Types of Fencers from the Point of View of Tactics
Recognize types of fencer

Active Fencer
• This kind of fencer prefers offensive rather than defensive actions
• Very motivated, lack of caution and patience

Passive Fencer
• Favors defensive rather than offensive action
• Very focused
• His passivity and caution often causes him to miss good opportunities for scoring hits

Fencer of Foreseen action
• He likes to plan actions before they happen
• Carefully observes his opponent to create a plan
• Relies mostly on simple motor response

Fencer of Improvised action
• The most valued and round-about fencer
What the Coach Should Know to Help Fencer

• Know characteristic tactical type of fencer
• Choose the style and tactics against opponent
• Choose the right technique
“Tactical preparation of fencer is the main part in his development as a competitor. That is the most difficult part of his training but also the most practical one”
V. Arkadiev
Tactic

• Tactic could be defined in a simplified manner as applying technique in a bout.
• Fencing tactics are described briefly as using all fencing actions, both preparatory and ultimate ones, in such a way as to avoid being hit, score hits against one’s opponent and thus ensure victory.
• Any contact sport like boxing, fencing, Tae-kwon-doe, judo, the athletes should not think about how to execute a stroke but must concentrate on watching his opponent.
• In Fencing, good technique depends on good tactic
• Athletes who fencing with good techniques can develop good tactics.
Technique into Tactics

• High degree of atomization of movement
• The ability to executing a movement
• Speed of movement
• The ability to control muscular contraction and relaxation
• Endurance
• The ability to reproduce, in actual movements, a mental reaction to your opponents’ movements.
The Principle Tactics of the Top Fencers

The most successful actions are the simplest actions

- Simple attack
- Simple counter-attack
- Attack with one feint
Misleading Opponent

Among such preparatory actions one may quote

• Constantly jumps forward and backwards
• Combines use of jumps and advance with retreats
• Combines use of jumps and blade movements
• Very strong, almost brutal, beat blade
• Change the movement of blade
• Suddenly closing the distance
• Feint with body
Great Fencers are...

• Use not only simplicity but variety of actions
• Alternate actions such as offensive, defensive, counter, simple
• Various way of performing the same action
• Good preparation action
• Anticipation
• Various solutions to the tactical problem
Who can be a great Fencer

• Anyone who has the “killer instinct”, who wants to win
• The physical condition, tall or short, does not matter
• Speed
• Fast reaction
• Good anticipation
• Smart on the strip
• Great concentration
• Ability to fool your opponent
• Conditioning
• Brave, confident on the strip