



BCFA Annual Report

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BC Fencing Association



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Strategic Plan

Vision

The BCFA and its member clubs will achieve increased participation in the sport of fencing at all levels. The BCFA and its member clubs will achieve increased success at the competitive level, including winning more medals at National and International Competitions and increasing the number of BCFA members on National Teams. The BCFA will secure funding from multiple sources, and will ensure that greater than 70% of revenue received is directed to the fencing community.

Values

The BCFA believes in six core values, which include the following:

- Promoting excellence
- Equal accessibility
- Safety for all participants
- Sportsmanship and fair play
- Responsive service to members
- Respect for sport of fencing
- Providing a safe environment for all participants
- Respecting diversity

Goals

1. Enhance Participation in Fencing

- **Outcome:** By 2028 the BCFA will have 1,500 competitive members and 5,000 developmental members on a sustainable annual basis.
- **Current State:** The number of BC fencers has grown over the last year, and we expect this number to continue to increase over the year to come.

2. Competitive Excellence

- **Outcome:** By 2028, BCFA athletes will:
 - Win 20%–30% of the medal count at Canada Cup and Canadian National events on an annual basis
 - Medal at NAC events in every age category and every weapon on an annual basis
 - Have medaled at the Pan-American Championships at the Cadet, Junior and Senior level in every weapon category
 - Have medaled at World Cups at the Junior and Senior levels
 - Have medaled at the World Championships at the Cadet, Junior and Senior levels
 - At least one BC athlete will have qualified for the 2024, 2026 and 2028 Youth Olympic Games
 - At least two BC athletes will have qualified for the 2023 and 2027 Pan-American Games
 - At least one BC athlete will have qualified for the 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games
 - Comprise the majority of the Senior men's and Women's epee national teams.
- **Current State:** BCFA athletes continue to shine both on the national and international stages during the 2022/2023 season. Highlights from this past season include:

Canada Cup #1 – Vancouver, BC (Oct. 2022)

Total: 21 medals

Gold: 7

Silver: 5

Bronze: 9

OUR MEDALISTS



Senior women's epee / Epée féminine senior

Heidi Ding - gold medal / médaille d'or
Leonora Mackinnon - silver medal / médaille d'argent
Fan Wu - bronze medal / médaille de bronze
Alexanne Verret - bronze medal / médaille de bronze

NOS MÉDAILLÉES



**Canada Cup #1
Coupe du Canada n° 1**

OUR MEDALISTS



Senior men's epee / Epée masculine senior

Nicholas Zhang - gold medal / médaille d'or
Dylan French - silver medal / médaille d'argent
Derek Rong - bronze medal / médaille de bronze
Leon Xiao - bronze medal / médaille de bronze

NOS MÉDAILLÉS



**Canada Cup #1
Coupe du Canada n° 1**

OUR MEDALISTS



Cadet women's foil / Fleuret féminin cadet

Nadia Hayes - gold medal / médaille d'or
Yunjia Zhang - silver medal / médaille d'argent
Norah Seigel - bronze medal / médaille de bronze
Danise Leung - bronze medal / médaille de bronze

NOS MÉDAILLÉES



**Canada Cup #1
Coupe du Canada n° 1**

OUR MEDALISTS



Junior men's epee / Epée masculine junior

Nicholas Zhang - gold medal / médaille d'or
Eli Lippman - silver medal / médaille d'argent
Yao (Derek) Rong - bronze medal / médaille de bronze
Kent Iyoki - bronze medal / médaille de bronze

NOS MÉDAILLÉS



**Canada Cup #1
Coupe du Canada n° 1**

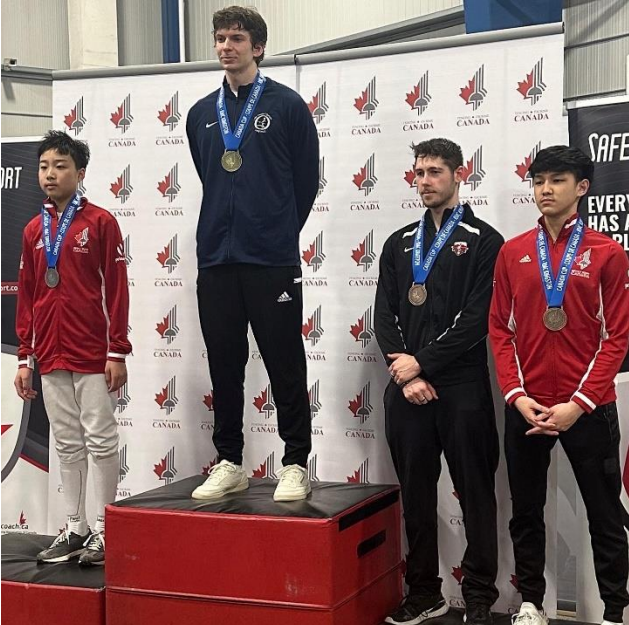
Canada Cup #2 – Kingston, ON (Jan. 2023)

Total: 16 medals

Gold: 2

Silver: 7

Bronze: 7



National Championships – Longueuil, QC (May 2023)

Total: 36 medals

Gold: 7

Silver: 8

Bronze: 21



Vancouver World Cup (Dec. 2023)



Alexanne Verret - Bronze medal (individual women's epee)



Dylan French - 12th place (individual men's epee)

2023 Canada Games (Prince Edward Island)

Total: 6 medals

Gold: 3

Silver: 2

Bronze: 1



Senior Pan American Championships (Lima, Peru)



Nicholas Zhang, bronze senior men's epee

SENIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS June 14-21 / le 14-21 juin
Lima, Peru/Pérou



MEN'S ÉPÉE TEAM / ÉQUIPE D'ÉPÉE MASCULINE
BRONZE MEDAL / MÉDAILLE DE BRONZE



CHAMPIONNATS PANAMÉRICAINS SENIORS

SENIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS June 14-21 / le 14-21 juin
Lima, Peru/Pérou



WOMEN'S ÉPÉE TEAM / ÉQUIPE D'ÉPÉE FÉMININE
SILVER MEDAL / MÉDAILLE D'ARGENT



CHAMPIONNATS PANAMÉRICAINS SENIORS

National Team Members (Senior)

Men's Epee

- Dylan French (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Fynn Fafard (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Nicholas Zhang (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Sam Gallagher-Pelletier (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Men's Sabre

- Shaul Gordon (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Women's Epee

- Alexanne Verret (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Women's Sabre

- Tamar Gordon (Dynamo Fencing Club)

National Team Members (Cadet/Junior)

Men's Epee

- Derek Rong – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Nicholas Zhang - Cadet, Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Men's Foil

- Bowen Xu – Cadet, Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Adrian Wong – Cadet (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Adam Wong – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Women's Foil

- Nadia Hayes – Cadet, Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Men's Sabre

- Jack Pan – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Jerry Pan – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)

Women's Sabre

- Tamar Gordon – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)

3. Increased Coaching Capacity

- **Outcome:** The BCFA will provide support and programs in order to increase the number of trained coaches at both the grass roots and competitive level. By 2028:
 - Every coach and official working with participants in B.C. will be trained and certified with the Canadian Coaching Association at a minimum level of community coach.
 - B.C. will have access to at least ten coaches trained at the Canadian Coaching Association competitive level and the BCFA will have supported these coaches in attending courses and gaining competitive experience at international competitions.
- **Current State:** A coaching clinic was held in conjunction with National Championships earlier this year. We also continue to pursue new initiatives to increase coaching in B.C. by promoting coaching workshops through our social media and website, as well as providing NCCP information and the CFF-specific coaching model on our [website](#).

4. Increased Official Capacity

- **Outcome:** The BCFA will provide support and programs in order to increase the number of trained officials such as referees, tournament managers, armorers and Directoire Technique staff. The BCFA will develop a training program to ensure BCFA members can become qualified as provincial and national level referees. The BCFA will use BCFA run competitions to train and provide experience for those interested in officiating in a variety of roles. BCFA will have:
 - 30 Provincially qualified referees
 - 15 Nationally qualified referees
 - 5 FIE level referees
 - 5 Nationally qualified armourers
 - A cadre of 20 people well versed in event management and Directoire Technique responsibilities.
- **Current State:** The BCFA has continued to promote referee training programs when available, and aim to see more members attain referee status over the next year.

5. Providing Competitive Opportunities for BC Fencers

- **Outcome:** The BCFA will continue to actively pursue event hosting opportunities at the national and international level. The BCFA will support and sanction local tournaments. By 2028 the BCFA Provincials Championships will be recognized as a major tournament throughout B.C., Western Canada and the Northwest United States, with an annual attendance of over 500 registrants by 2028. BCFA will have hosted National and International Tournaments, including an annual World Cup in both genders, and an event such as the Pan-Ams or World Championships.
- **Current State:** As of July, the 2023 Youth and Senior Provincial Championships have not yet been held. However, there is potential for both events to be held in the Fall. In December 2022, the BCFA hosted the 2022 Vancouver World Cup for men's and women's epee at the Vancouver Convention Centre. This was the first event of its kind to include both men's and women's epee events at the same World Cup. Top Canadian results include BCFA members Alexanne Verret (bronze medal, women's epee) and Dylan French (12th place, men's epee). In October 2022, the BCFA, alongside Dynamo Fencing Club and the CFF, helped host Canada Cup #1 in West Vancouver.

6. Recognizing Contributions

- **Outcome:** The BCFA will recognize the contributions of its members, coaches and volunteers in a variety of ways, such as the annual Presidents' awards, recognition at World Cups, etc. The BCFA will be run by volunteers whose key skills are utilized, and who are valued and rewarded for their work. The BCFA will provide developmental opportunities and recognition for volunteers. The BCFA will nominate members for available awards (CFF or SportBC awards)
- **Current State:** Over the past year, the BCFA has brought on Elana Lancit as our new administrator. Her expertise and enthusiasm are invaluable assets to the BCFA team.

7. Community Funding

- **Outcome:** The BCFA will not rely solely on core government revenue sources. The BCFA will secure funding through event hosting, fundraising, merchandising and grant opportunities. By 2028 the BCFA will continue to have annual revenue streams of \$300,000 per year, of which less than 50% will be from core government of BC operating agreements.
- **Current State:** Revenue for the 2022/2023 fiscal year was \$316,113 compared to the \$118,615 in the prior year. \$280,252 of this came from public grants, while the remaining \$35,861 was received through memberships and registration fees.

8. Market Fencing to Members of the Public

- **Outcome:** The BCFA will actively market the sport using a range of media avenues. By 2028 most BC residents will know about fencing and understand it to be a life-long sport that promotes a healthy active lifestyle. Every success at Provincial, National and International level will result in a BCFA press release.
- **Current State:** Fencing programs have continued to be offered within BC schools as a form of Physical Education. There are three credit courses, combining didactic and physical education components, available for students who take the sport through school programs. The BCFA continues to promote fencing through our social media outlets of Facebook, Twitter and our recently added Instagram account.