

SWORDMASTER – Beyond Skill Is Mastery

The complete fencer development program - Fencing Excellence, Fencing Mastery

SwordMaster brings together the elements of technique, tactics, rules and refereeing in a learning package designed to achieve fencing mastery.

The program comprises a seven level structured hierarchy for learning. It has been designed by SwordMaster to aid the coach and students achieve effective learning for fencing mastery.

The club/coach receives an A3 laminated Master Copy of the SwordMaster program from the Level 0 introductory level through to Level 6 in the weapon of their choice (foil, epee, sabre). If the SwordMaster lesson plan option is not taken up, coaches can use the SwordMaster Master Copy to plan their own lessons.

Participants receive a small booklet for the level they are preparing which outlines the skills and abilities they are learning to master. It includes text and drawings which highlight Key coaching points.

On satisfactory completion of each program level the fencer receives the SwordMaster award badge and a SwordMaster achievement certificate.

SwordMaster can also provide support for coaches and clubs in the form of training and resources for both coaches and fencers who engage to use the SwordMaster programs.

Coach training is available, conducted as part of the Oceania Fencing Masters Academy training. Participant coaches will work towards their internationally recognised fencing coach qualifications while learning the techniques for delivery of the SwordMaster program.

Fencer training sessions can be provided by SwordMaster on request as required. This includes options for assessments, advanced training, fitness and mental skills training. SwordMaster can also provide general and personalised training plans, annualised for competition and training.

Resources:

Training Program Master Copies

Course booklets

Certificates

Training aids

Books and manuals

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Technique: In the SwordMaster program the physical weapon manipulation skills, which also includes foot work and the use of space, is covered by Technique. This includes the preparations (with and without the blade), offensives, defensives, counter-offensives and variations of the attack. The program's progressions apply irrespective of the school of technique to be taught (French, Italian, Hungarian, etc.).

If required, supplementary to the program, SwordMaster can provide specific information, resources and coaching instruction to coaches and clubs on teaching the technique which will be consistent with the French School/style of fencing.

Tactics: Tactical mastery is achieved through a foundation of strategic and tactical principles. The process of tactical analysis and decision making is under pinned in the SwordMaster program by the development of observation skills which are required to objectively inform the decision making process.

Rules: Participants learn the rules of fencing as a dimension of the fencing game. It is an enquiry into the full potential of what is possible and what they can create within the framework of the game, defined by the rules.

Refereeing: A SwordMaster foundation principle is the game requires two fencers and a referee. It reinforces the fencer's concentration and observational skills. Learning refereeing fundamentals enhances the depth of understanding, insights and self-confidence for mastery of the fencing game. This includes skills from time keeping, scoring and corner judging through to refereeing a whole pool.

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FOIL	SAFETY	TECHNIQUE	ETIQUETTE	RULES
0	Introduce fencing safety.	Introduce fundamental fencing techniques.	Introduce fencing ethics and principles which underpin the sport.	Introduce fundamental rules of fencing and sportsmanship for fencing as a game to play for fun.
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1	<p>Technique:</p> <p>The physical weapon manipulation skills, which also includes foot work and the use of space, is covered by Technique.</p> <p>This includes the preparations (with and without the blade), offensives, defensives, counter-offensives and variations of the attack.</p> <p>The program's progressions apply irrespective of the school of technique to be taught (French, Italian, Hungarian, etc.).</p>	<p>Tactics:</p> <p>Tactical mastery is achieved through a foundation of strategic and tactical principles. The process of tactical analysis and decision making is underpinned in the SwordMaster program by the development of observation skills which are required to objectively inform the decision making process.</p>	<p>Rules:</p> <p>Participants learn the rules of fencing as a dimension of the fencing game. It is an enquiry into the full potential of what is possible and what they can create within the framework of the game, defined by the rules.</p>	<p>Refereeing:</p> <p>A SwordMaster foundation principle is the game requires two fencers and a referee. It reinforces the fencer's concentration and observational skills.</p> <p>Learning refereeing fundamentals enhances the depth of understanding, insights and self-confidence for mastery of the fencing game. This includes skills from time keeping, scoring and corner judging through to refereeing a whole pool.</p>
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