

Robert Ciccarelli



My name is Robert Ciccarelli. I have been a part of this sport for the better part of 18 years as a foilist, residing in NSW.

My journey as an athlete has taken me across the globe, where I have competed in events such as Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Cups, Asian Championships, and World Championships. A defining moment in my career was representing Australia at the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games in 2018. In recent years, I have served as a member of the Senior National Men's Foil Squad, achieving commendable international standings, including a notable top 64 finish in my inaugural Senior World Cup appearance in 2023. These experiences have shaped not only my skillset but also my understanding of the challenges and demands that come with being an elite athlete.

Professionally, I hold a degree in Project Management and have spent five years in the building and development industry, most notably with Hansen Yuncken. As a Contract Administrator, I managed large-scale commercial and industrial infrastructure projects valued between \$28 million and \$170 million. My responsibilities included drafting subcontract agreements, financial forecasting, project procurement, and cash flow management. This experience has equipped me with the skills and confidence to tackle the challenges of representing Australian Fencing athletes.

My candidacy to be the Australian Fencing Athletes representative is motivated by my sincerest desire to champion integrity, accountability, transparency and above all, the athletes' best interests. Voting for me is a vote to address the numerous concerns and problems within the federation that which you believe you are not adequately being addressed. A vote for me means you have someone who will always respond to your emails, phone calls and messages, and by will of my stubbornness, will ensure your issues will be heard and addressed by the federation and broader community.

As a self-funded athlete, I understand the financial burdens and additional pressures that elite sport entails. I also recognize the importance of athlete mental health and wellbeing, which is often overlooked but is critical to performance and fulfillment in sport. My goal is to serve as a vital link between athletes and 'officials', advocating for better support systems and fostering a culture that prioritizes athlete wellbeing.

Transparency within our Federation and National Community is crucial for building trust and accountability. By advocating for clearer communication and greater openness from Federation directors to the broader athlete community, I believe we can create a stronger, more cohesive environment for all.

The pursuit of honesty and integrity will seldom win you many friends. Thankfully, if successful, as your Athletes' Delegate, I will not be seeking any new friends. My focus will be on serving your interests with diligence, fairness, and unwavering commitment. I trust that my reputation for upholding sportsmanship and integrity speaks for itself, and I am eager to continue representing these values as your Athlete's Representative.

With your support, I am ready to take on this responsibility and ensure that the voices of Australian Fencing athletes are heard and respected.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,
Robert Ciccarelli