

**FIE ACADEMY**  
**JOHANNESBURG**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**



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## Introduction

Main requirement for development of fencing in Africa is introduction of more qualified local coaches. The current number does not meet the actual need, especially considering all ongoing, planned and growing FIE development programs for Africa.

Africa is second largest and second most populous continent in the world with a total population of 1.2 billion people.

Total number of countries in Africa is 54 and 32 of them are constituent members of the FIE (60%).

The FIE has established two Fencing Academies in Africa. One is in Alger (Algiers) for students from French-speaking African countries and one in Johannesburg (South Africa), for the English-speaking students.

The FIE Academy SA was established near the end of 2017 and registered as a Non Profit Organization with the south African Authorities.

## FIE Academy SA Program

The FIE Academy SA course is one academic year course from February to November (+/-45 weeks), with four academic terms. The Academy course is organized in **English (Lecturing and Literature)**.

Program includes two combined academic programs:

1. Fencing coaching course for all three weapons which includes:
  - Fencing as Sport and Pedagogic Discipline
  - General characteristics of competition activity in fencing
  - Epee Fencing
  - Foil Fencing
  - Sabre Fencing
  - Tactical fundamentals for preparation and application of combat actions
  - Footwork training
  - Pedagogical foundations of introductory training and basic specialization
  - Special information in fencing coaching and training systems
  - Combat practice management
2. Internationally recognised college education in coaching science and sport management which qualifies candidates to work as a sport coach.

The following subjects and their relevant modules are included in course:

- Sport Coaching Philosophy
- Special Needs and Mental Skills
- Health and Safety - Moral, Legal, Social, Health and Financial aspects of sport and recreation
- Sport Team Management
- Exercise Science:
  - Anatomy
  - Physiology
  - Applied Kinesiology and training methods
  - Hyman body development

- Coaching Planning
- Training Methods
- Sport Specific Screening, Testing and Assessments

Application of this combined program is producing not only fencing coaches but also educated sport management and development individuals that can successfully drive proper development of fencing and sport in general in their countries.

Graduates of such FIE Academy SA course acquire an internationally recognised diploma that also allows them to get the full-time employment and successful professional career.

Introduction of the recognised college courses brings also the opportunity for postgraduate programs for the Sport Coaching Diploma (B.Sc.) and Sport Coaching Master's Degree (M.Sc.), which can become a drawcard for Fencing Coaches from all around the world.

This postgraduate study can also be done as a correspondence learning programme.



## FIE Academy SA Lecturing Structures

Fencing academy lecturers are following South Africans:

- **Dr Gennady Tyshler** (Ph.D. in Pedagogy and Ph.D. in Sport Science, Moscow University)
- **Dr Mikhail Galukhin** (Ph.D. in Sport Science, Moscow University)
- **M. Christo Kriel** (Professor of the WITS University in Johannesburg, Philosophy, Mathematics)

Foreign Visiting Lecturers, who approved their interest to be involved in the Academy program for the specialised lecturing in the field of their expertise are:

- **Dr Alek Movshovitch**, Professor of the Russian University of Physical education.
- **Dr Osama M. Riad**, Professor of the Al-Achar University, Cairo, Egypt, Physiology of Sport Medicine.

College program is organised with the ETA College in Johannesburg, specialised in qualifications that lead to employment in the sport and fitness industries. These qualifications are registered on the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQSF) as well as on the Occupational Qualifications Sub Framework. They are benchmarked against the best international standards in sport and fitness, which means that graduates are well equipped to find employment in South Africa and all over the world.

## FIE Academy SA Budget

Annual budget of the FIE Academy, per 8 students, is 150.000 Euros.

It includes college fees, fencing lecturer's fees, all studying facilities, fencing hall, fencing equipment, transport, air tickets, accommodation, food, cash allowance, laundry services, medical aid etc.

All the applied services are based on the university standards.

## FIE Academy SA Accommodation

Accommodation is organised with The Sierra Hotel Group and it is based on the fully furnished and serviced self-catering accommodation.

Each flat consists of double bedroom, spacious lounge, kitchen and bathroom, and it is fully furnished and equipped.

It is daily serviced, and linen and towels are changed twice a week. Electricity, water and security is included. At the complex there is a pool, bar and restaurant which serves three meals a day.

Accommodation is based on two students sharing the flat.

The venue is ±500 meters from the Academy facilities. Details are available on the web site <http://www.sierrahotels.co.za/sierra-on-main/>.





## Meals

The selected “self-catering” accommodation is giving the opportunity to organize meals on the same basis, meaning that every user receives personal meal allowance for organizing food.

## Local Transport

The FIE academy has contract with Uber and each student is using their transport facilities.

## Insurance

Each student has full medical aid organised by with the one of the leading Insurance companies in South Africa.

## FIE Academy SA Diploma

Based on existence of two combined programs each successful graduate is presented with two Diplomas:

- The FIE recognised and issued Fencing Coaching Diploma.
- Level 5 Qualification registered on the Higher Education Qualification Sub Framework. This qualification is internationally recognised through the REPSSA individual registration.

So far two generations successfully graduated (2018 & 2019) with 15 coaches from 8 English speaking African countries.



