

Sebastien Dos Santos

Sebastien is a French Fencing Master and is head coach at NWFC. Born into a family with 4 fencing masters, Sebastien comes from a long tradition of fencing. His first coach was his father, also a French fencing master and his mother was one of the first competitive female epeeists in France.

In 1987, Sebastien was recruited to train for modern pentathlon. In 1988, he won the cadet epee French national championship. During his competitive career as a pentathlete, he was a member of the French national team, junior national champion in 1990 and international events gold medalist; he also won 2 times the team National Championship with the Racing Club de France. He trained at the Junior National Training Center for 3 years and then joined the Senior National Training Center in Paris (*INSEP*) for 7 years.

In 1997, Sebastien founded the Bordeaux Pentathlon. In 2003, he became coach for the French women's Olympic pentathlon team who won the bronze medal at the World Championships and competed in the Athens Olympic Games in 2004.

After the 2004 Olympic Games, Sebastien moved to Fairbanks, Alaska to live with his American wife. He co-funded the Fairbanks Fencing Club while traveling to and from Brazil several months at a time to train the Brazilian Pentathlon Olympic Team. The Brazilian team had numerous successes including winning the Pan American Games, and qualifying for the 2008 Beijing Olympic games.

After the 2008 Olympic Games, Sebastien moved to Portland and was named head coach at NWFC. In 2009, he became the U.S. national coach for Men's Epee through the 2012 Olympics in London. The team won the Silver medal at 2010 World Championships and moved 3rd in the World for the 2011 season.

In addition to his International Fencing Masters Certification, Sebastien also received diplomas in Physical Education, Swimming, Pentathlon and Landscape Design. When not fencing, Sebastien spends time biking, hiking, and exploring Portland and greater Oregon with his wife and son, Oliver (born in 2009).