



## NSW FENCERS TOUR EUROPE

While NSW is experiencing a warm summer, some of our younger fencers have been in a chilly Europe on an AFF tour training and competing with the best. The tour has taken in FIE World Cups in Paris, Katowice and Heidenheim; and European Fencing Circuit events in Bratislava, Budapest, Copenhagen and Poznan.

The NSW fencers who toured Europe are Sean Andrews, Erin Bofinger, James Boyd-Hoare, Freya Clarke, Robert Ciccarelli, Matthew Dallasen, Benjamin Diskin, Alexandre Douglas, Yves Fontaine, Alexandra Hely, Christian Hely, Miya Herman, Violet Hull, Krystal Jessup, Sean Morota-Chu, Karen Nonis, James Siu, Jack Snell, John Tian, Katherine Wang and William Zeng.



## **MEN'S FOIL TEAM GO WELL IN PARIS**

NSW's Sholto Douglas was in the Australian Senior Men's Foil Team that beat Sweden to finish 15<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams contesting the Challenge Internationale de Paris World Cup. From left – Matt Foster, Ned Fitzgerald, Sholto Douglas, Chris Nagle. The team are 12<sup>th</sup> in the world rankings, snapping at the heels of Britain.



## **KAREN MAKES TOP 16 IN COPENHAGEN**

Karen Nonis made the top 16 at the EFC Cadet Women's Epee in Copenhagen, finishing 13<sup>th</sup> out of 88 and defeating fencers from Italy and Germany in the DE rounds.

## UPCOMING NSW COMPS

Date	Competition	
29-31 January	School camp	Suitable for schools fencers and beginners
4 February	U23 State Championships	Foil, Epee, Sabre
10-11 March	Canberra Day/ACT Champs	See <a href="http://www.actfa.org.au">www.actfa.org.au</a>
10 March	Mini-series #1	U8 to U12 – all weapons
25 March	Season Opener	Open & Veterans – all weapons
25 March	Wheelchair fencing	

Enter online at: <http://nswfencing.org.au/home/register/>

## REMINDER – NATIONAL JUNIORS

If you intend to compete in the Oceania and Australian Junior (U20) National Championships in Melbourne, entries close on 2 February. You must be affiliated with NSWFA before your entry will be accepted. Register via the AFF website.

## 2018 NSW SCHOOLS FENCING PROGRAM

NSWFA's new-look fencing program for school-aged fencers has been finalised and sent to School Fencing Co-ordinators.

The program differs from the traditional NSW schools fencing program. It offers eight Saturdays of fencing for each participant, more like a regular school sport. There will be three days of poules rounds to decide the individual championships and five days of teams. The greater emphasis on teams was recommended by schools after the success of the U15 boy's foil premiership last year. The program also reflects the desire of schools to have more competition days but less time spent per day for fencers and their families. The traditional Roberta Nutt and AJ Rae/Roseanne White competitions will be retained within the championship program.

All participants will be entitled to a \$100 *Active Kids* voucher credited by NSWFA against the cost of entry.

The final calendar will be posted to the website in early March and the competition program starts 24 March.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JAC FONTAINE

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## FENCING OLDTIMER WOULD LOVE TO CATCH UP FOR A CHAT



**Michael Sichel** was an Australian fencing champion and represented Australia at both the 1956 and 1960 Olympics. He is now 83, living in an aged care home in North Gosford and would love to have fencers drop in for a chat. Michael was national epee champion in 1959. He fenced foil in individual and team at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and in foil and sabre at the 1960 Games in Rome. Thanks to John Frew for passing on an invitation to visit Michael from Central Coast Volunteering.

– contact Toni Vent on (02) 4329 7122 and [cvs@volcc.org.au](mailto:cvs@volcc.org.au)

## TWO YOUNG EUROPEAN FENCERS ARE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Marion and Loic (both 15 years old) practise fencing in their home cities and hope to continue their interest while on exchange in Australia arranged by the World Education Program (WEP). Marion is French and fences foil. Loic is from Belgium and fences all three weapons. They both love keeping active and fit and also enjoy a number of other sports and hobbies. These students will be arriving in Australia in mid-July this year for 10 month (Marion) and 5 month (Loic) exchange programs. Once a generous, volunteer host family has been approved, WEP will arrange school enrolment, flights, visas etc. so host families can just get on with getting to know their chosen student before they arrive in Australia. They are both arriving in mid-July. Marion has chosen an academic year program (returns at the start of June 2019) and Loic is on a semester program and returns to Belgium at the start of December this year. Both students are eager to become valued members of welcoming local families in Australia.

If you are keen to know more about hosting either of these students or other enthusiastic high school exchange students please contact Sylvia Kelly on 1300 884 733 or [sylviakelly@wep.org.au](mailto:sylviakelly@wep.org.au).

Visit WEP's website at [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

## MEMBER REGISTRATION

Membership renewals for 2018 are now open on the [NSWFA website](#). Membership is for the full year. The cost of membership is the same as in 2017.

Membership can only be applied for online and paid for by credit card. A 4% card processing fee applies

Category	Age requirement	Cost	Eligibility
Senior Affiliated	Senior fencer (born 2000 or later - over 18 on 1 January).	\$200	Eligible to compete in State & National competitions. Voting status.
Junior Affiliated	Junior fencer (born 2000 or earlier - under 18 on 1 January)	\$125	Eligible to compete in School, State & National competitions. Non-voting status.
Senior Registered	Senior fencer (born 2000 or later – over 18 on 1 January)	\$50	Eligible to compete in NSW Regional competitions. Voting status.
Junior Registered	Junior fencer (born 2000 or earlier – under 18 on 1 January)	\$40	Eligible for NSW Schools (all ages) and Mini (U14/U12/U10/U8) State competitions. Non-voting status.
Coach		\$200	Voting status
Associate		\$40	Non-competing member. Non-voting status.

Membership payments include GST and the AFF Capitation Fee (per member charge)

## CLUB REGISTRATION

All fencing clubs are invited to be affiliated/registered with the NSW Fencing Association in 2018.

The benefits of club affiliation/registration are:

- [Insurance coverage](#) for personal injury, public liability and professional indemnity risk.
- A full listing of club details on the [NSWFA website](#).
- Participation in NSWFA club team competitions

This year, are asking clubs to provide more information about their membership, including the number of regular club fencers who are not competitive fencers affiliated or registered with NSWFA and the number of 'come and try' fencers who have visited your club. This information is needed for our reports to the NSW Office of Sport and to the AFF for its reports to the Australian Sports Commission.

It is important that we count every participant.

### Club membership categories:

**Affiliated Club:** A club with 10 or more members who are Affiliated/Registered members of NSWFA (either Senior or Junior): \$208

**Registered Club:** A club with fewer than 10 members who are Affiliated/Registered members of NSWFA. Typically, these are 'start up' clubs or small clubs in metro and regional areas.

Club registration can only be done online at [nswfencing.org.au](http://nswfencing.org.au)

## ATTENTION CLUBS AND COACHES

The insurance certificate of compliance for 2018 is now available. Please contact [secretary@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswfencing.org.au) for a copy. The certificate is available only to Affiliated/Registered Clubs and Affiliated Coaches who have registered their membership of NSWFA for 2018.

## COMING UP – LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE

A Level 1 coaching course will be held in 2018. If you are interested in becoming a coach and passing on your skills to others, especially in schools, keep an eye on the NSWFA website for details.

## NOTICE TO ALL COACHES – 2018 COACH ACCREDITATION

These items must be uploaded to the AFF Portal (link) by ALL coaches in order to be re-accredited for 2018.

- First Aid Certificate – The certificate must be dated within the last three years, otherwise the course must be done again.
- Coaching General Principles – The General Principles Certificate must be dated within the last three years, otherwise the course must be done again.
- Coaching Hours – doc form attached and verified
- Coaching Activities – doc form attached and verified

The ASC Community Coaching General Principles course is here:

[https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coachofficial/generalprinciples/community\\_coaching\\_general\\_principles](https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coachofficial/generalprinciples/community_coaching_general_principles)

All documents must be verified by the NSWFA State Coaching Director prior to accreditation being renewed.

NSWFA State Coaching Director: [alexandraandre70@gmail.com](mailto:alexandraandre70@gmail.com)

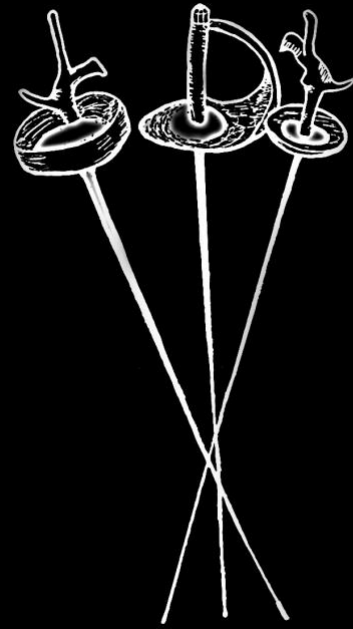
If you have any questions, please contact Alex Andre on the above email address.

## PCYC NEWCASTLE

PCYC Newcastle is organising a fencing competition at PCYC Newcastle, Broadmeadow, on Sun 4th March, as a friendly warm-up for this year's fencing season. Novice and open epee and foil events are planned. Below is a flyer. The competition is designed partly to encourage fencers who started in 2016-2017 to start to compete. PCYC Newcastle is hoping that Sydney fencers new and experienced, will take up this opportunity for a warm-up comp.

# 2018 Northern Friendly

Northern Regional Opener  
Sunday, March 4th 2018



***Blow off the cobwebs!  
Come on up to Newcastle for a “warm up”  
comp to start the fencing year!***

Epee: 10.00am                      Foil: 1.00pm  
Novice Foil: 10.00am      Novice Epee: 1.00pm

Entry fee: \$15 Seniors, \$10 Juniors

Open events: Full fencing whites required

Novice events: Fencing jacket, trackpants, 350N plastron minimum requirements

Mens & womens events may be combined depending on numbers

All participants must have registration with NSW Fencing Association

## Contact:

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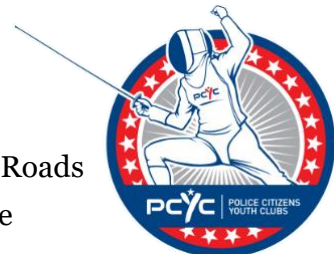
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## Venue:

**Newcastle PCYC**

Cnr Young & Melbourne Roads

Broadmeadow, Newcastle





**Join Us Now! NSW Gladiator Tour**

**2018 Australian Minime Circuit - FutureChampions Cup**  
**Adelaide, South Australia**

NSW Fencing Association is organizing a tour to Adelaide for the  
2018 FutureChampions Cup

Fencers will enter this event through NSWFA.

A minimal levy will be introduced as NSW aims to send 1–3 NSW Coaches to assist  
Fencers at the Championships and also to assist with travel organization.

FutureChampions Cup U/13 - FOIL, EPEE and SABRE