term.
- When fencing on club premises, members and visitors shall follow safety guidelines (especially those relating to clothing), as may be specified from time to time by the British Fencing Association. Members or visitors breaching this rule shall do so entirely at their own risk.
- The Membership Secretary or delegate shall maintain a list of Club members.
- The amount of the Club subscription shall be decided by the committee and may be reviewed from time to time.
- It shall be the duty of all members to uphold the aims of the Club.

Article 5 – Officers and Committee

- The Club committee shall consist of three (3) Executive Officers: Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The full committee shall consist of upto seven (7) further members and from these the Club may elect an Armourer, a Child Protection Officer, Membership Secretary, Club Captain, Events Co-ordinator, Sponsorship/Grants/Fund-Raising Manager, and Website / Facebook / Press Officer. These offices may be combined at the discretion of the Club.
- Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in November and shall take office to serve for the following year. Outgoing committee members may stand for re-election.
- The Club committee may elect other Officers or sub-committees as deemed advisable.

Article 6 – Duties of Officers

- Click on the link to download a detailed list of the roles and responsibilities of each committee member

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Article 7 – Meetings

- Meetings shall be held on such dates and times, and in such places as the committee shall designate, such decisions being determined by the wishes of the committee.
- An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called if necessary for the transaction of important business and may be called by the Chairman, committee, or upon written command of three (3) club members giving two (2) weeks' notice. The business of the EGM shall be limited to that specified in the call.
- Members shall be notified of the time and place of all meetings by the Secretary or his/her representative.
- Five (5) regular members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a General meeting. Three (3) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business as a committee meeting.
- Only members present at any meeting may vote.
- Articles or sections of the Constitution may only be changed at an AGM or EGM. Club rules may be changed at any time by a majority of the elected committee to assist the running of the Club
- For the purposes of this Article 7, any member that is under the age of 18 must be substituted by one of that member's parents or legal guardian.

Article 8 – Discipline

- The Club may exclude any member for a breach of club rules or who, in the opinion of the elected committee, has behaved in a dangerous or un-sportsmanlike manner.

Article 9 – Dissolution

- Twenty-eight (28) days' notice to wind up the affairs of the Club at a special meeting called specifically for that purpose shall be given to all members.
- A decision to wind up the affairs of the Club shall require the agreement of a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.
- Following such agreement, the liabilities of the club shall be discharged and any remaining bank account balance shall be divided equally amongst the fully paid-up membership.
- All Club trophies or personal awards shall be returned to their donors. Where this is not possible, the committee shall be authorised to make other arrangements at its discretion. All club equipment shall be offered for sale or donated to other fencing clubs at the discretion of the committee.
- For the purposes of this Article 9, any member that is under the age of 18 must be substituted by one of that member's parents or legal guardian.