

Davis Fencing Academy

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The Chevron System

Earn your stripes!

The Chevron system is designed to measure a student's progress in their knowledge and understanding of the sport of fencing. Study of the sport of fencing will be different from student to student and approached in many different ways. A lot of the information can be learned from your coaches or from literature but the subjects of timing and distance can only be perfected with practice.

Green Chevron

Footwork: Advance, Retreat, Lunge.

Student has the ability to perform a sequence of footwork in a proper stance.

Bladework: Parries 4, 6, 8 and 7 with direct riposte.

Student has the ability to perform the intended parry followed with a direct riposte.

Knowledge: Student understands the rules of "right of way" as applied in fencing foil and saber. Student shows knowledge and practice of the rules during bouting. The student understands the differences between the three modern sport weapons.

Conduct: The student shows practice of safety and courtesy rules while in the club. The student shows respect to the opponent before a bout with a salute and afterward with a salute and a handshake. The student follows the direction of coaches.

Recommended Equipment: Starter set (mask, jacket, glove, weapon, underarm protector)

Red Chevron

Footwork: Cross Overs, jump step, redouble

Student has the ability to follow distance during drills and during bouting efficiently with footwork. The student is able to perform foot work sequences with tempo change.

Bladework: Disengage all parries, counter parry riposte and circular parries

Student is able to perform a short sequence of blade actions.

Knowledge: Has full knowledge of fencing rules on the strip. Has the ability to conduct a fencing bout as a director.

Conduct: The student has expressed increasing interest in the sport of fencing. The student is able to conduct themselves in a safe and respectful manner during open bouts.

Recommended equipment: Electric gear including knickers, underarm protector

Blue Chevron

Footwork: Fleche and high speed combinations.

Students have the ability to perform long sequences of footwork drills with changes in tempo. Student also is able to control distance at high speed. Student should have an increased sense of timing and distance

Bladework: Prime, all beats, and binds

The student is able to perform long sequences of blade work with footwork. Has an increased sense of point control, timing and distance while performing blade actions.

Knowledge: The student is knowledgeable about various tournament formats. Student is also able to diagnose and repair minor, common faults in electric gear.

Conduct: The student has shown and expressed that the sport of fencing is a personal priority and has extended a helping hand to other students.

Recommended Equipment: Club Warm-ups