

# Bay State Fencers

## Private Lesson Policies

Selecting a coach is a big step in a fencer's athletic life and having a private coach is both a privilege and a responsibility. Coaches are committed to assisting fencers attain their athletic and competitive goals by developing an individualized program of training for each fencer and private lessons are an integral part of most fencer's athletic program. In turn, fencers are expected to demonstrate respect for their coach by practicing good etiquette.

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- Private Lessons are by appointment only and should be scheduled in advance directly with your lesson coach.
- Arrive for lessons on time and be ready to fence at the scheduled lesson time. If a fencer is going to be late for any reason the coach must be contacted directly by personal cell phone.
- If you are unable to attend a scheduled lesson, it is your responsibility to contact your coach directly by personal cell phone or email 24 hours in advance to reschedule the lesson time/date.
- All coaches may be reached directly via personal cell phone or email. **DO NOT** leave messages for coaches on the Club voicemail.
- Payment is due to the coach for each private lesson in advance or at the time of the lesson. Coaches accept cash and checks at lesson time.
- Forgetting to pay for a lesson is very insulting. Further lessons may not be given until the coach is paid in full.
- Once a lesson is scheduled the fencer is financially responsible for that lesson fee.
- The club sets the lesson rate, the current rate is \$35.00/30 min lesson
- Only work with one private lesson coach at a time, Coaches invests a great deal of time and effort in developing a program of training for the fencer. Conflicting methods of training can be detrimental to a fencer's athletic development.
- Any fencer currently enrolled in our Competitive Program that is determined to be taking lessons from a non BSF coach will be dropped from the program and all fees will be refunded less 15% processing fee.
- Club members & currently enrolled students have priority for lesson times. Lessons for non-members will be scheduled as time allows.
- Non-members may take two (2) lessons without club membership. After taking two (2) lessons, a non-member must become a Bay State Fencers Club member.
- Non-members must pay the daily floor fee of \$10 or \$5 for students with a current ID to the desk AND the lesson fee prior to the lesson.