

Scottish Student Fencing – Development Officer – Role Descriptor

Role Title:	SS Fencing – Development Officer
Responsible to:	SS Fencing Chair, SSS Competitions Assistant
Where (Location):	Various
Time Commitment:	Minimum 2-3 meetings per year with further opportunities
Role Duration:	Minimum one year, until 30 th June 2025. Option to re-stand at the end of the year (if applicable)
Role Description:	<p>The Fencing Development Group has been established to guide the work of Scottish Student Sport (SSS) in Fencing.</p> <p>This role will have a key focus on working with existing clubs to increase participation and support club sustainability; working with Scottish Fencing to develop the workforce; embedding the wellbeing agenda throughout student fencing. There will also be a responsibility to share best practice, signpost resources and act as a point of contact for other areas within the wellbeing and inclusion agenda.</p> <p>The role will communicate with student clubs to help promote any opportunities and collect feedback where appropriate. As a SS Fencing Development Group member, you will work with the other volunteers to create and deliver an effective programme with the support of SSS.</p> <p>Overall, you will represent the interests of all institutions and student clubs to improve fencing for students in Scotland. This will be achieved through liaising with Scottish Fencing and other relevant partners.</p>
Main tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with clubs to support sustainable growth • Signpost clubs toward education and training to support member wellbeing, with coaching and officiating to be highlighted • Work with Scottish Fencing to develop coach and referee education • Work within group to identify key areas of work for coming year • Gather feedback from student clubs and member institutions on Development Group areas of work • Attend and support the delivery of SS Fencing events and competitions wherever possible, with particular focus on the SS Fencing Beginners and Individuals Championships
Required skills, qualities and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the barriers to participation in fencing • Experience as a fencing coach and/or referee (Desirable) • Proactive, can do attitude • Experience of student fencing in Scotland • Knowledge of fencing landscape in Scotland • Commitment to represent student fencing clubs to drive fencing • Ability to effectively communicate with a range of stakeholders

Training and support available:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any relevant CPD courses/experience as identified by Chair and Competitions Assistant• Named staff member within SSS
Recruitment process:	Application is by CV and cover letter, sent to SSS Competitions Assistant, Sean Berthelsen, on sean@scottishstudentsport.com