

# WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS PREMIER FENCING ACADEMY

## The Concept

West Vancouver Schools is on a Linear System. This schedule offers students the opportunity to complete their academic coursework in the mornings and then the ability for students to participate in fencing skill development training in the afternoons.

This special program is open to Grades 8-12 students who are registered full time at any one of the district's three secondary schools: Rockridge, École Sentinel or West Vancouver Secondary.

## Courses

The following courses are available to students participating in the Fencing Academy, depending upon the grade level and the number of hours:

- Physical & Health Education 8
- Career Education 8
  
- Physical & Health Education 9
- Career Education 9
  
- Physical & Health Education 10
- Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Theory & Principles of Competitive Fencing 10
  
- Fitness & Conditioning 11
- Active Living 11
  
- Fitness & Conditioning 12
- Active Living 12

## Personnel

**Head Coach:** Mr. Igor Gantsevich

Coach Gantsevich is President, Dynamo Fencing Club

**WVS Supervising Teacher:** Mr. Klaus Heck

Mr. Heck has taught Physical & Health Education for over 33 years, serving as Department Head for 23 of those years. He has been Summer School Principal & Vice-Principal, on the Board of Directors for BC High School Track & Field and named to BC High School Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2007.

## Schedule

**Location:** Dynamo Fencing Club, 238 Fell Avenue, North Vancouver, BC

### **Part Time Program:**

The Academy runs linearly all year long.

Day 1 only      Week 1: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
                         Week 2: Tuesday, Thursday

Time:            1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Full Time Program:**

The Academy runs linearly all year long.

Day 1            Week 1: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
                         Week 2: Tuesday, Thursday

Day 2:           Week 1: Tuesday, Thursday  
                         Week 2: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Time:            1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

## Transportation

There is transportation provided for students in the Fencing Academy. After lunch, the students are picked up at Rockridge, West Vancouver Secondary and Sentinel and transported one-way to Dynamo Fencing. Buses are located out front of the schools right after lunch.

Students are informed of the departure times (e.g., to board the bus at the school by 1:00) More specific details will be provided to parents and students.

Parents are responsible for picking up the students at the conclusion of the training sessions.

## Clothing/Equipment

Students are required to be appropriately dressed for the Fencing Academy training sessions. The clothing includes masks, foils & gloves, along with footwear. Coach Igor Gantsevich works with parents to purchase clothing items. The cost of purchasing all the necessary clothing and equipment items is approximately \$500.

## Fees

Part-Time: \$300 per month x 10 months

Full -Time: \$525 per month x 10 months

## Process for Registration Completion

Complete & submit a Student Information Form to the Premier Fencing Academy at:  
<https://westvancouver.schools.ca/academies/fencing>

Ensure a copy of the student's most recent report card is uploaded when completing the online Student Information Form. Student applications are reviewed by Head Coach, Igor Gantsevich. Please note that applications without report cards uploaded are not reviewed.

Parents are contacted by Head Coach, Igor Gantsevich once the application is reviewed. Parents are informed via Head Coach Igor Gantsevich or by Academy Assistant, Ms. Tara Ledingham of the results of the application.

Once parents receive student confirmation of acceptance into the Academy, parents will receive the following forms to be completed:

- Physical Activity (Par-Q & You)
- Waivers
- Health & Safety protocols

Parents complete the registration process by providing a non-refundable deposit of either \$300 OR \$525 through the student's School Cash Online. This non-refundable deposit covers September's fees and confirms the student's registration and holds the spot.

Please note that Academy fees for October to June will also be processed through School Cash Online enabling parents to initiate automated monthly payments via credit card or direct debit.

For further information regarding registration please contact:

WVS Premier Academies Assistant

Mrs. Tara Ledingham

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