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Gabriel Bronfman (showing back) Photo provided

Gabriel Bronfman, a sixth grader at Orinda Intermediate School, competed in the San Francisco Regional Youth Circuit (RYC) Fencing tournament held on October 23-24. Gabriel earned a silver medal in the épée competition for boys 12U, and took seventh place in boys' épée 14U. Épée is the only fencing event in which the entire body is the valid target area, and there are no right-of-way rules; competitors can attack at any time. Épée is the heaviest of the three modern fencing weapons.

RYC tournaments are sponsored by the United States Fencing Association, and these competitions are part of the qualification process for the Summer National Championships in fencing. Bronfman began fencing just over a year ago while attending a summer academic program. He currently trains at Golden Gate Fencing in San Francisco.

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