

Fencers Club is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence through the sport of fencing. We actively support a culture of sharing by performing community services through fencing and beyond.

CMI Country Profile – Jamaica

Fast Facts:

- Federation: Jamaican Fencing Federation (founded 2010)
- Affiliations: Fédération Internationale d’Escrime, Pan-American Fencing Federation
- President: James McBean
- Number of Clubs: 2
- Number of Coaches: 4
- Number of Fencers: less than 100



Coach Spotlight – Robert Shaw (at right)

Robert is a trained boxer from the Caribbean Maritime Institute in Kingston. As a high-level athlete, he volunteered to attend the FIE-CMI Coaching Advancement Program. For Robert, this was not just an opportunity to learn a new sport but also to make a contribution to Jamaican sports culture.

Robert had never fenced prior to arriving at Fencers Club for the FIE CMI program in 2015; there was new footwork to perfect, equipment to learn, and tactics to study. When Robert received his brand new set of coaching equipment, it was more than just a jacket and mask. It was confirmation to him that the International Fencing Federation deemed him a professional coach. The responsibilities of work and conduct that came with that jacket and mask have only spurred Robert to work harder in his new role as a fencing coach.

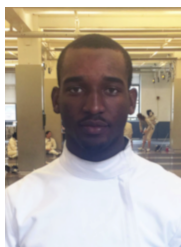
Since then, Robert has gone on to earn his diploma in Sports Science and Fencing from The University of Physical Education in Budapest, Hungary. He now coaches full-time at the Caribbean Maritime Institute hopes to inspire youth and develop fencing in Jamaica using the skills and knowledge he has learned from the CMI program and beyond.



Coaches Robert Shaw and Zeniffe Fowler lead fencing demonstrations as part of a Jamaican youth sports event.

Athlete Spotlight – Donovan Porter (Epee)

Coach Robert Shaw



Donavan started to fence at his university, Caribbean Maritime Institute in Kingston where he is a full-time engineering student. Although he is an athlete—a former cricket player—he finds fencing movements challenging at times. He appreciates that fencing requires total self-control, focus, physical fitness, keeping calm and being ready to seize the opportunity. Donavan says the perfect touch is like catching a bird. His future goal is to share his fencing knowledge and all that fencing can provide with the Jamaican youth. This summer, Donavan represented his country in competition at the 2016 Pan-American Fencing Championships in Panama. He would like to thank the FIE for this amazing opportunity, Fencers Club for

putting together an excellent program in a warm community that helps him learn as much as possible. He would also like to thank the Jamaican Fencing Federation for all their work and support.

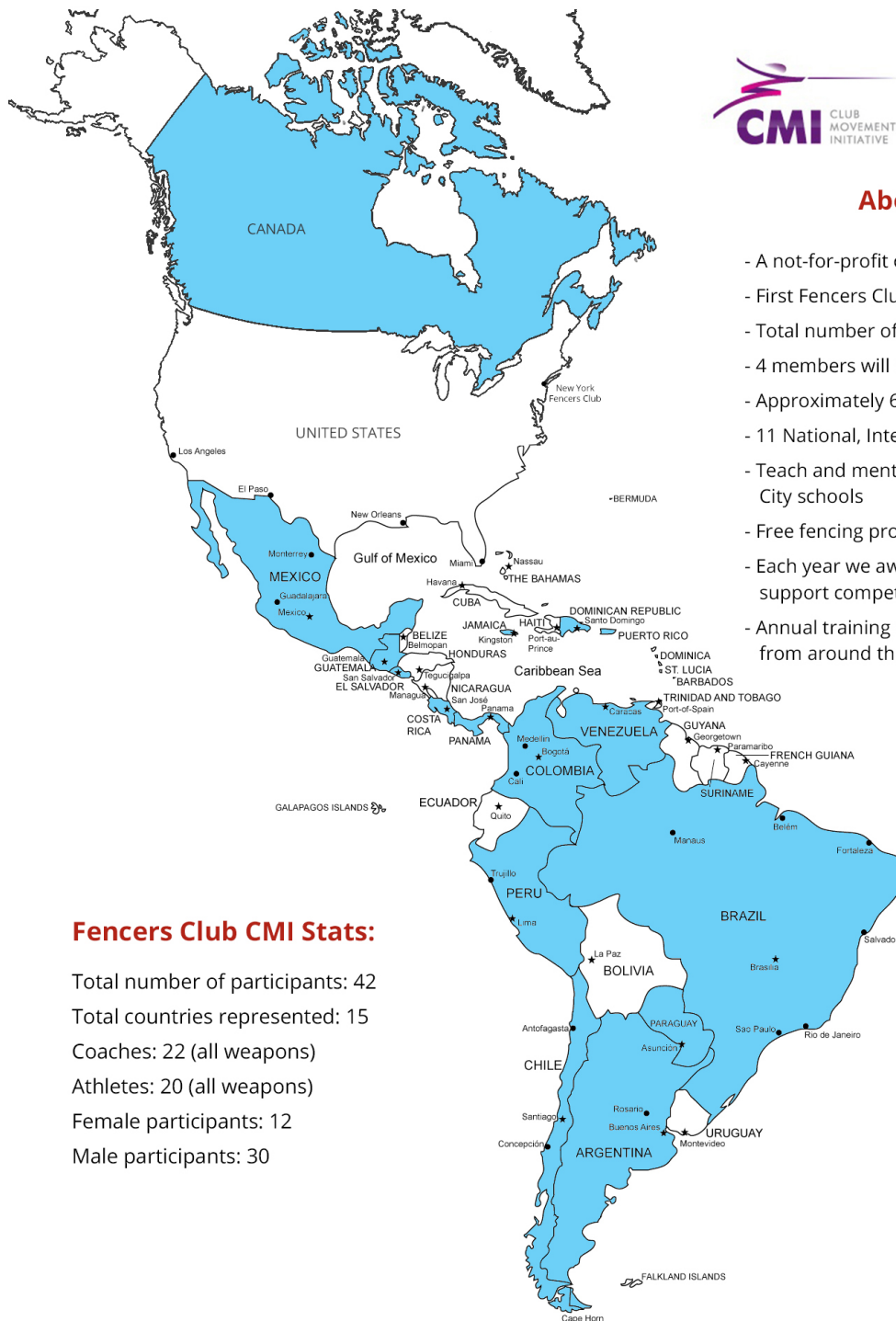


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FIE-Fencers Club CMI Pan-American Impact:



About Fencers Club:

- A not-for-profit organization established in 1883
- First Fencers Club Olympian competed in 1904
- Total number of FC Olympians: 63
- 4 members will compete in the 2016 Rio Olympics
- Approximately 600 active members, ages 6 to 85
- 11 National, International and Olympic-Level coaches
- Teach and mentor over 1000 children in New York City schools
- Free fencing program to military Veterans
- Each year we award more than 200,000 USD to support competitive athletes and students
- Annual training camp brings over 300 participants from around the world

Fencers Club CMI Stats:

Total number of participants: 42
Total countries represented: 15
Coaches: 22 (all weapons)
Athletes: 20 (all weapons)
Female participants: 12
Male participants: 30