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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: Promoting excellence in the sport of fencing, equal accessibility for all those who desire to participate in the sport, safety for all participants, sportsmanship and fair play among all those involved, responsive service to members of the community, and finally, respect for the sport of fencing.

GOALS

1. Enhance Participation in Fencing

Outcome: By 2021, the BCFA will have reached approximately 1,500 competitive and 5,000 developmental members on a sustainable annual basis.

Current State:

2. Provide Support and Infrastructure

Outcome: By 2021, 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: In the 2019/2020 season, BC fencers have made numerous national and international results. At the Cadet/Junior Pan Am Championships in San Salvador, BC fencers earned two silver and one gold medal in junior team events and two bronze medals in the individual cadet men's epee event.

Cadet/Junior Pan Am Championships



Gold – Junior Men’s Epee Team (Fynn Fafard,
Seraphim Jarov – Coach Victor Gantsevich)



Silver – Junior Women’s Epee Team (Christina Zozulya)



Cadet Men's Epee – Bronze (Eli Lippman and Zakhar Vozovik)



Silver – Junior Men's Foil Team (Adam Wong)

Senior Epee Satellites



Bronze – Women's Epee (Kay Sze)



Gold – Men's Epee (Dylan French)

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: This past season, BCFA coaching staff from multiple different clubs have travelled to national and international events, whether representing individual clubs or the Canadian National Team.

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:

5. Providing Competitive Opportunities for BC Fencers

Outcome: By 2021, 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: This past year due to COVID-19, the BC Provincial Championships was unable to take place. However, in September 2019, Richmond hosted Canada Cup 1 at the Richmond Olympic Oval. This competition was an overall success as it has been in previous years, seeing athletes from all over Canada as well as some from the United States. In February 2020, the CFF and BCFA hosted the Peter Bakonyi World Cup for Men's Epee, which was not only a success amongst international athletes, but also showed as a great competitive opportunity for BC men's epeeists.

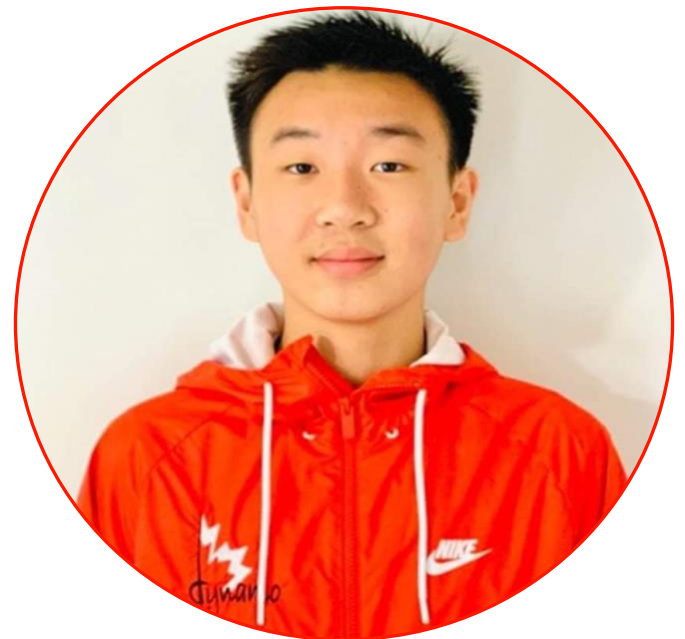
6. Recognizing Contributions

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: Members of the BCFA community have continued to support local competitions, as well as the annual Men's Epee World Cup by volunteering their time in the running and production of these events. This year, Dynamo Fencing Club has been recognized by the CFF as a national HP training centre, Jack Pan (Dynamo – Cadet men's epee) received the Prix Lightwood Award and Brendan Robertson (Okanagan Freestyle Fencing) received the President's Award for his continuous passion, support and volunteering within the fencing community.



Dynamo Fencing Club (Richmond, BC) acknowledged as a national HP training centre



Jack Pan – Prix Lightwood Award



Brendan Robertson – President’s Award

7. Community Funding:

Outcome: By 2021, 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 2019/2020 fiscal year was \$227,550 compared to the \$232,700 in the prior year. \$206,799 of this came from public grants, while the remaining \$20,751 was received through memberships and registration fees.

8. Market Fencing to Members of the Public

Outcome: By 2021, 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: Over the past few years, the BCFA has been working on promoting fencing through youth summer camps at local sports centres, such as the Richmond Olympic Oval. Additionally, fencing is being brought into schools as a form of Physical Education, furthering community awareness of the sport. 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 social media outlets like Facebook, as well as the BCFA’s website. The Vancouver World cup was live streamed internationally, and additional articles were published on the World Cup website, Facebook and the BCFA website to further promotion for the competition.

