

NSWFA MEMBER BULLETIN #1

JANUARY 2023

Passion Excellence
Community

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Community,
What a good start to 2023!



Our young NSW fencers step up at FIE World Cup events in Europe on their January tour.

We'll soon have a new foil coach appointed by the AFF to their high performance program and also working with the NSW coaching team.

Another two new clubs are starting up.

Our new membership registration and competition entry system is up and running.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ciao Beppe
- European Experience
- Two New Clubs
- Fencing on Wheels
- RISE Competition
- AGM Soon
- Website Revamp
- New Registration System



We're giving our website a facelift.

We're making a serious effort to promote wheelchair fencing.

In April we'll present a new sponsored competition for young fencers.

It's an exciting start to what promises to be a year of achievement for the NSW fencing community.

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Welcome

Ciao Beppe

Welcome

The AFF has appointed Guiseppe (Beppe) Alongi as National Foil Coach and he will be taking up his duties soon.

Beppe will be based mostly at the NSWFA Fencing Centre where his coaching skills will benefit both the AFF's High Performance Program and NSWFA Academy Programs.

He is a protege of Antonio Signorello and has tasted podium success with the Italian fencing team at World and European Championships. Beppe won World Championship team gold with Italy, individual silver at European Championships and was U23 Italian foil champion.

Recently Beppe has been working with young Australian foilists at Junior World Cup events in Europe and Asia.





European Fencing
Confederation

European Experience



While everyone enjoyed the New Year's Eve harbour fireworks, some NSW fencers boarded flights to Europe for their development tour after long disruption caused by Covid.

Many of them experienced their first European Cadet Circuit, FIE Junior World Cup or even Senior competition in the last few weeks.

Twelve NSW fencers competed in recent Junior World Cups in Bangkok, Budapest, Manama, Segovia, Udine, Zagreb.

- Lily Fallon
- Aleks Fawkes-Kotevski
- Joseph Glasson
- Sophia Glasson
- Alister Hill
- Henry Liu
- Nawal O'Neil
- Neve O'Neil
- Aedyn Pratley
- Ella Tang
- Veronika Vasileva
- Tommy Xu
- Yelin Zou





European Experience

“My experience travelling in Europe has been the most eye-opening and invigorating international trip throughout my fencing journey so far.

Every competition, whether under the cadet or junior category, has displayed an immense range of strategies utilised by fencers from different countries.

This has also allowed me to develop new techniques and deepen my understanding of the sport, realising how it can be altered to suit individual strengths.” Yelin Zou, 15-year-old Sabre fencer reflected on her 4-week long tour in Europe.

Yelin achieved a Top 32 finish at the FIE Junior World Cup Segovia where her teammate Veronika Vasileva also finished T32.





Top Results European Experience



Some other remarkable achievements from NSW fencers are:

Veronika Vasileva's recent strong results in international competitions have propelled her to #5 in the FIE Junior Women's Sabre rankings.

She achieved 2 top 16 finishes and 1 top 8 finish at the Junior level. Veronika also gained a top 64 finish at the Senior level.

A fantastic achievement for a NSW fencer.

Another young NSW fencer going places is Joseph Glasson now ranked in the world's top 100 Junior Men's Foil.

Joseph Glasson: Personal Best - Top 16 out of 196 MF fencers at FIE Junior World Cup in Udine, Italy. In teams, together with Australian teammates Hugo Bosnic and Thomas Colgan, the MF junior team finished 10th after entering the competition seeded 18th.

Indeed a great start to the new year!



New Year Brings Two New Clubs

We're delighted to learn there will soon be two new sabre fencing clubs in Sydney.

Thi Nguyen is starting a new club in Drummoyne with the intriguing name **Anomy Sabre Circus Fighting Club**.

And an equally quirky logo:



Thi is an experienced lady sabreur with success at state and national level, most recently competing for Australia at the Commonwealth Championships in London in the gold medal winning Senior Women's Sabre team.

You can contact Thi at: secretsabrefightclubs@gmail.com

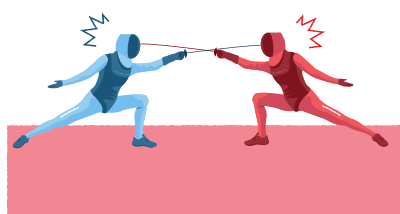
The other new sabre club - **K Fencing Club** - is being set up by Yoongi Shim. We'll have more details on the clubs page of the website soon.

In the meantime, please use: info@kfencingclub.com.au

Yoongi is from Korea's very strong sabre culture. He is currently the Australian Senior Men's Sabre Champion. He's listed #1 in both the Australian and NSW men's sabre rankings.

These two new clubs follow the formation late last year of Duellists FC at Coffs Harbour by Scott Arnold and Julie Pearce and Sydney Beyond FC in Chatswood with coach Taras Telnykh.

All these new clubs add to the presence and strength of fencing in NSW.



Fencing on Wheels



We're pressing ahead with making Parafencing a key part of NSW Fencing's range. After a pilot program late last year, we are introducing Parafencing to the NSW competition timetable this year.

NSW Sabre Coach Alex Andre is leading this new program. It will initially focus just on sabre but the intention is to offer it for all weapons.

A new wheelchair fencing frame and special fencing wheelchair will be delivered soon so we can give the athletes a quality experience.

This new equipment has been made possible by grants from Paralympics Australia and the AFF.

If you'd like to help with this very worthwhile project, please let us know. Email secretary@nswfencing.org.au

RISE Olympic Foil Cup

NSWFA is delighted to enter in partnership with Rainbow Education in 2023.

Together we will present the inaugural **RISE Olympic Foil Cup on 14-16 April 2023.**

We aim to develop it into another iconic fencing festival like Koala Cup in the first semester of the year.

Rainbow Education's generous donation will bring an upgraded experience to competition participants.

Mark the date in your calendar now!



AGM Coming Up Soon

The Annual General meeting of the NSW Fencing Association will be held at **4pm on Sunday 26 February** at the Fencing Centre in Alexandria.

Please check the NSWFA Secretary's email of 24 January with the official notice of meeting, call for Board nominations and motions by members.

The full agenda pack with detailed reports will be sent one week before the meeting.

Membership categories with voting rights are Senior Competitive, Senior Participative, Coach & Honorary.



Website Revamp

Have you noticed a fresh look to the NSWFA website? We hope so.

We're making it more streamlined so it's easier to follow and find the information you need.

It's a work in progress and we still have to get some pages up to par.

We're working on it - in fact it's a never-ending task!

But we hope you like what you see so far.

Please send any comments to secretary@nswfencing.org.au

New Registration System Up and Running

Our new member registration and competition entry system - provided by Assemble Sports - was launched on 1 January and is working well. Members are finding it a smoother and quicker process. The feedback from members has been positive although a couple have encountered issues.

If this happens to you, flick an email to: entries@nswfencing.org.au and we'll fix it asap.



Coaches - Please Renew your Membership Now

Coaches are reminded that you need to renew your membership for 2023 now in order to keep your AFF accreditation valid and to ensure you are covered for insurance.



Clubs - Keep an Eye on this Page

You'll find a list of upcoming NSW Office of Sports grants for local sporting clubs here.

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>



Keep tabs on this page so you are ready to apply by the grant deadlines.

Upcoming Comps

February

3-6 Feb - Australian Junior (U20) Championships & Australian Youth (U15) Circuit #1 - Vic State Fencing Centre, Melbourne

19 Feb - NSW Open & Veteran Season Opener - NSW Fencing Centre

March

5 Mar - Northern Regional #1 - Lake Macquarie PCYC

11-12 Mar - AFC#1 Senior & Veteran (Foil & Sabre) - NSW Fencing Centre

18-19 Mar - AFC#1 Senior & Veteran (Epee) - Vic State Fencing Centre, Melbourne

19 Mar - NSW Mini-series #1/Sydney Olympic Cup - U10/U14 - NSW Fencing Centre

21 Mar - F1 Open Foil (evening) - NSW Fencing Centre

23 Mar - F1 Open Epee (evening) - NSW Fencing Centre

24 Mar - F1 Open & Parafencing Sabre (evening) - NSW Fencing Centre

25 Mar - NSW Schools Fencing Program #1 - NSW Fencing Centre

26 Mar - NSW Mini-series #1/Sydney Olympic Cup - U8/U12 - NSW Fencing Centre



April

1 Apr - NSW Schools Fencing Program #2 - NSW Fencing Centre

2 Apr - NSW President's Cup Open/Veteran (foil/epee/sabre + sabre parafencing) - NSW Fencing Centre

12-13 Apr - NSWFA & Catholic Schools Fencing Camp

14 - 16 Apr - RISE Olympic Cup - U10/U12/U14 - NSW Fencing Centre (NEW EVENT)

30 Apr - Northern Novice - U14/U17 - Newcastle PCYC

See NSWFA calendar [here](#)

See AFF calendar [here](#)



2023 NSW Fencing Association Wheelchair Fencing Competition

Mixed or Integrated Fencing

NSW Fencing Association is introducing Wheelchair Fencing competitions to the NSW State Competition programs in 2023. These competitions will be mixed or integrated with able-bodied Fencers, while programs develop and numbers grow.

These events will start with pilot competitions - Senior Sabre competitions for 2023, with the aim of introducing more age categories and weapons in Wheelchair Fencing going forward.

Formula - Similar to the current mixed gender competitions in NSW, the mixed able-bodied and Wheelchair Fencing Competitions will start with mixed Poles and then separate in the Direct Elimination, depending on the number of entrants to any give competition

NSW Fencing Association is excited to build this category of Fencing into our State Calendar. Promoting inclusion and equity in the sport of Fencing within NSW.

Road to Paralympics!
Brisbane 2032

NSWFA January 2023.



PARALYMPIC
SPORT

LEARN HOW TO
FENCE

WHEELCHAIR
DEVELOPMENT
PATHWAY
PROGRAM

SUITABLE FROM 10+
CATEGORIES ARE
CADET (U17), U23 &
SENIOR

2023 "INTRODUCTION TO FENCING" ACADEMY WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

STARTING FROM 31ST JANUARY

Fencing Academy of NSW – Sabre Wheelchair
Program

Dreaming of the Paralympics ? The Fencing Academy of NSW is starting a Sabre Wheelchair Program in 2023, which will run 3 – 4 days per week. Come and join this exciting new Fencing program. Suitable from age of 10 +

Fencing is for Life!

Contact: alex.andre@nswfencing.org.au

DREAMING
OF
BRISBANE
2032



SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
2023 SEASON OPENER

NSW State Open and Veteran Competition

NSW Fencing Association presents....

The perfect preparation for the 2023 season for Open and Veteran Fencers

Open and Veteran individual events in Epee, Foil and Sabre

Fencers require:

2023 Junior & Senior "Competitive Membership"

Entry Link:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300016>

Sunday 19th February

2023 Season Opener

OPEN

Epee, Foil & Sabre

2023 Season Opener

VETERAN

Epee, Foil & Sabre

Entry close 6:00pm

Friday 17th February

**NSW Fencing
Association**

2023

**Fencers must be
Junior or Senior**

**"Competitive
Members"**



MINI SERIES - SUNDAY 19TH & 26TH MARCH

2023 SYDNEY OLYMPIC CUP

NSW Mini Series - the Sydney Olympic Cup

NSWFA is hosting the Sydney Olympic Cup where Fencers represent their Fencing Club. There will be events in U8, U10, U12 and U14 for all weapons; Epee, Foil and Sabre.

[Like the Olympics, fencers will compete for 3rd Place!!](#)

The Sydney Olympic Cup will run over 2 weekends in March
Sunday 19th March
U10 & U14 Epee, Foil and Sabre

Sunday 26th March
U8 & U12 Epee, Foil and Sabre

Fencers must be members of NSWFA in order to register and compete, either 2023 Junior Participative or Junior Competitive

Entry links:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300020>

Sunday 19th March

U10

Epee, Foil & Sabre

U14

Epee, Foil & Sabre

Sunday 26th March

U8

Epee, Foil & Sabre

U12

Epee, Foil & Sabre

NSW Fencing
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2023

MINI SERIES #1



30TH JUNE – 6TH JULY 2023 KOALA MINI CHALLENGE & FRIENDSHIP TEAM CUP

Calling all Minime U8 to U14 Fencers!

Come along and join the NSW Fencing Association's 2023 Koala Mini Challenge, with over 7 days of Fencing!! Fencers are invited from all over Australia, Asia and Oceania

Koala Mini Challenge

U8, U10, U12 & U14 Individual Epee, Foil and Sabre
(2017 – 2009)

Friendships Team Cup

U12 Teams Epee, Foil and Sabre

The Tournament will run directly prior to the 2023 AFF Youth (U15) and Cadet (U17) National Championships in Sydney



Friday 30th June

U10 Foil

Saturday 1st July

U10 Epee & Sabre

U8 Epee

Sunday 2nd July

U12 & U8 Foil

Monday 3rd July

U12 Epee & Sabre

U8 Sabre

Tuesday 4th July

U12 Teams

Epee, Foil & Sabre

Wednesday 5th July

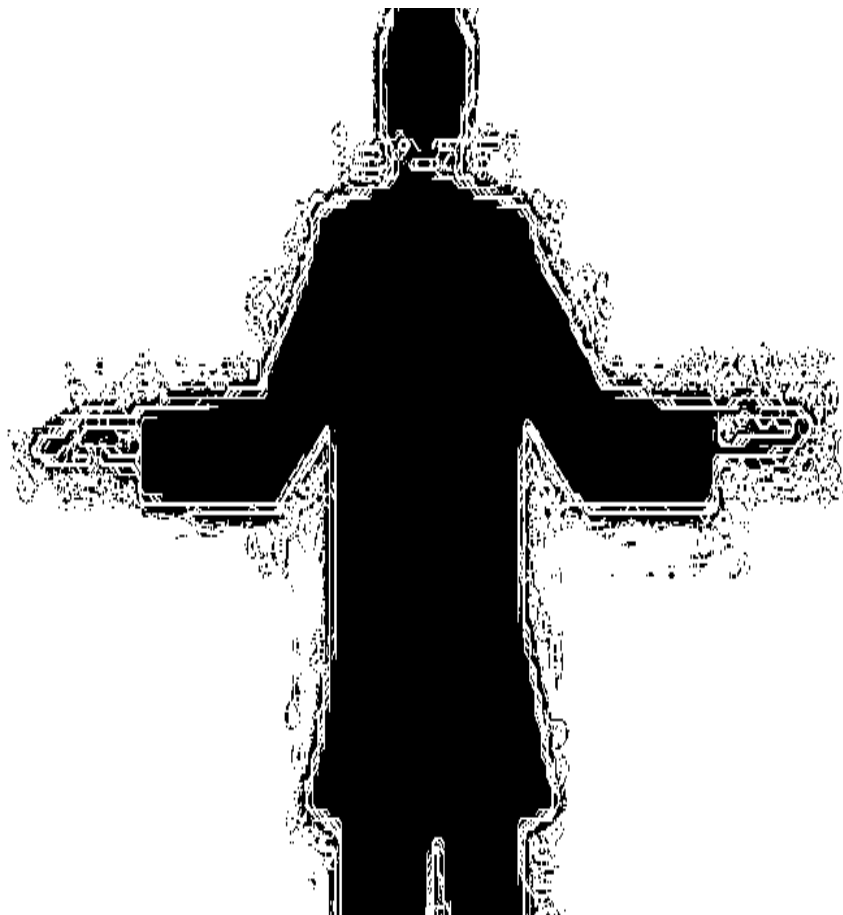
U14 Foil

Thursday 6th July

U14 Epee & Sabre

Gold, Silver & equal
Bronze + 5th – 8th place
awards

NSW Fencing
Association Presents
the 2023 KMC & Friend
Team Cup



NSW STATE REFEREE & COMPETITION "DIRECTOR TECHNIQUE"

BECOME A STATE REFEREE OR A
COMPETITION DT

THESE ARE PAID POSITIONS WITH NSWFA

Interested in becoming a State Referee or DT (Operational Or Manager / Logistics). Contact NSW Fencing Association for more information.

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LOOKING FOR A
WEEKEND JOB?

LEARN HOW TO
DT AT STATE &
SCHOOL
COMPETITIONS

ON THE JOB
TRAINING FOR DT

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