

Greg Massialas

Greg is a 3-time USA Olympian (1980, 1984, 1988), Olympic Referee (1996), and 3-time USA Olympic Coach (2016, 2012, 2008).

Since his first Jr. World Championship in 1971, Greg has evolved as a top-level fencer, referee, and elite level Olympic coach. In many ways his greatest contribution to USA Fencing is his coaching, both as a personal and National Coach, where he has helped transform USA Men's Foil into a major international power.

In 1998, Greg started the Massialas Foundation (MTEAM) with the goal of developing the champion that exists inside every fencer. He started from scratch, only teaching young beginner fencers, and in less than 10 years he developed his first Olympian. Currently his fencers are ranked #1, and #3 in the World.

So far, his students have earned a USA record 34 World Championship Foil Medals from Cadet, Jr. and Sr. World Championships. His students have also earned the 12 World Championship titles at all levels.

At the start of the 2011-'12 Olympic season, Greg was appointed as the USA National Men's Foil Coach. At that time, the USA Men's Foil Team had just finished 11th at the Sr. World Championships, and was very unsettled. In less than a year, he turned things around and helped lead TEAM USA to a 4th place finish at the London Olympic Games. Then in 2013, for the first time in the history of US Fencing, his USA Men's Foil Team earned a Silver Medal at the Senior World Championships. During that 2013 season, the USA Men's Foil Team placed 1st or 2nd in every World Cup that they fenced in. For the first time ever, the USA Men's Foil Team finished the season ranked #1 in the World.

Currently his goal is focused on helping TEAM USA succeed at the Rio Olympics.

His notable Olympian and World Championship Medalist students include:

Gerek Meinhardt, a three-time Olympian with two World titles, and the first USA male fencer to win a medal at the Senior World Championships (2010) and the first to be ranked #1 in the World.

Alexander Massialas, currently ranked #1 Senior men's foilist, a two-time Olympian with six World titles.

Doris Willette, a USA Olympian in 2012, who retired as a National Champion

David Willette, with two World Championship titles and the only USA fencer finish the Jr. Men's Foil season ranked #1 in the World (2010)

Nobuo Bravo, winner of two World Championship Medals

Sabrina Massialas, winner of two World Championship titles and the only USA Fencing Gold Medalist at the Youth Olympics (Nanjing, China, 2014)