

Case Study; Major Sporting Events

The Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2014



The Client.

Scottish Fencing is the governing body for the sport of fencing in Scotland. It has the responsibility for domestic fencing in Scotland and for International fencing where Scotland competes as a separate nation such as the Commonwealth Fencing Championships. Scottish Fencing's mission is to "foster, encourage, promote and develop the sport of fencing in Scotland"

The Project.

Qualiteq was engaged to provide **Event Health and Safety planning and support** during the Commonwealth Fencing Championships (CFC) which took place at the **sportscotland** National Centre at Inverclyde, Largs from the 10th to 15th November 2014. This was a major sporting event involving around 1000 people from all over the world, lasting 10 days and costing over £300K

The Challenge.

sportscotland National Centre Inverclyde was selected as the venue for the CFC event which took place at their sports facility at Burnside Road Largs. The scope of activities which were addressed in conjunction with the onsite team included:

- Pre-event setup.
- Management of the event from the 10th November to 15th November 2014. In line with the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds' in particular:
 - Calculation of the safe capacity of the sports venue.
 - Circulation of spectators into, out of and around the fencing event.
 - Emergency evacuation
 - Seating
 - Standing
 - Fire Safety
 - Communications
 - Electrical and Mechanical services.
 - Medical and First Aid provisions
- Break down activities to clear the venue after the event

The Solution.

Working closely with the onsite management team and Scottish Fencing the Principle Management and Contractor responsibilities were identified agreed and published in a safety interface document which served as baseline data which captured and delivered a customized set of requirements and actions which were required to meet the Health and Safety demands.

Site surveys were undertaken and risk assessment initiated, which resulted in toolbox talks delivered to permanent and volunteer staff. Emergency and general contacts were identified and published.

Project Outcome.

The Health and Safety Plan proved to be effective and the CFC event past without incident and was acclaimed as very successful not only by the public but also by the competitors.

Clients Comments

“We worked closely with Qualiteq throughout the planning and delivery of the Commonwealth Fencing Championships. They provided us with an exceptional package of support covering all aspects of Health and Safety during this event. They were extremely thorough, professional and knowledgeable and I would have no hesitation on recommending them to anyone running an event on this scale.”

Roy Clarke, CEO, Scottish Fencing
Event Manager, the Commonwealth Fencing Championships

