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WVS PREMIER FENCING ACADEMY

2023 2024 Fencing Academy Information

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Squamish Nation upon whose traditional territory West Vancouver Schools reside.

We would like to express our gratitude to this Nation as we value the opportunity to learn and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.





Igor Gantsevich

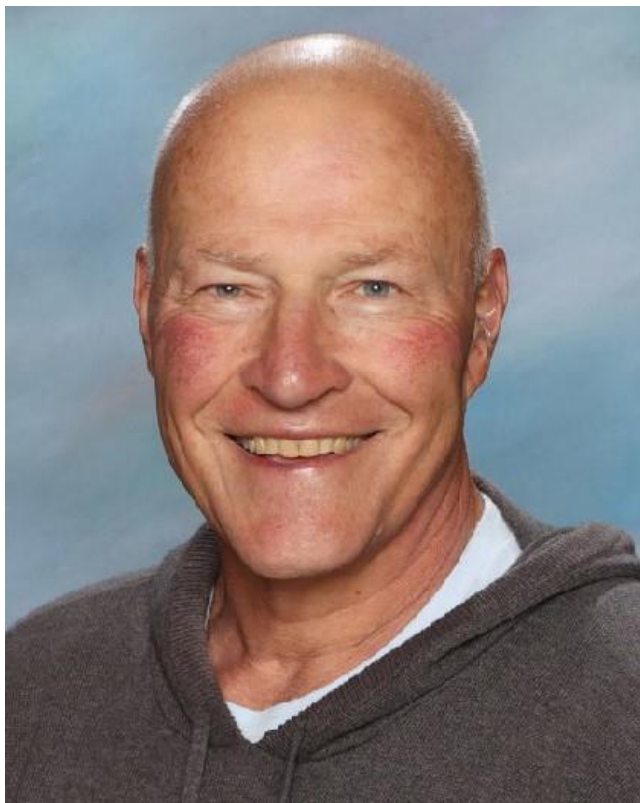
Head Coach, WVS Premier Fencing Academy
President, Dynamo Fencing Club



- Member of Team Canada 2004 – 2013
- 2011 Pan American Games Bronze Medalist – Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2008 World Cup Team Bronze Medalist – first ever in Canadian Team History
- 2008 Pan American Champion
- 2014 North American Cup Champion
- 2014 Canadian National Champion (winning this more than 10 times!)
- 5 time North American Cup Finalist
- 2009, 2010 and 2011 Pan American Medalist
- Assistant Coach / Mentor to Dylan French – 2014 World Championships Bronze Medalist
- Team Canada Manager / Head of Delegation – 2014 Senior World Champions, and Cadet / Junior World Championships
- President – Dynamo Fencing Club, largest fencing program in Canada
- Co-chair Vancouver International Fencing Grand Prix – 2013, 2014 and 2015

Mr. Klaus Heck

WVS Premier Fencing Academy
Supervising Teacher



- 33 years as PE Teacher in Vancouver
- Served as P.E. Department Head
- Vice Principal and Principal of Summer School
- Coached many levels of basketball – bantam to senior levels for 33 years
- President of BC High School Boys Basketball Association
- Conceived the current 20 team format for the AAA tournament
- Launched the original slam dunk contest at the AAA tournament
- Board of Directors for BC High School Track & Field
- Named to the BC High School Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2007
- Won a BC Little League Championship
- As a player, won the Canadian National Baseball Championships in the Master's division

General Concept

- Must be registered full time in any one of WVS 3 secondary schools: Rockridge; Sentinel or West Vancouver Secondary
- Inclusive - designed for all WVS students
- Grades 8-12
- Eligible to all genders



What are WVS Premier Sports Academies?

- These are programs designed to target students' interests, strengths or passions
- May be taught by WVS teachers or community coaches who are qualified & experienced in the discipline (e.g., Coach Igor Gantsevich)
- By participation in the academy, students receive courses for graduation purposes
- Environment is designed to be challenging, positive and fun for students
- There are fees associated with these academies of choice



Fencing Academy Goals

- Develop knowledge, skills and abilities in the area of fencing
- Provide opportunity for students to reach full potential as both as fencers and students
- Use feedback and encouragement to help students increase their confidence and their overall self-esteem



Fencing Academy Goals



- Provides a challenging, yet very positive environment
- Meets the needs of individual skills and abilities
- Provides opportunities for students to make connections so they develop a sense of belonging
- Provides opportunities for students to form great friendships
- Designed to meet individual needs to further motivate students to stay involved in the sport throughout their lifetime



Student Achievement - Some Highlights

Bragging Rights!

This program continues to be successful, with students thriving in the academy.

Howard Zhao

National & North American Champion
Recruited: Columbia University

Christina Zozulya

National Champion & World Cup Medalist
Recruited: Yale University

Avery Townsend

Word Champion Finalist
Recruited to University of Pennsylvania



AVERY TOWNSEND
FINALIST JUNIOR MEN'S EPEE

Student Achievement - Some Highlights

More Bragging Rights!

Jack Pan

National & North American Champion

Recruited: Cannot Communicate Yet.....stay tuned!

Jerry Pan

National Champion & Pan America Medalist

Recruited: Has options but not confirmed yet (TBC)

Derek Rong

National Champion & North American Cup Medalist

Recruited: Has options but not confirmed yet (TBC)

Janet Chen

Canadian National Champion & North American Cup
Finalist



Student Achievement - Some Highlights

More Bragging Rights!

Nicholas Zhang



- Canadian U17 & Canadian U20 & Senior National Champion
- Nicholas has been 2 x in a row North American Cup Champion
- 3 x triple crown (U17, U20 and Senior) Canadian National Champion (First in Canadian history!)
- 5th at the 2023 U20 World Championships
- 6th at the 2022 U17 World Championships
- Currently Canadian U17, U20 and Senior National Team
- Offered recruitment to all IVY league institutions

The Schedule & Sessions

- September – June
- WVS runs a linear schedule for student timetables
- The creative schedule provides high performance students to train every day
- The schedule also accommodates those students who may be beginners, eager to learn the sport



Training Schedule

One Course program: Students train every other day
Sample schedule below.

	Monday Day 1	Tuesday Day 2	Wednesday Day 1	Thursday Day 2	Friday Day 1
Period 1	Math	French	Science	English	Socials Studies
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Period 2	Science	English	Socials Studies	Elective	Math
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Period 3	Socials Studies	Elective	Math	French	Science
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 4	Fencing 1:4	2:4	Fencing 1:4	2:4	Fencing 1:4

Training Schedule

Two Course program: Students train every day
Sample schedule below.

	Monday Day 1	Tuesday Day 2	Wednesday Day 1	Thursday Day 2	Friday Day 1
Period 1	Math	French	Science	English	Socials Studies
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Period 2	Science	English	Socials Studies	Elective	Math
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Period 3	Socials Studies	Elective	Math	French	Science
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 4	Fencing 1:4	Fencing 2:4	Fencing 1:4	Fencing 2:4	Fencing 1:4

The Schedule & Sessions

Sessions are designed to plan based on:

The individual's goals
The group's goals

Varies, but some examples:

- Warm up
- Footwork
- Technical
- Tactical
- Motivational Pep Talks
- Tournament ready training

*Note that depending upon Health & Safety protocols determines how game play is organized and conducted



The Location

Dynamo Fencing Club

238 Fell Avenue

North Vancouver



Outstanding Facility



Ability to accommodate all skill levels



Bus Transportation



One-Way Drop

Students are transported from the secondary schools to the Dynamo Fencing facility.

It is parent responsibility for pick-up at conclusion of training sessions.

Course/s for Student Participation



Grade 8:

Physical & Health Education 8

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Theory & Principles of Fencing 10

Grade 9:

Physical & Health Education 9

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Theory & Principles of Fencing 10 or 11

Grade 10:

Physical & Health Education 10

Board Authority/Authorized (B/AA):
Theory & Principles of Competitive Fencing 10 or 11

Grade 11:

Fitness & Conditioning 11

Active Living 11

Grade 12:

Fitness & Conditioning 12

Active Living 12

Assessment & Evaluation

Assessment

On-going assessment each session

Report Cards

Report cards issued 3 times per year

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Open-door policy

Parents provided ongoing communication or a formal interview when requested

Parents can contact us at any time



Clothing Kit



Training & Competition:

Mask

Jacket

Pants

Jacket

Chest Protector for Females

Electric Epee

High Grade – need 2

Glove

Body wire (need 2)

Fencing Socks

*If returning each year, parents only replace items when required.





Fees

September – June

Full time (training every afternoon Mon-Fri):
\$5250 per year w students receiving 2 courses
Fee is divided over 10 months:
 $\$525 \text{ per month} \times 10 \text{ months}$

Part time (training every other day during the
afternoons Mon-Fri)
\$3000 per year
Fee is divided over 10 months:
 $\$300 \text{ per month} \times 10 \text{ months}$

Clothing Kit is the
responsibility of the parents

Coach Igor provides assistance for parents
regarding equipment purchase

Selection Criteria

- ☐ Genuine interest or passion – sound reasons for applying
- ☐ Commitment to participate for the full school year
- ☐ Complete the on-line Student Information Form (westvancouver.schools.ca)
- ☐ Upload the student's most recent report card as part of the student's application. Show evidence through the report card of a good to excellent work ethic.
- ☐ Show evidence through the report card or answers within the completed online Student Information Form:
 - Ability to work well in the regular classroom subject areas
 - Ability to maintain good to excellent achievement
 - Good character through evidence of being responsible & respectful
 - Ability to work well with others
 - Ability to follow the rules of the academy, including any mandatory Health & Safety protocols

Next Steps

- ☐ Ensure the student is registered full time at one of the three West Vancouver Schools: École Sentinel, Rockridge or West Vancouver Secondary.
- ☐ Register on-line at [Fencing Academy Registration](#) by completing & submitting the Student Information Form.
- ☐ Upload the student's most recent report card as part of the online registration.
- ☐ Applications are reviewed by the Fencing Academy Head Coach, Mr. Igor Gantsevich.
- ☐ Once the application is approved, a non-refundable deposit is required to hold the spot. WVS uses School Cash Online for payment.
- ☐ Parents whose students are confirmed for the program will receive ongoing communication to be ready for September.



Thank You