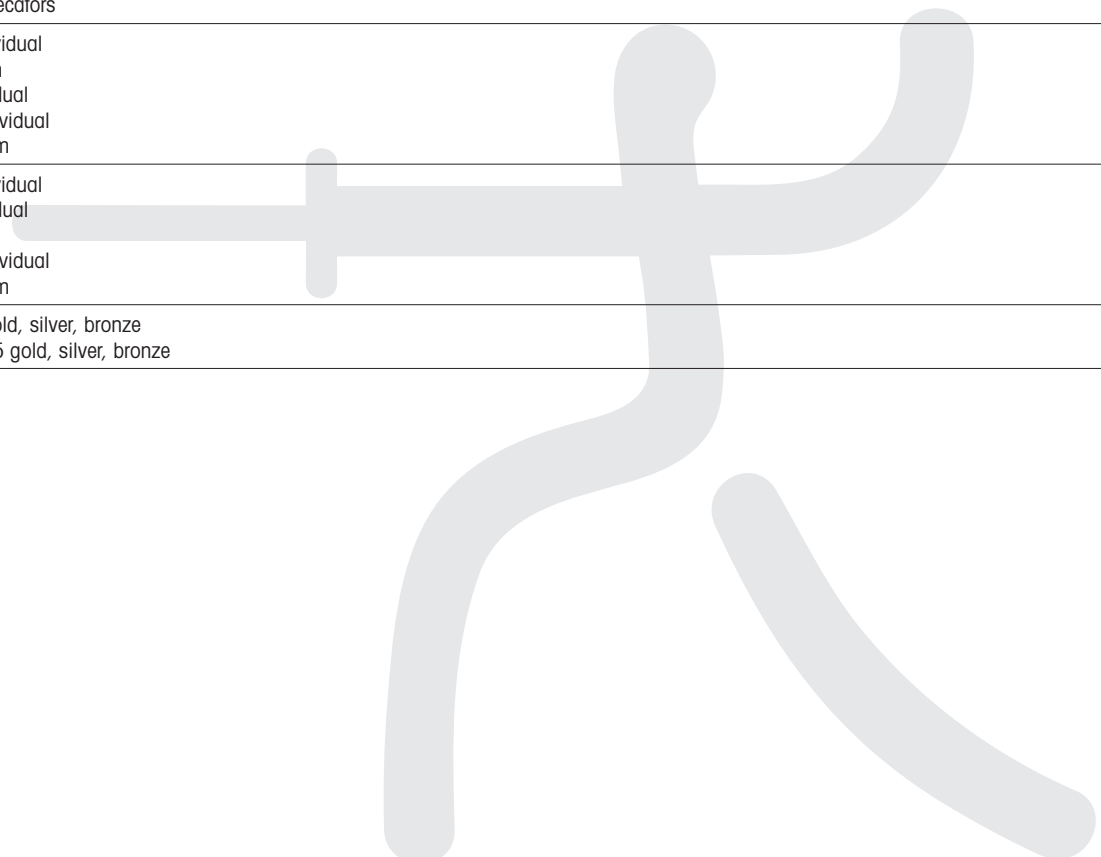


Fencing

DATES:	Saturday 9 – Sunday 17 August 2008 (Days 1 – 9)
VENUES:	Fencing Hall of National Convention Center, Olympic Green
CAPACITY:	5,700 spectators
MEN'S EVENTS:	épée individual épée team foil individual sabre individual sabre team
WOMEN'S EVENTS:	épée individual foil individual foil team sabre individual sabre team
MEDALS:	Men: 5 gold, silver, bronze Women: 5 gold, silver, bronze



Fencing Schedule

Day 1 Saturday 9 August

10:00-11:00	Women's Individual Sabre Eliminations Round of 64
11:00-12:30	Women's Individual Sabre Eliminations Round of 32
12:30-13:20	Women's Individual Sabre Eliminations Round of 16
13:20-13:45	Women's Individual Sabre Quarterfinals
19:00-19:20	Women's Individual Sabre Semifinal 01
19:20-19:40	Women's Individual Sabre Semifinal 02
19:50-20:10	Women's Individual Sabre Bronze Medal Match
20:10-20:30	Women's Individual Sabre Gold Medal Match
20:40-20:50	Women's Individual Sabre Medal Ceremony

Day 2 Sunday 10 August

10:00-11:30	Men's Individual Epee Eliminations Round of 64
11:30-13:30	Men's Individual Epee Eliminations Round of 32
13:30-14:30	Men's Individual Epee Eliminations Round of 16
14:30-15:00	Men's Individual Epee Quarterfinals
19:00-19:30	Men's Individual Epee Semifinal 01
19:30-20:00	Men's Individual Epee Semifinal 02
20:10-20:40	Men's Individual Epee Bronze Medal Match
20:40-21:10	Men's Individual Epee Gold Medal Match
21:20-21:30	Men's Individual Epee Medal Ceremony

Day 3 Monday 11 August

10:00-11:30	Women's Individual Foil Eliminations Round of 64
11:30-13:30	Women's Individual Foil Eliminations Round of 32
13:30-14:30	Women's Individual Foil Eliminations Round of 16
14:30-15:00	Women's Individual Foil Quarterfinals
19:00-19:30	Women's Individual Foil Semifinal 01
19:30-20:00	Women's Individual Foil Semifinal 02
20:10-20:40	Women's Individual Foil Bronze Medal Match
20:40-21:10	Women's Individual Foil Gold Medal Match
21:20-21:30	Women's Individual Foil Medal Ceremony

Day 4 Tuesday 12 August

10:00-11:00	Men's Individual Sabre Eliminations Round of 64
11:00-12:30	Men's Individual Sabre Eliminations Round of 32
12:30-13:20	Men's Individual Sabre Eliminations Round of 16
13:20-13:45	Men's Individual Sabre Quarterfinals
19:00-19:20	Men's Individual Sabre Semifinal 01
19:20-19:40	Men's Individual Sabre Semifinal 02
19:50-20:10	Men's Individual Sabre Bronze Medal Match
20:10-20:30	Men's Individual Sabre Gold Medal Match
20:40-20:50	Men's Individual Sabre Medal Ceremony

Fencing Schedule

Day 5 Wednesday 13 August

10:00-11:30	Men's Individual Foil Eliminations Round of 32
11:30-12:30	Men's Individual Foil Eliminations Round of 16
12:30-13:00	Men's Individual Foil Quarterfinals
13:30-15:00	Women's Individual Epee Eliminations Round of 32
15:00-16:00	Women's Individual Epee Eliminations Round of 16
16:00-16:30	Women's Individual Epee Quarterfinals
18:00-18:30	Men's Individual Foil Semifinal 01
18:30-19:00	Men's Individual Foil Semifinal 02
19:00-19:30	Women's Individual Epee Semifinal 01
19:30-20:00	Women's Individual Epee Semifinal 02
20:00-20:30	Men's Individual Foil Bronze Medal Match
20:30-21:00	Women's Individual Epee Bronze Medal Match
21:00-21:30	Men's Individual Foil Gold Medal Match
21:30-22:00	Women's Individual Epee Gold Medal Match
22:10-22:20	Men's Individual Foil Medal Ceremony
22:20-22:30	Women's Individual Epee Medal Ceremony

Day 6 Thursday 14 August

09:30-10:40	Women's Team Sabre Quarterfinals
10:40-11:40	Women's Team Sabre Classifications 5-8
11:40-12:50	Women's Team Sabre Semifinals
12:50-13:50	Women's Team Sabre Classifications 5-8
18:00-19:00	Women's Team Sabre Bronze Medal Match
19:00-20:00	Women's Team Sabre Gold Medal Match
20:10-20:20	Women's Team Sabre Medal Ceremony

Day 7 Friday 15 August

09:00-11:00	Men's Team Epee Eliminations Round of 16
11:00-12:30	Men's Team Epee Quarterfinals
12:30-14:00	Men's Team Epee Classifications 5-8
14:00-15:30	Men's Team Epee Semifinals
15:30-16:50	Men's Team Epee Classifications 5-8
18:00-19:30	Men's Team Epee Bronze Medal Match
19:30-21:00	Men's Team Epee Gold Medal Match
21:10-21:20	Men's Team Epee Medal Ceremony

Day 8 Saturday 16 August

09:00-10:30	Women's Team Foil Quarterfinals
10:30-12:00	Women's Team Foil Classifications 5-8
12:00-13:50	Women's Team Foil Semifinals
13:30-14:50	Women's Team Foil Classifications 5-8
18:00-19:30	Women's Team Foil Bronze Medal Match
19:30-21:00	Women's Team Foil Gold Medal Match
21:10-21:20	Women's Team Foil Medal Ceremony

Day 9 Sunday 17 August

09:30-10:40	Men's Team Sabre Quarterfinals
10:40-11:40	Men's Team Sabre Classifications 5-8
11:40-12:50	Men's Team Sabre Semifinals
12:50-13:50	Men's Team Sabre Classifications 5-8
18:00-19:00	Men's Team Sabre Bronze Medal Match
19:00-20:00	Men's Team Sabre Gold Medal Match
20:10-20:20	Men's Team Sabre Medal Ceremony



Joanna HALLS
Foil, Individual

Date of Birth: 20 October 1973
Age at Games: 34
Born: Melbourne, VIC
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 167cm (5' 5"), 62kg (136lbs)
Club: VRI Fencing Club, VIC
Coach: Antal Solti (1997 - present);
Gerry Adams (2007 - present)
Secondary Education: Methodist Ladies College, VIC
Tertiary Education: Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery, (4 years DNF)
University of Melbourne

Olympic Games: 2000 Sydney - Foil Individual (37th)

Major Injuries: Tore left index finger ligaments and muscles whilst training in 2003.

Recent Performances:

13th - 2008 Asian Championships (Bangkok, Thailand);
 1st - 2008 Asia / Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Bangkok, Thailand);
 40th - 2007 Challenge Jeanty World Cup (Marseille, France);
 27th - Cup der Sparkasse (Leipzig, Germany);
 47th - 2007 World Championships (St Petersburg, Russia);
 14th - 2007 Coupe Buenos Aires World Cup (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Career Highlights:

Winning the Asian Qualifiers (Bangkok April 2008) and being the first Australian to qualify through the zone competition rather than the world rank list and making the top 8 in the 2008 Buenos Aires World Cup.

Interesting Facts:

- Jo started fencing at nine years of age when it was offered as an extra-curricular school activity. Her parents convinced her sister Evelyn to make up the necessary numbers for the class to go ahead.
- In 1993 Jo made her Australian team debut competing at the Junior World Championships in Denver when she was 19. She has been on the national senior team since 1997, and competed at the Sydney 2000 Games. In February 2003 she tore a ligament in her fencing hand and missed selection for the Athens 2004 Games.
- Jo regularly trains in Hungary with the Hungarian National team. She lived in Budapest from 2001 to 2004.
- Jo qualified for the Beijing 2008 Olympics by winning the Asia / Oceania Zonal Olympic qualifying competition. She is the first Australian fencer ever to qualify for the Olympics through the zonal competition.
- Jo works as a manager in rural health in the Victorian Department of Human Services. She started a medicine degree but discontinued to pursue her fencing career.
- Jo is engaged to Gerry Adams, who competed at the Sydney 2000 Games in Epee. Gerry will be in Beijing as Coach to the Modern Pentathlon team. He will be coaching Jo in Epee when she changes disciplines after Beijing.
- Jo's sister Evelyn competed at the Sydney 2000 Games and the Athens 2004 Games in Epee.



Amber PARKINSON
Epee, Individual

Date of Birth: 3 October 1976
Age at Games: 31
Born: Melbourne, VIC
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Height / Weight: 180cm (5' 10"), 75kg (165lbs)
Club: VRI Fencing Club, VIC
Coach: Vladimir Sher (1999 - present)
Secondary Education: Melbourne Girls Grammar School, VIC
Tertiary Education: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Italian, The University of Melbourne;
Master of Arts (Italian), The University of Melbourne
Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing, RMIT University

Olympic Games: Debut

Major Injuries: No major serious injuries: usual RSI type strains; Wrist, knees, elbow, ankles, largely due to overuse; Training ITB and knee problems from overuse and increased training level leading into Olympics.

Recent Performances:

3rd - 2008 Asian Fencing Championships (Bangkok, Thailand);
 42nd - 2008 Coupe du Monde World Cup (Florina, Greece);
 44th - 2008 Challenge international de St-Maur World Cup (Paris, France);
 15th - 2008 Prague d'Or World Cup (Prague, Czech Republic);
 2nd - 2007 Asian Fencing Championships (Nantong, China)

Career Highlights:

Finishing second at the Asian Fencing Championships (August 2007, China) and finishing second in individual and team events at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships (Belfast, September 2006)

Interesting Facts:

- Amber started fencing when she was 11 at school when it was offered as an optional after-school activity. She competed at her first Nationals at the age of 14 in 1990 in the Foil event.
- After finishing High School in 1993 Amber continued to fence at the University of Melbourne where she was studying French and Italian as part of a combined Arts/Law degree and also joined the VRI fencing club.
- In 1997 she started competing in the Sabre and the following year made her debut for Australia at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships. She switched to Epee in 2000.
- Competing on the national team for the past eleven years, Amber has claimed the national title for epee three times (2001, 2006 and 2007).
- Amber has been travelling to Europe annually since 2000 in order to compete on the world circuit gaining experience and world ranking points. In early 2008 she spent 3 months in Europe training and competing every weekend with the hope of having a good enough world ranking to qualify for the Olympics. Her results in qualifying competitions in 2007 and 2008 resulted in enough points for qualification to the Beijing Olympics.
- Amber works in educational publishing as a Development Editor, focusing on Italian and French courses.



Vladimir SHER
Section Manager / Head Coach

Date of Birth: 2 June 1954
Born: Bobrusk, Belarus
Lives: Melbourne, VIC
Olympic Games: 2004 Athens - Fencing Head Coach (Australia)
2000 Sydney - Head Coach, Fencing (Australia)
1996 Atlanta - Section Manager / Coach Fencing (Australia)

Management / Coaching History:

- 1993 - 1995, 1997 - 1999, 2001 - 2003, 2005 - 2007 - Coach, World Championships (Australia).

Interesting Facts:

- Vladimir moved to Australia in 1991 and represented Belarus at the USSR National Fencing Championships.