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Dear Metro Tacoma Fencing Club Families and Friends,

End of fencing season 2023-2024 update

The Paris 2024 Olympics starts in 7 days! Fencing is one of only five sports to have been featured at every modern Olympics (since 1896). The other sports are track and field, gymnastics, cycling, and swimming. We have a strong US team this year. And there will be a chance to watch some world class fencing!

OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024			
SCHEDULE			
SAT July 27	Women's Epee, Men's Saber	Table of 32 begins at 4:50 a.m. ET 10:50 a.m. Paris	usa peacock
SUN July 28	Women's Foil	Table of 32 begins at 4:25 a.m. ET 10:25 a.m. Paris	CNBC peacock
MON July 29	Women's Saber, Men's Foil	Table of 32 begins at 4:25 a.m. ET 10:25 a.m. Paris	E peacock
TUE July 30	Women's Epee Team	Quarterfinals begin at 7:30 a.m. ET 1:30 p.m. Paris	usa E peacock
WED July 31	Men's Saber Team	Quarterfinals begin at 7:30 a.m. ET 1:30 p.m. Paris	usa E peacock
THU Aug 1	Women's Foil Team	Quarterfinals begin at 5:50 a.m. ET 11:50 a.m. Paris	E peacock
SAT Aug 3	Women's Saber Team	Quarterfinals begin at 7 a.m. ET 1 p.m. Paris	E peacock
SUN Aug 4	Men's Foil Team	Quarterfinals begin at 5:50 a.m. ET 11:50 a.m. Paris	E peacock

TIMES AND BROADCAST SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL BOUTS STREAMING LIVE ON NBCOLYMPICS.COM AND peacock

Thank you to all the club members and volunteers who helped out during our club spring cleaning on June 8. We moved things around and created a larger and more open space for our fencers. We had a drawing, and Joe won the \$100 Leon Paul gift card raffle!

The 2023-2024 fencing season ended at the conclusion of the USA Fencing Summer Nationals and July Challenge that was held in Columbus, Ohio from June 29 through July 8. It was the largest USA Fencing Summer Nationals event ever with over 6,200 registered fencers. Metro Tacoma Fencing Club sent 14 fencers competing in over 43 events along with three coaches.

MTFC end of season 2023-2024 achievements



Gabey Guerra had an exceptional season and made it to the Cadet (U17) men's foil finals against our friend Riccardo Sisinni (Silicon Valley Fencing) at Summer Nationals. Gabey finished 2nd place by one touch earning a silver medal, his A2024 foil rating (98.6th percentile or the equivalent and difficulty of earning a black belt in martial arts), and a spot to compete in the Cadet World Circuit representing the United States this coming season. Hard work and grit pay off. Congratulations to Gabey and Coach Chung! If you did not get a chance and want to watch these finals, you can go to https://fb.watch/tqf_5V7VtE/.

Overall, this season we had 65 fencers represent Metro Tacoma Fencing Club in 543 events. We have 10 fencers (Gabey, Harrison, Christopher, Cristian, Benjamin, Toby, Seoheul, Li, Jaelynn, and Subin) earn national points and are thus nationally ranked. We had two fencers earn their A2024 rating in foil (Gabey and Benjamin) and three fencers earn their A2024 rating in épée (Toby, Xian Chen Bu, and Andrew). We also had one fencer earn his B2024 in foil (Christopher). Other fencers who earned or renewed their ratings included Harrison (C2024 in foil), Ephraim (E2024 in épée), Teo (C2024 in épée and D2024 in foil), Li (D2024 in foil), Jaelynn (D2024 in foil), Bryan (E2024 in épée), Pascal (E2024 in épée), Andersen (C2024 in épée), and Benjamin H. (E2024 in épée).

The Metro Tacoma Fencing Club President's Award for the 2023-2024 season again goes to Gabey. He finished the season with 2922 points. These in-house points calculated for our own fencers are calculated based on the number of opponents a fencer finished ahead of plus 1 for each event. Gabey finished above 2891 opponents this season. Wow!

The Metro Tacoma Fencing Club Tenacity Award for the 2023-2024 season goes to Christopher who competed at 34 events which is more than anyone else this season. Last year he competed at 39 events.

Top Metro Tacoma Fencing Club point

Fencer	Points	Total Events	Year
Gabey	3003	29	2022-2023
Gabey	2922	31	2023-2024
Christopher	2918	39	2022-2023
Harrison	2845	27	2023-2024
Christopher	2664	34	2023-2024
Benjamin	2529	34	2017-2018
Benjamin	2192	36	2016-2017
Ketki	2161	24	2018-2019

Coach Toby earned his Master in Épée certification from the US Fencing Coaches Association. Fencing master is the highest level of certification and are described as “qualified to teach all levels of fencers as well as fencing coaches.” There are currently 49 certified fencing Masters in foil and 49 certified fencing Masters in épée. Metro Tacoma Fencing Club has one Master in foil (Coach Chung) and now one Master in épée.

Gabey earned his Assistant Moniteur in foil certification this year. And Christopher will be submitting his application for the Assistant Moniteur certification after helping tonight in class with Coach Kim. According to the US Fencing Coaches Association, Assistant Moniteurs are qualified to assist all levels of professional coaches.

Schedule changes

The biggest schedule change starting August 1 is that open fencing will be on Monday and Wednesday starting at 7:30 PM rather than Tuesday and Thursday. All members are welcome to come to open fencing and participate.

Keep your eye out for additional class schedule changes which will be e-mailed to you and posted online.

The new fencing season

Please remember to renew your USA Fencing membership which is required for your continued participation in the next season starting August 1. Go to usafencing.org then to the “membership” section. An “Access” membership is required for classes and private lessons as well as for local competitions. “Competitive” memberships are required for fencers wishing to compete at regional, national, or international competitions.

We have lockers for rent for the season so you do not need to bring you entire fencing bag to and from the club every time you have a class. The cost is \$120 for the season (until 31 July 2025). I have my blades, body cords, and shoes in my locker. I just bring a duffle bag to and from the club with my fencing jacket and underarm protector so I can wash it after practice. Please contact Yukiko at info@tacomafencing.com to reserve your locker.

Upcoming events

If you want to look into local or regional events, scan the QR codes below. Talk to your coach or a fellow fencer to see how you can jump in!



AskFRED local tournaments



USA Fencing regional tournaments

President's thoughts



I am very excited watch Team USA fence in the Olympics. They are strong fencers, wonderful people, and part of a strong team. I am reminded of how special our sport is. It is very rare for anyone who is not a professional to compete against the best, but that is something that is possible in fencing. A high school team would never have the opportunity to play basketball against LeBron James and the LA Lakers. However, if you earn a C or higher rating and compete at a North American Cup (NAC) division 1 (open) national event, you might have the opportunity to have a past Olympian or a future Olympian in your pool round or a direct elimination round. My kids have had that chance with fencing. I fenced a former Olympian at Summer Nationals just a few weeks ago. It is quite the treat. To follow the US Fencing Olympic Team you can go to <https://www.usafencing.org/paris2024>.

Coaches and board members are terrific resources for you. We are enthusiastic and passionate about this sport. If you would like additional information, please look at our website www.tacomafencing.com and check out the *Resources* section which includes a beginner fencers' guide, fencing information, tips, and videos. There is more information about our coaches and board members on the website which gets updated regularly.

Conclusion

We are a not-for-profit organization and rely on volunteers to support our fencers, club, and coaches. We are always excited for people to volunteer their time with us or to contribute financially so we can continue to serve our community and grow fencing as a sport. Generosity is not limited to certain times of the year, and we always welcome contributions of any size. My family contributes to the club every year. Please consider joining me.

Thank you to you and your family for being such an important part of our community. You can reach any of us at info@tacomafencing.com with any questions, comments, or concerns.

With much appreciation,

Toby Lee on behalf of Andy Glynn, Lisa Wonneberg, Young Guerra, Bill Sterling.
Metro Tacoma Fencing Club (MTFC) Board of Directors

Metro Tacoma Fencing Club (MTFC) 2023-2024 Season

Metro Tacoma Fencing Club (MTFC) Points Standings

Points are total fencers minus place plus one for individual tournaments. Active members with primary MTFC club.

Updated: 7/19/2024

Rank	Name	Points	Events	National Points	Y8	Y10	Y12	Y14	CDT	JR	SR	VET	Foil	Épée	Saber
1	Guerra, Gabriel	2922	31	SMF / JMF / CMF					X	X	X		A2024		
2	Kim, Harrison	2845	27	JMF / CMF					X	X	X		C2024		
3	Lee, Christopher T	2664	34	CMF / Y14MF / Y14ME				X	X	X	X		B2024	C2023	
4	Kim, Jackson	1525	22							X	X		B2023		
5	Talasila, Arush	1305	16						X	X	X		C2023		
6	Chung, Yeongbin	1071	15							X	X		C2023	D2023	
7	Porras, Cristian	1065	11	JMF / FIE						X	X		A2023		
8	Petersen, Ephraim	1005	16							X	X			C2024	
9	Kim, Teo	988	33						X	X	X		D2024	C2024	
10	Lee, Benjamin	572	6	SMF							X		A2024	A2020	
11	Lee, Tobias	565	9	V50ME / V50MF							X	X	B2022	A2024	
12	Bartels, Marc	551	9							X	X			C2023	
13	Kim, Seoheul	398	15	Y12MF			X	X	X	X					
14	Wang, Li	386	11	Y14MF				X	X	X	X		D2024		
15	Shin, Jaelynn	384	12	Y14WF				X	X	X	X		D2024		
16	Maeng, Gloria	310	22				X	X							
17	Chang, Joseph	257	17				X	X	X	X					
18	Bu, Xian Chen	250	8								X			A2024	
19	Louie, Keon	219	23							X	X		E2023		
20	Cosgrove, Jameson	199	13							X	X		D2023		
21	Lee, Andrew O	174	5								X		D2021	A2024	
22	Jung, WonJoon	155	9							X	X				
23	Pierson, Sophie	110	4						X	X	X		E2023		
24	Li, Brian X.	107	4								X		E2021	A2021	
25	Chon, Subin	98	12	Y10WE		X	X								
26	Wonneberg, Luke	95	5					X	X	X	X				
27	Wonneberg, Kate	79	5				X	X							
28	Prosser, Zachary	78	4				X	X	X	X					
29	Juarez, Bryan	76	4								X			E2024	
30	Huff, Ava	70	13								X				
31	Mikesell, Dylan	67	11		X	X									
32	Kim, Austin	66	9					X	X	X	X				
33	Farrer, Cheryl	65	17								X	X			
34	Chan, Xavier	54	7					X	X	X	X				
34	Lu, Henry	54	5						X	X	X				
36	Song, Pascal	49	8							X	X			E2024	
37	Bouscher, Katherine	44	4								X			C2024	
38	Han, Andersen	43	2								X		C2023	E2020	
39	Bowder, Kate	42	2			X	X								
40	Kim, Yeryung	37	8					X	X	X	X				
41	Huyck, Benjamin	36	5								X			E2024	
42	Asadi, Lucille	26	6					X	X	X	X				
43	Kym, David	25	3							X	X				
44	Chung, Kwangsuk	23	1								X	X	B2023	D2022	
45	Kim, Philip	22	5					X	X	X	X				
46	Ford, Israel	19	2					X	X	X	X			E2023	
47	Norris, Jason	15	1								X	X			
48	Hooyer, Ezra	14	2							X	X				
49	Cornwall, Benjamin	11	3					X	X	X	X				
50	Li, William	10	5			X	X								
50	Higgins, Garrett	10	4				X	X							
50	Middlemore, James	10	1							X	X				
53	Monroe, Alexander	8	2				X	X							
53	Shelton-Oyler, Lula	8	1				X	X							
55	Innis-Ramirez, Liam	7	3			X	X								
56	Mejia, Mandelyn	5	1							X	X				
57	Cortez, Andrea	4	1					X	X	X	X				
58	Yi, Camila	3	1			X	X								
58	Yi, Isla	3	1				X	X	X	X					
60	Norris, Graham	2	2							X	X				
60	Dickson, Graham	2	1					X	X	X	X				
60	Han, Jae	2	1								X	X			
60	Yi, Ivera	2	1				X	X	X	X					
64	Higgins, Lorelei	1	1			X	X								
64	Kim, Jee Young	1	1								X	X			