

## Fighting for Olympic dreams in NYC

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"Full extension! Full extension!" "Duh-duh-duh-boom! Go!"

An instructor barks the commands in a Ukrainian accent. There is a frantic squeaking of sneakers against the floor and the piercing clang of sabers. These are the sounds of young fencers as they try to thrust, parry and counter-riposte themselves toward spot a on the 2008 summer Olympic team.

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