

DEVELOPMENT OF FENCING IN NETHERLAND ANTILLES & CURACAO

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Brief History Of The Developments in the Administrative Structure

DUTCH COLONIAL PERIOD (1634-1954):

CURACAO AND OTHER ISLANDS FORM ONE DUTCH OVERSEAS TERRITORY
SPORT AFFAIRS RULED IN HOLLAND.

- 1936
 - Introduction of modern Olympic fencing in Curacao
 - Brought to Curacao by military officer Dop Boutmy
 - father of Jan Boutmy - our Olympian and goodwill – ambassador
 - development of fencing among white elite
 - organized in departments of multisport organizations from:
 - Marines
 - PSV (Police Sports Association)
 - CSC (Curacao Sports Club)
 - ATHOS

AUTONOMOUS COUNTRY IN THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS: THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (1954 – 2007)

- Curacao And Other Islands Divided In Four Island Territories:
Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire and (St. Martin, St Eustatius and Saba)
- Sport Affairs Ruled In Willemstad

- 1950
 - Founding of National Fencing Federation (Nederlands Antilliaanse Amateur Scherm Bond: NAASB)
 - Date : June 23, 1950
 - => 60 years ago
 - Affiliated to FIE
 - Affiliated to National Olympic Committee
 - Founding of first sports organization for fencing only
 - Due to the discriminatory racist admission policy of white elitist organizations (Dr Lashly's white wife admitted to CSC and he as a eye specialist refused due to the color of his skin)
 - Father (Dop) Boutmy founded : de Musketeers (the Musketeers).
 - First fencing club based upon Non-discrimination principle
 - development of fencing now also among colored and black elite
 - Fencing clubs affiliated:
 - Musketeers

- Sithoc
 - Beau Geste (in Aruba)
- National championships annually according to 3 - Class system
 - 2nd class (poul of fencers non-classified in 1st class or hoofdklasse
 - 1st class (poul of 9 fencers, 6 classified last year and 3 promoted from 2nd class)
 - hoofdklasse (poul of 9 fencers, 6 classified last year and 3 promoted from 1st class)
- Individual Fencers from islands came to Curacao to participate
- National selection formed from hoofdklasse
- International participation in Caribbean and Pan-American region

POLITICAL DECENTRALIZATION POLICY (from 1965 until now)

- Political desire for more autonomy for island territories (inspired by political movement in Aruba)
- Sports affairs from central level now decentralized to island level
- Due to budget regulations introduced by governments
 - Insular Sports Development Financed with subsidies from Government Of Island Territory
 - National and International Sports affairs such as Competitions with Subsidies From Central Government
- District system introduced in national sport federations according to the political division in insular territories
 - Reorganization of sports structure in each federation
 - Fencing clubs cannot affiliate directly to National Sports Federation
 - Clubs have to affiliate to Insular Sports Federation
- 1969
 - Insular Fencing Federations founded :
 - Curacao Amateur Fencing Federation (CASB)
 - Aruban Amateur Fencing Federation (SABA = Scherm Amateur Bond Aruba)
 - Structure and statutes of NAASB changed consequently
 - CASB and SABA only members of NAASB
 - Multi-sport federations were founded
 - Curacao Sports Federation (CSF)
 - Aruban Sports Union (ASU)
 - National championships become Inter-insular sports tournaments and championships
 - National class system reduced to the first six fencers from the national championship competition (6 fencers from the hoofdklasse of each district)
- 1986
 - Aruba left the Netherlands Antilles and got country status in the Kingdom
 - SABA left NAASB
 - IOC recognized Aruban Olympic Committee
 - SABA affiliated to Aruban Olympic Committee

- SABA affiliated now to FIE
- CASB since then the only member of NAASB
 - Practically same board members of CASB were also board members of NAASB
 - For budgetary matters it worked in the beginning but since governments are constantly reducing their sports budget this formal distinction is becoming obsolete.

POLITICAL DESINTEGRATION POLICY (from 2002 until now)

- Political desire for disintegrating the Netherlands Antilles
- Saba, Statia and Bonaire want a direct relationship as Kingdom island with the Netherlands.
 - Their sport affairs will become Dutch affairs.
 - Comparable with the French sports system (department outré mere)
- St Maarten (Dutch part, because the French part is department outré mere) and Curacao want same autonomous status for island territories (based on referendum results)
- Sports affairs become centralized to island level

- 2010
 - Curacao will leave the Netherlands Antilles and get its country status in the Kingdom like Aruba
 - IOC will not recognize Curacao Olympic Committee (policy change of IOC in late nine tees)
 - CASB cannot affiliate to Curacao Olympic Committee
 - CASB cannot get affiliation to FIE
 - Our policy proposal:
 - Maintain NAOC affiliation to IOC
 - Maintain NAASB affiliation to FIE
 - Report change in the scope of the territory to IOC and FIE
 - Maintain the Netherlands Antilles as the two islands Curacao and Little Curacao.
 - Leave it open to St Maarten and other island territories to re-unite with the Netherlands Antilles for sport affairs, or to integrate with Aruba or with the Netherlands fedearitions as “buitengewoon lid”

Brief History Of The Technical Development and the Level of Fencing.in the Dutch Caribbean.

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 - Initial development of fencing among white elite
 - Individual and team competitions
 - Successful International participation

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 - On Curacao fencers compete for two different titles:
 - Curacao championship
 - Netherlands Antillean championship

POLITICAL DESINTEGRATION POLICY (from 2002 until now)

- 2007
 - Our policy proposal has no implications for fencers of Curacao to participate in local and international competitions :
 - If we maintain NAASB affiliation with the Netherlands Antillean Olympic Committee NAOC we can continue participation at the regional (CACSO), continental (PASO) and world (IOC) games (Olympiads)
 - If we maintain NAASB affiliated to international fencing federations (world fencing federation (FIE), regional fencing confederation (CCCE) and continental fencing federation (CPE) we can continue to participate in international championships.
 - If we leave affiliation of fencing on other Dutch Caribbean islands open to become members or extra-ordinary members from the NAASB, or to integrate with Aruba or with the Netherlands federation than participation for individual fencers is possible if they qualify according to the national rules and regulations from the national federation where they seek affiliation.