

Hello everyone,

My name is Andrey Geva. I am a former US National Coach, small business owner, and active USFA member. I am the Head Coach and Founder of Alliance Fencing Academy in Houston, Texas that provides beginner, recreational and competitive fencing opportunities for all - regardless of age, gender, mental, or physical condition. When I started Alliance Fencing Academy in 2004 I had about 20 beginner and intermediate students with no working capital in my bank account. Today Alliance Fencing has two locations and is one of the biggest and most successful epee clubs in the nation owning a 21,000 square foot facility- featuring 30 grounded strips, a professional fitness center, locker rooms with showers, and more. We have seven full-time coaches, fourteen assistant coaches and four staff members. Employees are from Cuba, Columbia, Germany, Guatemala, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Russia, Ukraine and USA and serve over 300 fencers of diverse backgrounds, 5 to 80 years of age. Ten of our coaches and staff are male and fifteen are female. Alliance has produced 3 Olympians, 5 World Champions, multiple European Cadet Circuits and Junior World Cup Champions and medalists, and over 40 US National Champions in all age categories and divisions.



I was the 2006 U.S. Fencing Association Developmental Coach of the Year, as well as Team USA Head Women's Epee Coach from 2013-2021. During my time as coach, the U.S. Women's Epee Team won its first ever Gold medal on the World Cup Circuit in May 2018, followed by an historic Senior World Championship Gold medal the following July. The U.S. National Women's Epee Team finished the 2017-2018 season as the No. 1 team in the world, and the team retained its top level during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 seasons. I was the Head Coach of the Women's Epee Team during both the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

In addition to my coaching experience, I served as Chairman of the Gulf Coast Division in 2003-2004 and served as a Tournament Committee Member in 2018-2021. I have experience managing big social groups and organizations outside of fencing as well. I previously served as a Director of a Cultural Center for New Immigrants in the Municipality of Jerusalem and a Director of the Israeli Immigration Department in South Ukraine.

Why am I running for the Board of Directors of USAF?

- Most importantly: I love fencing and coaching. My entire family is involved in fencing; all my four children are fencers, and my wife is an accountant at Alliance Fencing.
- I would like the USA Fencing organization to focus more on the sport and less on politics
- I want to share my knowledge, expertise, and successful fencing experience with the USFA organization as well as hearing the knowledge and expertise of fellow board members
- I want to advocate for both competitive and recreational fencers in the U.S. fencing community
- I want to develop a system that supports top level fencers so they can continue their competitive journey, both nationally and internationally
- I want to contribute to the coaches' and referees' development by considering new ways to improve their skills
- I want to make sure that the USA Fencing working groups and committees include knowledgeable professionals with no conflicts of interest who devote their time and effort to advertising, developing and advancing the sport of fencing in the U.S.
- If elected, I would like to be your voice and your representative on the Board whom you can contact, consult, and express your opinions and suggestions for USA Fencing.