

WELCOME KIT

GUIDE FOR NEW
AND PROSPECTIVE PARENTS



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Welcome to Scarsdale Fencing Club

We are so excited to welcome your child to our club and both of you to our fencing family! We know that as a parent new to our club and also perhaps new to the sport of fencing, you have many questions. To help you get started in fencing at our club, we've put together a quick guide.



Lessons & Classes

The first thing you will need to do is purchase lessons and/or classes. If you are new to fencing, we recommend that you begin with our **Starter Package**. It is a package of 6 lessons/classes at a reduced rate. To purchase the Starter Package, click [here](#).

Once your fencer has completed the Starter Package, we recommend that you move to one of our monthly plans. We have four different types of **Monthly Unlimited Plans**, ranging from 1 private lesson a week to 4 a week. All Monthly Plans include unlimited classes, meaning your fencer can attend as many group classes as he/she wants during the week! To purchase a Monthly Plan, click [here](#).

Some parents find that after their fencer has completed the Starter Package, they're still not sure of how many times a week their child can come to the club. If this is your situation, we recommend that instead of the Monthly Plan, you purchase a **Ten Pack**. A Ten Pack is simply a pack of 10 lessons or classes. You can use these to take a private lesson or a group class. Ten Packs come in two types: a discounted and a non discounted pack. Simply put, discounted Ten Packs are our Ten Packs offered at a discounted rate, but you must also purchase a Club Membership in conjunction in order to receive this discounted rate.

Club Membership

Fencers who are on our Monthly Plan or the discounted Ten Packs must purchase an annual Club Membership. This is an annual charge that is renewed at the beginning of every season. You can think of the Club Membership the same way you think of the annual fee at a gym: it's charged once a year and goes toward the maintenance, overhead and building fees.

We have two different Club Memberships. The majority of fencers will be on the SFC Membership, which can be found [here](#). The SFC Membership grants you access to our Scarsdale facility. However, if your fencer is at an elite competitive level and would like to practice at our location in the city, you will need to purchase the SFC/FC Combined Membership, which can be found [here](#). This membership will grant you access to both our Scarsdale facility and our joint facility with Fencers Club in midtown Manhattan.



Club Memberships run from September 1st through June 30th. If you're joining us after September 1st, we prorate memberships on a monthly basis.

USFA Membership

Once you have decided on what type of Plan and Club Membership you will purchase for your fencer's lessons and classes, you will also need to purchase a **USA Fencing (USFA) Membership**. This is a requirement for all fencers.

If your child is just beginning fencing, we recommend that they purchase the **Access Membership**, which can be found at this link [insert link]. If your child is not new to fencing and wants to compete at the national level, you should purchase the **Competitive Membership**, which can be found here [insert link]. Parents can also purchase their own membership in order to have voting rights, but it is not necessary. **Parent Membership** can be found [here](#).

USFA Memberships are also annual. In July, you will receive an email from USFA reminding you to renew your membership.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND WAIVERS

Every member must acknowledge our Code of Conduct and Waivers. If your fencer is a minor, the legal guardian/parent must complete the forms on their behalf. You can find these forms [here](#).

HOW TO BOOK LESSONS & CLASSES

Great! Now that we've gotten all the housekeeping stuff out of the way, you must be wondering how you go about scheduling Private Lessons and Group Classes.

Private lessons are 20 minutes in length and are reserved directly with the coaches. Coach Achiko can be reached at 914-564-6576 and Coach Maksim can be reached at 678-200-3612.

Group Classes do not need to be reserved in advance. Your fencer needs to just show up 10-15 minutes before the class starts. Group Classes are arranged by skill level. If you're not sure which class your fencer should attend, please consult your coach. Please visit the SFC website for the Group Class Schedule.

Fencing Gear



All of our new members receive a free SFC t-shirt when they join our club! If you haven't received one, please stop by the office and talk to Brian, our office manager. Additionally, we have SFC Adidas-branded hoodies and zip-up jackets that you can purchase. We love to see our fencers in our gear!

For fencing equipment and gear, there are two main providers of fencing gear that most people use: Absolute Fencing Gear and Blue Gauntlet Fencing Gear. Their websites can be found [Absolute Fencing](#) and [Blue Gauntlet](#). Both Absolute and Blue Gauntlet sell "starter kits" that we recommend for our fencers. These usually include a set of whites, a mask, a glove, a saber and a fencing bag. We can help with measuring your fencer to get them properly sized.

For fencing shoes, we recommend either purchasing indoor soccer shoes (i.e. no cleats), or purchasing fencing shoes from any of the providers noted above. Absolute sells Nike-branded fencing shoes and Blue Gauntlet sells both Adidas, Kempa, and other brands of fencing shoes.

Still have questions?



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