



## USFCA/NJSIAA/NJIFA

### Foundational High School Fencing Coaching Clinic Event

The **NJIFA** is proud to host a **USFCA** coaches clinic event designed specifically for training High School coaching in fencing. Scheduled for

**OCTOBER 11th, 2025**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, this clinic is a significant milestone in the development of fencing coaching expertise. The clinic event will be held at **Bernards High School, 25 Olcott Ave, Bernardsville, NJ 07924**.

In partnership with the **US Fencing Coaches Association (USFCA)**, this intensive one-day event aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to attain the prestigious **NCDP Level 1 Certification**, recognized nationwide for coaching beginner and intermediate level fencers. Through this certification program, we empower individuals to become proficient coaches who can nurture the next generation of fencing talent. Led by seasoned fencing instructors and USFCA-certified professionals, the clinic covers a comprehensive curriculum including fundamentals of fencing technique, coaching strategies, safety protocols, and effective communication.

Participants will engage in hands-on training sessions, receive personalized feedback, and network with fellow enthusiasts. **The clinic event registration fee is provided by the NJSIAA, inclusive of all instructional materials. All interested Adults are welcome to attend! NJ HS Fencing Alumni must have 60 college credits or be four years from their graduation date to attend.**

**There are TWO parts to this clinic event!** The first part is an online, asynchronous section. The second is the in-person event at Bernards High School on 10/11/2025. The registration includes both parts, so you only need to register once. Please register as soon as you can so that we can get the online/asynchronous portion emailed to you directly **TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE IN-PERSON CLINIC EVENT!!** The online/asynchronous section will be emailed on **Wednesday, October 8th** and it will take about two hours to complete. (But many folks complete it in less time!)

By standardizing high school coaching education and certification, we elevate the quality of instruction and foster a community of skilled and knowledgeable fencing coaches. In addition we'll create a way to spread the sport of fencing to high schools as an exciting and valuable asset to their school.

For more information and registration, visit the [Coaches' Clinic Registration-Fencing page on njsiaa.org](https://www.njsiaa.org/coaches-clinic-registration-fencing). Lunch will not be provided, please bring a bagged lunch and plenty of water. If you have fencing gear, please bring what you have. We will have some gear available to supplement Coaches. If you need gear to use during the clinic event, please email the contact below.

About the US Fencing Coaches Association: The **US Fencing Coaches Association** ([USFCA](#)) is the national governing body for fencing coaches in the United States, dedicated to promoting excellence in coaching education and development.

Established in 1918, the **New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association** ([NJSIAA](#)) is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of approximately 440 accredited public and non-public high schools. A member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the NJSIAA conducts tournaments and crowns champions in 33 sports.

The **New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association** ([NJIFA](#)) is an association of NJ High School Fencing Coaches that are dedicated to promoting the sport of fencing among high school students in New Jersey. Its mission involves organizing competitions, providing coaching and training opportunities, fostering sportsmanship, and advancing the overall development of student-athletes within the sport of fencing. The NJIFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and is not for profit; all proceeds will be used to support NJ High School Fencing. Contact: Michael Griffin, NJIFA President at [mgriffin@hcrhs.org](mailto:mgriffin@hcrhs.org)