



Announcement to FENB members

FENB receives grant to hire a Fulltime Provincial Coach

The FENB Board of Directors is pleased to announce that FENB has been successful in receiving major funding from the government of New Brunswick towards the hiring of a fulltime provincial coach. This initiative is expected to have a significant impact on the development of fencing throughout the province by bringing additional coaching expertise to the province.

A national and international search will soon be underway to attract an experienced coach with specialization in foil and sabre. This coach will be contracted to work full time to build a training environment and provide support to aspiring competitive fencers and their personal coaches towards success at the national level.

FENB has partnered with the Damocles Fencing Club of Fredericton to ensure that the provincial coach will have access to a dedicated training space as the base for provincial team development. Consequently, provincial team fencers from other clubs will be expected to travel to Fredericton for additional training sessions. From time to time, the provincial coach will also conduct training in other regions where there are provincial team members. The Damocles club is further supporting this initiative with a contribution of \$5000 per year over four years towards the provincial coach's income.

The provincial coach & participants of the provincial program will be linked to a network of support people such as fitness advisors, nutritionists, sport psychologists and medical professionals to provide a well rounded training program. (Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic)

Over the long term, it is hoped that having the provincial coach and a dedicated training facility near a university campus (UNB/STU) will encourage NB fencers to pursue their fencing and academic goals without leaving NB. There is also potential to attract fencers from other provinces who want to train and attend university.

We hope that all FENB members will look forward to welcoming a full time provincial coach to New Brunswick and to supporting this coach in the exciting prospect of a more vibrant fencing environment in our province.