

## SO FAR SO GOOD

Caspar and Ekike battling it out at the  
commonwealth championships

## MOVING ON

The month of July was very busy and filled  
with lots of fencing activities.

Team Nigeria competed at the  
Commonwealth Junior/ Cadet Fencing  
Championship held in Newcastle, United  
Kingdom.

We moved to phase two of the 10,000  
Grassroot Fencing Development Program

Continuous development of coaches and  
referees.

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



Nigerian Fencing is pleased to announce the participation of team Nigeria at the just concluded Commonwealth Junior/Cadet Fencing Championships which was held in Newcastle, England from the 23rd to 30th of July 2018.

The team did very well even though this is the first time most of them will be traveling out of the country for an international competition.

Caspar Soyoye and Ekike Owodiong represented Nigeria in the Cadet Men's Foil Category while Ekike competed in the Junior Men's Foil category. Ekike and Casper did really good competing and progressing out of their various pools in the Cadet Men's Foil category.

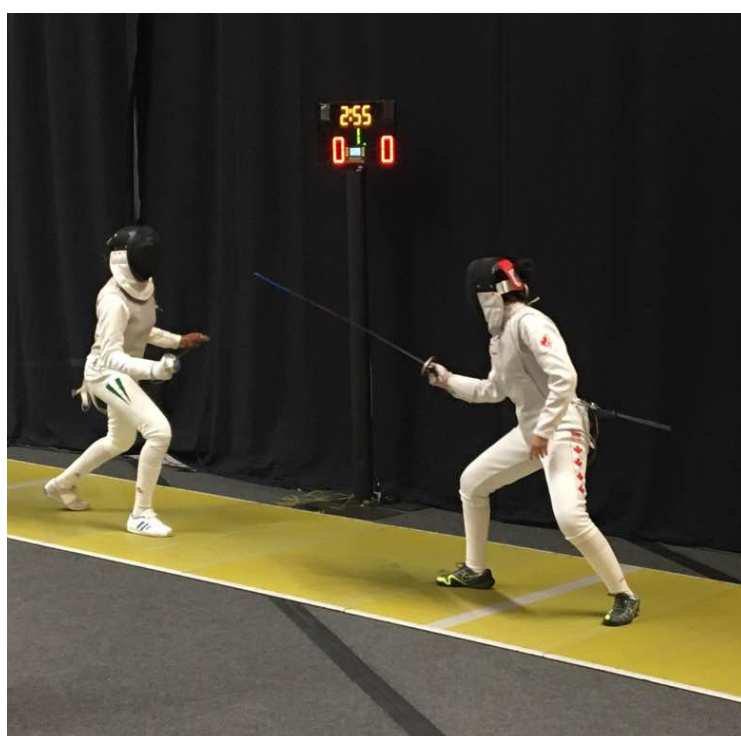
Unfortunately they met each other in the last round of 64 with Caspar getting the better of his teammate.

Ekike went on to compete in the Junior Men's Foil category and got to last round of 32 before being knocked out. He finished in 37th place.



**“Never say  
never  
because  
limits, like  
fears, are  
often just an  
illusion.”**

MICHAEL JORDAN





## Impressive Female Fencing

Somina competed in the Cadet Women's Sabre category doing well to advance out of the pools, but her progress was cut short in the last 32 round. She finished 17th in this category.

She also did well in the Cadet Women's Foil, narrowly losing out to the fencer from Guernsey in the last 64 round after showing great fighting spirit, she finished 34th at the end of this category. One of the high points for Somina was during a pools fight when she pulled back from a 1-3 deficit to win the match 4-3 against her South African opponent tipped to be a better fencer.



## Continuous collaboration with SUBEB

We moved on to the second phase of the grassroots development program by maintaining the hubs created in the various LGAs. This was done through constant training sessions held during the schools' vacation period and there was a large turn out of pupils. This kicked off on the 25th of June, 2018.

We continued our partnership with SUBEB with the goal of making fencing a sustainable, life changing sporting Nigeria.

Our short term goal is to put forward the best two fencers from the various hubs for a full educational scholarship starting September. These fencers will be judged based on physical and academic performances.

With all these known the kids really put in their hearts and soul knowing what they stand to gain by being a good fencer.



## GOING FORWARD

Following the success of the second phase of the program, Nigerian Fencing will continue working closely with our partners to ensure continuity in the Schools and LGEAs that participated.

We will achieve by following the steps below:

- Increase in tactical and technical training to improve the standard of our fencers for future competitions (Commonwealth and World Championships)
- Continuation of the fencing hubs of 10,000 fencers in the 5LGAs.
- Ensure the public school teachers continue basic fencing in the schools
- Scout and recruit talented athletes for the fencing hubs
- Engage our new trained public/private coaches in the fencing hubs
- Encourage inter-school and State competitions

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

**...partners**

