

Tygesen, Tanya



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Date of Birth: March 16, 1969
Weapon: Epee
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FENCING BIO:

Started fencing at age 13 in first year of high school in London, Ontario, after watching a demonstration during clubs week. Started on foil but since epee was just starting for women at this time, my original coach [Master Lorand de Kafka](#) moved me in to epee. I didn't know what the difference was but am glad he did so! I fenced competitively until age 29 then 'retired'. I continued to coach and teach fencing for a few years (Level 2 Foil and Epee). After not touching a blade for over 15 years, I returned to competition in 2014 as a Veteran fencer to compete at my first veteran's competition ever in Scotland for the 2014 Commonwealth Championships. I refer to my fencing career as two parts: Round 1 and Round 2 (veterans).

I was inducted into the [Western Mustangs Women's Athletics](#) Alumnae Hall of Fame in 2010, my alma mater.

TEAMS:

Commonwealth Championships - 1990, 2014
World Championships - 1987 (Jr), 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1998
Olympic Qualifier - 1996
FISU Games - 1991 and 1995

COMPETITION HISTORY (Select Highlights):

ROUND 2	
2015	North American Cup (Baltimore - Vet Combined): Bronze North American Cup (Baltimore - Women's Epee Div. 2): Finalist ROC New Jersey (Women's Epee Div. 2): Gold Canada Cup (Gatineau - Women's Epee Vet Combined): Gold
2014	Commonwealth Championships (Veteran's Combined): Silver - Individual Commonwealth Championships (Veteran's Combined): Silver - Team Canada Cup (Sr. Open): Gold - Team
ROUND 1	
1998	Sr. World Championships (Cape Town, SA)
1997	Sr. World Cup (Havana, Cuba): 6 th
1996	Olympic Qualifier (Venezuela): Silver
1995	FISU Games (Japan): 24 Sr. World Championships (Holland): 104 Sr. World Cup (Ipswich): 32 NAC (Colorado Springs): Bronze
1994	NAC (Atlanta): 6 NAC (Dearborn): 5
1993	Sr. World Championships (Essen): 39 NAC (San Fran): 8
1992	Sr. World Championships (Havana): 82 NAC (Detroit): 4
1991	NAC (Kentucky): 8 FISU Games (Sheffield): 27
1990	Sr. Commonwealth Championships Manchester – Gold (Team) Sr. World Championships (Lyon) – 89

	Sr. World Cup – (Havana) – 8 NAC (Philadelphia) – 4
1989	Jr. World Championships (Athens) – 42
1988	North American Cup – Bronze
	7-time Sr. Provincial Champion (Individual) 4-time Sr. National Champion (Individual)