

Elif Soyer Sachs

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Foil Coach

Director, Foil Competitive Program

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B.A.; Economics

Emory University: 1984-1988

Tufts University and School of the Museum of Fine Arts:
1991-98. Studio Diploma & MFA

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Moe Fencing Foundation Inc.

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing
a high quality training program for underserved
K-12 youth in from the greater Boston area.



Elif Sachs has been coaching fencing for over a decade. She has a deep and substantive understanding of fencing tactics, and has been creating innovative methods to help the athlete's mind/body to analyze and react correctly to the great many high speed, complex variables encountered on the strip. Elif is a true believer in developmentally appropriate education and the power of each individual at e level to achieve his or her potential. She takes her pedagogical cues from Piaget, Vygotski and Italy's Reggio-Emilia.

Elif has been the Head Coach of the Commonwealth School Fencing Team for 12 years. She coached the Brandeis University foil squad for 6 years, started the Brandeis University foil club and revived the Beaver Country Day School fencing program before heading to Commonwealth. Elif also coached the men's and women's teams at Tufts University and helped the women's team achieve NCAA varsity status. She has coached in fencing camps in the area including those at Moe Wen, Zeta, Brown, the Lilien-Soleil Fencing Camp in Concord MA and the North Atlantic Section Camp at Brandeis. She has trained over the last 2 decades with 6 fencing masters, 3 of whom coached national Olympic Foil Teams, and one of whom was a member of the US Pan Am Team. In her own competitive career, she made it to the top 16 on the US Senior Women's Foil Point Standings, was #1 in the US Vet Foil Standings, anchored a US National Gold Medal Team and earned her "A" rating in foil 3 times.

Her coaching outcomes include New England Collegiate and high school Foil , Epee and saber Champions, US Division Champions in U16 and U19 women's foil, qualifiers to NCAA nationals in foil, as well as foil and epee fencers in the top 16 in the US national senior point rankings.