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The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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Round 2: Strong Start for DHS

Congratulations to all of our fencers! I was able to speak to several of our first year fencers, all of whom confirmed that they had enjoyed their first tournament. A great many of our fencers advanced to the direct elimination tournament. We had points scored for our team by Sam James, Gareth Payne, Assistant Captain Jonathan Kopel and Logan Norris for the men. For the women, Josie James; Assistant Captain Hannah Soderberg, Women's Captain Megan Murphy, Assistant Captain Taylor Taliaferro, Team Captain Sara Gelber and Honoka Miura all scored points for our team. Special congratulations to James (gold medal) and Josie (silver medal) James!

Results and Standings

The links below show the results and standings following Round 2 of the regular season:

- "[Results 2019-20 R2.pdf](#)" contains the final results of all tournaments in Round 2.
- "[Scores 2019-20 R2 Centennial.pdf](#)", "[Scores 2019-20 R2 Johns Creek.pdf](#)", and "[Scores 2019-20 R2 Milton.pdf](#)" contain the scores of all bouts as well as seeding and final places for all tournaments in Round 2.
- "[Standings 2019-20 R2.pdf](#)" contains the Team Standings (based on all points earned by each team) and the Individual Standings (based on all points earned by each fencer).
- "[Fencers School 2019-20 R2.pdf](#)" contains an alphabetical list of fencers at each school. For each fencer it shows grade, league ranking, points earned, number of events they have competed in as well as where they placed in each tournament.

If you believe there are any errors in the results or standings, please let me know. If the grade of any of your fencers is blank that means I don't know what grade they are in, please let me know as soon as possible.

These reports are also available in Excel format. If you would like the Excel versions, please let me know.

Reminder - One Round 1 tournament is still to be completed

Keep in mind that the home tournament "Round 1" on September 14th at Dunwoody had to be rescheduled for the 19th of October (the week after Round 3). The schools who were scheduled to be at Dunwoody in Round 1 have so far competed in one fewer tournament than the others. Once that tournament is made up, those schools and some of their fencers will likely earn additional points and may move up in the standings.

Sarah Taliaferro
Team Parent
DHS Fencing Wildcats, Board President

This Week and Upcoming:

- **Thu 10/3 - Regular practice**
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 - **Sat 10/12 - Tournament (Round 3) at Cambridge**



- **Note and download the revised 2019/20 Tournament Schedule below (updated location to South Forsyth for us on Nov. 2). The revisions are in red, special locations in red, and our make-up tournament in red AND highlighted.**

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google Calendar or see the remaining year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter.



Tournament 101

Open the document below for a good overview of tournaments - how to pack, what is seeding, pool results, and more.

[The Details.](#)

Eating on Competition Day: Do's and Don't's

by Irina Chirashnya

found on Academy of Fencing Masters Blog (www.academyoffencingmasters.com)

It's fencing tournament day and you've been running around from the moment you arrived. From check in, to warm up, straight to pool play afterward, and then to direct elimination. You are getting more and more agitated as the day wears on, and your fencer is getting irritable, fatigued, and maybe even a little shaky. The cure to all these woes may be simpler than you think. Ask yourself: When was the last time that you ate?

All of the symptoms mentioned above ([read more](#)).



Thank you Lisa Soderberg...

...for the great shots of our team in action last week. And last year for that matter!

[See them here](#) or let [let us know](#) if you're having problems seeing them. You should have received a special emailed invitation to the Shutterfly Share Site.

Revised 2019/20 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (rev. 9-30-19)

SAVE THE DATE (deja vu)

Our "make-up" home tournament is set for October 19 and as usual, we'll need help from everyone. The good news is that we most of the planning and prep work finished!

Home tournament: October 19, 2019

Make Our Year and Volunteer

Sign up for one task - it will make someone's day.

[Away Tournament Volunteer Sign-up.](#)

Welcome Ms. Williams

Congratulations on your first solo tournament with us! We're happy you're here.

Sponsorships. The Next Chapter

Details to come on our plan for establishing sponsors. If you're interested in helping, please contact: dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com.

2019-20 Current Team Standings

Women's Team: 5th place
Men's Team: 7th place

www.dhsfencing.org

Fencing Jacket Embroidery

The fencer's last name is embroidered on the jacket back according to USA Fencing protocol and costs around \$25. [Email](#) if you're interested.

Browse Pictures

Consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

As our club continues to grow, the need for additional equipment and skilled people does too. Last year we purchased 2 more electronic fencing strips (\$1,100 each), hired an assistant coach, and covered the cost of referees as needed during tournaments - just a few of the bigger ticket items.

Donations are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc.,
which is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

[Learn more about sponsorship levels.](#)

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Contact: Eric Kasowski - ekasowski@yahoo.com or 404-680-0890

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2019/20 Calendar

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google calendar.

October

12 (Sat): Tournament - Round 3; Location: Cambridge

18 (Fri): Tournament preparation

19 (Sat): HOME Tournament - Round 1 "Rescheduled";
Location: DUNWOODY HIGH SCHOOL

November

2 (Sat): Tournament - Round 4; Location: South Forsyth

16 (Sat): Tournament - Round 5; Location: Taylor Road Middle School
(hosted by Chattahoochee)

December

14 (Sat): Tournament - Round 6; Location: Pinecrest

January

11 (Sat): Tournament - Round 7; Location: B.E.S.T.

25 (Sat): Individual Championship; Location: Alpharetta

February

25 (Sat): Team Championship; Location: Alpharetta

20 (Thu): GHSFL Day at the Capitol

TBD: End-of-the-Year Banquet

TBD: Fencing demonstrations at DHS, PCMS, etc.

June

TBD: DHS Fencing Camp

July

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