



Dublin University Fencing Club



PROFESSOR DUFFY 2012 Memorial Team Épée Competition

December 2011

Dear fencers,

Dublin University Fencing Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the **Professor Duffy Memorial Team Épée Competition**, held annually in Trinity College.

The Duffy Memorial is held in honour of Professor Patrick J. Duffy, Ireland's first maître d'armes. It is Ireland's largest team competition and certainly our most international event, and is held in the very heart of the city of Dublin

The competition will take place on the weekend of 28th/29th January in the Sports Centre at Trinity College, Dublin. There will be a reception on the Saturday evening.

The men's competition will be on the Saturday, but it **may** run over onto the Sunday depending on entry numbers, so please plan accordingly. The women's competition will be on the Sunday. No mixed-gender teams are permitted.



Please return your completed entry form to us as soon as possible, at the latest by Friday 20th January 2012. Note also that the staging of the women's event will be subject to the organisers receiving at least three completed entry forms for women's teams by the due date. If you require any information about accommodation or transport please feel free to contact us (details below).

We cordially invite you to enter the Duffy Épée 2012, and we look forward to sharing the hospitality of Dublin with you.

Yours sincerely,

Ned Mitchell, Club Captain
Gabriel Beecham, Club Secretary



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Date: 28th/29th January, 2012

Venue: Main Hall, Sports Centre, Trinity College, Dublin

Entry Fee: €50 per team

Closing Date: Friday 20th January 2012

<u>Saturday 28th January – Men’s Épée</u> Check-in: 9.30 a.m. Start: 10.00 a.m. <i>PLEASE NOTE: the men’s competition may run into Sunday.</i>	<u>Sunday 29th January – Women’s Épée</u> Check-in: 10.30 a.m. Start: 11.00 a.m.
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The entry fee may be enclosed or paid on the day. Entries should be made payable to Dublin University Fencing Club. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organisers only, and are subject to a surcharge of €10. Full fencing attire must be worn, including, at minimum, 350 N jackets and breeches, 350 N masks and 800 N underplastrons. The organisers reserve the right to exclude any fencer whose equipment they regard as unsatisfactory.

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DUFFY ÉPÉE 2012 Entry Form

Name of Club or Team
Country Event (Men’s/Women’s)

TEAM MEMBERS

(1)..... (3)
(2)..... (Substitute).....

We acknowledge and agree that the Organising Committee does not accept responsibility for any accident, loss or damage sustained during the tournament.

Signature of Team Captain:
Contact (Address/Telephone/Email):
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Rules of the **PROFESSOR DUFFY** Memorial Team Épée Competition

Definitions

Bout: A fight between two fencers.

Match: A fight between two teams, consisting of nine bouts.

DT: Directoire Technique, the organising committee.

Composition of Teams

At the start of a match, each team must present three fencers to fence for that match, as well as one optional substitute. None of the members of the team, including the substitute (if any), can have fenced for any other team during the course of the competition (DT decision, 1998).

Substitution Rules

One substitution may be made during a match – that is, each team may replace one fencer with the team's nominated substitute, if the president is given one bout's notice of the change. Once a team makes a substitution, no other substitutions may be made by that team during the course of that match. A substitution may be made for any reason.

If, during a match, a fencer is *obliged* to retire, either as a result of an accident, or by reason of some cause beyond his or her control, which has been duly recognised by the president, the captain of the team may seek the permission of the DT to enter the nominated substitute to continue the match from the point whence the retired fencer withdrew, even if a bout was in progress at that point.

If a fencer is obliged to retire, and the team has no substitute; or if, a substitution having been made, the substitute is obliged to retire during the course of a match; or if a fencer is excluded during the course of a match: the team has lost the match.

Format of Matches

The bouts of the match are fenced in the following order:

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| (i) 3-6 | (vi) 5-2 |
| (ii) 5-1 | (vii) 1-4 |
| (iii) 2-4 | (viii) 6-2 |
| (iv) 6-1 | (ix) 3-5 |
| (v) 3-4 | |

The order of the individual team members shall be determined by the team captains.

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Each bout in the match shall be for five hits (to five, 10, 15, 20 and so on); **the maximum time for each bout is three minutes.**

The first two opponents play until one of them has scored five hits, within the time limit of three minutes. The next two opponents assume the scores of their predecessors, and play until one of them has scored 10 hits, within the same time limit of three minutes. This process continues in successive bouts, with the target increasing cumulatively by five hits.

If, by the expiry of three minutes' fencing time, the target score for the bout has not been reached, the next two fencers take up the score where it was left off and play as normal up to the maximum score intended for their bout, within the time limit of three minutes.

The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 hits (9×5), or which has scored the greater number of hits after the expiry of regulation time for the last bout.

If both teams have an equal score at the end of regulation time for the last bout, then the match continues for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute, fought by the fencers of the last bout of the match. Before fencing recommences for the deciding hit, the president draws lots to decide who will be the winner, if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

Equipment

Full fencing attire must be worn, including, at minimum, 350 N jackets and breeches, 350 N masks and 800 N underplastrons. The DT reserves the right to exclude any fencer whose equipment they regard as unsatisfactory.

The DT reserves the right to amend these rules if necessary to facilitate the running of the competition.