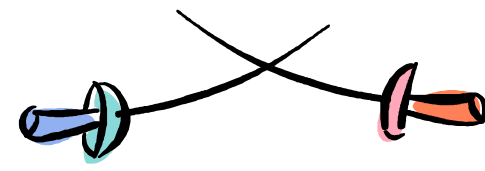


About the Instructor

Catherine Humphrey-Bennett began fencing at the age of fifteen while attending Montclair Kimberly Academy (MKA) preparatory school in Montclair, New Jersey. Soon thereafter, Catherine's hard work and diligence allowed her to achieve success, and as a senior she was not only a Junior Olympic Qualifier but was a 1st Team All-State Fencer for New Jersey. Catherine received fencing scholarship offers from Brandeis, University of Penn, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutgers, Penn State, Ohio State University, and Temple University. Catherine attended Temple which awarded her a full 4-year fencing scholarship. In addition to earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Temple in 1988, Catherine assisted Temple's Women's Fencing Team to place 3rd, 4th, 2nd, and 4th at the NAAs in fencing from 1984-88, respectively. Further, Catherine was the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Individual Champion in 1987 and served as Team Captain of Temple Women's Fencing Team in 1988. Catherine worked in advertising for a few years and then became an attorney. In 2006 in an effort to promote the sport she loves and give back to the community, Catherine began teaching fencing to children ages 7-18 in the Philadelphia public and private schools. Today, Catherine lives with family in South Jersey and is actively engaged in coaching the sport of fencing in the Delaware Valley.



**Mt. Airy Fencers Club at
Springside Chestnut Hill
Academy
(Winter Session 2026)**



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Why Fencing Instruction?

The sport of fencing has been around for many centuries and today is played in high schools, most colleges, and in the Olympics. Just as many young athletes obtain scholarships for tennis, soccer, basketball, and other sports, many young athletes are also awarded college scholarships for fencing.

From a physical perspective, fencing teaches children agility, strength, coordination, timing, and balance. However, fencing also enhances a child's ability to strategize and promotes self-esteem and teamwork.

The Mt. Airy Fencers Club (MAFC) fencing instruction will be taught on novice, intermediate and advanced levels through a series of fun fencing drills, exercises, and games specifically designed for children ages 8-18. The main focus of classes will be for children to learn fencing footwork, pointwork, fencing techniques and bouting. For those interested in competing we encourage competition play and will cover the cost of tournament fees subject to conditions (e.g., Attending all MAFC practices, being a club member, etc.). In addition to learning the sport of fencing, children will also be taught life skills such as setting and achieving goals, teamwork, confidence, and discipline. Ultimately, our goal is for students to have fun, grow as individuals, and learn more about themselves through fencing.

What to Wear and Bring?

Fencers should wear a t-shirt, shorts or light sweat or stretch pants, socks, and sneakers. Due to COVID all fencers must bring their own fencing equipment (Jacket, glove, mask, blade, etc.). However, we can supply electrical blades and some equipment for use. Please contact Coach Cathy to inquire about equipment availability and rental. Additionally, fencers should also bring a water bottle filled with water or their favorite sports drink. If a fencer needs an inhaler or any other device to be used in an emergency, please bring to class and inform the instructor prior to class.

When Are Classes?

The 2026 Winter Session fencing classes for fencers (Ages 8-12) will start on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 9:15-10:10AM, and will run on Saturdays from January 24th until March 14, 2026. Classes for fencers (Ages 13 & up) will start on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10:15AM and will run on Saturdays 10:15-11:45AM, and on Thursday nights from 6:45-7:45PM until March 14, 2026. **(No Classes 2/14, 2/19, & 2/21)**

Fee ages 8-12 \$165; Fee for 13-up \$190.

To register, email michaelcathyb@verizon.net

to see if space is available. Once space is confirmed, fill out form attached, and bring payment to first class. Please make check payable to: **Mt. Airy Fencers Club.**

(20% Friends and family discounts are available).

We reserve the right to cancel classes due to weather.

Fencing Registration

Fencer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____

(Please Check) Fencing Class: Beginner (8-12) _____

Beginner (13 and up) _____

Intermediate/Advance _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Any medical conditions or allergies? _____

If yes, please list _____