

# 4<sup>th</sup> ASIAN VARSITY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS





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## 1. History of Asian Varsity Fencing Championship

The Asian Varsity Fencing Championships (AVFC) has been targeted at tertiary institutions and universities in Asia since 2007. The Asian Varsity Fencing Championship (AVFC) is an annual event organized by Singapore Management University (SMU) Fencing Club.



This annual event aims to:

1. Provide a platform for fencers in tertiary education within the Asia Pacific region to pit their skills against each other
2. Elevate Asia's varsity-level fencing to the next level
3. Promote cultural exchange through friendly competition

## 2. About SMU Fencing Club

### **Brief History**

Established in 2004, the SMU Fencers currently train under Mr. Jeffrey Lopez, the Founder and Head Coach of Fencing Masters Singapore.

### **Achievements**

Despite our relative young age, we have already made their presence felt in the regional scene. The university's fencing club is the 3-time champion for the Men's Team Event at the HKUST International Inter-varsity Championships since 2006.



### **Awards**

Amongst all other numerous awards, SMU Fencing is honored to be conferred the Excellence Award during Patron's Day and the Outreach Achievement Award at SSU's Sports Award Night last year, 2009.

### **3. General Information about Singapore**

(i) **Tourist attractions in Singapore**

More than 10 million tourists visit Singapore in year 2009. Main attraction in Singapore includes the world's first night safari which is home to more than 1000 nocturnal animals.



Singapore Flyer standing at 165m high; it is the world's largest observation wheel. The Flyer offers you breathtaking, panoramic views of the Marina Bay, our island city and beyond.

More information can be formed at:  
<http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/browse.html>

(ii) **Currency**

Singapore's unit of currency is the Singapore Dollar (SGD). Foreign currency or traveler checks can be exchanged freely at banks, international tourist hotels and the airport. Current exchange rate is approximately SGD1.50 for USD1.00. Major credit cards are widely accepted in most places.

(iii) **Entry Formalisation**

All passengers entering Singapore must possess valid passports, participants are recommended to check with local Singapore Embassies for visa applications before travelling.

**Foreigners holding travel documents issued by the following countries will require a Visa to enter Singapore:**

**Assessment Level I Countries:**  
 India\*, Myanmar\*, Nigeria\*, People's Republic of China+ (PRC), Holders of Hong Kong Document of Identity, Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Travel Permit and Commonwealth of Independent States+ (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan).  
 Refer to this link for visa application procedures: <http://www.ica.gov.sg/page.aspx?pageid=168&secid=166>

**Assessment Level II Countries:**  
 Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh\*, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan\*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia~, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia\*, Yemen, and holders of Palestinian Authority Passport, Temporary Passport issued by the United Arab Emirates and Refugee Travel Document issued by Middle-East countries.  
 Refer to this link for visa application procedures: <http://www.ica.gov.sg/page.aspx?pageid=169&secid=166>

\* Except for visitors with Diplomatic, Official and Service passports.  
 +Except for visitors with Diplomatic, Official, Service and Public Affairs passports who are exempted from visa requirements for a stay of up to 30 days.

(iv) **Weather**

Singapore has a warm and humid climate throughout the year with a daily average temperature range of 24°C to 32°C.

(v) **Water & Electricity**

It is safe to drink water straight from the tap in Singapore. However, for those who prefer bottled mineral water, any supermarket will have ample stocks. Electric current is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles/sec, AC.

## **4. Competition Details for AVFC 2010**

1. **Date:** 21-22 December 2010 (Tue-Wed)
2. **Venue:** Administration Building  
Singapore Management University  
81 Victoria Street, Singapore 188065  
*(Map and direction provided at the back)*



3. **Weapon:** Epee
4. **Organizer:** SMU Fencing Club  
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[fencing.smu@gmail.com](mailto:fencing.smu@gmail.com)
5. **Reply slip:** We have attached a reply slip along with this booklet. Please revert your attendance back to us.
6. **Contact person:** Lee Yi Xin (+65) 90188225 [yixin.lee.2008@gmail.com](mailto:yixin.lee.2008@gmail.com)  
Daniel Tan Wei Yang (+65) 917504

### **7. \*Competition Schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
20 Dec (Mon)	7.00pm	Pre competition briefing at SMU
	8.00pm	Pre competition dinner
21 Dec (Tue)	8.30am	Registration for Individual Men's Epee, Men's
	9:00am	Preliminary Round – Individual Men's Epee
	10:30am	Registration for Individual Women's Epee
	11:00am	Preliminary Round – Individual Women's Epee
	12:00pm	Direct Elimination to Semi-finals – Individual Men's Epee,
	2:00pm	Direct Elimination to Semi-finals – Individual Women's Epee
	6:00pm	Finals – Individual Men's Epee & Women's Epee
22 Dec (Wed)	8.30am	Registration for Team Men's Epee
	9:00am	Direct Elimination to Semi-finals – Team Men's Epee
	10.30am	Registration for Team Women's Epee
	11:00am	Direct Elimination to Semi-finals – Team Women's Epee
	4:00pm	Finals – Team Men's Epee, Women's Epee
	7:00pm	Prize Presentation (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizes with joint bronze)
	7:30pm	Celebration Dinner

\*The above schedule may be subject to changes.



**8. Prizes**

Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each event. Joint bronzes will be awarded for both individual and team events.

**9. Payment Details:**

No.	Item	*Cost
1	Entry Fee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual event</li> <li>• Team event</li> </ul>	SGD30/fencer SGD50/team

Mode of payment to be advised

**10. Other Costs to be Borne by Participating Universities:**

- 1) Airfare
- 2) Transportation fare between hotel and Airport
- 3) Lunch and dinner → Estimated at \$10/meal
- 4) Accommodation → To be arranged by participants

**11. Equipment:**

Kindly note it is compulsory for all participants to wear underplastrons. It is not compulsory, however, to use foil masks with conductive bib or transparent masks.

**12. Referee:**

Each university participating in the competition must be accompanied by a number of referees according to the following formula:

1-4 fencers	No referee required
5-9 fencers	1 referee required
10 or more fencers	2 referees required

Please ensure that the referees are properly dressed. The referees are to be on duty under the assignment of the Directoire de Technique throughout the competition. A penalty charge of \$50 per referee not provided will be imposed.



## **5. Rules and Regulations for AVFC 2010**

1. Electric Weapons are used in all matches in AVFC. Each participant should prepare full fencing equipment. The checking of the fencer's equipment will be carried out by the presiding referee of the bout. Tests will be in accordance with FIE rules and regulations.

Points 2 to 7 describe the rules for **Individual events**:

2. Each country may enter any number of fencers for each individual event
3. All individual events are divided as pools of 4, 5 or 6 fencers; whichever is more appropriate upon the discretion of the AVFC Organizing Committee. Each bout of the pool events consists of 5 points and the maximum time for a bout is 3 minutes.
4. In the pools, a bout ends when:
  - a. One of the two fencers has scored 5 points. In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is the final score of the bout (V5-Dn, where n is the number of points scored by the fencer who lost.)
  - b. 3 minutes fencing time (effective fencing time only) have passed.
    - If at the point when the time limit expires there is a difference of at least one point between the scores of the two fencers, the fencer who has scored the greater number of points is declared winner. The score registered on the score-sheet is the actual score achieved in the bout (VN-Dn, where N and n are the numbers of points scored by the fencer who won and the fencer who lost respectively.)
    - If at the end of the regulation time for a bout the scores are equal, both fencers fence for a deciding point, with a maximum time limit of one minute. Before the fencing recommences, the referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner of the bout if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute. In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is always the actual score achieved in the bout (VN-Dn if a deciding point is scored within the time limit for the bout; Vn-Dn, where n=0,1,2,3 or 4, if the winner is designated by the drawing of lots.)
5. At each individual event, the number of fencers who will be eliminated will be decided by the AVFC Organising Committee. The total number will not be higher than 30% of the total number of participants in the particular event.
6. In case of absolute equality between two or more fencers, their seeding order will be decided by the drawing of lots.



7. In the direct elimination, time limits and the score to win in each match of any event are as follows:
- Time limit for all matches comprises of 3 bouts of 3 minutes of fencing time (effective fencing time only) and 1 minute rest in between. The fencer who scores 15 points first will be declared the winner.
  - If at the point when the time limit expires there is a difference of at least one point between the scores of the two fencers, the fencer who has scored the greater number of points is declared the winner. The score registered on the score-sheet is the actual score achieved in the bout (VN-Dn, where N and n are the numbers of points scored by the fencer who won and by the fencer who lost respectively).
  - If at the end of the regulation time for a bout the scores are equal, both fencers fence for a deciding point, with a maximum time limit of one minute. Before the fencing recommences, the referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner of the bout if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute. In this case the score registered on the score-sheet is always the actual score achieved in the bout (VN-Dn if a deciding point is scored within the time limit for the bout; Vn-Dn, where n=0-14, if the winner is designated by the drawing of lots.)

Points 8 to 20 describe the rules for **Team events**:

- Each institute is allowed to send more than one team for each team event. Each team consists of 3 fencers without a reserve or 4 fencers with a reserve. All fencers in the team must be from the same institute.
- The names of the team member of each team must be handed in to the AVFC Organising Committee at or before 7.00pm on the day of the individual events (22 December 2010)
- The team events are run by integral direct elimination with a direct elimination table which may be incomplete. The teams occupy the places in the table according to their points. Each team's points is derived by adding together the highest points obtained by any three members of the team in the corresponding individual event of the AVFC. The ranking of the fencers in the individual events will be awarded points contributed to the points of their corresponding team event and is based on the following point system:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	32 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	26 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	20 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	16 points
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> places	14 points
9 <sup>th</sup> -16 places	8 points
17 <sup>th</sup> -32 <sup>nd</sup> places	4 points
33 <sup>rd</sup> -64 <sup>th</sup> places	2 points

No fencers can receive any points if he or she has not actually participated in the corresponding individual event.



Anyone who does not join any individual event is still allowed to join the team events. However, please note that the score of the individual will be zero when counted in the team ranking.

The higher the points a team obtains, the better the seeding of the team. If two or more teams have the same number of points, they will be separated by the drawing of lots.

11. The matches will be fought using the team relay formula. The relay formula applies to all weapons.

The formula for the competition is as follows:

The three fencers of one team fences three fencers of the opposing team (9 bout relay).

The bouts of each match have to be fought in the following order:

3-6  
5-1  
2-4  
6-1  
3-4  
5-2  
1-4  
6-2  
3-5

If this order is **altered**, intentionally or unintentionally, all the hits scored following the modification are annulled and the match is resumed in the correct order.

12. The position of each team on the match score-sheet is decided by the drawing of lots. The order of the individual fencers is decided by the team captains.
13. Each bout of the relay match consists of 5 points (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). The maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes (effective fencing time only). The bout will end when either side's score reaches  $5n$  within the time limit, where  $n$  is the bout number.
14. If at the point when the time limit expires and the intended score as stated in point 12 is not achieved, the next two fencers begin at the score where it was left off and fence up to the maximum score intended for their bout as per normal, within the time limit.
15. The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 45 points, or that which has scored the greatest number of points after regulation time expires.
16. If at the end of regulation time for the last bout the scores are equal, the match continues for a deciding point, with a maximum time limit of one minute, fought for by the fencers of the last bout in the match. Before the fencing recommences, the referee will



draw lots to decide who will be the winner should the scores remain equal at the end of the extra minute.

17. In the course of a match, the captain of a team may ask to substitute for a fencer with the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match to replace a fencer on the strip, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted, which must be reported by the referee to the opposing team captain, must be made at latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced.
18. If a member of a team is obliged to retire during a match as a result of an accident which has been duly recognized by a medical representative of the AVFC Organising Committee, the captain of his team may ask to put in a reserve to continue the match at the point where the competitor who was obliged to retire withdrew, even during a bout in progress. However, a competitor who is thus replaced cannot again take his place in the team during that same match.
19. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team has lost the match.
20. When for any reason whatever a team does not complete an event in which it is taking part in, the team has lost the match.
21. All complaints must be filed through the team captain to the Appeal Committee of AVFC within 10 minutes after the match. Delayed complaints will not be entertained.
22. The FIE rules will be adopted in AVFC. In case of any conflicts, the Appeal Committee of AVFC has the right to make the final decision. All participants of AVFC must obey the final decision of the Appeal Committee of AVFC.
23. The AVFC Organising Committee reserves the right to alter or amend any of the above rules whenever necessary.
24. The AVFC Organising Committee, SMU Fencing Club and Singapore Management University will not be responsible for any accident during AVFC.
25. Anyone who destroys any equipment in AVFC will be responsible to afford a penalty. The amount of the penalty will be determined by the AVFC Organising Committee.

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End of the rules and regulations for AVFC

## 6. Map and direction to SMU

### Map



Singapore Management University  
 Administration Building  
 81 Victoria Street  
 Singapore 188065

### Directions

#### By MRT:

SMU is accessible by four different MRT stations as shown on the map. The nearest ones will be City Hall MRT or Bras Basah MRT.

#### By Bus:

Outside the SMU Administration building: 2, 7, 12, 32, 33, 51, 63, 80, 175

Outside the NTUC Income Centre: 7, 14, 16, 36, 111, 128, 131, 162, 175, 502, 518

#### By Taxi:

Stop at SMU Admin Building at Victoria Street.