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Chapter 1 : How to Understand Basic Fencing Terminology: 13 Steps

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Understand the foil board setup, the stance, the riding techniques, and the underwater wings work. Hydrofoils are the future of water sports. They allow us to access new waves and offshore surf breaks that had never been explored before. Basically, foils redefined what we considered to be a rideable wave. Foil surfing is an exciting experience, and it may not require waves to get going. Hydrofoil surfing is somehow like controlled aquaplaning. A hydrofoil is a long and hydrodynamically designed fin with wings. The beauty of it is that it mitigates the effects of the wind on the surface of the water, reducing friction and allowing you to angle at 90 degrees in less than a second. The structure, or fuselage, blends steel, aluminum, and fiberglass and lifts a surfboard outside the water even at low speeds. Foils can be used to surf, race our cruise around. One of the first watermen to attach a foil to a surfboard was Laird Hamilton. He used it in big wave conditions and proved that it could be a smart and valuable weapon in all kinds of swells. Kai Lenny was one of the first riders to test the hydrofoil in windsurfing, kiteboarding, surfing and even bodyboarding. The Hawaiian also used it in a wide variety of ocean conditions, waves, and scenarios. Lenny and Naish ended up developing a "Foil Surfing " course for those who want to experience the thrill of foiling. Ready to become a foil surfer? You can simply make the most of whatever condition you have. The Wave You can ride everything. The best way to get started is to find a spot with small waves in the one-to-two-foot range. A jet ski or a boat may help you learn the basics and adapt to the board by, for example, grabbing a rope and getting used to the overall riding feel. A larger rider should move it forward, too. However, when the waves get bigger, the plate system should move farther back on the tracks. The Stance Ideally, you should place the traction pads exactly where your feet should be. They work as a guidance to your stance. So, the trick is to find the sweet spot, which generally translates into having your back foot over the mast, or maybe a little bit behind it. Aim for a shoulder-width stance with a lot of front foot pressure. Duck diving can be surprisingly easy because foils create extra lift and will project you through the wave. The take-off process on a foil board is identical to that of surfing. As soon as you stand up, apply pressure on your front foot, like if you were snowboarding on the slopes. And the steeper the wave gets, the more you need to lean forward. The more you lean back on your back foot, the more the wing is going to tilt upright, creating more lift. On the opposite direction, the more you apply weight on your front foot, the more the wing will dive underwater. Finding your balance is key to controlling the hydrofoil surfboard.

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Hungarian grip Electric equipment A set of electric fencing equipment is required to participate in electric fencing. Electric equipment in fencing varies depending on the weapon with which it is used in accordance. The main component of a set of electric equipment is the body cord. The body cord serves as the connection between a fencer and a reel of wire that is part of a system for electrically detecting that the weapon has touched the opponent. There are two types: The need in foil and sabre to distinguish between on and off-target touches requires a wired connection to the valid target area. A body cord consists of three wires known as the A, B, and C lines. This asymmetrical arrangement ensures that the cord cannot be plugged in the wrong way around. The B line is normally connected to the C line through the tip. When the tip is depressed, the circuit is broken and one of three things can happen: The tip is not touching either of the above: Off-target hit white light. When the tip is depressed, it connects the A and B lines, resulting in a valid touch. However, if the tip is touching your opponents weapon their C line or the grounded strip, nothing happens when it is depressed, as the current is redirected to the C line. A complete set of foil electric equipment includes: A conductive bib often attached to the mask. The electric equipment of sabre is very similar to that of foil. In addition, equipment used in sabre includes: A larger conductive lame. A completely conductive mask. A conductive glove or overlay. Also, their body cords are constructed differently as described above. Glossary of fencing Techniques or movements in fencing can be divided into two categories: Some techniques can fall into both categories e. Certain techniques are used offensively, with the purpose of landing a hit on your opponent while holding the right of way foil and sabre. Others are used defensively, to protect against a hit or obtain the right of way. The attacks and defences may be performed in countless combinations of feet and hand actions. For example, fencer A attacks the arm of fencer B, drawing a high outside parry; fencer B then follows the parry with a high line riposte. Whenever a point is scored, the fencers will go back to their starting mark. The fight will start again after the following commands have been given by the referee in French in international settings: They are four different attacks straight thrust, disengage attack, counter-disengage attack and cutover In sabre, attacks are also made with a cutting action. An attack by the defender after a successful parry. After the attacker has completed their attack, and it has been parried, the defender then has the opportunity to make an attack, and at foil and sabre take right of way. A false attack with the purpose of provoking a reaction from the opposing fencer. A thrust while extending the front leg by using a slight kicking motion and propelling the body forward with the back leg. An attack preceded by one or more feints which oblige the opponent to parry, allowing the attacker to deceive the parry. A second continuation is stepping slight past the parry and angulating the blade to bring the tip of the blade back on target. A renewal may also be direct without a change of line or any further blade action , in which case it is called a remise. It takes advantage of the extreme flexibility of the blade to use it like a whip, bending the blade so that it curves over and strikes the opponent with the point; this allows the fencer to hit an obscured part of the target e. This technique has become much more difficult due to timing changes which require the point to stay depressed for longer to set off the light. Usually followed by a riposte, a return attack by the defender. More difficult to accomplish in foil and sabre unless one is quick enough to make the counterattack and retreat ahead of the advancing opponent without being scored upon, or by evading the attacking blade via moves such as the In Quartata turning to the side or Passata-sotto ducking. In foil and sabre, this gives one priority if the extension is completed before the opponent begins the final action of their attack. When performed as a defensive action, the attacker must then disturb the extended weapon to re-take priority; otherwise the defender has priority and the point-in-line will win the touch if the attacker does not manage a single light. Universities and schools See also: Collegiate Fencing and High School Fencing Fencing has a long history with universities and schools for at least years.

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At least one style of fencing, Mensur in Germany, is practiced only within universities, notably at Heidelberg. University students compete internationally at the World University Games. He invented what came to be known as the "Patton Saber," in , based on his studies with M. While teaching at Fort Riley, he wrote two training manuals teaching the art of swordsmanship to Army Cavalry Officers, "Saber Exercise " [18] and "Diary of the Instructor in Swordsmanship. National fencing organisations have set up programmes to encourage more students to fence. In recent years, attempts have been made to introduce fencing to a wider and younger audience, by using foam and plastic swords, which require much less protective equipment. This makes it much less expensive to provide classes, and thus easier to take fencing to a wider range of schools than traditionally has been the case. There is even a competition series in Scotland – the Plastic-and-Foam Fencing FunLeague [21] – specifically for Primary and early Secondary school-age children using this equipment. The UK hosts two national competitions in which schools compete against each other directly: It contains both teams and individual events and is highly anticipated. Schools organise matches directly against one another and school age pupils can compete individually in the British Youth Championships. Many universities in Ontario, Canada have fencing teams that participate in an annual inter-university competition called the OUA Finals. Venetian school of fencing The Venetian school of fencing is a style of fencing that occurred in Venice in the early 12th century, [23] and prevailed until the beginning of the 19th century. With this approach, the swordsman had an idea of one thing, what now we calling like "center of percussion". It was suggested some divisions of a sword. The blade was divided into four parts, the first two parts from Ephesus should be used for protection; the third one near the center of the blow was used for striking; and the fourth part at the tip was used for pricking. The opponents set up opposing chairs and fence while seated; all the usual rules of fencing are applied. In a number of countries, school and university matches deviate slightly from the FIE format. A variant of the sport using toy lightsabers earned national attention when ESPN2 acquired the rights to a selection of matches and included it as part of its "ESPN8: The Ocho" programming block in August

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He began writing professionally online in He has a degree in English literature from the University of Sussex and is an experienced traveler and travel writer. His work has been published on a variety of well respected websites including "Living in Peru". The lunge is an effective fencing move. Fencing is a potent mix of swordplay, athleticism and tactical maneuvering. By combining these moves, you will be able to manipulate your adversary and create space in which to register a touch on your opponent. Video of the Day Lunge The lunge is a standard but highly effective attacking movement. From the basic fencing position, extend your right foot forward as far as possible without overstretching or losing balance. As you lunge towards your opponent, extend your sword arm and engage your opponent with a stab or slash. Flunge The flunge is a move used in saber fencing. It is basically a flying lunge, hence the name. You can perform the flunge with the same intent as a standard lunge, but the initial flying leap gives you a greater element of surprise and speed. Passata Sotto The passata sotto is an evasive movement with a twist. As your opponent looms over you, straighten your sword arm and attempt to stab your adversary. The basic parry is further divided into subcategories, each referring to specific directional movements of your sword. In short, it is an attack into an attack, says the Amarillo Competitive Fencing Association website. Riposte The riposte is another form of counter-attack. Remise A remise is a short series of attacks. You do not withdraw your weapon arm between attacks in the series. Beat A beat is similar to a speculative jab in boxing. Feint You can use feints to deceive your opponent. The idea is to trick an opponent by launching one or more fake attacks with the intention of creating a gap in their defenses. It is similar to the feint, but you design your entire move with a second strike firmly in mind. Your first attack is a feint that your opponent will parry. After the parry, your opponent launches a riposte that you then parry before launching a premeditated counter-attack. If you control the entire engagement correctly, you will open up a clear striking opportunity.

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Advanced Fencing Techniques-I 1. Counter Parries Applicable primarily to foil and epee, and occasionally with saber A good defense is essential to becoming proficient, and the circular counter parry can be a very effective defensive tactic. As a matter of fact, various combinations of counter parries can work well against the most experienced fencers, provided that they are executed in proper form with sufficient speed, accuracy, timing and distance. Maestro Faulkner told me that one of his fencers reached the finals of the Nationals using mostly just two counter-parries! It is of great advantage to know all of the eight simple parries first. You may want to go over these methods slowly several times in order to fully understand what is being conveyed. The need for using counter-parries is required when your opponent is successful in his indirect attacks where the opponent executes a disengage attack. The first movement of his blade can be to your flank and then his point moves under your blade and he scores a touch in your stomach. The counter-parry, or a series of counter-parries can be used to parry the the disengage attack. Counter parries can be quite effective when executed properly. Either the contre sixte or the contre-carte parry can be used successfully against a simple disengage attack. The contre-tierce parry can as well be used in place of contre-sixte and may actually be faster. When executed smoothly, with minimal movement, these parries become fast and difficult to avoid. This is not so easily accomplished without a great deal of practice. Then immediately twist your wrist smoothly in a small clockwise semicircle. This type of movement Nadi must be effected with minimal arm movement. Remember that you are countering the disengage of a point that is moving under your blade and toward your flank. This parry is executed with minimal arm movement and only a slight bend of the arm at the elbow. Most of the motion in a parry consists of a bending and twisting of the hand at the wrist the first three fingers exert the main control for this parry, so loosen the other two fingers. To see how this twisting motion works against high-line attacks, bend your hand slightly at the wrist so that the point has moved somewhat upward. Then twist your wrist in a clockwise motion, all the time trying to keep your arm pointed nearly straight towards your opponent. As you work against an attacking blade, your own blade should be moving slightly forward such that at the instant of the meeting of the blades, your forte strong part of the blade meets his foible weak part of the blade. This circular movement works well against both a simple disengage single movement that is executed by your opponent or a compound movement. Once you end up with blade stopped and in opposition opponents blade out of line with your target area , you having gained right-of-way gained by the parry. Your blade should move in opposition only as far as to be successful, or your parry can be defeated in another type of movement. As is normally the case, the riposte follows immediately with a smooth overall action and ending up with a closed line. When a highly experienced fencer perform this movement properly, the movement will be very smooth and so small that the circular motion may be very slight and hard to see. Note that the counter-parry can also be effective against a simple direct thrust. The blades will meet sooner than expected, so the full counter-parry simply stops when at a direct parry. Although this circular action against a simple thrust might not seem to be an advantage, your opponent can mix direct attacks with indirect attacks, in which case you have both offensive tactics countered. As soon as you feel blade contact at the end of the parry, you should initiate your thrust, being careful to close the line in the process so as to gain right-of-way and protect against a possible remise or a bad call by the director which never happens, of course. A series of counter-parries can also be helpful when other movements are not working. This tactic can, in turn be defeated by a second defensive counter parry or direct parry carte in opposition. Thus, multiple offensive movements can be countered by multiple defensive movements as well. The most common problem with these movements are that they are not smooth and may be too large. Also, your counter parry may either begin too soon or too late, giving your opponent the advantage of easily observing and reacting. The movement of the arm is the most likely culprit, which slows down the action considerably. It is very natural to see circular

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movements end up being too large, especially with an inexperienced fencer who will tense his arm and generally make large and slow motions. This problem is commonly due to lack of experience, training and natural reaction. The bending, twisting wrist must do most of the motion so that maximum speed is attained, which takes a lot of practice. To learn how to do manipulate both movements, try to change line of your blade from one position to another prior to any attack. Then you can change from a contre-carte parry to a contre-sixte parry, or vice versa, depending upon the side of engagement. Strategically, the timing of these initial movements should be random so that your opponent cannot preempt your action and counter it effectively. A fencer who has mastered the technique of combining these two defense movements with minimal motion and fast timing has mastered a very strong defensive tactic, especially when used in combination with the control of proper distance. In these advanced movements, the advantage of having an excellent fencing master to guide you cannot be overestimated. Faulkner once pointed to one of his fencers and told me that this fellow had achieved high nationally ranking by successfully using the combinations of just two parries:

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