Texas Focus Conference 2026: Fencing for Benefit and Fun

About BVI Fencing

In early 2023, a group of professionals in the BVI field and our fencing coach formed BVI Fencing. Our goal is to promote the sport of fencing for people who are blind or visually impaired. We host weekly classes in Round Rock, Texas, and offer "try it out" sessions for those new to the sport.

How it Works

- Level Playing Field: All fencers and their partners wear blindfolds.
- The Strip: Fencing takes place on a 40-by-6-foot strip. Stepping off the strip results in a penalty.
- Safety First: Equipment includes protective masks and clothing, and the sword sides are not sharp.

Personal Perspective

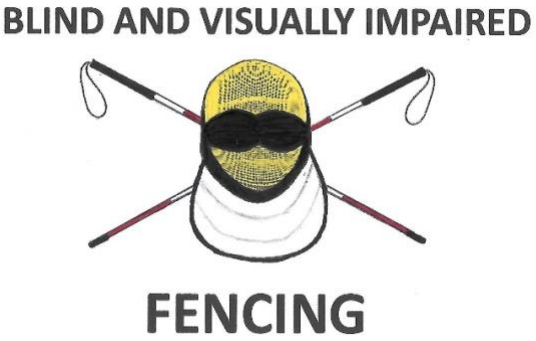
"I love to fence because it is great fun, exercise, and offers wonderful opportunities to meet others." — Pat Pound, BVI Fencer.

Fencing Resources

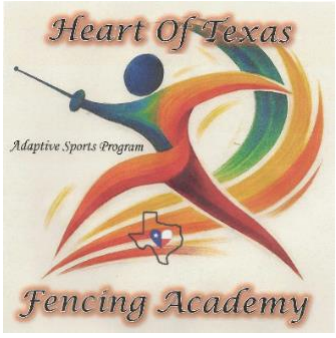
- Video: TSBVI Blind Fencing Demonstration
- Podcast: Real People Real Stories
- Podcast: Eyes On Success
- Podcast: Sports on the Blind Side (Episode 9)
- Facebook: US Blind Fencing Community Group

Blind Fencing Committee Members

- Maestro Gary Murray Sr.: Master Fencing Coach, Heart of Texas Fencing Club
- Pat Pound: Blind Fencer
- Cindy Bachofer, PhD, CLVT: TSBVI Low Vision Consultant
- Regina Budet, OTR, OTD, SCLV, ECHM: Low Vision Occupational
- Therapist, Empower Occupational Therapy
- Toni Provost, COMS
- Carolina Gonzalez, COMS



Texas BVI Committee Logo



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