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**CANADIAN FENCING TEAM
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Towards Canada's first Olympic medal...

The ABC's of fencing

Fencing or playing chess while running the 100-metre dash

The human being has always tried to invent weapons to defend himself against the nature and other human beings, and this since Cain : he used his strength, resorted to his material, improved his dexterity and used his intelligence. The history of fencing gives a marvellous account of all that.

(Source : History of Fencing, FIE, by Master Gérard Six)

Fencing is an elegant, prestigious, and traditional sport that goes back to the Renaissance, a period during which duels multiplied in number. It can therefore be said that this thoroughly sophisticated sport has emerged from the serious and deadly combat practiced by the Three Musketeers!

Today, the matches follow strict rules. However, from its chivalrous roots, fencing kept the values of respect and courage, contributing to the strong ethics that embody the sport today.

Far more than just a sport, fencing is also considered an art and a science, because it combines physical and intellectual abilities, as well as requiring an effective blend of patience and determination, discipline and competitiveness. In short, fencing is a little like playing chess while running the 100-metre dash.

Protective clothing

A fencer's uniform is traditionally white. In international tournaments, fencers are required to wear an under-arm protector (called plastron), a jacket (which registers hits through an electrical impulse), short trousers, knee-length or thigh-high socks, and shoes. A mask and a glove complete the uniform and protect the fencer from injuries.

Generally, national colors are added to the side of the trousers. The fencer's name and country are also printed on the back of the jacket.

Three types of fencing weapons are used at the Olympic Games:

FOIL - The foil is the modern version of the original practice weapon for the dueling sword.

Length and maximum weight: 110 cm and 500 g

Valid target: The valid target for foil is the body torso.

Rules:

- Valid hits can only be scored with the point of the blade.
- The foil follows priority rules: the hit of the fencer who begins an offensive action first will prevail. Therefore, to record a point, the defensive fencer needs to stop the attack of his opponent (parry) before recording a hit (riposte).



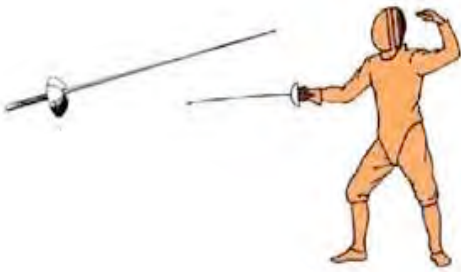
EPEE - The epee is the modern version of the historical dueling sword.

Length and maximum weight: 110 cm and 770 g

Valid target: The whole body, from head to toes.

Rules:

- Hits are made with the point only.
- Epee hits are registered on the basis of which fencer makes the first hit. Epee doesn't follow priority rules, unlike the foil or the sabre.
- In this discipline, double hits are valid when both touches are made within 1/20th of a second. When this happens, both fencers record a point.



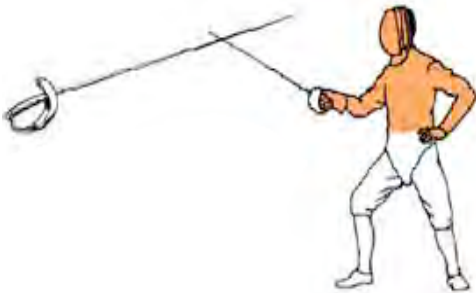
SABRE - The sabre is the modern version of the cavalry sword.

Length and maximum weight: 105 cm and 500 g

Valid target: Anywhere above the waist including head and arms.

Rules:

- Hits can be scored with the point or the cutting edges.
- Just like foil, sabre follows priority rules.
- A touch on a non-valid target area doesn't stop the bout.



Pictures: Quebec Fencing Federation



Competition format

- Rule number one of fencing is simple: hit without being hit. To win, a fencer needs to record the most hits during the allowed period of time.
- At the Olympic Games, the tournament is based on direct eliminations according to the FIE's ranking. Only the winner of each bout moves on. The stakes are high since one loss can bring a fencer's Olympic dream to an end. The gold medallist is thus the athlete who hasn't lost a single bout in the entire competition.
- At the beginning of a bout, the referee gives the signal to the athletes by saying: "*En garde!*" (a French expression that means "*On guard!*").
- Each bout occurs on a playing area 14 metres long by 1.5 metres wide. This not only sets the limits within which the exchanges can take place, but it also prevents the registration of hits against the floor when electronic weapons are used.
- One bout consists of three rounds of three minutes each, with one minute between each round. The first fencer who records 15 hits, or the one with the most points at the end of the third round, is proclaimed the winner. If the players are even, an additional minute of fencing time is allowed. The first fencer to record a hit is declared the winner of the bout. If no hits are made, the winner of the draw conducted by the referee prior to the beginning of the extra minute of competition proceeds to the next round.
- In the team events, all three members of one team will compete against each member of the opposing team in bouts of only 3 minutes (or 5 points) each.

How to watch a fencing bout

It can be hard for an inexperienced eye to follow a fencing bout. By clicking on the following link, you can download a brochure providing additional information that will make the show more enjoyable. Fencers are elite athletes with sharp reflexes. A fencing bout, once some basic rules are understood, can be quite entertaining!

[How to watch a fencing bout](http://www.fencing.ca/watch_bout_eng.pdf)
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Olympic fencing history

From 1896, the history of fencing merges with that of the Olympic Games. The first Olympic Games of the modern era takes place in Athens. Nobility, Honor, Respect, Tradition: the master words of fencing are reflected in the Olympic ideal. 13 fencers representing 4 countries participate in the foil and sabre events, epee being not yet an Olympic event. The discipline is still 100% male.

1900: The Olympic Games are organized in Paris within the context of the International World Fair. 156 fencers representing 7 countries participate in this event. Epee becomes an Olympic discipline.

1908 (Rome): That year, foil is suppressed from the Olympic program because the French and Italians were not able to agree on the progress of the event.

1912 (Stockholm): The organizers of the Games want to modify the rules of the valid surface for foil. The dissatisfaction which resulted from this makes feel the need to unify the rules of fencing.

1913: Foundation of the International Fencing Federation on November 29.

1924 (Paris): Women are allowed to take part in a fencing competition at the Olympic Games for the first time. Introduction of individual women's foil into the Olympic program.

1936 (Berlin): Introduction of the electronic device at epee (in existence since 1934). The old cork strip is replaced by a metallic strip.

1956 (Melbourne): Introduced in 1954, electronic foil becomes Olympic.

1960 (Rome): Introduction of women's foil team.

1988 (Seoul): Introduction of electronic sabre. Sabre is electrified since 1986.

1996 (Atlanta): Women's epee first individual and team events. The women epee fencers were already present in the program of the 1989 World Championships.

2004 (Athens): First women's sabre individual event.

In 2008 (Beijing), the Olympic Games will include women's sabre team events. Today, fencing is totally mixed, women as well as men can compete at the three weapons in individual as in team.

Source: Fédération internationale d'escrime (FIE)



Did you know?

- Canadian fencing dates back to 1816 when Maitre Girard opened the first fencing school in Montreal.
- The first Canadian Championships were held in 1902.
- Canadian military pilots in training were required to participate in fencing for the development of hand-eye coordination and reflexes.
- Canada's first Olympic fencer was professor Percy E. Nobbs in the 1908 Games held in London, England.
- Canada's first female Olympic fencer was Miss Joan Archibald in 1932 (Los Angeles, USA).
- The official language of international fencing is French.
- The dueling scenes by Darth Vader in the movie "Star Wars", and the fencing scenes from "Mask of Zorro" were choreographed and performed by Bob Anderson, a fencing master and previous technical director of the Canadian Fencing Federation.
- More than 100,000 fencing bouts are held annually across Canada.
- Over 50 fencing tournaments are organized every year across the country.
- Annually, national team fencers represent Canada at over 40 foreign competitions, in countries spanning all continents.
- Over 870,000 possible actions in epee alone were calculated by Hungarian Maître Imre Vass, fencing master of several Olympic and World champion fencers.
- Since 1984, Canada has won 21 gold, 11 silver and 28 bronze World Cup medals.
- At Junior and Cadet World Championships, Canada has won 3 gold medals, 3 silver and 6 bronze. Of those medals, more than half were won in the last eight years.
- Carl Schwende, a Canadian fencer, was the flag-bearer for Canada at the opening ceremony of the 1960 Olympic Games, held in Rome.



Best Canadian results

Canada has never won an Olympic medal in fencing, although the women's epee team in 2004 and men's epee team in 1984 both finished just off the podium. However, many Canadian fencers have earned medals or have been finalists (top 8) at the Olympic Games or World Championships:

Year	Location	Competition	Event	Athlete(s)	Result
2004	Athens, GRE	Olympic Games	Women's epee team	Catherine Dunnette, Monique Kavelaars, Julie Leprohon, Sherraine Schalm	4 th
1992	Barcelona, ESP	Olympic Games	Men's epee team	Jean-Marc Chouinard, Alain Côté, Alan Francis, Danek Nowosielski, Laurie Shong	7 th
1992	Barcelona, ESP	Olympic Games	Men's epee	Laurie Shong	14 th
1992	Barcelona, ESP	Olympic Games	Women's foil	Thalie Tremblay	14 th
1984	Los Angeles, USA	Olympic Games	Men's epee team	Jacques Cardyn, Jean-Marc Chouinard, Alain Côté, Michel Dessureault, Daniel Perreault	4 th
1984	Los Angeles, USA	Olympic Games	Men's sabre team	Jean-Marie Banos, Jean-Paul Banos, Marc Lavoie, Claude Marcil, Eli Sukunda	7 th
1984	Los Angeles, USA	Olympic Games	Men's epee	Michel Dessureault	10 th
2006	Turin, ITA	World Championships	Men's epee	Igor Tikhomirov	Bronze
2005	Leipzig, GER	World Championships	Women's epee	Sherraine Schalm	Bronze
2005	Leipzig, GER	World Championships	Women's epee team	Catherine Dunnette, Monique Kavelaars, Julie Leprohon, Sherraine Schalm	6 th
2001	Nîmes, FRA	World Championships	Women's epee	Sherraine Schalm	6 th
1999	Seoul, KOR	World Championships	Women's epee	Sherraine Schalm	6 th
1995	La Haie, HOL	World Championships	Men's epee	Danek Nowosielski	7 th
1994	Athens, GRE	World Championships	Men's epee	Danek Nowosielski	8 th
1993	Essen, GER	World Championships	Men's sabre team	Jean-Marie Banos, Jean-Paul Banos, Bruno Deschenes, Evens Gravel, Tony Flourde	6 th
1993	Essen, GER	World Championships	Men's epee team	David Bakonyi, Alan Francis, Danek Nowosielski, Laurie Shong	8 th
1991	Budapest, HUN	World Championships	Men's epee team	Jean-Marc Chouinard, Nicolas Chouinard, Alain Côté, Danek Nowosielski, Laurie Shong	6 th
1991	Budapest, HUN	World Championships	Men's sabre team	Jean-Marie Banos, Jean-Paul Banos, Bruno Deschenes, Evens Gravel, Tony Flourde	6 th
1986	Sofia, BUL	World Championships	Men's epee	Jean-Marc Chouinard	7 th
1986	Sofia, BUL	World Championships	Men's epee team	Jean-Marc Chouinard, Michel Dessureault, Danek Nowosielski, Daniel Perreault, Claude Plasse	4 th
1982	Rome, ITA	World Championships	Men's sabre team	Jean-Marie Banos, Jean-Paul Banos, Marc Lavoie, Claude Marcil, Eli Sukunda	8 th

Note: The names in bold are Canadian athletes who will take part in the 2008 Olympic Games



A 2008 Olympic Games preview

Here are some interesting facts about the upcoming XXIX Olympiad:

- In Beijing, 212 fencers will be present, 12 more than in Athens.
- Both men and women will compete in 5 events (3 individual events and 2 team events). It will be the first time in fencing Olympic history that full parity is reached.
- The events on the 2008 Olympic program are as follow:

<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foil - individual• Epee - individual• Sabre - individual• Epee - team *• Sabre - team *	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foil - individual• Epee - individual• Sabre - individual• Foil - team *• Sabre - team

* Note : Canada did not qualify a team for these events

- In accordance with the FIE and IOC's environmental initiatives, each fencer competing at the 2008 Olympic Games will plant a tree during the test event or the actual Games in Beijing.
- For the first time in Olympic history, the wireless system will be used in foil and sabre events. This system, now mandatory in all major competitions (such as World Championships, World Cups, Grand Prix and Olympic Games), replaces the traditional floor reel with a transmitter that is attached to the fencer's trousers.
- The use of video replays will also be introduced at these Games. The fencers will therefore be allowed to ask the referee to watch a replay if they contest his decision. In a direct elimination match, each fencer is given two video appeals. In the team event, only one is allowed per relay.



Athletes to watch in Beijing

This summer, Canada will go up against traditional powerhouses in the sport. The Europeans have a long history of medals in Olympic fencing and are expected to do well in Beijing. In Athens, Italy, France and Russia won seven, six, and four medals respectively. Italy is especially strong in the women's foil, home to FIE's top three-ranked fencers. Italy has strong men's foil fencers as well, ranked first and third in the world.

Host country China will have two gold medal contenders. Na Li is the FIE's third-ranked fencer in the women's epee. Xue Tan is ranked third in the women's sabre, and a silver medallist from Athens. The United States is also very strong in the women's sabre event, having won gold and bronze in Athens. Indeed, the first, second and fifth-ranked women in sabre are Americans. They will be serious rivals to the Canadians.

Finally, several other European countries could compete for medals in Beijing, such as Germany, Hungary and Poland.

The Canadian athletes at the Games

Nine fencers have been selected to represent our country. We provide here short profiles on each of them.





Name: Jujie Luan
Weapon: Foil
Birth date: July 14, 1958 in Nanjing (China)
Hand: Left
Residence: Edmonton, AB
Height and Weight: 170 cm / 130 lbs
Coach: Self-coached
Club: Edmonton Fencing Club
Occupation: Athlete and coach
Ranking: 107th

Best results:

- 1984 Olympic Gold medallist (representing China)
- 1983 and 1987 Bronze medallist at the World Championships (representing China)
- 20th at the 2008 World Cup held in Shanghai, China

Previous Olympics: 1984, 1988, 2000

What do these Games mean to her: The realization of her second lifelong dream : competing at the Olympics in her home country (her first dream was to win an Olympic gold medal, which she did in 1984).

Her goal in Beijing: Do her best.



Name: Sherraine Schalm
Weapon: Epee
Birth date: June 21, 1975
Hand: Right
Residence: Ottawa, ON / Budapest, HUN
Height and Weight: 175 cm / 136 lbs
Coach: Gabor Salamon
Club: Ottawa Excalibur / Racing Club / Honved
Occupation: Athlete and author
Ranking: 5th

Best results:

- Bronze medallist at the 2005 World Championships
- 2006 winner of the overall World Cup Circuit
- 12 World Cup titles between 2004 and 2008
- 2008 Pan Am champion

Previous Olympics: 2000, 2004

What do these Games mean to her: Beijing 2008 means enjoyment. These are her third Olympics and she is bound and determined to enjoy her journey to and at the Games.

Her goal in Beijing: Fence her best.

Her plans after the Games: Take a few weeks off to visit her immediate family (whom she hasn't seen in over a year); start preparing the team for the 2012 Olympic qualification; continue writing and possibly get a job in the media.



Name: Olga Ovtchinnikova
Weapon: Sabre
Birth date: February 6, 1987 in Moscow (Russia)
Hand: Left
Residence: Montreal, QC
Height and Weight: 168 cm / 143 lbs
Coach: Ildemaro Sanchez
Club: Brébeuf
Occupation: Student
Ranking: 26th

Best results:

- Bronze medallist at the 2002 Cadet World Championships
- 19th at the 2007 World Championships
- 8th at the 2008 World Cup held in V. Leganés-Madrid, Spain

Previous Olympics: 1st participation

What do these Games mean to her: The pinnacle of years of hard work that are finally paying off.

Her goal in Beijing: To fight hard and do her best. If she does that, she believes she can finish in the top 8 in the individual event and the top 4 in the team event.

Her plans after the Games: Continue fencing for the 2012 Games and finish her undergraduate degree in international business at the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University.



Name: Sandra Sassine
Weapon: Sabre
Birth date: September 28, 1979
Hand: Right
Residence: Laval, QC
Height and Weight: 170 cm / 136 lbs
Coach: Henri Sassine
Club: Cœur de Lion
Occupation: Student and coach
Ranking: 33rd

Best results:

- Six-time sabre national champion
- 9th at the 2008 World Cup held in Havana, Cuba
- Silver medallist at the 2008 Pan Am Championships (team)

Previous Olympics: 1st participation

What do these Games mean to her: A childhood dream finally coming true.

Her goal in Beijing: Top 8 finish

Her plans after the Games: Complete her studies in physical education, teach fencing and badminton at the Cegep-level and start a family.



Name: Julie Cloutier
Weapon: Sabre
Birth date: April 24, 1986
Hand: Right
Residence: Repentigny, QC
Height and Weight: 168 cm / 134 lbs
Coach: Ildemaro Sanchez
Club: Cercle d'Escrime d'Anjou
Occupation: Student
Ranking: 104th

Best results:

- 8th at the 2008 World Cup held in London, England
- Bronze medallist at the 2005 World Cup held in Havana, Cuba
- 6th at the 2005 Junior World Championships

Previous Olympics: 1st participation



Name: Wendy Saschenbrecker
Weapon: Sabre
Birth date: June 24, 1976
Hand: Right
Residence: Montreal, QC
Height and Weight: 175 cm / 155 lbs
Coach: Jean-Marie Banos
Club: Brébeuf
Occupation: Manager, Canada
 Revenue Agency
Ranking: 57th

Best results:

- 36th at the 2007 World Championships
- 22nd at the 2008 World Cup held in Havana, Cuba
- Bronze medallist at the 2008 Pan Am's (team)

Previous Olympics: 1st participation (alternate)

What do these Games mean to her: They hold a special place in her heart, being hers but also Women's Sabre Team first Olympic Games. The fact that they are being held in China are in itself another attraction to her as a person of Chinese descent: *"To be able to go to China and represent Canada at the same time is incredible."*

Her goal in Beijing: Fence to the best of her abilities while applying the skills and hard work of the past 18 months.

Her plans after the Games: Travel around Asia with her fiancé, plan her upcoming spring wedding, and continue fencing.



Name: Igor Tikhomirov
Weapon: Epee
Birth date: May 4, 1963 in Russia
Hand: Right
Residence: Toronto, ON
Height: 180 cm
Coach: Self-coached
Club: Sword Players Fencing Academy
Occupation: Athlete and coach
Ranking: 31st

Best results:

- Bronze medallist at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul (Team USSR)
- Six-time Russia national champion
- Bronze medallist at the 2006 World Championships
- Bronze medallist at the 2008 Pan Am Championships

Previous Olympics: 1988



Name: Joshua McGuire
Weapon: Foil
Birth date: June 15, 1983
Hand: Left
Residence: Hamilton, ON
Height and Weight: 180 cm / 155 lbs
Coach: Buckie Leach
Occupation: Student
Ranking: 54th

Best results:

- 2000 Cadet World Champion
- Bronze medallist at the 2001 Junior World Championships
- Two-time gold medallist (individual and team event) at the 2006 Pan Am Championships
- 2006 Commonwealth champion
- Silver medallist at the 2007 Pan Am Championships

Previous Olympics: 2004





Name: Philippe Beaudry
Weapon: Sabre
Birth date: March 16, 1987
Hand: Right
Residence: Montreal, QC
Height and Weight: 180 cm / 168 lbs
Coach: Jean-Marie Banos
Club: Brébeuf
Occupation: Student
Ranking: 36th

Best results:

- Gold medallist at the 2007 Pan Am Championships
- 15th at the 2007 World Cup held in Bangkok, Thailand
- Bronze medallist at the 2008 Pan Am Championships

Previous Olympics: 1st participation

What do these Games mean to him: The reward of eight years of hard training with his coach and his teammates. It is also the motivation that kept him going when faced with obstacles.

His goal in Beijing: Do the very best he can. If he does, a podium may be within reach.

His projects after the Games: Take a month or two off (and try some new sports during that time); complete his studies in finance at Concordia University.

Technical staff

Here is the team who will accompany the athletes throughout the days of competitions in Beijing:



Jean-Marie Banos
National coach
Sabre



Gabor Salamon
National coach
Epee



Ildemaro Sanchez
National coach
Sabre



Danek Nowosielski
HP Director
Canadian Fencing Federation



List of countries and qualified athletes

Women's Sabre

Sandra Sassine – Can
Julie Cloutier – Can
Olga Ovtchinnikova – Can
Xue Tan – Chn
Yingying Bao – Chn
Haiyang Huang – Chn
Maylin Gonzalez Pozo – Cub
Araceli Navarro – Esp
Leonore Perrus – Fra
Anne-Lise Touya – Fra
Carole Vergne – Fra
Alexandra Bujdosó – Ger
Tsz Ki Chow – Hkg
Orsolya Nagy – Hun
Siobhan Byrne – Irl
Gioia Marzocca – Ita
Ilaria Bianco – Ita
Madoka Hisagae – Jpn
Shin Mi Lee – Kor
Keum Hwa Kim – Kor
Angelica Larios – Mex
Aleksandra Socha – Pol
Bogna Jozwiak – Pol
Irena Wieckowska – Pol
Adele Du Plooy – Rsa
Elvira Wood – Rsa
Jvoti Chetty – Rsa
Elena Netchaeva – Rus
Ekaterina Diatchenko – Rus
Ekaterina Fedorkina – Rus
Nafi Touré – Sen
Azza Besbes – Tun
Olga Kharlan – Ukr
Olena Khomrova – Ukr
Galyna Pundyk – Ukr
Sada Jacobson – Usa
Rebecca Ward – Usa
Mariel Zagunis – Usa
Alejandra Benitez – Ven

Men's Sabre

Aliaksandr Buikevick – Blr
Dmitri Lapkes – Blr
Valery Pryiemka – Blr
Renzo Pasquale Agresta – Bra
Julien Ouedraogo – Bur
Philippe Beaudry – Can
Man Zhong – Chn
Jingzhi Wang – Chn
Hanming Zhou – Chn
Mahmoud Samir – Egy
Gamal Fathy – Egy
Shadi Talaat – Egy
Jorge Pina – Esp
Jaime Marti – Esp
Boris Sanson – Fra
Julien Pillet – Fra
Nicolas Lopez – Fra
Alexander O'Connell – Gbr
Nicolas Limbach – Ger

Zsolt Nemcsik – Hun
Tamas Decsi – Hun
Aron Szilagyi – Hun
Luigi Tarantino – Ita
Aldo Montano – Ita
Diego Occhiuzzi – Ita
Satoshi Ogawa – Jpn
Eun Seok Oh – Kor
Marcin Koniusz – Pol
Rares Dimitrescu – Rou
Mihai Covaliu – Rou
Stanislav Pozdniakov – Rus
Alexey Yakimenko – Rus
Nikolay Kovalev – Rus
Mamadou Keita – Sen
Abdulaye Thiam – Sen
Wiradech Kothny – Tha
Keeth Smart – Usa
Timothy Morehouse – Usa
Jason Rogers – Usa
Carlos Bravo – Ven

Women's Foil

Anissa Khelfaoui – Alg
Joanne Halls – Aus
Jujie Luan – Can
Lei Zhang – Chn
Chao Sun – Chn
Wan Wan Su – Chn
Misleydis Company La O – Cub
Shaimaa El Gammal – Egy
Eman El Gammal – Egy
Iman Shaban – Egy
Corinne Maitrejean – Fra
Martina Emanuel – Gbr
Carolyn Golubyskiy – Ger
Anja Schache – Ger
Katja Waechter – Ger
Aida Mohamed – Hun
Edina Knapek – Hun
Gabriella Varga – Hun
Delila Hatuel – Isr
Valentina Vezzali – Ita
Giovanna Trillini – Ita
Margherita Granbassi – Ita
Chieko Sugawara – Jpn
Hyun Hee Nam – Kor
Gil Ok Jung – Kor
Maria Luisa Doig – Per
Sylvia Gruchala – Pol
Malgorzata Wojtkowiak – Pol
Magda Mroczkiewicz – Pol
Debora Nogueira – Por
Indra Angad-Gaur – Ned
Cristina Stahl – Rou
Eugyenia Lamonova – Rus
Aida Chanaeva – Rus
Viktoria Nikichina – Rus
Ines Boubakri – Tun
Olga Leleyko – Ukr
Emily Cross – Usa

Erinn Smart – Usa
Hanna Thompson – Usa
Mariana Gonzalez – Ven

Men's Epee

Igor Tikhomirov – Can
Paris Inostroza – Chi
Lei Wang – Chn
Lianchi Yin – Chn
Guojie Li – Chn
Ahmed Nabil – Egy
Jose Luis Abajo – Esp
Nikolai Novosjolov – Est
Jerome Jeannet – Fra
Ulrich Robeiri – Fra
Fabrice Jeannet – Fra
Geza Imre – Hun
Krisztian Kulcsar – Hun
Gabor Boczko – Hun
Matteo Tagliariol – Ita
Diego Confalonieri – Ita
Alfredo Rota – Ita
Shogo Nishida – Jpn
Serguei Katchiourine – Kgz
Jin Sun Jung – Kor
Won Jin Kim – Kor
Seung Gu Kim – Kor
Aissam Rami – Mar
Bas Verwijlen – Ned
Sturla Torkildsen – Nor
Radoslaw Zawrotniak – Pol
Tomasz Motyka – Pol
Adam Wiercioch – Pol
Joaquim Videira – Por
Michael Wood – Rsa
Dario Torrente – Rsa
Sello Given Maduma – Rsa
Anton Avdeev – Rus
Michael Kauter – Sui
Maksym Khvorost – Ukr
Dmytro Chumak – Ukr
Bogdan Nikishin – Ukr
Weston Kelsey – Usa
Silvio Fernandez – Ven
Ruben Limardo – Ven
Francisco Limardo – Ven



Weapons with no team event

Women's Epee

Hadia Bentaleb – Alg
Amber Parkinson – Aus
Sherraine Schalm – Can
Na Li – Chn
Weiping Zhong – Chn
Aya El Sayed – Egy
Laura Flessel – Fra
Hajnalka Kiraly-Picot – Fra
Imke Duplitzer – Ger
Britta Heidemann – Ger
Chui Ling Yeung – Hkg
Ildiko Mincza – Hun
Emese Szasz – Hun
Noam Mills – Isr
Megumi Harada – Jpn
Hyo-Jung Jung – Kor
Jessica Jimenez Luna – Pan
Ana Branza – Rou
Tatiana Logounova – Rus
Lubov Shutova – Rus
Sophie Lamon – Sui
Emma Samuelsson – Swe
Yana Shemyakina – Ukr
Kelley Hurley – Usa
Maria Martinez – Ven

Men's Foil

A. Gonzalez Viaggio – Arg
Roland Schlosser – Aut
Joao Antonio Souza – Bra
Joshua McGuire – Can
Sheng Lei – Chn

Jun Zhu – Chn
Mostafa Nagaty – Egy
Javier Menendez – Esp
Erwan Le Pechoux – Fra
Brice Guyart – Fra
Richard Kruse – Gbr
Peter Joppich – Ger
Benjamin Kleibrink – Ger
Kwok Kin Lau – Hkg
Tomer Or – Isr
Andrea Baldini – Ita
Salvatore Sanzo – Ita
Yuki Ota – Jpn
Kenta Chida – Jpn
Byung Chul Choi – Kor
Xavier Ali – Mar
Slawomir Mocek – Pol
Khalid Al Hamadi – Qat
Virgil Saliscan – Rou
Nontapat Panchan – Tha
Gerek Meinhardt – Usa

Qualified countries for the team events

Women's Sabre

France
USA
Russia
Ukraine
China
Poland
Canada
Republic of South Africa

Men's Sabre

France
Hungary
Belarus
Russia
Italy
China
USA
Egypt

Women's Foil

Russia
Poland
Hungary
Italy
China
Germany
USA
Egypt

Men's Epee

France
Hungary
Italy
Poland
Ukraine
Venezuela
Korea
Republic of South Africa
China



Schedule

Saturday, August 9

Women's Sabre

Athletes to watch: Sandra Sassine,
Olga Ovtchinnikova and Julie Cloutier

10:00 - 11:00 am: Direct eliminations 1/64
11:00 - 12:20 pm: Direct eliminations 1/32
12:30 - 1:20 pm: Direct eliminations 1/16
1:20 - 1:45 pm: Quarterfinals
7:00 - 7:20 pm: Semifinals 1
7:20 - 7:40 pm: Semifinals 2
7:50 - 8:00 pm: Bronze medal
8:00 - 8:20 pm: Gold medal
8:30 - 8:40 pm: Award ceremony

Sunday, August 10

Men's Epee

Athlete to watch: Igor Tikhomirov

10:00 - 11:30 am: Direct eliminations 1/64
11:30 - 1:30 pm: Direct eliminations 1/32
1:30 - 2:30 pm: Direct eliminations 1/16
2:30 - 3:00 pm: Quarterfinals
7:00 - 7:30 pm: Semifinals 1
7:30 - 8:00 pm: Semifinals 2
8:10 - 8:40 pm: Bronze medal
8:40 - 9:10 pm: Gold medal
9:20 - 9:30 pm: Award ceremony

Monday, August 11

Women's Foil

Athlete to watch: Jujie Luan

10:00 - 11:30 am: Direct eliminations 1/64
11:30 - 1:30 pm: Direct eliminations 1/32
1:30 - 2:30 pm: Direct eliminations 1/16
2:30 - 3:00 pm: Quarterfinals
7:00 - 7:30 pm: Semifinals 1
7:30 - 8:00 pm: Semifinals 2
8:10 - 8:40 pm: Bronze medal
8:40 - 9:10 pm: Gold medal
9:20 - 9:30 pm: Award ceremony

Tuesday, August 12

Men's Sabre

Athlete to watch: Philippe Beaudry

10:00 - 11:00 am: Direct eliminations 1/64
11:00 - 12:30 pm: Direct eliminations 1/32
12:30 - 1:20 pm: Direct eliminations 1/16
1:20 - 1:45 pm: Quarterfinals
7:00 - 7:20 pm: Semifinals 1
7:20 - 7:40 pm: Semifinals 2
7:50 - 8:10 pm: Bronze medal
8:10 - 8:30 pm: Gold medal
8:40 - 8:50 pm: Award ceremony

Wednesday, August 13

Men's Foil and Women's Epee

Athletes to watch: Joshua McGuire and
Sherraine Schalm

10:00 - 11:30 am: MF Direct eliminations 1/32
11:30 - 12:30 pm: MF Direct eliminations 1/16
12:30 - 1:00 pm: MF Quarterfinals
1:30 - 3:00 pm: WE Direct eliminations 1/32
3:00 - 4:00 pm: WE Direct eliminations 1/16
4:00 - 4:30 pm: WE Quarterfinals
6:00 - 6:30 pm: MF Semifinals 1
6:30 - 7:00 pm: MF Semifinals 2
7:00 - 7:30 pm: WE Semifinals 1
7:30 - 8:00 pm: WE Semifinals 2
8:00 - 8:30 pm: MF Bronze medal
8:30 - 9:00 pm: WE Bronze medal
9:00 - 9:30 pm: MF Gold medal
9:30 - 10:00 pm: WE Gold medal
10:10 - 10:20 pm: MF Award ceremony
10:20 - 10:30 pm: WE Award ceremony

Thursday, August 14

Women's Sabre Team

Athletes to watch: Team Canada
(Sandra Sassine, Olga Ovtchinnikova,
Julie Cloutier and Wendy Saschenbrecker)

9:30 - 11:00 am: Direct eliminations
11:00 - 12:10 pm: Quarterfinals
12:10 - 1:10 pm: Matches for 5th to 8th place
1:10 - 2:20 pm: Semifinals
2:20 - 3:20 pm: Matches for 5th to 8th place
6:00 - 7:00 pm: Bronze medal
7:00 - 8:00 pm: Gold medal
8:10 - 8:20 pm: Award ceremony

The indicated times are Beijing's local time.

