



# Devon Boorman

*Founder & Head Instructor*

Academie Duello Centre for Swordplay · Vancouver, Canada



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Devon Boorman is one of the world's foremost practitioners, teachers, coaches, and researchers of Historical European Martial Arts. His study of martial arts began in 1986 with Chinese and Filipino systems before discovering the modern revival of European swordplay in the early 1990s.

In 2004, Devon founded Academie Duello Centre for Swordplay in Vancouver, Canada. Under his leadership, the school has grown to become the largest center for Historical European Martial Arts in the world, with over 3,000 yearly participants at their 7,500 square foot facility in downtown Vancouver.

Devon's expertise centers on the Italian swordplay tradition which includes rapier, sidesword, longsword, polearms, wrestling, knife, and mounted combat, among other disciplines. He has traveled extensively as a student, teacher, researcher, and competitor, winning more than 50 international tournaments and teaching workshops and instructor certification programs worldwide. He is the author of *Introduction to Italian Rapier* and *Introduction to Italian Longsword* (book and DVD), and in 2008 created Duello.TV, the largest online academy for Historical European Martial Arts with over 100 courses. Devon serves on the Martial Advisory Council for the International Armizare Society and is a charter member of the Chivalric Fighting Arts Association.

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#### KEY FACTS

<b>Founded</b>	Academie Duello Centre for Swordplay · Vancouver, BC, Canada · 2004
<b>School</b>	Largest centre for Western Martial Arts worldwide · 3,000+ yearly participants · 7,500 sq ft
<b>Competitions</b>	50+ international tournament wins
<b>Online Platform</b>	Duello.TV · 100+ courses · Largest HEMA online academy
<b>Publications</b>	Introduction to Italian Rapier; Introduction to Italian Longsword (book & DVD)
<b>Advisory Roles</b>	Martial Advisory Council, International Armizare Society; Charter Member, Chivalric Fighting Arts Association
<b>System</b>	Duello Armizare · 200+ certified instructors worldwide

#### APPROVED SHORT BIO (150 words)

*Devon Boorman is the founder of Academie Duello Centre for Swordplay and the creator of the Duello Armizare martial system. He has been studying and teaching Historical European Martial Arts for over 30 years and is one of the field's foremost practitioners and instructors. His school in Vancouver, Canada is the largest Historical European Martial Arts centre in the world. Devon has won more than 50 international tournaments and has taught instructor programs and workshops worldwide. He is the author of Introduction to Italian Rapier and Introduction to Italian Longsword, and the founder of Duello.TV, the largest online HEMA academy. Devon's teaching emphasises depth of understanding, functional skill, and the ability to transmit knowledge clearly to others.*

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