

Devon County Fencing Union

Junior Reps Report 2020

In the year 19/20, Covid 19 of course put a halt for the visions I had for building more activity among Junior Fencers in Devon. The visions remain though and as fencing again opens up in the next 12 months (or whatever period it takes) to come back to a more normal routine – inter club junior team events remain on the ‘do list’.

Added to this, the new initiative that was attached to the Junior Foil of ‘Drop In and Fence’ would seem to have great potential. It could provide opportunity for Junior Fencers to not only meet and spar with those from other clubs, but also to observe and challenge adult fencers, who they do not normally meet. I think a key factor in getting more young fencers into competitions is encouraging inter club fencing. My experience is that a lot of young fencers feel intimidated by formal competitions and lack experience fencing others outside their clubs. Thus, a more informal inter club fencing set up could really build confidence and see an uptake of entries for competitions such as the Devon youth championships.

While I am now at University, I am happy to continue in this role of Junior Rep and take these ideas forward, if the County so desires.

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