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Athletic Career Summary – Michael Grosse

With over 25 years in athletics and nearly 20 years dedicated to the sport of fencing, I bring deep experience as a competitor, coach, tournament organizer, and media producer. My work reflects a sustained commitment to athlete development, inclusive community-building, and digital innovation: values well aligned with the mission of USA Fencing.

Alongside my athletic contributions, I am the founder and principal of 217 Studios, a boutique software development studio established in 2010. Originally launched to produce the fencing TV series *Bladework*, 217 Studios has evolved into a custom development firm specializing in back office systems and digital transformation tools for small businesses. I combine creative production roots with deep technical expertise to help organizations streamline their operations and grow sustainably.

Timeline of Athletic Leadership Achievements

2025–Present | A-rated Epee Fencer (via top-8 @ A4 D1AME Battle at the Beach ROC)

2024–Present | Founder, the Fencing Community Platform (<https://fencing.community/>)

- Created and manage a modern digital platform to support new and returning fencers
- Provides interactive guides, articles, and streaming content to bridge the sport’s knowledge gap

2024–Present | Central Florida Division, Executive Committee

- Serve on the Executive Committee for the Central Florida Division of USA Fencing
- Responsible for social media and digital outreach initiatives

2023–Present | Tournament Director, University New Hanster Open (Orlando, FL)

- Founded and grew one of Florida’s largest annual épée events in just three years
- Tournament attracts regional and NAC medalists; consistently receives high satisfaction ratings

2017–Present | Coach and Competitor (Orlando, FL)

- Volunteer coach for adult épée fencers, first student achieved 2nd place at a 2018 Vet NAC
- Maintained personal B rating in épée since 2018, securing several local tournament victories.

2013–2017 | Assistant Coach, UNH Fencing Club

- Assisted in coaching women’s épée squad to Club Nationals Championship
- Several students earned top 8 and top 16 national finishes (including a repeat champion)
- Returned to competition personally during this period

Timeline of Athletic Leadership Achievements (cont'd)

2010 | Producer, *Bladework* (NBC Sports Boston)

- Produced 13-episode fencing series airing regionally on NBCUS Boston
- Organized tournament at Boston Fencing Club with Syd Fadner and Michael Marx
- Directed beginner's fencing journey from first lesson to competition
- Secured sponsors across NH, MA, NYC, and LA; now streaming on *fencing.community*

2008–2011 | Volunteer Coach, UNH Fencing Club

- Supported training and development under coaches Jon Moss and Paul Harris

2004–2006 | Athlete, UNH Fencing Club

- Trained under Jon Moss and Paul Harris; earned A-strip épée status in second year
- Graduated Cum Laude with a BA in English/Journalism and minor in Film Studies.

2002–2004 | NCAA Training, UNH Cross Country & Track

- Trained under Jim Boulanger and Robert Hoppler with Division I program

1998–2002 | High School Athletics (NH)

- Cross Country & Track athlete; Team Captain (Senior Year)
- 3× New Englands qualifier; recipient of Athletic Director's Senior Award
- Honor student; graduated Top 15 in class of 300