FENCING VIDEOS







TOBIAS (TOBY) LEE Master in épée & Prévôt de fleuret (foil)

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recording videos

Try to have entire pool bout on one video. Try to have each period of a direct elimination bout on one video. This way there are fewer files to label/organize, and it is easer to review the videos when coming up against an opponent who is familiar. One can also pay attention to the overall pace of the bout.

transferring to computer

I transfer the videos to my computer in my Dropbox folder labeled "Videos [year]" so this year is "Videos 2024" which allows me on iTunes to select just the files from this year to put on my iPhone.

video naming

I label the videos with the following nomenclature to find videos easily:

[last_name] [first_name] [date] [score]

For example:

Lee Tobias 2024_1222 0-5

I use the date format of [year]_[month][date] which sorts really great (year first followed by month followed by date) on the computer and on the phone.



2024_1007 9-10

I include score with my score first and opponent score next.

Sometimes there are multiple periods or long breaks so I have more than one file in which case it is labeled p1, p2, p3, etc. for part 1, part 2, part 3....

Lee Tobias 2024_1222 0-5 p1

Lee Tobias 2024_1222 0-5 p2

folders for each opponent

Each opponent will have a folder labeled:

[last_name] [first_name] [year] [other] [V-D]

Other is for Dragonetti Walter vs Frank Fred 2023 something like Vet 50 Men's Duong John 2022 V50E 1-0 Épée (V50ME) Elterman Lev 2024 V50E 1-0 to have it stand Emara Elsayed 2022 V50E 1-0 out from Espinoza Joaquin 2024 0-1 Christopher's videos without Exum Travis 2022 V50E 1-0 the extra Fortune Alexander 2024 0-1 designation.

Before when I had three children competing and managed a video library I would use "A" for Andrew, "B" for Benjamin, "C" for Christopher, and "Vet" for me. In the above image Joaquin Espinoza and Alexander Fortune are Christopher's opponents.

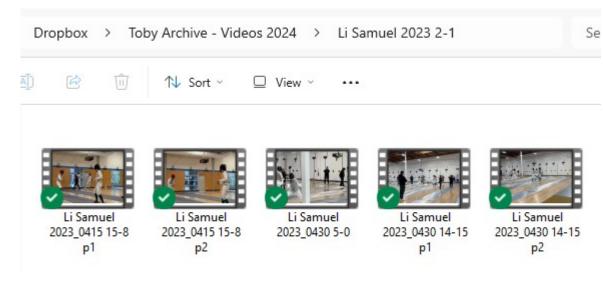
inside each folder

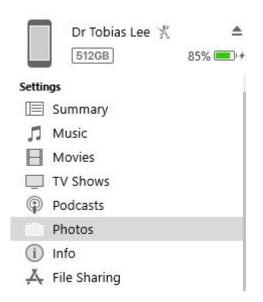
We no longer record video of local opponents as we know them well enough. But each opponent might have multiple videos. The top of the next page shows one sample folder with multiple videos.

transferring to phone

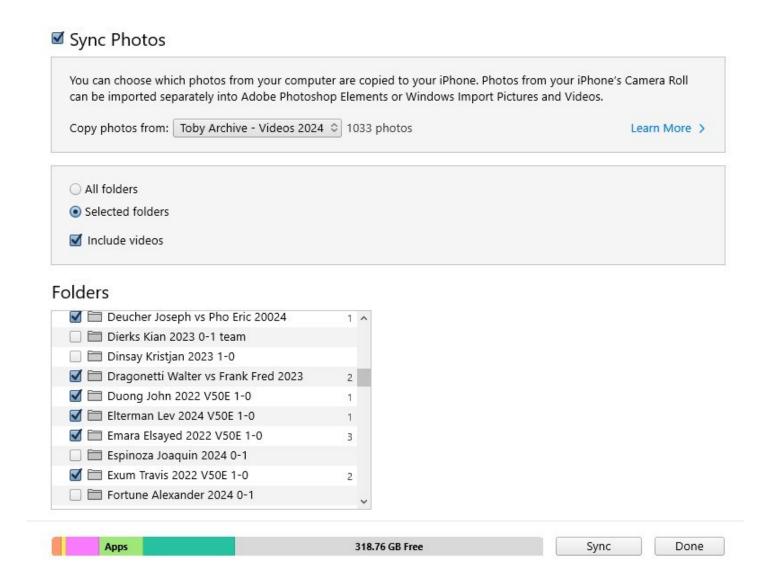
I use iTunes to transfer my videos to my phone and can select which videos I want to include. I can also put pictures that I want on my phone and select the picture folder so I have a combination of fencing videos plus pictures. If I need to find an old video or one I did not put on my phone (in case I do not want my phone too full), I just go to my Dropbox app and view it that way using cellular data (or WiFi).

A sample folder for a single opponent with multiple bouts. In this case Samuel Li from 2023 against Christopher with one pool bout and two direct eliminations.





On the iTunes app I go to Photos and can choose which videos (and pictures) I want to include on my phone.



I also have folders of JPEG images in my "Videos" folder which include family trips, family photos, medical information for my work, and other things that I select to transfer so I have things other than fencing videos.

After all that work labeling the fencing videos, organizing the videos by fencer into folders, and putting everything in a single video folder to upload to iTunes and into the iPhone, the final result is an easy search for opponents (and other files/pictures) shown on the right.

Perhaps more important than the videos is a fencing journal. For my opponents I meet at national events I take notes on them so do not need to review the video.

