

# MidSouth School Age Fencing Classes



The New Zealand Team competing in South Africa in the 2015 Junior & Cadet Commonwealth Fencing Championships.

4 Fencers are from Christchurch- Sheldon Ogilvie, Brittany Wyatt, Wai Ling Chan & Daniel Keleghan

Welcome to the first term of 2016. 2016 has seen MidSouth Fencing modify the traditional way fencing has been taught to both Primary and Secondary School Pupils in Christchurch.

This change has come about because the established fencers and senior coaches of the area want the sport to grow and want to train and develop the leaders of tomorrow. Also one of our most experienced coaches, Daniel Chan, has moved to Wellington. This has opened up the opportunity for MidSouth to continue fencing classes in a number of established locations and then expand into new schools.

The coaches who are taking the fencing classes have been to several coaching courses and have helped Daniel Chan coach classes in the last couple of years. They have on going support from Daniel Chan and Martin Brill. They are also experienced fencers in their own right having a lot of success on the piste in National and International events.

The coaches are...

Andreas Sesun- Represented New Zealand at Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2010

Sheldon Ogilvie- New Zealand's Youth Olympian, Sheldon has learned fencing since he was 10 years old

Brittany Wyatt- Top 8 in Cadet Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2015, Student coach at Burnside

Isaac Officer- Represented New Zealand in Australian National U20s, MidSouth Referee

Conor Foley-Walker- Top 5 in NZ Open Championships 2015, Regional NZ Referee

Jonathan Brill- Regional NZ Referee, U20 Foil Champion 2012

All coaches take both group and individual lessons. If you would like your child to have individual lessons you can talk to your child's coach at the end of a class session or email fencing class administrator for information. [leasaogilvie@gmail.com](mailto:leasaogilvie@gmail.com) Students from all classes have the opportunity to be picked for the youth development squad. Students can also participate in the local regional competitions. For those students whose school hire fencing equipment as part of their lesson fee, gear can be hired for use at a competition for \$5 per competition.

The first competition for the year is on 2nd, 3rd April at the Fencing Institute. It is MidSouth U15 & U17 Championships. The link to the competition information is

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1loFs4TM5RvW68PcKv8Dj7bFaR2ssBIvkGJgonFYR\\_Ek/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1loFs4TM5RvW68PcKv8Dj7bFaR2ssBIvkGJgonFYR_Ek/edit?usp=sharing)

During the year there may be the opportunity to participate in fundraising for youth development. If this is the case a separate newsletter and email will be sent to see if you wish to participate.

A lot of senior students from 2015 are off to university this year and we wish them well as they continue their studies and fencing in different cities in NZ.

