

ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

A cross-sectional survey on why young Australians decide to participate in the sport of fencing

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1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. This research aims to understand why Australian youth decide to participate in fencing. You have been invited because you are an affiliated member of a State Fencing Association and/or fence at a local fencing club in Australia.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

- Dr Amy Peden, Lecturer, UNSW School of Population Health
- Ms Ely Ganakas, Masters student, UNSW School of Population Health

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Started fencing in Australia
- Were under 18 years of age when you started fencing (you can be any age now).

You are ineligible to participate if you:

- Are currently aged under 18 years old without a parent/guardian present to complete the survey on your behalf.
- Are unable to understand the survey questions due to limited English proficiency

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

5. What does participation in this research require?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an anonymous online survey. It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey will ask you questions about:

- how old you were when you started fencing
- why did you decide to start fencing
- whether you participated in any sports before fencing, and
- how much you enjoy fencing and other sports.

6. What are the possible risks and inconveniences?

There are no foreseeable risks in participating in this study. You may be inconvenienced by the time taken to complete the survey. As a thank you for the time taken to participate, at the end of the survey you will have the option of providing your name and email address to go into the running to win one of eight \$25 Leon Paul e-gift vouchers. If you win the draw, the gift voucher will be sent directly to the email address you provide.

7. What are the possible benefits to participation?

There is no direct benefit to you by participating in this research. We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit others who don't enjoy traditional sports in future health promotion

efforts and research. The results of this study may also help improve community awareness of the benefits of fencing.

8. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'I agree to participate' button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for:

- a minimum of 7 years after the completion of the research

Survey responses are anonymous. The information about you will be stored and used in a non-identifiable format where your identify will be unknown.

9. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and report the results of the research. All information will be published in a way that will not identify you. Results of the research will be made available to the State Fencing Associations.

Because survey responses are anonymous we will not be able to automatically send you the results of the research. If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by sending an email to e.ganakas@student.unsw.edu.au. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

10. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

11. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member of the research team:

Research Team Contact

Name	Ms Elly Ganakas
Position	Masters student, UNSW School of Population Health
Email	e.ganakas@student.unsw.edu.au

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HC210216

Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

By checking the I agree/start questionnaire option below:

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
 - I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
 - I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
 - I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
 - I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from:
https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ugZxX4jzLeufD8

[I agree, start questionnaire](#)