



BRITISH FENCING



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British Fencing and England Fencing Ltd Joint Announcement

British Fencing (BF) and England Fencing Ltd (EF) have reached an agreement for greater co-operation in delivery of services to members and the sport as a whole.

The main points of the agreement are:

- ◆ England Fencing Ltd retains responsibility for the delivery of development programmes in England, but recognises that the most effective way to achieve results under current funding structures is in partnership with British Fencing Ltd.
- ◆ England Fencing will close their current office in Ipswich, and EF admin functions will be co-located with BF at Baron's Gate in Chiswick, thus providing a one-stop-shop for all member services in England. The board of England Fencing would like to take this opportunity to thank Jan and Pippa for their services and dedication over recent years.
- ◆ England Fencing development projects and budgets will be merged with EDP projects, which are funded by Sport England and managed by BF, for the duration of Sport England funding.
- ◆ These merged projects will be managed by Ben Champion, who will act as National Development Manager for both organisations.
- ◆ EF directors and officials will be directly involved in the planning and operation of development projects, alongside their BF partners.
- ◆ All income deriving from jointly managed development projects will be re-invested in further development work.
- ◆ Further work will be undertaken to combine IT and communication strategies, and to eliminate duplication of data and online services.

Timescale & implementation

The transfer of administrative work from Ipswich to Chiswick has already started. During March 2010 there may be some duplication of functions as the transfer is finalised. We anticipate the EF office closing at the end of March 2010, and apologise if there is any temporary disruption of service.

Many joint development projects are already underway, so this agreement merely formalises what is already happening in practice, provides for clearer lines of reporting and establishes a predictable financial base for planning.

The directors of both organisations welcome this agreement as a way to improve co-ordination and delivery of services within England.

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