



NSW Coaching Protocol

This protocol is intended to ensure fairness when NSW fencers are competing against each other at National, State and Schools competitions.

Definitions:

A Designated Coach is a coach assigned by the NSW Head Coach to work with NSW individual fencers and NSW teams at national competitions organised by the Australian Fencing Federation.

A State Coach is a coach appointed by the NSW Head Coach to coach at State Squad & NSW Fencing Academy training sessions and camps. State Coaches may be appointed by the Head Coach as Designated Coaches to attend national competitions to coach NSW individuals and teams.

A Club Coach is a coach who normally works in a fencing club and may coach club members and other students of the coach at State and National competitions.

A School Coach is a coach appointed by a school to coach its students at Australian and NSW Schools Championships.

At National Competitions

1. A NSW Designated Coach may coach a NSW fencer against another in an individual bout only if the other NSW fencer has their own personal coach.
2. State Coaches who are not Designated Coaches for a National competition may attend the same competition in their capacity as a personal coach and assist their own students in bouts with fencers from other States, but not against a NSW fencer unless that fencer is also being coached.
3. NSW teams at National competitions may only be coached by a NSW Designated Coach.
4. When two NSW teams are facing each other, neither team will be coached.

At National competitions we are TEAM NSW!

At State Competitions

1. Coaches working with fencers at NSW State competitions should be Accredited Coaches listed as such on the AFF website.
2. Club Coaches who are not officially accredited may seek exemption from NSWFA to coach their own club fencers at State competitions. Exemption will be given only if the coach has a valid Working With Children Check certificate. Apply for exemption to secretary@nswfencing.org.au
3. During State competitions, all State Coaches are regarded as Club Coaches and may coach their own students regardless of whether the opposing fencer is coached.

4. Coaches may coach individual fencers or club teams at State competitions regardless of whether the other fencer or team has their own coach.

At Schools competitions

1. Individual fencers and teams may be coached regardless of whether the opposing fencer or team is coached or not.
2. State Coaches may coach individual fencers or teams in their capacity as a School Coach.