

# FENCERS CLUB

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Thursday, June 11, 2020

Dear Fencers Club Community,

This evening, June 11, the Board of Directors met to address the racist, reprehensible, and appalling comments made by coach Boris Vaksman June 3 during an individual fencing lesson. On Saturday June 6, the Board of Directors had a democratic vote on actions necessary against Boris Vaksman, two days after we were made aware of the incident. The result of that June 6 vote, as described in a letter from the Board's Executive Committee to our community that same evening, was to suspend Boris Vaksman, require him to take sensitivity training and require community service.

This evening, after further deliberation since our June 6 vote, the Board voted to terminate the contract of Boris Vaksman. We apologize the result of our initial decision added incremental pain and anger in our community beyond what the incident itself already understandably has to all of us.

Our community's strong outpouring of passionate feedback regarding this incident, showing its love for Fencers Club, its commitment to building a stronger and just environment for all of our fencers, particularly our Black and African-American fencers, and wanting the club to live up to its ideals and mission, was a powerful message to the Board we need to continue to do better.

Stay safe, stay strong.

Best,  
Fencers Club Board of Directors



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