



## WINNERS AT THE 5TH ANNUAL DAVID'S CUP



## HIGHLIGHT

- 5th Annual David's Cup.
- Coaches Seminar - Lukasz Revisits.
- Coaches get certified in First Aid and Child Protection.
- Nigeria has a New Master D'Arms.

In this November edition, we present you a peek into fencing activities in the last one month.

## ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

The 5th David's cup was held on the 24th of November at Children's International School, Lekki.

For the first time we had both male & female in foil and epee for U17, U14 and U10 (mixed). We ran a total of 9 competitions. We also featured for the first time 10 government schools from 5 LGAs

Opasanya Kibati won Gold for the U10 mixed foil event with Zakia Maria winning silver, Asemora Seth and Sawari Tully-Jo came third to win bronze.

In the U14 Men's foil event, Ashaolu Tofunmi won Gold, Martins Bade won Silver, with Gordon Everett-Roger and Omar Mohammed in joint third position.



Adekunle Oreoluwa won the U14 male Epee event defeating Awodun Nifemi.

Firidat Olufowobi won Gold for the U14 Female Epee event, edging out Odesanya Ebunrere in the final, Rasheed Thuray and Sonda Tise both came third to win bronze.

Oladimeji Busayo defeated Paul Oshime to win the U17 Female Foil event.

**“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new”**

***Albert Einstein***



Owodiong Ekike defeated Veracruz Lekan to win Gold for U17 Men's Foil event. Ashaolu Tofunmi and Bade Martins both won bronze coming third.

The U17 Men's Epee was won by Femi Dipo defeating Ajumobi Damilare. Olagunju Zaafer came third to win bronze.

Dzikwi Cisti defeated Opkala Esther to win the U17 Women Epee event.

We will like to thank everyone for contributing to making the event a success and we hope for a continuous effort towards future competitions.



## FROM POLAND WITH LOVE

We were pleased to have Coach Lucasz Szymanski from Poland again with us. He was around to check on the progress of the 10,000 Grassroot Fencers Program which was initiated during his first visit and to also train the coaches to become better ambassadors of the sport.

We also had Miss Patricia Aiyenuro fly in from The United Kingdom to work out plans with us for the next stage of 10,000 Grassroot Fencers Program.

There was a week long coaching seminar from Nov21- 25 2018. the coaches were put through various new techniques and methods of coaching.

At the end of the seminar, the coaches were all tested to determine the success of the seminar.



## NIGERIA'S NEW MASTER D'ARMS

Nigerian Coach, Sulaimon Bello recently completed the one year training at FIE International Academy in South Africa.

The academy trains coaches to become fencing masters in all three weapons. He has been certified to become a fencing master having passed all the necessary requirements, finishing at the top of his class.

He's the fourth fencing master Nigeria has produced.

We congratulate him on this achievement and wish him good luck in all future endeavors.

## COACHES BECOME CERTIFIED IN FIRST AID AND CHILD PROTECTION

On the 15th of November, Nigerian fencing coaches took courses on child protection services and first aid organized by American International school to help improve the performances of the coaches.

This is to better serve everyone and ensure safety in the sport of fencing in Nigeria.

## IN CONCLUSION

At Nigerian Fencing, we are committed to taking the sport of fencing to every part of the country and we strive every month to be on top of fencing activities around us.

In the month of November we proudly achieved the following :

- We successfully hosted the 5th Annual David's cup introducing several age categories and involving government schools .
- We organized Coaching Seminars and training for all Nigerian Fencing coaches presided over by Coach Lucasz Szymanski.
- Nigerian Fencing coaches take part in First Aid and Child Protection courses.
- Nigerian Fencing coach Sulaimon Bello graduates top of class at FIE Academy in South Africa.

Finally we want to thank our partners for their continuous support, as we improve lives through sports.

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