



Taster Session & Beginners Course *25th January 2024*

Dear Prospective Fencer,

Our next 6 session Beginners' Course will start on **Thursday 25th January 2024**. The first hour of the course is a general introduction to fencing and in individual cases we will treat this as a Taster Session for the undecided.

Time & Venue for sessions

The sessions will start at 8:20pm in the Hall at Hazlemere Community Centre, Rose Avenue, Hazlemere, HP15 7UB. You can obtain Google Maps directions via the link on our website www.wellesbourneswordclub.co.uk.

Course format

Taster Session –the first hour of the Course will consist of a one hour introduction to fencing by one of our qualified coaches. In individual cases we can treat this as a Taster Session for the undecided before they continue to join the remainder of the Beginners Course.

Beginners Course - The course will be led by one of our experienced, qualified coaches who will teach you the basics of fencing generally & you should be at Grade 1 foil standard by the end of the course. The course will be 6 sessions of approximately 1.5 hours including warm up/warm down periods.

Equipment - Fencing equipment will be provided but you should come dressed for sporting activity. Tracksuit (or similar long, loose fitting) trousers, t-shirt and non-marking trainers are best. Hydration is essential so please bring a drink.

Fees (Please pay in 7 days advance)

Taster Session (by prior agreement)- a fee of £20 per person is required. If you decide to join the Beginners Course we will deduct this from the full course fee below.

Beginners Course - the fee for the full course is £90 per person. You must register for free 90 day Introductory Membership from British Fencing before starting the course (see below).

Payment may be made by cheque made payable to "Wellesbourne Sword Club" or by bank transfer. Details can be obtained from the Treasurer. Please do not delay returning the attached application form and payment, if we are oversubscribed this can help ensure your place.

Important:

We regret we are presently unable to accept children under the age of 11.

Application/indemnity forms for under 18's must be signed by their parent or guardian.

Minimum numbers are required for courses to run but places are still limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis. Due to high demand refunds to successful Beginners' Course applicants will not be made after 7 days before the start of the course. Refunds will however be made to unsuccessful applicants or in the unlikely event that WSC has to cancel the course.

Indemnity

Fencing is an extremely safe sport and serious injury is very rare. Nevertheless it is necessary that the club be indemnified against claims that may be made against it or its officers. **Please ensure you complete in full, sign and return the Indemnity Form available on our website.** In addition to emergency contact information the record of your address, phone number and email also helps us to keep in touch.

Insurance (via British Fencing)

The Club is affiliated to British Fencing and is insured under its scheme but all fencers at the Club **MUST** have current membership of British Fencing specifying Wellesbourne Sword Club as the affiliated club for this to be valid. Beginners are initially recommended to register for free 90 day Introductory Membership available at:

<https://www.britishfencing.com/members/membership-info/membership-types/introduction-membership-category>.

Please ensure you select Wellesbourne Sword Club as the affiliated club and also note that this membership is a pre-requirement for the Course.

The Application and Indemnity Form pdf's can be printed, completed by hand and brought to the Club OR they can be downloaded, completed with a suitable app (e.g. Adobe Acrobat Reader DC's "Fill & sign" function) then emailed to courses@wellesbourneswordclub.co.uk. Whichever method you use we will require either a physical or electronic signature before you can fence.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you & hope we can inspire you to take up this rewarding sport.

Yours sincerely,

Wellesbourne Sword Club



Taster Session & Beginners Course Application Form

I apply for the applicant named below to attend *(please tick as appropriate)*:

- the Wellesbourne Sword Club (WSC) Taster Session on **25th January 2024**
 the Wellesbourne Sword Club (WSC) Beginners' Course starting **25th January 2024**

and enclose my cheque payable to "Wellesbourne Sword Club" for:

- £20 (*Taster Session only*) / £90 (*full Beginners' Course fee*) / £70 (*Beginners Course balance*)

and

- I enclose my completed indemnity form
 (available at <http://www.wellesbourneswordclub.co.uk/documents/IndemnityForm.pdf>)

and **(REQUIRED for Beginners Course/recommended for Taster Session)**

- I confirm that I have Introductory Membership of British Fencing details and application form at:
<https://www.britishfencing.com/members/membership-info/membership-types/introduction-membership-category>

Please complete in block capitals as applicable

Applicant Name			
Age (if under 18)			
Parent/guardian name (if applicant under 18)			
Signed (by parent/guardian if applicant under 18)			Date.....
Address			
Postcode		Phone	
E-mail			