

Competition Coaching Policy and charges 2026/27



The competition charge has been put in place to cover the cost of your coaches' time, travel expenses and expertise.

Paying the competition coaching charge gives you access to:

- Priority support
- Tactical advice
- Assisted warm-up and preparation
- Support throughout the day

Having access to a coach during a competition is a valuable asset and we encourage you you have one present where possible. Luso International Fencing will publish a list of events where a coach is able to attend and keep it updated throughout the season. Please see the points below for further details about the competition coaching policy.

- You **must** have competition coaching when attending your first event. Your first event should be a competition that our coaches have confirmed they will attend.
- Competition coaching charge is paid per fencer, per event.
- Provides access to coach(es) present. The coach(es) time is shared between all booked fencers.
- The charge per event is fixed by Luso International Fencing and varies from event to event. A table at the end of this policy will include our current charges for providing a coach. Luso International Fencing reserves the right to revise the charges at any point during the season.
- Luso International Fencing will decide if it is viable to send a coach(es) to events and can withdraw support for an event at any time.
- If Luso International Fencing decides to remove support for an event, any paid charges can either be carried forwards to pay for or for part of future events. A refund can be made if requested.
- If a fencer who has booked competition coaching withdraws from an event that

the coach(es) attends, they are still liable to pay the charge.



- Some events may have exceptional travel costs such as hotels, flights etc. This will incur an additional charge on top of the competition coaching charge. These charges will be advertise on the club's newsletter and Whatsapp group.
- The competition coaching charge does not include a 1-to-1 warm up lesson. These can be pre booked with the attending coach(es) and will incur a small additional charge. See table. The coach(es) will decide if it is viable for them to give 1-to-1 warm up lessons at the event and hold the right to refuse to do so.
- Competition coaching must be requested before the event's entry closing date.
- Payment of the charge should be made as soon as Luso International Fencing confirms a coach(es) attending. This can be done in person with a card payment at club training on the Monday before the event or through bank transfer.
- Coach(es) will not accept payment for competition coaching on the day of the event and will not provide any competition coaching that hasn't been booked in line with this policy.
- If payment isn't made in line with this policy, competition coaching cannot be provided.
- Coach(es) will provide support for the main event up to the fencers elimination from the main draw. Any bouts for final placement in brackets will not be supported. Plate and side events will not be supported.
- Luso International Fencing will decide if an event requires one or two coaches.
- Exceptional events and competitions will require additional charges and this will be communicated well in advance of the event.
- All fencers attending the following international events with Luso International Fencing must pay the competition coaching charge for that event. Challenge Wroclaw, Trofeo Città di Desio.

Table of competitions' charges

Event type	Charge per fencer
Local – 1 day	£10.00
Regional – 1 day	£20.00
National – 1 day	£25.00
International events, hotels, flights and other exceptional charges	Total costs / attending fencers + £30
1-to-1 warm up lesson	£5.00

Local event – less than 1 hour travel by car, one way.

Regional event – between 1 and 2 hours travel by car, one way.

National – over 2 hours travel by car, one way.