

MOFT2012

Merseyside Open Fencing Tournament, in association with Leon Paul
Saturday/Sunday 18/19 February 2012

Greenbank Sports Academy
Greenbank Lane, Liverpool L17 1AG

Events		Entry Limits	Check-in times	
Saturday 18 February 2012	Men's Foil	108	8.15 am – 9.00 am)
	Men's Sabre	72	9.15 am – 10.15 am)
	Women's Sabre	36	9.15 am – 10.15 am)
Sunday 19 February 2012	Men's Epee	108	8.15 am – 9.00 am)
	Women's Epee	54	9.15 am – 10.15 am)
	Women's Foil	54	9.15 am – 10.15 am)

Prizes to be awarded at each weapon: • Top 8 fencers • Best Under 18 Fencer • Best Veteran (BVF members only)

The Dorothy Knowles Swords will be presented to the Best Novices at Men's Foil and Women's Foil. To be eligible, fencers must have less than two years' fencing experience at any weapon as at 1 January 2012.

Competition format: 2 rounds of seeding pools with all fencers promoted to Direct Elimination round, if numbers permit.

If any entry limits are reached, reserve lists will be opened. Fencers who are placed on a reserve list will be contacted and advised of their position on the list. Please ensure that you provide full contact details with your entry.

MOFT2012 is a nominated event (Tier A) in the Irish Fencing Federation ranking scheme.

Entry fees:	£20.00 for one weapon	£35.00 for two weapons
Postal entries to:	Barbara Evison, 31 Hale Road, Walton, Liverpool L4 3RL	Telephone 0151 521 7657
Online entry available at:	www.moft.co.uk	
Closing date:	Saturday 4 February 2012	

Late entries will be accepted at the organisers' discretion. A surcharge of £5 will be made for all entries received after the closing date. Entries received without fees will be classed as late.

MOFT is a BFA Registered Competition, held under BFA rules. As such, the following conditions of entry apply:

- Competitors must hold BFA membership at an appropriate level through one of the home country associations, or the equivalent membership of another national association that provides similar insurance cover.
- The organisers will attempt to verify all BFA membership details provided before the tournament. Fencers should still bring proof of BFA membership in case this has not been possible. Members of other national associations must show their membership cards. Competitors without proof of membership must take out BFA membership on the day.
- All equipment must comply with the current BFA Safety Guidelines. Random checks will be made throughout the day.
- Fencers must be aged 13 or over on 1 January 2012.

We are pleased to announce our continuing association with Leon Paul. In addition to providing scoring boxes and metallic pistes for the tournament, Leon Paul will also have an equipment stand on both days. Advance orders may be placed on 0845 388 8132 for collection at the tournament.

Directions to Greenbank Sports Academy:

- Approach Liverpool on the A59, A580 or M62.
- Turn left onto A5058 – Queens Drive (ring road).
- On Queens Drive, 1/2 mile south of the M62 junction, cross the first roundabout at Childwall Fiveways (take third exit)
- After 3/4 mile, cross second roundabout in right lane and then take middle lane for Queens Drive at following traffic lights.
- After 1/2 mile, the road passes under a railway bridge.
- After another 200 yards, turn right at traffic lights onto North Mossley Hill Road.
- After 1/4 mile, turn left onto Greenbank Lane.
- After 300 yards, Greenbank Sports Academy is on the left – the car park is signposted.
- If the car park is full, there is plenty of on-road parking outside the Academy.

Visit the tournament website at www.moft.co.uk for further information

Merseyside Open 2012 Entry Form

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Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Nationality:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Club:

BFA no. or number (and name) of other national association

I wish to enter (please tick):

Men's Foil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's Foil	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men's Epee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's Epee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men's Sabre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women's Sabre	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tick if appropriate:

Under 18 (As at 1 January 2012)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran (BVF member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foil Novice (under 2 yrs as at 1 January 2012)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Conditions of Entry

BFA Membership

The Merseyside Open is a BFA Registered Competition held under BFA rules. All fencers must hold BFA membership at an appropriate level through one of the home country associations (category names may vary according to country), or the equivalent membership of another national association that provides similar insurance cover, in order to compete.

If the organisers are unable to confirm current membership of the BFA or an equivalent national organisation, BFA membership must be taken out on the day. Please note that the BFA makes a £5 administration charge for returning fees paid in cash by fencers whose membership is subsequently confirmed. Fencers who are unable to prove current membership of the BFA or an equivalent national organisation and who cannot pay for BFA membership on the day will not be allowed to fence.

BFA Equipment Standards

MOFT2012 will be applying the BFA equipment standards that became mandatory for all tournaments from 1 January 2006. Random checks will be made on jackets, underplastrons, breeches and masks to ensure that they comply with the standards. From 1 September 2009, foil masks must have conductive bibs that comply with BFA Rules. Fencers are personally responsible for ensuring that their equipment complies with BFA Rules and is in good condition.

Full details on the BFA standards are available on the BFA website at www.britishfencing.com/uploads/files/592_chart_of_2006_clothing_rules.pdf or from the MOFT organisers upon request.

I enclose my entry fee of £.....(Cheques made payable to MOFT).

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Conditions of Entry above. I also accept that the Merseyside Open Organising Committee and Greenbank Sports Academy cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss, damage or injuries sustained at the tournament.

Signed: (Parent or Guardian if under 18 years)

Date:

Please return to Barbara Evison, 31 Hale Road, Walton, Liverpool L4 3RL (Telephone 0151 521 7657)