
Claude Seguin
Born: May 30, 1948 in Coniston, Ontario
Builder – Fencing

Claude Seguin was born in Ontario where he began coaching fencing in 1973. In 1976, he moved to Manitoba where he coached for another three years. Seguin joined the Saskatchewan fencing scene in 1979 when he became the head coach of the Saskatoon Fencing Club and the provincial coach of the Saskatchewan Fencing Association. From 1990 to 1996, he was also the vice president of the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan.

Seguin was the coach of the Saskatchewan fencing team at the Western Canada Summer Games in 1983, 1987, and 1990 and served in the same capacity for the Saskatchewan fencing team at the 1991, 1995, and 1999 Canada Games. He acted as an advisor for the 2003 Canada Games Saskatchewan fencing team and has helped other coaches prepare for the Level IV coaching certification examination.

Internationally, Seguin was the coach for the Canadian team at the World University Games in 1991 in Sheffield, England and the 1995 games in Fukuoka, Japan. He also coached the Canadian national junior epee team at the 2002 World Championships in Antalya, Turkey, the 2003 World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and the 2004 World Championships in Linz, Austria. He has been a coaching fixture at ten cadet world championships between 1990 and 2000. Claude helped prepare and successfully helped to qualify a Saskatchewan athlete for the Canadian fencing team to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Claude has consistently produced athletes for our national teams at the cadet, junior, and senior levels since 1991. His athletes have done extremely well at the national and international levels. Seguin, in his coaching training, has achieved his NCI Level IV in all three weapons and in 1986 he became the first Canadian-born coach to achieve Fencing Master status. Claude has developed many fencing coaches through an apprentice-coaching program.

Honours that have come his way include Fencing Academy of Canada Junior Development Coach of the Year in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1996 and the Saskatchewan Dairy Producers Coach of the Year in 1988. One of his many accomplishments, and the one of which he may be most proud, was coaching his son, Jean-Pierre, to become the Cadet World Champion in epee in 2002.