

# NSWFA MEMBER BULLETIN

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Passion  
Excellence  
Community



NSWFA acknowledges and gives respect to the Gadigal of the Eora nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which the Duncan Fairweather Fencing Centre stands, and to the traditional custodians of the lands on which our clubs stand.



Action at the Koala Mini Challenge and Friendship Cup



**From Jing Shang**  
President

Dear Community,

Our Member Bulletin comes out quarterly now and focuses on the highlights of community news. Hope you enjoy the new format of the bulletin.

We encourage you to follow us on social media, visit our website and check our member emails to stay connected.

Recently Duncan and I visited Sydney Boys High school and learnt a lot from their successful fencing program run by Coach Dat and Coach Kevin. There are so many people who put so much passion and energy into our sport and we would love to hear from you more. We are just one email away at [secretary@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswfencing.org.au)

With AFC#5 kick off in Sydney on 27-29 Oct, we call for more helping hands to volunteer to show the nation we are a community to support each other.

Thank you all. Happy reading.

**Email us with  
your news!**

We'd love to include your news in the *Member Bulletin*, email [secretary@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswfencing.org.au)

**Stay up to date**

The NSWFA *Member Bulletin* comes out quarterly and includes highlights and features from the fencing community for that quarter.

To stay up to date with the latest info, news, results and events, visit [www.nswfencing.org.au](http://www.nswfencing.org.au) and follow us on socials:





# Huge team effort for two fantastic events

12 days, 2 events, 52 competitions, 6 countries, 35 clubs, 693 entries

Back to back events – first the Koala Mini Challenge and Friendship Cup over seven days, then the Australian Youth & Cadet Championships over five days. We welcomed fencers and their families from New Zealand, the Philippines, China/Hong Kong, and Singapore. And for the first time, nearly every state in Australia was in attendance including the ACT, Tasmania, WA, SA, QLD, NSW and VIC. A huge THANK YOU! to you all who made it happen – fencers, parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers. We are truly grateful for your participation and support to help make these events to remember.



## Mini events in Singapore and Paris

In July, four of our NSW fencers, who are also National Squad Youth members, travelled to Paris to join the iconic CEP Mini Marathon (foil) for the first time. The experience allowed them to see the world, be challenged, and make new friends.

In September a strong cohort of fencers travelled to Singapore for the Singapore Minime Festival. They competed in epee and sabre individual and teams events, fencing well and bringing home a bunch of medals!





## Distinguished long service award for Maestro Angelo Santangelo

Maestro Angelo Santangelo's dedication to fencing was recognised with a Distinguished Long Service award at the Sport NSW Community Sport Awards.

Angelo was presented with his award by the NSW Minister for Sport, Hon Stephen Kamper.

In announcing Angelo's Award, TV sports presenter Stephanie Brantz said Angelo had worked for many years to encourage his students to understand the traditional values of fencing – courtesy and respect for other fencers, officials and referees. She said Angelo's contribution had made him well-known and highly respected in the NSW and Australian fencing communities.



## Fun for new fencers

In September, NSWFA in cooperation with NSW Catholic Schools ran a fencing intro beginners camp for two days with over 40 participants. Great to see so many new faces giving fencing a try!



## Support for Sam

Congratulations Sam Blade and thank you to Paralympic Australia! Sam has been accepted into the regional support program for Wheelchair Fencing at a Sports Academy in NSW as part of their Paralympic assisted pathway program.



## Oceania result for Alex

Congratulations to Alex Taylor who won gold in the Cadet Oceania Championships in Tahiti for Men's Foil. Well done Alex!

## Fencing is for everyone!

The 2023 theme for World Fencing Day was 'fencing is for everyone' – a celebration of the unique and diverse ways that people engage in and enjoy our sport.







**VASILEVA Veronika**

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Points: **138.000**

## VV in the world's top 3!

Veronika Vasileva now ranks in the world's top 3 for Junior Women's Sabre. She's on equal FIE ranking points with Carlotta Fusetti (ITA) and Magda Skarbonkiewicz (USA). A fantastic achievement! Veronika will be heading back to Europe later this year for training and competing, with her sights set on qualifying for the 2024 Paris Olympics.



## Oceania results for Ashlin

Congratulations Ashlin Stokes (right) on her 7th place in the Oceania Junior Individual Foil and silver medal as part of the Australian Women's Foil team.



## Fundraising support helps para fencers compete

Your generosity will help send our para-fencers winging their way to Bangkok! We asked for your help and you gave it – raising \$25,000 to help send six of our our para fencers and their coaches to the 2024 IWAS Asian Fencing Championships in Bangkok next April. A big thank you to everyone who donated so generously!



## Vibrant veterans

Australia has a vibrant veterans fencing scene, with fierce and friendly competition and a great atmosphere. Keep an eye out for veterans events on the competition calendar at [www.nswfencing.org.au](http://www.nswfencing.org.au)

*L–R: Sarah Osvath, Abigail Nutt, Julie Seggie and Tanya Buchanan at AFC#C Veteran Women's Epee*



# Team spirit at NSWFA – doing your bit

NSWFA is a not-for-profit organisation and relies on a very small team of volunteers, officials and staff for all aspects of our governance and operations. To ensure a good environment for everyone at our activities, we need support from you, our fencing community, in two ways:

1. respecting our team members for the time, effort and skills they contribute
2. joining our volunteer program

## Respecting our team

Our volunteers, officials and staff are vital to the activities we provide for our members and visitors. Our competition officials – Directoire Technique (DT) and referees – have particular responsibility, and have authority over all people attending Association competitions, that is fencers, coaches and spectators. We expect everyone attending Association competitions and activities to treat our team, and each other, with respect, and to abide by the decisions and directions of competition officials. Our [code of conduct and conditions of entry are online](#) and outline our requirements for respectful behaviour. We also support the Office of Sport's [Shoosh for Kids program](#), to promote positive behaviour of spectators.

Everyone – NSWFA team, fencers, parents/guardians, spectators – has a part to play in creating a great environment for Association competitions and activities, so we're asking that you please do your bit to contribute to this.

## Joining our volunteer program

Volunteering is a rewarding way to learn new skills, gain experience, make new friends and contacts, and contribute your skills and ideas. And volunteering is flexible – you can volunteer as a regular member of our team, occasionally as your time permits, or for particular role or event. Volunteer roles include board directors, volunteer coordination, canteen staff, weapons check, armoury, community liaison at competitions, rostering for competition officials, video operators for livestream, and photographers for social media.

To get involved, or for more info, please email [secretary@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswfencing.org.au)



*Learning new skills volunteering as a video operator for the livestream from the finals piste*



## Collaborating for LGBTQ+ inclusion

NSWFA co-secretary Dr Alessandra Wollaston represented the Association at the inaugural [Pride in Sport Summit](#) in September. More than 150 attendees from 70 sporting organisations, including national and state sporting bodies, government, and industry, gathered to listen to expert presenters and engage in discussions on increasing LGBTQ+ inclusion in sports.

## Resources and info for clubs

- Access [Game Plan from the AIS](#) for resources to help you develop your club.
- Read guides from the [Office of Sport](#) on running your club.
- Explore the resources at [Play By The Rules](#), including a range of free online courses.
- Review the resources at the [Office of the Children's Guardian](#), including understanding your obligations in relation to [Working With Children Checks](#) if your club has members aged under 18 years, and implementing the [Child Safe Standards](#) in your club, including an online [Child Safe Self-Assessment](#) tool to help you.



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NSW Fencing Association - Advance with Her

## 2023 “THE NEXT LEVEL”

NSW Fencing Association presents

The Next Level - the promotion and development of Fencing, Coaching and Refereeing for girls and young women in their Sport and giving them opportunity to exercise their skills.

[This event is FREE for all participants - Fencers must register](#)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

U14 & U20 Girl's and Women ONLY - Epee, Foil and Sabre

Link:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300133>

Fencers must be members of NSWFA - Junior or Senior 2023 Participative or Competitive membership



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

U14

Epee, Foil & Sabre

9:30am

U20 - Junior

Epee, Foil & Sabre

1:00pm

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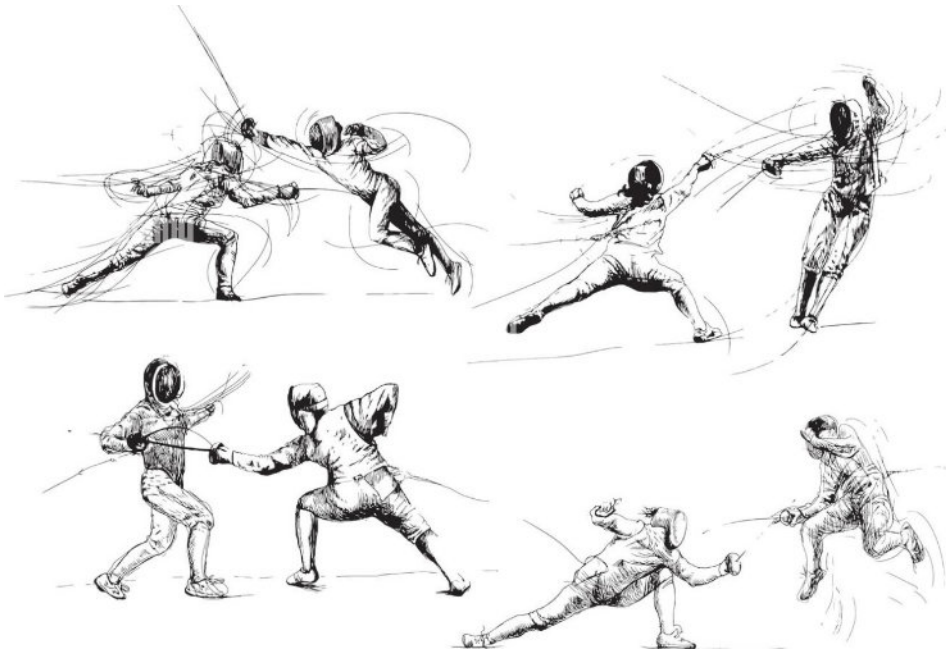
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# OPEN, VETERAN, PARA & JUNIOR 2023 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSW Fencing Association presents....

The NSW 2023 Open, Junior, Para and Veteran State  
Championships

Plus ‘Youth Preparation’ (U15) 23 competition  
Fencer’s will require 2023 Junior & Senior Membership

## 2023 State Open & Veteran Fencing Championships

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Registrations:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300134>

## 2022 State Junior Fencing Championships

Plus- ‘Youth Preparation’ (U15) 23

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Registrations:

<https://account.fencingnsw.assemblesports.io/finder?id=300136>

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