



**Fencing Coaches of Canada /
Entraîneurs d'Esgrime du Canada**

Join us to Build a Collective Voice for Coaches in Canada

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Dear Fencing Coach,

Please register yourself as a member of the Fencing Coaches of Canada (FCC). We must demonstrate that we can **work collectively**. We need to **voice our common concerns to produce positive changes** for our athletes, each other and the coaches who will come after us. Our coaching future is driven by a new Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), the Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD) and a highly funded Road to Excellence Program that will have significant impact on the development of our fencers. Without you, there will not be **a credible voice for coaches** within the CFF. Now is the time to show your support.

The FCC is the coaching division of the CFF and is accountable to the CFF Board. It officially came into being at the CFF annual meeting in June, 2008. In August, the FCC Management Council was elected with Barbara Daniel as chairperson and Victor Gansevitch as representative to the CFF Board of Directors. Lynn Seguin, Peter Ho and Jean-Marie Banos were also elected to the Council. Since that time, we have met each month to discuss various issues and, more importantly, to figure out how best to serve our mission "to represent a majority of active coaches in every branch of the CFF. The FCC is committed to serve the interests of these coaches by improving the educational and developmental opportunities available to them. We believe in our coaches."

To date, our key activities have been:

1. Coordinated input of selected high performance coaches to the Road to Excellence Plan: A report to the CFF High Performance Strategic Committee made several recommendations to address the concerns that were raised by the coaches.
2. Organization of a Coaches Seminar by National Epee Coach, Gabor Salamon at the CSC/National Championships in Calgary in November.
3. Leadership of NCCP: The FCC Council requested and received approval in principle from the CFF Board at its January meeting for authority to lead the development of the new NCCP.
4. Coaches Survey: With the assistance of Ontario coach, Hugh Munby, a survey has been drafted. The final document will be translated and circulated widely in the near future. We need and **want to hear from you** so that we can legitimately represent your interests and address your concerns.
5. **A National Coaches Conference** is planned in conjunction with Calgary CSC / Junior & Cadet Nationals. **Make plans to stay an extra day (Monday, June 29)** to take part in a variety of coaching workshops. More details to come.

The FCC Council is in the early stages of getting its feet solidly on the ground. We will be unable to build a position of strength if we do not register a majority of active coaches across Canada.

FCC Membership Fee: \$10.00 (membership form attached)

Please sign up now as a member of the Fencing Coaches of Canada.