

EN GARDE FENCING CLUB

Take the next step in your fencing career!

1. Read the Introduction to Fencing: <http://www.engardefencingclub.com/fencing.html>
2. Find a club and schedule your first private lesson: www.engardefencingclub.com
3. After a few lessons, order your own fencing equipment (ask coach for price)
4. Become a member of the club (see EGFC Services & Prices 2017)
5. Supplement private lessons with Open Practice (e.g. twice a week)
6. Go see a fencing competition at a different club. (Get used to traveling.)
7. Become a “competitive member” of the United States Fencing Association (\$70)
(Cut and paste the link into a web browser if it doesn’t work when you click on it.)
<https://www.railstation.org/usfencing/MembershipRegistration.aspx>
8. Compete at your club (<http://www.engardefencingclub.com/services.html>)
9. Compete at a regional competition (www.askfred.net)
10. Compete at a national competition (www.usfencing.org)
11. Write competition dates (entry deadlines) on your calendar and train accordingly
12. Try to improve your rating from “U” to “E” then from “D” to “C” to “B” to “A.”
(Try to improve by one letter rating per year. It may take longer to go from “B” to “A.” Coach can show you the ‘Classification Reference Chart.’ Ratings must be maintained or they drop by 1 letter every 2 years.)
13. Continue fencing when you get to college. After you graduate, continue practicing/competing on a regular basis. (Don’t quit; it will be harder to get started again.) Plan to visit other fencing clubs (at a university or in a different country) during your vacations. Always keep learning.
14. Offer advice, or offer to practice with, inexperienced fencers. Teach others.
15. Always try to make new friends.