

# FTAFA EPEE Fencing Challenge



## Day 1: EPEE individual

The FTAF A fencing epee challenge was held on the 23rd and 24th of July. The first day was for Individual events, and the second day was for team event. I participated in both of them, and had a lot of fun.



I was really scared of the individual events when I woke up in the morning thinking that I would just go there, lose, and come back early with enough time to do other things aside from fencing. So when I got there, I wasn't in a very good mood to fence, and so lost a lot of games in the pools. But then, I ended up still getting into the elimination rounds ranked 17#, so I was a bit surprised. After a light meal, I prepared for my first round, which was against rank 18. It was quite easy, but then my next match was against a person ranked 1#. I was really scared, and came back to thinking that I can just lose this round, get back home, and hopefully even get to play some games. So that helped me take all the stress off. It was a really long game, and I even surprised myself by winning 3 - 4. I was really happy with myself. After that, it was all easy, after all, I had defeated rank 1# in my group, haven't I? So I kept my winning streak up until the finals, when I met up with a fencer much taller than me. So, it was no surprise that I lost to him, and so that's how I got a silver medal in boy's under 12 epee

The team events were more fun, as I got to be with my friends, and have a lot of fun. Although we only got bronze medal, I am not sad, as it was only my first month learning epee.



During the competition, I even managed to meet the vice president of the Malaysian fencing organization. I wish to thank her, along with my coaches, parents, and friends for their constant support during the competition.