

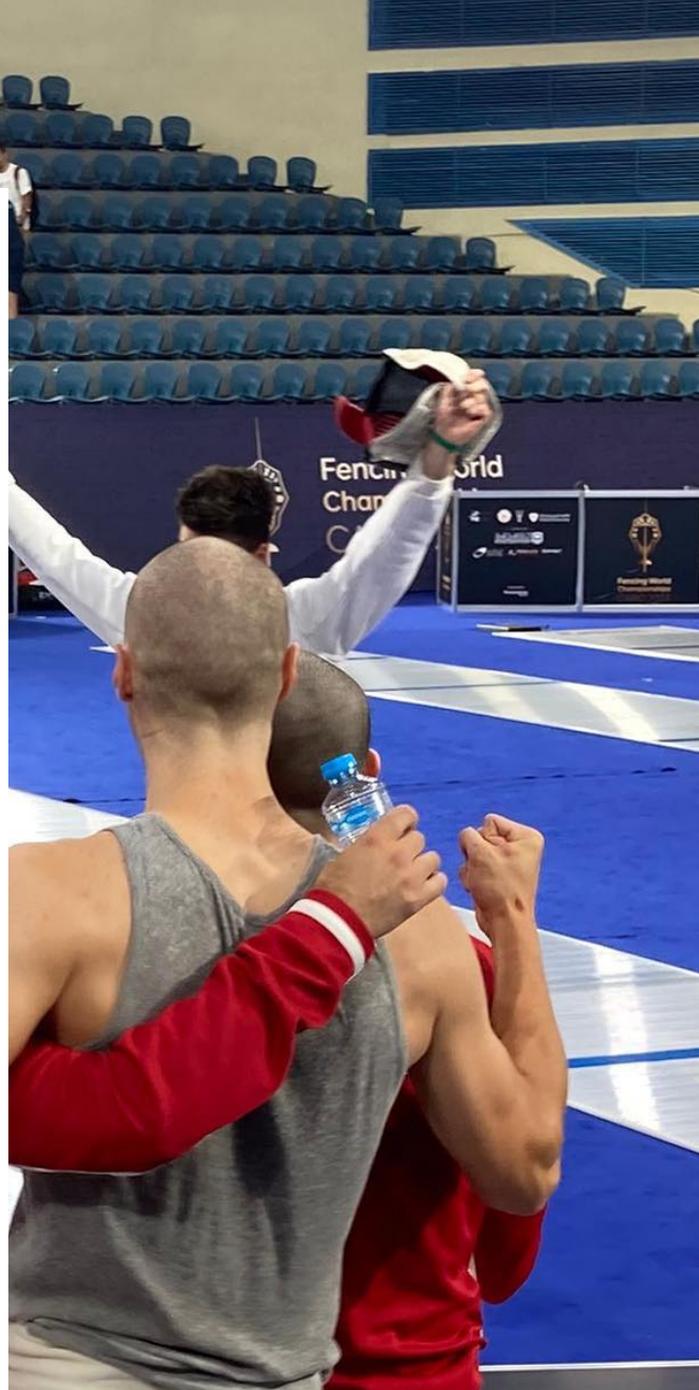
# Annual Report 2022

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BC Fencing Association



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# Strategic Plan

## Vision

Firstly, the BCFA and its member clubs will achieve increased participation within the sport of fencing at all levels, genders, age groups, and weapons. The BCFA and its associated clubs will additionally achieve increased success at the competitive level. As the competitive participation and success has increased over the years, this “success” is viewed as following: continuing to obtain more medals in both a National and International setting, as well as furthering the number of BCFA members qualified to the Canadian National Teams. Lastly, the BCFA will focus on securing funding from a multitude of sources and will additionally ensure that greater than 70% of revenue received is utilized directly towards the BC fencing community.

## Values

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

1. Promoting excellence in the sport of fencing
2. Equal accessibility for all those who desire to participate in the sport
3. Safety for all participants
4. Sportsmanship and fair play among all those involved
5. Responsive service to members of the community
6. Respect for the sport of fencing

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# Goals

## 1. Enhance Participation in Sport

- Outcome: By 2022, the BCFA will have reached approximately 1,500 competitive and 5,000 developmental members on a sustainable annual basis.
- Current State: The number of BC fencers has continued to grow over the last year. With the impact of COVID-19 easing on sports, we have seen many existing members return, as well as an influx of new members joining fencing programs across the province.

## 2. Provide Support and Infrastructure

- Outcome: By 2022, BC fencers will have achieved numerous successes on both the national and international circuits. The BCFA community will win 20% of the total medal count at both Canada Cup and Canadian National events on an annual basis, as well as have medaled in every age and weapon categories at NAC events on an annual basis. They will also have medaled at the Pan- American Championships at the Cadet, Junior, and Senior levels in every weapon category. Athletes will have medaled at the World Championships as well at the cadet, junior, and senior levels.
- Current State: BCFA athletes showed fantastic results nationally and internationally during the 2021/2022 season.

# National Championships (December 2021)

Total: 19 medals

Gold: 6

Silver: 6

Bronze: 7



# Pan American Championships (Senior)

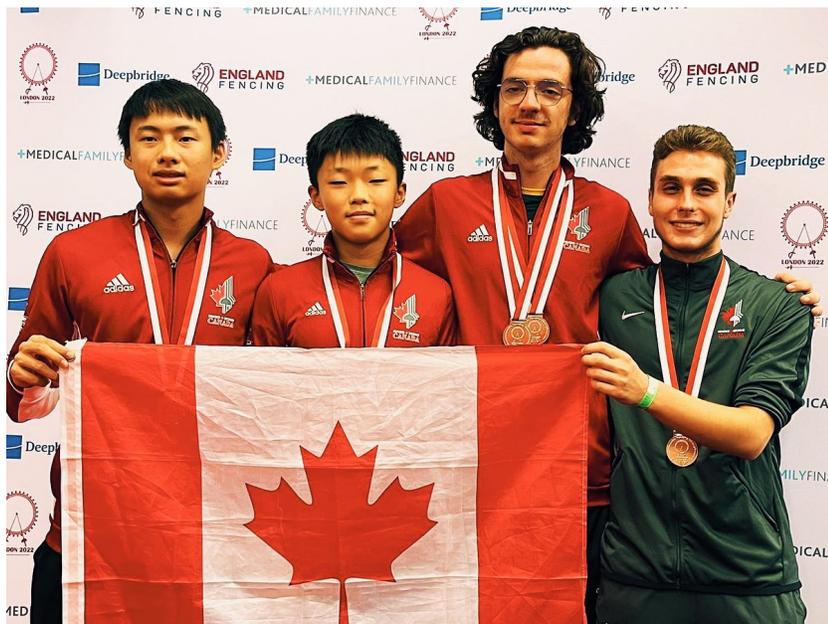


Sam Gallagher Pelletier – Bronze in Individual Men’s Epee  
National Championships (May 2022)

Total – 39 medals



# Commonwealth Championships (Cadet/Junior/Senior)



Charlie Chen (S-Class Fencing) – Bronze in Junior and Cadet men’s foil team



Grace Born (Tri-City Fencing Club) – Silver in veteran women’s team sabre

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## 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 Foil

- Eli Shenkel (S-Class Fencing)

### 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)
- Eric Pan - Cadet (Dynamo Fencing Club)

### Men's Foil

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

### Men's Sabre

- Koan Nyantee-Zeiger (Antaeon Fencing Club)
- Jack Pan – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Jerry Pan – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)

### Women's Sabre

- Tamar Gordon – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Florella Peng – Cadet (Dynamo Fencing Club)

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### 3. Increased Coaching Capacity

- Outcome: The BCFA will provide support and programs in pursuance towards increasing the number of trained coaches at both the beginner and competitive levels.
- Current State: During the past fiscal year, Midnight Sun Fencing Club (in Whitehorse) joined as a BCFA member. We have also seen many new initiatives to increase coaching in BC, 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](#). Additionally, BCFA members like Tanya Nelson have travelled to international competitions to increase their coaching knowledge at a competitive stage.

### 4. Increased Official Capacity

- Outcome: The BCFA will provide support and programs to increase the number of trained officials, such as referees, tournament managers, armorers, and Directoire Technique staff. They will develop a training program to ensure that members of the BCFA community may become qualified as provincial and national level referees. Competitions will be held for the means of providing experience and training for those of the community who are interested in officiating in a variety of roles.
- Current State: The BCFA has continued to promote referee training programs when available.

### 5. Providing Competitive Opportunities for BC Fencers

- Outcome: By 2022, the BCFA Provincial Championships will be recognized as a major tournament throughout BC, Western Canada, and the Northwest United States, with an annual attendance of over 500 registrants. The association will have also hosted Western, National, and international tournaments, with the hopes in being in the position to bid to host a Pan Am or World Championship-level event.
- Current State: Senior Provincial Championships was held at Dynamo Fencing Club over two days at the end of June. This competition included cadet, junior,

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senior and veteran events in all weapons. This was also the first Team BC qualifying event for the 2023 Canada Games.

- We have also seen a resurgence in local competitions with the annual Jeux De Pomme hosted by Okanagan Freestyle Fencing, the Stephen Lazar Memorial Tournament at UBC, as well as a series of competitions in Victoria held by OSM Fencing.

#### 6. Recognizing Contributions

- Outcome: The BCFA will be run by volunteers whose key skill will be utilized, as well as valued and thus rewarded for their work. Developmental opportunities and recognition for volunteers will be provided, as well as the nomination of members for available awards (CFF or SportBC awards).
- Current State: As we settle back into the regular competition season, we hope to see more recognition of our volunteers.
- Igor Gantsevich was also named High Performance Program Director for the CFF.

#### 7. Community Funding

- Outcome: By 2022, the BCFA will have annual revenue streams of \$300,000 per year, of which less than 50% will be obtained from core government of BC operating agreements.
- Current State: Revenue for the 2021/2022 fiscal year was \$118,615 compared to the \$165,053 in the prior year. \$106,330 of this came from public grants, while the remaining \$12,285 was received through memberships and registration fees.

#### 8. Market Fencing to Members of the Public

- Outcome: By 2022, most residents will know about fencing and understand it to be a life-long sport that promotes a healthy and active lifestyle. Every success at the Provincial, National, and international levels 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

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social media outlets like Facebook, with the hopes of boosting our presence on Twitter and Instagram going forward.