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# BC Fencing Association Annual Report

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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:**

- 718 members that includes:
- 37 coaches
- 8 referees
- 2 armoury

## 2. Increased Coaching Capacity

- **Outcome:**

The BCFA will provide support and programs in order to increase the number of trained coaches at both the NCCP Community/Instructor Beginner (IB) and Instructor (Comp Int) levels as well as the NCCP Competition Development (Comp Dev) level. By 2028:

Every coach and official working with participants in B.C. will be trained and certified through the NCCP at a minimum level of community/IB coach.

B.C. will have access to at least ten coaches trained at the NCCP competitive level and the BCFA will have supported these coaches in attending courses and gaining competitive experience at international competitions.

- **Current State:**

At present the BCFA has 9 coaches at Comp Dev, with at least 8 more BC coaches working towards Comp Dev certification within 1-2 years.

The BCFA also has 1 coach certified at Comp Int with at least 3-4 more BC coaches who could obtain this certification level within 2 years.

There is also the potential of at least 5 coaches who could certify at the IB level.

All of this is very exciting as there were not many coaches who had coaching certification only a short time ago. The rise in certification is due in part to the CFF demanding coaches having some certification to coach on the floor of the Canada Cup, the CAC demanding national coaches and all major games coaches be Comp Dev to attend as a coach and now the CFF has a coaching education pathway that is attainable.

The BCFA is well on its way to having more certified coaches by 2028.

### **3. 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:

1. 15 Nationally qualified referees
2. 5 FIE level referees
3. 5 Nationally qualified armorers
4. A cadre of 20 people well versed in event management and Directoire Technique responsibilities.

- **Current State:**

As certified Competition Development (Comp. Dev) - Level 3 coaches and National Team athletes are considered sufficiently qualified to referee at provincial-level tournaments, the BCFA has decided to automatically grant them Provincial-level referee certification. For those who do not qualify under these two categories but wish to obtain their referee certification, they will directly proceed through the National-level referee certification process via CFF. The BCFA will assist with liaising and covering some associated expenses. The BCFA will focus on implementing programs to educate and mentor armorers and DT personnel.

### **4. 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, Canadian national championships and Canada cups.

- **Current State:**

BC Provincial Championships for Junior, Senior and Veterans will be held on Sept. 14-15, 2024. BCFA is also hosting the Vancouver Men & Women World Cup on Nov. 20-24, 2024 and Canada Cup #2 on Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 2024. BC Provincial Championships for youth categories are scheduled to run during the Vancouver World cup but in the afternoon - Once world cup events will be freeing pistes for the kids event. This was decided in order to save money on additional venue rental and equipment set up.

## **5. 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:**

On July 18, 2024, The BCFA brought on Alicia Winter as our new administrator. BCFA has nominated multiple people for the President's Award and we are proud to have Brendan Robertson win such a prestigious award in his nomination.

## **6. 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 2023/2024 fiscal year was \$503,211 compared to the \$316,113 in the prior year. \$416,698 of this came from public grants, while the remaining

\$86,513 was received through memberships and registration fees. Despite increased revenue, BCFA experienced significant rises in office and administrative expenses, athlete support, equipment purchases, and the acquisition of a trailer for storing and transporting equipment to tournaments across the province, leading to a net loss of \$42,259.

## 7. 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 continue to be offered in BC schools as part of Physical Education, with three credit courses available that combine both didactic and physical training components. BCFA actively promotes fencing through our social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and our newly added Instagram account. Additionally, BCFA provided financial support for a fencing program held during a holiday for a local First Nations band. We encourage our members to initiate and expand similar development programs within their own communities.

## 8. 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

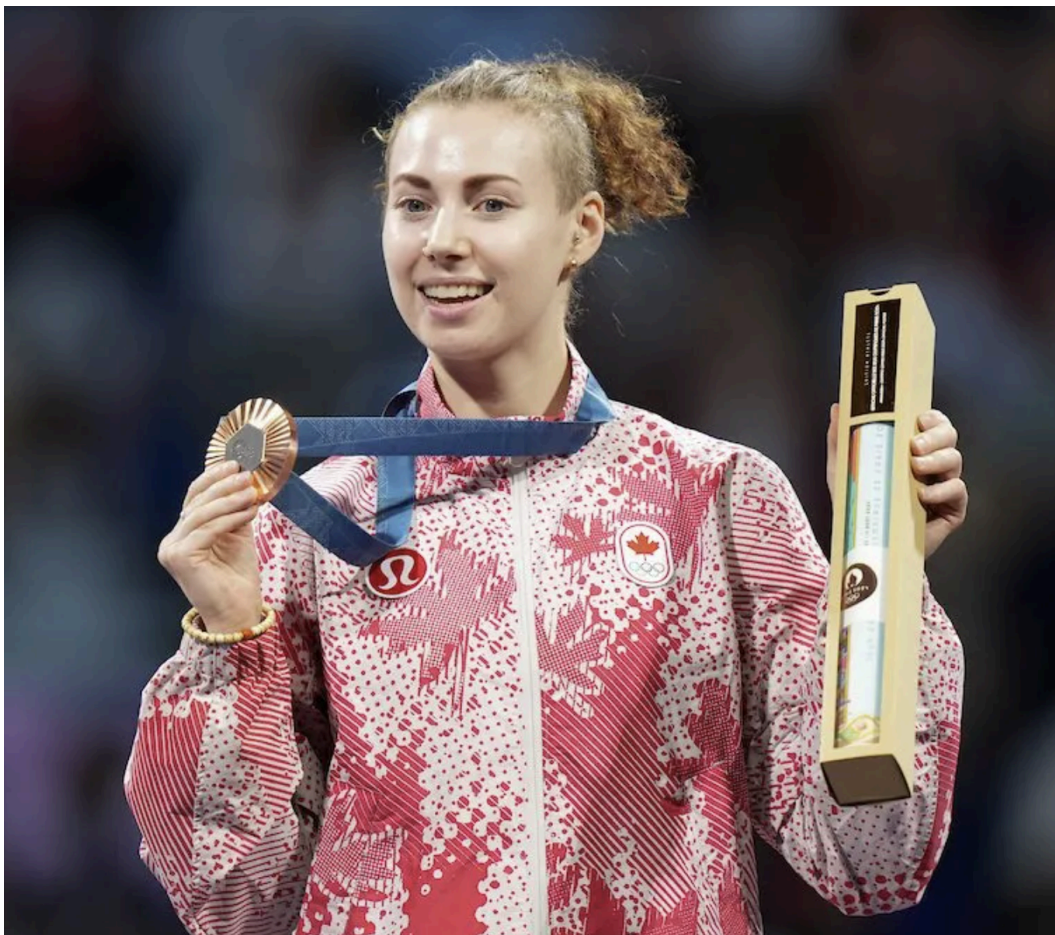
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- At least one BC athlete will have qualified for the 2026 and 2028 Youth Olympic Games
  - At least two BC athletes will have qualified for the 2027 Pan American Games
  - At least one BC athlete will have qualified for the 2024 and 2028 Olympic Games
  - Comprise the majority of the Senior men's and Women's epee national teams.
- **Current State:**

The BCFA athletes continue to shine both on the national and international stages, including the 2024 Paris Olympic. Highlights from this past season include:

### Paris Olympic July 2024

BC's Dynamo fencing Makes History! Eleanor Harvey and coach Alex Martin win a historic bronze medal, becoming the first Canadian to win an Olympic medal in fencing!





## Fencing World Championships RIYADH April 2024

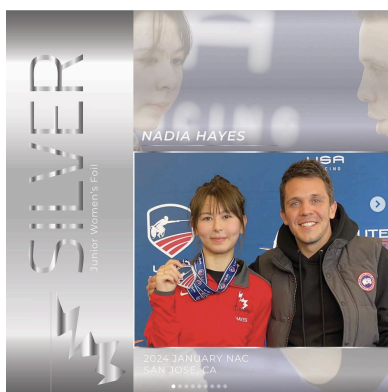


On April 12 - 20, 2024, BC's junior and Cadet fencers competed at the world championships in Riyadh. \*Highlight - First Men's Foil Medal on the World stage since 2001 Bowen Xu, who is only 14 years old, winning Bronze at the 2024 Cadet & Junior World Championships in Riyadh, KSA.

## A historic moment as Nick Zhang from BC qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics!

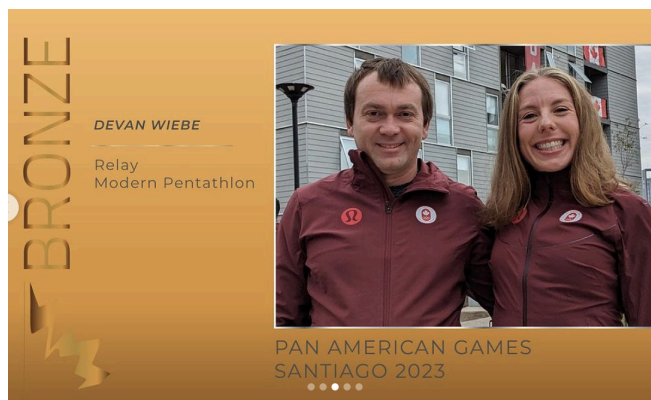
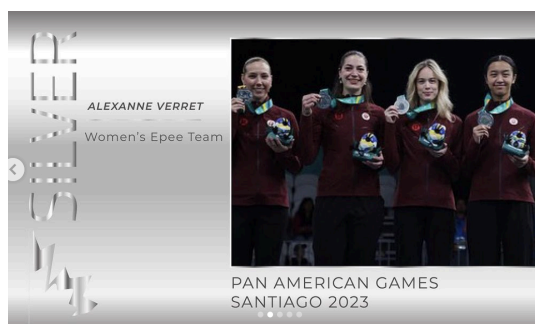


## Nadia Hayes for her amazing achievement at the prestigious January 2024 NAC in San Jose



## Team Canada Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile November 2023

Tamar Gordon, Alexanne Verret, Devan Wiebe, Dylan French, Fynn Fafard, and Nicholas Zhang on a historic medal haul for Team Canada at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, which just concluded earlier this week. Dynamo fencers are bringing back a total of 5 medals! 🏅 x1 🥈 x3 🥉 x1.



## North American Cup (NAC) Orlando, FL Oct 2023

Daniel Rubin - SILVER - CADET MEN'S EPEE

Nadia Hayes - Top 8 - CADET WOMEN'S FOIL

Baihan (Angel) Liu - Top 8 - DIV II WOMEN'S EPEE

Jake Lippman - Top 8 - DIV II MEN'S EPEE



## Canada Cup Quebec City Oct 2023

An impressive total of 23 medals (6 GOLD, 8 SILVER and 9 BRONZE) were brought home by BC athletes. BC's Dynamo club athletes secured 46% of all possible medals in Foil and Epee and had a total of 43% of all the finalist at the National event.

### EPEE

Ilian Bobrov - GOLD - Senior men's épée

Alexanne Verret - SILVER - Senior women's épée

Simon Shan - GOLD - Junior men's épée

Henry Yue - BRONZE - Junior men's épée

Yanka Sobus - BRONZE - Junior women's épée

Valeriia Bilous-Gridzhak - BRONZE - Junior women's épée

Daniel Rubin - SILVER - Cadet men's épée

Henry Yue - BRONZE - Cadet men's épée

#### FOIL

Matt Wei - SILVER - Senior men's foil

Nadia Hayes - SILVER - Senior women's foil

Danise Leung - BRONZE - Senior women's foil

Adrian Wong - GOLD - Junior men's foil

Jia Bao Xu - BRONZE - Junior men's foil

Nadia Hayes - GOLD - Junior women's foil

Savannah Locke - SILVER - Junior women's foil

Danise Leung - BRONZE - Junior women's foil

Adrian Wong - GOLD - Cadet men's foil

Bowen Xu - SILVER - Cadet men's foil

Jason Yu - BRONZE - Cadet men's foil

Nadia Hayes - GOLD - Cadet women's foil

Maggie Gu - BRONZE - Cadet women's foil

#### SABRE

Hanyang Sun - SILVER - Cadet Men's Sabre

***“March 2024 North American Cup marks one of the MOST successful records in our province. Our athletes secured a total of 13 medals including 2 gold, 4 silver, 3 bronze and 4 finalists! Including, not limited to Bowen Xu (Gold Medalist) , Hongrui Yui (Gold Medalist), Mier Wu, Michael Zhao, Soleil C Zhang, Maggie Gu, Junzhe Shan.”***

# Junior World Cup Basel, Switzerland February 2024



## **National Team Members (Senior)**

### **Men's Epee**

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

### **Men's Sabre**

- Shaul Gordon (Dynamo Fencing Club)

### **Women's Foil**

- Eleanor Harvey (Joining 2024-2025 Dynamo Fencing Club)

### **Women's Sabre**

- Tamar Gordon (Dynamo Fencing Club)

## **National Team Members (Cadet/Junior)**

### **Men's Epee**

- Nicholas Zhang - Cadet, Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Simon Shan - Cadet & Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)
- Daniel Rubin - Cadet (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)
- Jason Yu - Cadet (Dynamo Fencing Club)

### **Women's Foil**

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

### **Men's Sabre**

- Jerry Pan – Junior (Dynamo Fencing Club)