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# Pisa

## 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Please read all of this letter carefully, especially the athlete agreement & trip information from British Fencing. Please make sure you (& your parents) sign where necessary.

**If you would like to fence in this event please complete & return the permission form (page 9) & the 1-line spreadsheet (download on page 7).**

Please find with this letter the top 25 of the cadet rankings (world championship selection ranking & development ranking list). The full lists can be found at [www.sabrerankings.com](http://www.sabrerankings.com). This letter is going out only to the top 25. Please make sure you discuss the planning of your season with your coach before replying & you make a decision to fence; bear in mind you may be able to use your time & money more effectively by training.

Please note that this event may have a limited entry. This means we may not be able to enter all the fencers who want to go to the event. If any selection needs to be done it will be done using the latest cadet selection ranking as at the closing date for applications to me, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 09. Entries to this & other European cadet circuit events must be done by the British Fencing office; this means that if you do not let me know you are planning to fence there is a good chance you will not be able to enter the event.

**This letter is your invitation to travel as part of the British squad to the cadet International event in Pisa, Italy on the 17<sup>th</sup> January.** This event is open to fencers born 93-96 only.

The nominated cadet foreign events this year will be: Godollo, Meylan, Pisa, & Camden. As detailed on the cadet information page on [www.fencingcoach.net](http://www.fencingcoach.net) only these events will count towards the international competitions score for cadet rankings.

You can now download the 1-line reply spreadsheet [here](#) (see page 7), **please complete & return this at once renaming the file as per the instructions on this page (it's the same file as for Godollo & Meylan but I need to have an updated version for every trip).**

If you have not seen the list of selection events & the sabre-specific information on the cadet information page at [www.fencingcoach.net](http://www.fencingcoach.net) you should read it as soon as you can. You & your parents should also have read the “information for fencers & parents” document on the same page.

If you haven't found it yet you should read [www.fencingforum.com](http://www.fencingforum.com) which has information & discussion on issues which often affect you. Please check & subscribe to the Pisa thread.

The arrangements for travel are now confirmed as follows:-

EZY5233	SAT16JAN	London Gatwick / Pisa	1050	1400
EZY5234	MON18JAN	Pisa / London Gatwick	1435	1540

Full travel details, meeting point & accommodation details will be published nearer the time in the Pisa info document. The event will not actually be in Pisa but in a new venue in Fucecchio, about an hour from the airport.

If any parents or coaches are planning to travel please let me know. It is generally a good idea for the fencers to get used to travelling & staying independently & to be part of the National squad. These trips should not be a holiday for fencers, the aim is to get the best possible results in the events & to gain experience for future years & trips. This doesn't mean they're not fun of course.

There is always an invitation for the coach of any invited fencer to accompany the national squad trips to international events. This will be at his or her own expense & they must accept my authority at all times. Any adult accompanying one of the trips, i.e. travelling with the fencers & staying in the same place, must have CRB clearance from British Fencing or a suitable authority, e.g. a school. If you have non-British Fencing CRB clearance you must send me a copy of your certificate & apply for a British Fencing one.

**You will need FIE equipment for this event, 800N jacket, breeches, plastron, 1600N mask, S2000 blades.** Your lame jacket, overlay, & mask must be in good condition to pass the weapon control. If you have a visor mask, it must have a clearly-visible date stamp dated within 2 years. (If you do not understand any of this paragraph ask your coach, do not ignore it & hope no-one will notice.) Do not assume you will be able to buy equipment at the competition, the last time we were at this event the equipment stand had limited stock. All your kit must be clearly marked.

There is no requirement to have your name on your jacket or National colours on your breeches. You do not need an FIE licence for this event but you should have your British Fencing licence with you.

If you would like to go please fill in the 1-line spreadsheet & return it to me **as soon as possible**. Please also send a cheque for £370 payable to “British Fencing”. This cheque will cover flights, transport in Italy, entry fees, accommodation, & all food; it will not cover transport to & from the airport, this is each individual's responsibility. The only money you will need is for equipment or shopping at the airport. A breakdown of the costs is below & on the replies spreadsheet. **You must commit (or tell me your travel plans) to using the flights & accommodation by 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please check the spreadsheet to make sure I have the correct information.**

**It is very important that you send your replies on time.**

## British cadet sabre squad – Pisa January 10

<b>Cost details:-</b>	
Flight	£156
Hotel & food	£124
Transport	£8
Entry fees	£15
Officials costs	£67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£370</b>

Any fencers' coaches who want to accompany the trip & would like me to include them in the travel arrangements will need to send a cheque for £288 (which will include lunch at the venue). Any fencers who are making their own travel arrangements should send me the total for entry, hotel & food, & officials costs.

There is always the option of paying money directly to British Fencing over the phone with a credit card. If you do this please speak to Nosheen Khan & make it clear which event & fencer(s) you are paying for; there is a £2 credit card for doing this. If you are posting a cheque please send it to me in Portishead.

Please contact me (preferably by email) if you have any questions.

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**Reply before the 3<sup>rd</sup> December**



I would like to go to **Pisa** on the 17<sup>th</sup> January weekend & enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to “British Fencing”.

## **British Fencing Cadet Sabre Squad**



Athlete Agreement, swordmark forms & information

### **Hand luggage**

Please do not bring excessive amounts of luggage. All you should need is your kit bag and a small overnight bag. Do not pack any tools, knives, scissors or pressurised containers, or, if flying, liquids in quantities greater than 100ml, in your hand luggage.

Please note. The baggage limit on our flights is **20** Kilograms in one bag. If your bags exceed this and excess is charged this is your responsibility.

### **Insurance**

You should ensure that you have appropriate travel insurance & confirm this on the 1-line spreadsheet.

### **Staff**

The adults accompanying this trip will be Neil Brown, Peter Wright, David Kirby, Pat Aiyenuro, Meg Shepherd-Foster, Jack Boteler, Dominic Kerr. *The Trip Leader will be Neil Brown*

### **Contact numbers**

My contact details are in the letterhead. If you wish to contact me during the trip my mobile will be on the whole time.

### **Home contact**

If for any reason you need to contact us during the trip and can not get through to my mobile please contact Mike Lewis on 07970 803224. (A nominated contact person in the UK who has agreed to liaise with the Trip Leader for the duration of the trip.)

### **Behaviour**

The foreign trips that we organise are not mini holidays. They are serious excursions to an elite level of competition. As such we expect fencers in the squad (regardless of age) to take the event seriously. We expect fencers to do everything in their power to get the best result possible. This includes getting a good night's sleep before the event, eating and drinking sensibly in preparation for the event, presenting with all their kit in good working order, warming up sensibly before the event and again before each round as appropriate.

Fencers must remember that they represent Great Britain, as well as themselves, their coach and their families. Unruly conduct is not acceptable.

As the FIE Rules for competitions say: by taking part in a competition, you pledge your honour to observe the regulations, obey orders, abide by the decisions of the Referees, be respectful and behave in an orderly, courteous and sporting manner.

Remember that there is a proper procedure laid down in the rules in the event of a dispute with Referees or organisers; as a member of British Fencing you agree to abide by all rules & regulations.

**Attached is an athlete agreement. Please read this thoroughly, sign the permissions form, get your parents to counter sign it and return it along with your application for this trip.**

### **Dope Testing**

Dope testing may take place at competitions at home or abroad. Do not take any medicine in the fortnight leading up to a competition, without first checking that it is allowed. UK Sport has produced a handy quick reference guide, the size of a

credit card, which the British Fencing can supply if you send a stamped addressed envelope with your request. In any doubt refer to the British Fencing Medical Officer or the British Olympic Association; the list of prohibited drugs is being constantly updated and many GPs will not necessarily know which are banned substances. A full list of banned substances can be found on the WADA website. ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org))

### *Medicines*

If you take any (permitted) medicines regularly, you must bring adequate supplies together with full written information from your doctor in case of any problems.

## What do I do now?

If you wish to take part in the trip.

1. If you wish to be part of this trip the first thing you must do is confirm this to me by email
2. You & your parent or guardian must complete the linked 1-line spreadsheet and email it as per the instructions. You must both sign & return the attached permissions page with the correct payment.
3. If your parents are not picking you up from the Meeting Point you must also get them to fill in the attached consent form allowing the organisers to release you into the care of another specified individual.
4. Return to me, by first class post,
  - The permissions page
  - A cheque for the cost of the trip when the amount is available
  - If required the consent form for being picked up from the airport.
5. Make sure your equipment is of the appropriate standard.
6. Get a European Health Insurance Card (if you don't already have one.)
7. Check your passport is current.
8. Get your foreign currency
9. **Inform your local newspaper about your selection to fence abroad as part of the GB Squad.**
10. **Fitness to fence.** The Trip Leader must be sure that you are fit to fence. If you are injured or fall ill prior to departure, you must inform me (**Neil Brown**) immediately.
11. Avoid taking any medicine in the fortnight leading up to a competition.
12. If you are going to require (permitted) medication during the trip, obtain full written information from your doctor. Present this information to me (**Neil Brown**) when you first arrive at the Meeting Point together with any Therapeutic Use Exemption Form (TUE). You must then look after it for the weekend.

### **If you do not wish to take part in this trip.**

1. If you do not wish to fence in this event you must contact me by email immediately to let me know.













The above information about the trip and your preparation for the trip, I hope, gives you a good idea about what will be happening and what we expect of you before and during the trip.

It is all very serious, but none of this is to say that foreign trips are not, or will not be fun. They are an excellent opportunity to travel, meet people and experience life. They are always fun.

## British Fencing Athlete Agreement For fencers on all junior & cadet trips

The Code of Conduct lasts from point of entry onto the trip until point of exit from the trip.

As a member of British Fencing I agree that:

-  I will accept the authority of the designated Chef de Mission and their team of support staff and Officials and I will observe and comply with all reasonable directions of the Chef de Mission and any person appointed by British Fencing to the best of my ability and in the spirit of the sport.
-  I will conduct myself so that I obtain and maintain my best possible mental and physical fitness and health to perform to the best of my ability
-  I will treat others with the respect and fairness that I would like them to show me, including other athletes who are still competing when I have finished my event
-  I understand and agree to comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.
-  I will adhere to the alcohol ban that has been imposed for all cadet and junior trips and I will not be in possession of alcohol (irrespective of being offered alcohol by any member of the party)
-  I will behave at all times (on and off the piste) in a manner that will bring credit to British Fencing, my school, club, my coach and myself as appropriate
-  I will respect the rooming policy that under 18s may not share a room with over 18s if at all possible
-  I will respect the differences between everyone in terms of age, gender, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs, sexual identity or disability
-  I will not behave in a manner that could prejudice or compromise the safety or welfare of other people or their property, good order and normal discipline
-  I will set a good example of effort, conduct and behaviour to other people on this trip
-  I will not smoke
-  I will adhere to the curfew that has been set and will not leave the accommodation without permission unless instructed for safety reasons

Please complete all the fields on the 1-line spreadsheet, this must be completed by all fencers & official coaches/officials, you can download this file [here](#). Please complete all the relevant fields, rename the file as Pisa10info\_Firstname\_LASTNAME.xls (using your own name, so if you are Valentina Vezzali the file will be called Pisa10info\_Valentina\_VEZZALI.xls), & send to me as an attachment at [neil.brown@britishfencing.com](mailto:neil.brown@britishfencing.com) and [neil.brown7@virgin.net](mailto:neil.brown7@virgin.net). Use only one row for your data & don't add any more columns.

Please note I need a signed copy of your agreement to abide by the code of conduct (relevant part of page 14) & you won't be able to fence unless I have this. It needs to be back to me by 3rd December.

The form below shows the same information as you will need to complete on the 1-line spreadsheet & is for information only. **You only need to complete the permissions page.**

Personal Details (for information only, you do not need to complete this part, it's the same info as in the 1-line spreadsheet) & Permissions Form

Name of Fencer (as it appears on passport):

Mobile phone number (fencer):

Mobile phone number (parent):

Passport number:

Expiry Date:

FIE License number:

British Fencing license number:

Expiry date:

Date of birth:

Home Address:

Home phone number:

Email address(es):

Emergency contact name(s) & phone number(s) if parent/guardian cannot be contacted at above address:

Name, address & phone number of fencer's own doctor:

Are you allergic to anything? e.g. aspirin, antibiotics, any particular food or drugs? If so give details:

Do you suffer from any of the following: asthma, chest complaints, hay fever migraine, fits or faints, travel sickness, diabetes, coeliac disease or any other illness or disability? If so give details:

Are you having any medical treatment at present? If so, please give written details of treatment and medicines, etc:

Date of last anti-tetanus injection:

Do you have any physical disability? Please give details of any special attention required:

Please indicate any special food/dietary requirements (vegetarian, vegan, diabetic, other):

Are there any activities in which you should not participate?

Is there any other information (including cultural or religious) about which the staff should be aware?

Anything else we should know, e.g. parents want to travel, medical or dietary needs not already described, etc:

Are you covered by an annual travel insurance policy, which you have confirmed covers Fencing competitions  
**Yes**    **No** (please delete as applicable).

Main fencing club:

Name of main coach:

Coaches email & phone number(s):

Is he/she planning to travel to Pisa (there will be no funding from British Fencing for this). I need definite information as soon as possible, generally only a limited number of coaches will be able to get accreditation & coaches will need to be on the home country coaches register for this: **Y / N**

Name & address of school, college, university or employer:

Name of head teacher (if at school):

Name of School Sport Partnership (if applicable):



Please send this page to: Neil Brown, 41 Sally Hill, Portishead, BS20 7BH

**For over 18s**

- I have read & understood this document & agree to take part in the competition under the terms described.
- I accept the authority of all British Fencing officials for this trip and will comply at all times by the code of conduct from point of entry to point of exit on the trip and understand that any breach of this code will have consequences. I agree that I will be responsible for any damages caused by me while on the trip
- Fitness to compete: I confirm that I am in good health and injury-free and can therefore take a full and active part in this trip
- I have read & understand the drug testing rules & have a TUE if appropriate
- I agree to accept my place as part of the team and with that will be responsible for all payments due

Fencer’s signature:..... Date:.....

**For under 18s**

- I have read & understood this document & agree to take part in the competition under the terms described
- I accept the authority of all British Fencing officials for this trip and will comply at all times by the code of conduct from point of entry to point of exit on the trip and understand that any breach of this code will have consequences. I agree that I will be responsible for any damages caused by me while on the trip
- I have read & understood the disciplinary code & sanctions

Fencer’s signature:..... Date:.....

- Fitness to compete: I confirm that the fencer is in good health and injury-free and can therefore take a full and active part in this trip
- I wish my child to be allowed to take part in the journey specified above and having read the information provided, I agree to them taking part in any or all the activities described
- I have read & understand the drug testing rules & noted the requirement to have a TUE if appropriate
- I agree to accept the fencer’s place as part of the team and with that will be responsible for all payments due
- I understand that British Fencing only assumes duty of care for my child named above from the time that he reports to the Chef de Mission or other specified official at the agreed point of entry for the trip and that British Fencing’s duty of care ends when the fencer is handed over to the parent/guardian/carer or at the agreed point of exit for this trip
- **I do/do not** (delete as appropriate) wish to allow photos of my son/daughter to be published without my prior consent
- Consent for collection after the trip by an individual other than the parent:-  
I give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be handed into the care of \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the trip
- Consent for independent travel after the trip:-  
I give consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the trip on their own using public or other means of transport & will not hold British Fencing responsible for any mishap that may occur after the point of exit from the trip
- In loco parentis authority:-  
I hereby give permission for the Chef de Mission or person nominated by him to give the immediate necessary authority on my behalf for any emergency medical or surgical intervention recommended by competent medical authorities, where it would be otherwise contrary to my child’s interest, in the doctor’s medical opinion, for any delay to be incurred by seeking my personal consent and where the young person is incapable of giving informed consent themselves. This consent to act also applies for any drug testing and/or other situation where someone is required to act as a responsible adult in my stead

Parent/guardian/carer’s signature:..... Date:.....

Print name (parent/guardian/carer):.....

For information:

- In Loco Parentis is being sought for all children / young adults under the age of 18 with the following limitations to use:-
1. Family Law Reformed Act 1969 was the statute that brought the age of majority down from 21 to 18 AND allowed a child / young person of at least 16 years of age to give informed (full knowledge of possible side effects) consent to surgical, dental and medical treatment (including anaesthetics) providing that they are deemed competent (not under the influence of drugs or alcohol)and conscious The person who is ‘In Loco parentis’ can then give consent on behalf of the parent / carer
  2. Criminal consent – according to criminal matters in the UK (may vary from country to country) a child / young person who is held at a police station will require to be released into custody or questioned in the presence of a responsible adult if they are under the age of 17. ‘In loco parentis’ refers to being the responsible adult.
  - 3 In Sport a child / young person is anyone under the age of 18 and hence it is ‘best practice’ for permission to be sought to allow an adult other than parent/guardian to act as chaperone when being drug tested

Name of fencer:

## Sanctions Table

Offence	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence	Remarks
Disobedience not amounting to a loss of control	Warning letter to parents	Loss of points gained from the event	Ban for one or more subsequent trips or demand for a supervising adult (parent or teacher) to accompany the child at the offender's expense	If points not involved, 3 <sup>rd</sup> occurrence sanction may be applied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence
Disobedience amounting to a loss of control affecting the safety or welfare of any member of the party or other person	Telephone warning to Parents Note 1	Demand for parents to relieve the leader of responsibility for the offender by the fastest means at the offender's expense	Ban for one or more subsequent trips	Occurrences may be during the same trip or period.  Sanction 2 is applicable by the trip leader in situ.
Bad behaviour on or off the piste	Warning letter to parents Note 1	Loss of points gained from the event	Ban for one or more subsequent trips	
Drinking or drink related offences	Warning letter to parents Note 1	Loss of points gained from the event	Ban for one or more subsequent trips or demand for a supervising adult (parent or teacher) to accompany the child at the offender's expense	If points not involved, 3 <sup>rd</sup> occurrence sanction may be applied for 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence
Smoking	Warning letter to parents	Warning letter to parents		

This table of sanctions is only a guide. The sanction imposed will vary proportionally to the nature and severity of the offence. The staff on the trip retain the right to impose any penalty they see fit for an offence. Where the Trip Leader considers that a ban or loss of points may be the appropriate penalty he/she will forthwith submit a written report to the British Fencing Disciplinary Committee recommending the imposition of such penalty. If the British Fencing Disciplinary Committee finds that a penalty should be applied it may impose such penalty as it sees fit which may be more or less than severe than that which has been recommended.

Please also note. The staff on this trip may refuse to be responsible for a given individual on future trip as a result of bad behaviour on this trip. In this case the individual would have to arrange (at their own expense) for a responsible adult to accompany that individual on that future trip.

*Note 1* The staff on the trip retain the right to impose any penalty they see fit for an *offence which in extreme case may include a fencer being sent home early from a trip at their own expense.*

# Pisa

## 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Congratulations to the following fencers who have been invited to Pisa as part of the National Under-17 squad.

Officials:-

Neil Brown, Peter Wright, David Kirby, Pat Aiyenuro, Meg Shepherd-Foster, Dominic Kerr, Jack Boteler.

AIYENURO	Soji
BOTELER	Harry
WALKER	Henry
LAWRENCE	Chris
ARTESI	Fabio
ARTESI	Gianfranco
SLANKARD	Kirk
DOWSE	Niall
ROGERSON	Noah
VEITCH	Robert
SIMMONS	John
EDMUNDSON	Sam
WILLIAMS	Gruffydd
MCLEOD	Michael
HERING	Michael
JENNINGS	Patrick
SLINGSBY-SMITH	Zachary
BETTLE	William
DUNTON	Andrew
HENDRA	Tom
CAVACIUTI	Nicholas
HUDSON	Matthew
BRITTON	Gregory
McPHERSON	Robert
WILLIAMS	Nick
RAMSAY	Waldo
SCOTT	Stuart
YOUNG	Sebastian
MOUNTFORD	Jo
RIDGEON	Verity
JONES	Libby
ITZKOWITZ	Aliya
LEWIS	Jessica

RUAUX	Emily
MAIDWELL-SMITH	Alice
PRADHAN	Jzuee
CARSON	Victoria
LILLYCROP	Megan
BRADLEY	Eucalypta
HARRIS	Philippa
NOREJKO	Teresa
YATES	Georgia
SOSNOWSKA	Izabela
HOWELLS	Abigail
MURRAY	Jessica
SPENCE	Niamh
DAYKIN	Kate
STRATFORD	Jessica
HOUSEMAN	Gabriella
HALL	Eleanor
BEDDOE	Megan
LUCAS	Bethan
HUGHES	Frances
NELSON	Hannah
ANIL	Shreya
WHITE	Lucy
HORRIX	Emma
COOPER	Poppie
CLEAVER	Polly