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Preface

This book is written so that fencers, coaches, and parents can gain a better understanding of the programs of the United States Fencing Association (USFA). It contains information that will allow fencers to progress in the sport of fencing to as high a level as they desire. When there are modifications to any of the programs described herein, such changes will be posted to the USFA website (www.usfencing.org). Written notification of any changes to the Handbook will be sent from the USFA National Office via email to National Coaches, top 24 senior fencers, top 16 junior fencers, top 12 cadet fencers, and top 8 Youth 14 fencers on the national point standings and posted on the USFA web site. A bound copy of the book can be obtained from the USFA for \$20 (includes cost of mailing).

Periodically, the USFA and the National Weapon Coaches will send by email special notices by email to fencers on the national point standings. Fencers must keep the USFA national office informed of their current email address(es) since it is the primary communication path to fencers and coaches on weapon squad programs, team notifications, and updates to the Handbook. It is just as important to ensure one's mailing address is current to ensure receipt of information mailed by the USFA and the National Weapon Coaches. The USFA will post the latest information on the USFA Web site. You can communicate with the USFA by email: info@usfencing.org.

The Athlete Handbook and Operations Manual will provide fencers, coaches, administrators, and parents the information pertinent to all aspects of US Fencing programs.

The annual Athlete Handbook is the source book for details on elite athlete programs – national point standings, team selection, and international competitions.

The Operations Manual is the source book on the organization and operation of US Fencing Association– corporate structure, membership requirements, competition structure and rules, requirements for fencing in national championships.

Nothing in this Handbook overrides the rules of fencing unless specifically noted. Changes in selection procedures will only be valid if communicated in writing by direct communication to athletes in the top 24 in Senior, top 16 in Junior, top 12 in Cadet, and/or top 8 in Youth 14 point standings.

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Chapter 1 - The USFA

1.1 About the USFA

The USFA is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Colorado. The Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Association as a tax-exempt organization, 501(c)(3), and contributions qualify as charitable deductions for the donor to the extent permitted by law. Information about such contributions may be obtained from the USFA National Office.

The USFA is the official governing body for amateur fencing in the United States and the *Fédération Internationale d'Escrime* (FIE), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and other organizations recognize its exclusive jurisdiction. It is the officially designated National Governing Body (NGB) of fencing by the USOC.

The USFA is the sole representative of US amateur fencing in the FIE, which is the governing body for all official international fencing competitions including the World and Olympic Fencing Championships. Any US fencer wishing to participate in official international competitions must be accredited by the USFA to the FIE or to the host country as to amateur standing and qualification.

Details on the operations of the USFA are described in the latest edition of the USFA Operations Manual available at the USFA website. The Operations Manual explains the competitive opportunities for all members and the manner in which competitions should operate within the tenets of the organization and of the sport.

The governance of the organization is specified in the 2001 USFA Bylaws, also found on the USFA website.

1.2 USFA Mission

- Direct, administer, and promote the sport of fencing in the US.
- Develop programs, services and opportunities that enable fencers from recreational to Olympian level to reach their maximum potential.
- To select athletes and cadre to participate and secure Olympic, World Championship and Pan American medals.

GOALS OF THE USFA

1. To enhance International Influence and Competitive Performances
Objectives
 - a. Enhance political influence in the FIE and Pan American Confederation
 - b. To professionalize coaches within the USFA and enhance fencer financial support
2. To Enhance USFA Governance Structure
Objectives
 - a. To further refine and define the appropriate roles of the USFA Board of Directors and the USFA committees to strengthen their operational functions and outcomes in service to USFA mission and goals.
 - b. To review and enhance current division and section organizational structure to better reflect and manage growth while improving the delivery of services membership
 - c. Revisit division and sectional competitive pathway as a result of organizational recommendations
 - d. Vertically integrate Wheelchair Fencing into US Fencing
3. To Enhance and Increase the Delivery of Services to Members
Objectives
 - a. To develop an enhanced USFA website complete with on-line entry capability

- 4. b. Increase the number of clubs at the high school and college level
To Increase USFA Revenues
Objectives
 - a. To develop and implement branding and marketing plans to enhance USFA products capitalizing on the Athens Olympic success
 - b. To solicit corporate and private grants, and VIK contributions.

1.3 USFA Membership

USFA membership is required to compete in any USFA sanctioned event. The membership year begins on August 1 and ends on the following July 31. All dues are payable on application for membership and thereafter on or before the next membership year begins. Membership dues are not prorated at any time. Renewals processed at any date beginning August 1 will expire July 31. A new member joining the USFA for the first time for 1 year, whose dues are paid between April 1 and July 31, will be entitled to membership through the next membership year.

Membership Dues

The annual dues of the USFA, as approved by the USFA Board of Directors, are as follows:

CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL DUES	DUES PAID FOR 3 YRS.
Competitive Member		
Senior	\$60	\$140
Junior	\$60	\$140
Coach Competitor	\$60	\$140
Veteran	\$60	\$140
Non-Competitive Member		
Associate	\$50	NA
Coach Associate	\$50	NA
Parent Associate	\$50	NA
Family*	\$110	NA
Life Member (Lump Sum)	\$1,200	NA
Life Member (Supporting)**	\$120**	NA

*Family membership allows for a maximum of four persons at the same address to join for the single fee of \$110. Within the family membership, up to two persons will hold competitive membership; the remaining two are considered "Associate" or non-competitive members and can not fence in USFA or international competitions.

**The Board of Directors voted in July of 2004 to develop a new class of competitive, voting membership to be known as Supporting. Membership dues for this class of membership are one-tenth the dues for Life membership at the time of enrollment. Upon payment of supporting membership dues for ten consecutive years, the membership will be automatically converted to Life membership. Dues must be paid in ten consecutive years. Failure to pay dues for one year will forfeit all prior dues payments.

How to Become a USFA Member

To become a USFA member visit our website, www.usfencing.org. From there you can either use the online registration system (if you are 13 or over) or download an application from the Forms area and return the application with your dues by fax or by regular mail to the fax number or address listed on the application. You can also call or email the National Office for an application: 719-866-4511 or info@usfencing.org. You may also sign up at most local tournaments in your area. Please be aware though that the USFA cannot consider you a member in good standing or provide you with

proof of membership until your application and dues have been processed by the National Office. If you do sign up at a local event, it is your responsibility to ensure that your application is forwarded to the National Office in a timely manner.

Membership Benefits

There are several benefits associated with USFA Membership:

- Subscription to American Fencing magazine, published four times a year.
- Secondary Athlete Accident/Excess Medical Insurance: covers USFA sanctioned activities (contact USFA Membership Services for policy specifics.).
- Coaches Liability Insurance: contact USFA Membership Services for details.
- Voting privileges: Members 18 and over as of Feb. 1 of the membership year who have provided their date of birth, have the right to vote on USFA issues and in USFA elections.
- Right to compete in USFA sanctioned competitions (competitive membership - must meet eligibility requirements of specific competition).
- Discounts on Travel and Fencing Equipment.
- USFA Membership Card: Recognition as a member of U.S. Fencing
- Membership dues support the sport at all levels from grassroots to the Olympic and Paralympic Games

USFA Membership gives you the opportunity to compete or qualify to compete in local, regional, and national events. For parents and coaches, membership allows you the opportunity to participate in the administration of your Division, Section, and at a National Level.

Sections/Divisions

For local and regional operational responsibilities, the United States is divided into ten Sections and 67 Divisions. These administrative units then schedule competitions for the different weapons and age groups, tailored to the needs of their area. Among the competitions that are scheduled, the Divisions and Sections have the responsibility to conduct specific competitions to qualify a prescribed number of fencers to the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships and the Summer National Championships. Fencers may earn classifications at these competitions if specific criteria are met.

Voting

Members in good standing who are 18 and over, as of February 1st of the membership year and who have provided the USFA with their date of birth by February 1st of the membership year may vote on matters of the USFA in accordance with the provisions of the USFA Bylaws.

Division and Section Affiliation

The Division that a member can declare is based on his or her residence, location of the school that member is attending, or location of club that the member will represent in USFA competitions. Each year a member must declare the Division affiliation for that membership year. That Division is then the one from which the fencer must qualify to the USFA National Championships and the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships. The member may request a change in Division if he or she moves to a new geographic location and notifies the USFA office of the new address and Division change request in writing. Members who are living or working for an extended period of time outside of the United States or active duty military can request "National" Division affiliation. Appeals on the basis of missing a Division qualifying competition due to going to school elsewhere will not be considered.

Club Representation and Affiliation

The term "club", as used in these rules, includes any organized fencing group of individual members. The group may be affiliated with a club, industrial institution, association, or other entity. A recognized club is one that has a relatively stable organizational structure and membership, a place for regular fencing activity, and preferably a professional fencing master for lessons and training. The division affiliation of a member club shall be the primary location where its regular fencing activity is conducted. A club may only be a member of one division.

A distinction is made between club "affiliation" and "representation." A fencer may be affiliated with more than one club but can represent only one of them (except as provided for below) in USFA competitions during one fencing season.

1. A fencer may at any time resign from one club and join another, or join or hold membership in two or more clubs. However, within the same fencing season, no fencer may represent in competition more than one club without special permission of the Board of Directors. The fencer's first stated club affiliation at a USFA competition in each fencing season will determine that fencer's club representation for that season.
2. A college or scholastic fencer, who is also a member of another recognized club, may represent his or her school in dual meets and other interscholastic or intercollegiate competitions, and also represent the other club in USFA competitions. In addition, if the rules of his or her school conference require it, he or she may represent his or her school or fence unattached in all USFA individual competitions held during the school fencing season or, in the case of collegiate fencers, during the period in which NCAA rules regarding playing dates have jurisdiction. Such fencers may represent their club during the other portions of the fencing season.

Fencers who represent their club after having represented their school during the fencing season must represent their club for the remainder of that fencing season. Fencers who represent their school outside the dates when required to do so, must represent their school for the remainder of the fencing season. Under no circumstances can fencers represent both their school and their club at any one National Championship tournament.

3. A fencer who, while a member of a recognized club, elects to fence unattached, may not be permitted to represent any club during the remainder of the season in individual competition, and may not compete in team competitions except as noted above for collegiate fencers in NCAA schools.

All fencers should notify the National Office of all club affiliations at the start of the fencing season or as such club affiliations change. They should also notify competition organizers of such affiliations even if representing another club (or school) or fencing unattached for reasons given above. Competition organizers should apply the same criteria for separating fencers with the same club affiliations as they do for fencers with the same club representation.

If a fencer represents a club that closes during the season with no plan of reopening in the future, or if a fencer makes a permanent move of physical residence into another geographical area that fencer may request to have his or her club representation changed, subject to approval. The resignation of a coach, conflict within a club, or change of affiliation due to either will not be recognized as justification to change club representation. A fencer in this situation will have to either remain with his or her stated club or fence unattached for the remainder of the season.

Chapter 2 - Domestic Competitions

2.1 General Definitions

A competition (or event) is the aggregate of the bouts (individual competitions) or of the matches (team competitions) that determine the winner of the event. Competitions are distinguished by weapons, by gender, by age, by classification, and by individual competition vs. team competition.

A tournament consists of several competitions held at the same venue in the same period of time.

2.2 Classifications (Ratings)

What are Classifications?

For the purpose of distinguishing between levels of performance and providing an objective scale for the seeding of competitions, fencers are classified nationally on the basis of competitive experience and achievement into the following classifications: A (highest), B, C, D, E, U (Unclassified, lowest). Classifications are written as A08, B06, B05, with the letter indicating the classification and the number indicating the latest year when that classification was earned or re-earned.

How are Classifications Earned?

Classifications are earned at USFA rated competitions. The rating of a competition determines which classifications are awarded, and the number for each type. Please see Appendix 2.2 for the Classification Reference Chart.

Changes in classifications are allowed at USFA sanctioned individual competition restricted to Veterans and to Junior fencers. Division, Section and Regional Youth and Cadet competitions must meet or exceed criteria for C1 to award changes in classification. Classifications may be awarded only at tournaments at which electrical apparatus for the scoring of touches (i.e., does not require conductive strips) is used.

The classification of a fencer in one weapon has no effect on his/her classification in another weapon and is not affected by his/her winning or competing in individual three-weapon competitions, invitational meets, intercollegiate competitions, or unofficial club and inter-club competitions.

How are Classification Changes made Official?

Classifications must be certified in writing to the Director of Membership Services by the organizer of the competition in which said classification was earned. Every member of the USFA is personally responsible for ascertaining his or her own classification in each weapon. To avoid questions with respect to individual fencers, each Division, through its Executive Committee or other designated officer or committee, should certify all classification changes (both major and minor) to the National Office. Changes should be reported within two weeks. Failure to report changes in a timely fashion may affect fencers competing in a national competition

Classification updates must be submitted to the USFA National Office using the Classification Change Form (available on the USFA website). This form must be signed by a Division Officer, validating the results. The USFA cannot change a fencer's classification without this signed form. If your classification update has been delayed, please contact the competition organizer or your Section/Division officer to determine if the form has been submitted. Once this report is filed with the USFA National Office, the change in classification will be made. Classifications are posted on the USFA website by Division and are updated weekly.

How long are Classifications Valid?

Classifications are valid for four membership years (August 1-July 31) after they are earned. If after four years the classification has not been re-earned, it then reverts to the next lowest letter and the current year. Such change will be enacted at the beginning of the new fencing season, August 1. For example, if you earned a B in 2004 (B04), and did not re-earn your B for four years, your B would become a C08 on Aug 1 of 2008. If you then did not re-earn your C08 for four more years, it would become a D12 on Aug 1, 2012.

2.3 Competitive Opportunities within the USFA

Types of Competitions

Open – An Open competition is one in which all competitors are eligible to compete without regard to their divisional membership, classification, rank, or age (except for minimum ages as specified in this handbook). Eligibility requirements are explained in 2.5. The same rules apply to all USFA events that do not carry a specific age restriction (youth, cadets, juniors, and veteran events)-whether they are NAC or national championship events, or run by a club, division, or section.

To compete in a USFA-sponsored "open" event, all fencers must be at least 13 years old on January 1 of the competitive season in question- unless the fencer is on the National Junior point standings at the entry deadline for that competition. This rule was developed to be consistent with age requirements set by the international fencing community. It is part of a developmental framework designed to give young fencers appropriate competitive bouts as they grow.

Closed – A Closed competition is a sectional, interdivisional, or divisional competition in which eligibility is limited on the basis of sectional or divisional membership.

Age Restricted - Any USFA age restricted competition can be rated for classification change consideration except for those competitions that are restricted to Cadet (Under 17 or Under-16) or Youth age categories must meet the criteria for a Group C1 or higher for the competition to be ranked for classification changes. [BOD, Jul, 2003]

Restricted – Competitions may be restricted to fencers under or over a certain age, to Unclassified fencer or novice, or to other categories of fencers provided that an appropriate description of the basis of eligibility of contestants must be announced in the schedule. Restricted competitions may not be rated unless the restriction is based solely upon fencers' classifications or age or Division or Section membership.

Youth – Competitions for those who are 10 and under, 12 and under, and 14 and under.

Championships – The USFA sponsors National Championships for different levels of development and for different age groups: Junior Olympic Fencing Championships for Under-20 and Under-17 age group fencers, held during Presidents' weekend in February; Division I, IA, II, III, Veterans (age 40 and older), Under-19, Under-16, and Youth 14 – all at the Summer National Championships the first week of July. Each category of National Championships includes competitions for each of the six weapons: Men's Epee, Foil, and Saber and Women's Epee, Foil, and Saber. The USFA also sponsors the Wheelchair National Championships in all weapons except women's saber (that competition is not held at its World Championships or the Paralympic Games.)

Fencers in the following membership categories are NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in any USFA sanctioned competition: Coach Associate, Parent Associate, or Associate. Also fencers who are under the age of 7 on January 1 of the membership year are not eligible to compete in any USFA competition.

National Championships

Division I

The Division I National Championships are championships for fencers on the Senior point standing and the top juniors and cadets on their respective point standings. They are held in conjunction with the April NAC in the year of the Olympic Games; otherwise they are held at the Summer National Championships. Fencers qualify for these Championships via the national point standings and top fencers from the last Division IA and Division II National Championships (See Chapter 2.11 for criteria). These Championships are an integral part of the selection path for the Senior World Teams and for members of teams that qualify for the Olympic Games.

Summer National Championships

The Summer National Championships are typically held in late June/early July. Fencers must qualify to compete in this tournament. See the individual events at the end of this chapter for qualifying criteria. Events in these championships include (in all six weapons): Under-19, Under 16, Youth 14, Veteran 40-49, Veteran 50-59, Veteran 60+, Division IA, Division II, Division III, Junior Team, and Senior Team. This is the last tournament for selection of the members of the team to the World Veterans Championships. In addition, Youth 12 and Youth 10 events are held during this Championship tournament, though they have not been designated as National Championships. The Summer National Championships mark the beginning of the domestic season for the Juniors and Cadets, and the end of the domestic season for all other categories.

Junior Olympic Fencing Championships

The Junior Olympic Fencing Championships are the championships for the Junior and Cadet fencers in each of the six weapons, and are the final domestic competitions in the selection cycle for the Junior & Cadet World Fencing Championships. The Junior Olympic Fencing Championships are held each year in February during the four-day President's holiday weekend. Fencers must qualify to compete in this tournament. See Chapter 2.11.4 for criteria.

NAC (North American Cup)

The North American Cup Tournaments are a series of National point tournaments organized by the US Fencing Association. USFA competitive members are eligible to enter NAC tournaments if they meet the conditions of the category of that NAC (see eligibility requirements listed with specific events in Chapter 2.11). The NAC tournaments are open to foreign fencers who have an FIE license valid for the current season or can show proof of membership in another fencing federation, and who meet age requirements for specific NAC tournaments.

NOC (National Open Circuit) [Board of Directors, September 2008]

The USFA has inaugurated a National Open Circuit using established senior events and modeled after the SYC system. This circuit would aim to include 3-5 competitions annually, with the designated competitions being selected following a standardized bid process. A season-long points standing will be maintained for the circuit. The National Open Circuit Advisory Group will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the permanent sanctioning policy for the consideration at the February 2009 meeting. For more information on the NOC please go to usfanoc.askfred.net or email usfanocmanagement@gmail.com.

Effective October 1, 2008, all tournaments designated as a National Open Circuit (NOC) shall be required to remit a Program Support Fee of \$5.00 per individual registrant to the USFA. These payments are due at the time the results of the competitions are sent to USFA National Office. (Board of Directors, September 2008)

Youth

The USFA has initiated a series of youth tournaments for the Y14, Y12 and Y10 age categories to provide more competitive opportunities for the younger fencers. Schedules for both Super and Regional Youth tournaments will be posted to the USFA website and the Youth Committee website (www.usfaryc.org).

Super Youth Circuit

There will be 2-3 Super Youth tournaments at which the fencers can earn national points. Youth fencers may participate in one or more Super Youth tournaments, however, only the competition where the fencer earns the most points will be included in the point standings. These competitions are part of the qualification paths for both the Summer Nationals and Youth 10 and 12 events at NACs.

Effective October 1, 2008, all tournaments designated as Super Youth Competitions (SYC) shall be required to remit a Program Support Fee of \$5.00 per individual registrant to the USFA. These payments are due at the time the results of the competitions are sent to USFA National Office. (Board of Directors, September 2008)

Regional Youth Circuit

Regional Youth Circuit tournaments are held throughout the season, similar to the Super Youth Circuit tournaments. There are no national points awarded at Regional Youth competitions. Participation in these competitions is required to qualify for both the Y10/Y12 competitions at Summer National Championships and Y10/Y12 events at the NAC Y10 and Y12 tournaments.

Effective October 1, 2008, all tournaments designated as Regional Youth Competitions (RYC) shall be required to remit a Program Support Fee of \$2.00 per individual registrant to the USFA. These payments are due at the time the results of the competitions are sent to USFA National Office. (Board of Directors, September 2008)

Division/Section Competitions

Divisions and Sections hold many different competitions including qualifying competitions for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships and the Summer National Championships. Schedules for these competitions can be found by contacting your division or section, or visiting the appropriate website. Contact information is available on the USFA website.

Local/Club Competitions

A wide variety of competitions can be found at the local level in clubs or sponsored by local organizations. Schedules for these competitions can be found by contacting your club or other clubs in the area. Contact information for clubs is available on the USFA website.

2.4 Entering Competitions/Tournaments

USFA National Tournaments

Fencers are not able to enter on site at a National Tournament. Entry forms must be received at the USFA National Office by the published deadline for that tournament. Entry forms for the different National tournaments are available on the USFA website. Each National Championship tournament has a separate entry form. For the Junior Olympic Championships and the Summer National Championships the entry form is posted on the USFA web site. The entry form for the Division I National Championships (Individual) is sent directly by e-mail to those who meet entry criteria. If there is no valid e-mail address available, the entry form will be sent via the US Postal Service. The

team entry form for Division I Team (only in an Olympic Year), Senior Team and Under-19 Team Championships will be posted on the USFA website.

Deadlines for entry are strictly enforced. Deadlines are published on the USFA website, in this book with the schedule in Appendix 1.1, and on the entry forms. The entry deadline date is approximately one month prior to the first day of the NAC tournament. Postmarks are not considered, entries must arrive at the USFA National Office by the deadline.

Late entries for NAC tournaments will be accepted up to the posted final deadline prior to the start of the NAC tournament, Junior Olympic Championships, and Summer National Championships with payment of triple the amount due of a timely entry. No entries are accepted after that date. See Appendix 1.1 for deadline dates for the 2008-2009 Season.

Payment of all fees must accompany the entry form for it to be considered received. Entry forms without complete payment are returned to the competitor.

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the specific tournament web page located on the US Fencing website. You need to verify the events you registered for, classification for each weapon, and division information. Report any discrepancies to U.S. Fencing immediately

For refund of event fee(s), withdrawals must be received in writing at the National Office no later than the Monday before the first day of the tournament. Registration fees are nonrefundable. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks following the tournament.

Unless otherwise specified, the latest edition of the *USFA Rules for Competition*, available on the US Fencing website, governs USFA competitions. It is the responsibility of each fencer to be familiar with them. Please refer to the Fencing Officials Website (www.fencingofficials.com).

National Open Circuit

Entry forms for these competitions will available through links on the USFA website and usfanoc.askfred.net for the tournament host. Competitors must follow entry procedures published with the entry form that includes the name and place to which entry is to be sent. Registrations for these competitions are NOT processed through the USFA office.

Super and Regional Youth Circuits

Entry forms for these competitions will be available through links on the USFA website and Youth committee website (www.usfaryc.org) from the tournament host. Competitors must follow entry procedures published with the entry form that includes the name and place to which entry is to be sent. Registrations for these tournaments are NOT processed through the USFA office.

Division/Section/Club/Local Competitions

Entry procedures for these competitions vary from competition to competition. Contact the organizers of the competitions to determine their procedures. You must register following the organizer's procedures. You cannot register through the USFA office.

2.5 Eligibility to Compete

Fencers must be current competitive USFA members in good standing to compete in competitions conducted under the auspices of the USFA. Foreign fencers must have a current FIE license.

For a fencer to compete in a specific age category competition or any "Open" level of competition conducted under the auspices of the USFA at divisional, sectional, or national levels, the following criteria must be met.

- The fencer's birth year falls within that age bracket **OR** ---
- If a fencer is currently (current as of the entry deadline for that tournament) listed in a National age group point standing, the fencer may enter the next older age category of competition, even if that fencer is younger than allowed by the age bracket.
- For categories of competitions in which criteria in addition to age must be met, the fencer must also meet those criteria by the entry deadline. There are specific age eligibility criteria for the Veteran tournaments as well.

Specific age rules for each event are given in Chapter 2.11 under each individual event, with a more detailed age chart specific to the current season in Appendix 2.1 and below.

A. AGE RULES: For National Tournaments 2008-2009 (Excluding Summer Nationals & SN Qualifying Tournaments)

CATEGORY	Division I	Division II	Division III	VET OPEN	VET 50-59	VET 60 +	JR	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y 10
CODE	DVI	DVII	DVIII	V40	V50-59	V60	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
AGE	Born on or before 1995	Born on or before 1995	Born on or before 1995	Born on or before 1968	9/1/59 – 9/2/49	Born before 9/2/48	1989 - 1995	1992 – 1995	1994-1997	1996-1999	1998-2001
CLASS	C, B <u>OR</u> A	C, D, E <u>OR</u> U	D, E <u>OR</u> U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B: 2009 Summer Nationals & Associated Division & Section Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIV. IA, II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	D1A, DV1, 2, 3	VET	U19	U16	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1995 or earlier	≤ 1968	1990-1996	1993-1996	1994-1997	1996-1999	1998-2001

CATEGORY	SR TM	JR TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60 & Older
CODE	STM	JTM	V40	V50	V60
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1995	1989-1995	9/2/59-1968	9/2/49-9/1/59	Born 9/2/49 or before
	Equal		As of 1/1/09	Age Range as of 9/1/09	

EXCEPTION TO AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (All other qualification criteria remains):

1. Youth 12 – A fencer born after 1999 can fence in Youth 12 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 10 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
2. Youth 14 – A fencer born after 1997 can fence in Youth 14 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 12 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
3. Cadet (U17) – A fencer born after 1995 can fence in Cadet (U17), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U17 Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.

4. Junior (U20) – A fencer born after 1995 can fence in Junior (U20), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U20 Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U17) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
5. Cadet (U16) – A fencer born after 1996 can fence in Cadet (U16) qualifying competition for the 2009 Summer National Championships **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
6. Junior (U19) – A fencer born after 1996 can fence in Junior (U19) qualifying competition for the 2009 Summer National Championships **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U16) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
7. Div. I, IA, II, III – For NAC those born after 1995 **must be** on the National Junior point standings; for the 2009 Summer National Championships and qualifying competitions those born after 1994 **must be** on the National Junior point standings.

For any USFA competition that is not specific to an age group, the fencer must be at least 13 years old as of January 1 of the current fencing season. The fencing season is the same as the membership year, August 1 through the following July 31. The exception to this rule is that a fencer who is on the Junior national rolling point standings (NRPS) at the entry deadline for the competition and is younger than 13 as of January 1 of the current fencing season will be allowed to compete in the USFA competitions not specific to an age group.

Examples of such competitions are: "Open", "Unclassified", "A" competitions, "C" or under competitions, Team competitions of any category unless specified for juniors or similar age restricted category.

2.6 Equipment Requirements for Domestic Tournaments

<i>Uniforms (jackets and pants):</i>	Standard fencing uniforms (FIE label not required)
<i>Plastrons (underarm protectors):</i>	Standard fencing plastron; required with every uniform, with or without official FIE label
<i>Masks:</i>	Must withstand 12K punch test; sewn-in bib; bib is not target in foil (FIE label not required), elastic strap at back of mask is required.
<i>Names on uniforms:</i>	Required at national tournaments
<i>Blades:</i>	For Youth 10 competitions, 30" or 32" required; all other competitions, standard blade length of 30" – 35" permitted.

Fencers must wear the required clothing — regulation fencing jacket and pants, underarm protector (plastron), knee socks and a fencing glove that covers half the forearm. Women must wear breast protector. Chest protection is allowed for men. In épée and foil, a full jacket is required (i.e., a jacket with croissard/groin strap). In foil, the lamé must have a croissard/groin strap. Any attachment to a weapon's handle (i.e. wrist strap orthopedic grip) must fix the hand in one position such that the top of the thumb is no more than 2 cm. from the inner surface of the guard. Warm-up pants are not allowed. Fencing uniforms must not have any rips, tears, holes, etc. For Division 1 competitions. U.S. Fencing allows uniforms of a single pastel color or designs on the rear (unarmed) arm and leg. As the purpose of uniform color or design is for audience interest, such designs should be in good taste. Graphic designs on the mask or uniform must be approved by the FOC in advance of USFA competitions. Submit such designs at least 6 weeks prior to use in a competition. Sewn-on designs must be on the rear arm/leg or back.

In all three weapons, each fencer's last name must be printed legibly from a distance of 15 feet, by hand or machine, in capital letters between 8 and 10 cm high: either (1) on the back of the uniform or lamé between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lamé material that is firmly sewn to the uniform in such a way that it will not detach during fencing or catch the opponent's point. Fabric attached to the uniform must be the same color as the part of the uniform to which it is attached. Conductive materials must be attached in such a

way as to not alter the conductivity of the metallic vest or jacket. NAMES PRINTED ON TAPE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

2.7 What is a Qualifier? General Qualifying Information

A qualifying competition is a competition whereby a specified number of fencers qualify to USFA Championships based on their results. Depending on the event, qualifiers are held by the Division or the Section. Qualifiers are held for the Summer National Championships and the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships.

Qualifying events are restricted to members of the division or section. Below is a list of the current qualifiers:

- Section Qualifying Tournaments: Senior Section Championships (for Division IA) and the Under-19 Section Championships (for U19 at Summer Nationals)
- Division Qualifying Tournaments: Division II/III Qualifying Competition, Under-16 Qualifying Competitions, Youth 14 Qualifying Competitions, Division I Team (only in an Olympic Year), Senior Team, and Under-19 Team Qualifying Competitions, and Junior and Cadet Junior Olympic Fencing Championships Qualifying Competitions.

If you do not receive a copy of the schedule of competitions in your Division, especially of the competitions required to qualify for Championships, contact one of the Division officers. To obtain names and phone numbers for any of the Division's officers, contact the USFA office by phone (719-866-4511) or e-mail (info@usfencing.org), for names and contact information. Many divisions and sections have a website where the schedule of their competitions is posted. See the USFA's website for links to divisions and sections.

The list of automatic qualifiers (fencers who qualify by the point standings or on the basis of the most recent National Championships) are posted on the USFA website starting in the Fall and revised after each relevant point tournament. Divisions and Sections can request the list of automatic qualifiers for their qualifying tournaments from the National Office.

Eligibility to Compete in a Qualifier

Fencers must be U.S. citizens OR permanent residents of the United States and current competitive members of the USFA. Any fencer who is a citizen or permanent resident who has represented another country in the last three years and who has not yet been granted permission to represent the USA is not eligible for any USFA National Championship competition, individual or team, including Division and Section qualifying competitions. A foreign fencer who is in the US on a visa is NOT eligible to fence in any National Championships, individual or team, or associated Division or Section qualifying competitions.

The FIE (the international fencing federation) requires that a fencer who is approved to change the country he or she represents must wait three years before representing the new country (FIE Statutes, 2007 edition).

In addition to citizenship requirements, fencers must meet the age and classification requirements of the USFA Championships at the time of the qualifier in order to compete in that qualifier.

Determination of Qualifiers

Fencers qualify by finishing in the top 25% of the qualifying competition. In determining the number of qualifiers, the number of competitors is the total number of fencers who competed in the qualifying competition who are eligible to fence in the Championships. Once the number of qualifiers is determined, those who have already qualified to the Championships in that weapon and category are skipped in determining those who have become qualifiers in that competition. For example, if

there are 20 competitors in the qualifying competition, of which four have already qualified for that particular championships event, and if those four are among the group who would qualify, those four are skipped in determining the five qualifiers from that competition. So, if the ones who have already qualified are 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 7th, then the qualifiers are those who have placed 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th.

Fencers who fail to qualify through Divisional or Sectional qualifying competitions can not qualify simply by virtue of another fencer who qualified at the qualifying competition becoming an automatic qualifier subsequent to the qualifying competition.

Table 2.1 Number Of Qualifiers For Junior Olympic Championships and Summer National Championships

# Competitors	1	2	3 -12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-32	33-36	37-40	41-44	45-48
# Qualifiers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Qualifying forms and instructions are sent to Division and Section officers via email. These forms must be submitted to the USFA National Office electronically by the officers by the stated deadline. These forms are the only acceptable notice from Divisions and Sections regarding their qualifying fencers. The USFA Office cannot process individual entries until qualifying forms are submitted.

2.8 Appeal/Petition Process

In exceptional cases, subject to approval by the USFA Executive Committee, a member of the USFA in good standing may be permitted to qualify to the Junior Olympic Championships or Summer National Championships by appeal. No petition may contravene the results of a qualifying competition. There is no appeal for Division I Nationals, the fencer either meets the qualification standards or does not.

Here are some examples of appeals and their dispositions:

- A. If you are injured or become ill while competing in a qualifying competition and do not withdraw on a medical basis, your result stands and there is NO appeal. It is better not to fence and get medical documentation or to withdraw and ask the bout committee for a written statement verifying the medical withdrawal. That statement or medical documentation must be submitted with your appeal.
- B. Appeals will not be considered for the case in which fencer is attending school in another division. Division membership is determined by where you live, where you go to school, or the location of the club that you represent in competition. When you renew your membership in the USFA, you must state the Division to which you wish to be assigned based on these criteria. That is your Division for the year and the one from which you must qualify to Championship tournaments. **An Athlete that petitions over multiple years may have the petition denied by the National Office.**
- C. The Division scheduled the qualifying competition on the same weekend as an NAC. (Divisions and Sections try to avoid such conflicts but it may not always be possible.) The fencer must decide in which competition(s) he wishes to compete. An appeal will not be approved if the fencer decides to fence in the NAC rather than the qualifying competition.

The following criteria and procedures are applicable to filing an appeal.

An appeal may be filed by a fencer who qualified to that same competition in the prior season or whose competitive record during the current fencing season indicates a strong possibility that (s)he would have qualified had (s)he been able to compete in the qualifying competition but:

- A. was unable to compete in the qualifying competitions this season (Mere attendance at an out of town school during the qualifying competition shall not constitute inability to compete), OR
- B. did compete and had to withdraw because of a disabling injury or illness.

All appeals must be made in writing to the Director of National Events, USFA National Office, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774. Such appeals should be filed within five business days following the competition at which the petitioner could have qualified. Petitions must be received at the National Office no later than the entry deadline for the Junior Olympic or Summer National Championships to which the petitioner seeks entry. Under no circumstances will petitions be accepted if received after the entry deadline for the Championships.

The appeal must be accompanied by:

- A. A non refundable-filing fee of \$50.00, payable to the USFA.
- B. A written statement that gives the specific details of the dates, reason for absence or withdrawal, and other pertinent facts. Written notice from the attending physician and/or statement from the Bout Committee must substantiate any medical reasons if the medical reason required withdrawal from the qualifying competition.
- C. A summary of the fencer's significant competitive results during the past year. In particular, results in previous National Championships and recent North American Cup competitions should be noted.
- D. Evidence that a copy of the petition has been submitted to the Chair or Secretary of the Division or Section that hosted the qualifying competition. If the basis for the petition does not correspond with information available to the Division or Section officer, then the USFA expects that officer to so notify the national office in writing. The Officer can then file a statement recommending denial of appeal and reasons thereto. Otherwise, it will be assumed the Officer has no objection to approval of appeal.
- E. A completed entry form for the competition with the correct registration and entry fees. If the petition is not approved, these fees associated with the entry will be refunded.
- F. Self addressed, stamped envelopes for reply to the appeal if fencer does not have a current e-mail address; otherwise responses to the appeal will be made by e-mail.

Petitions that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

Decisions on petitions will be based upon the validity of reasons given for absence or withdrawal and the probability that the fencer would have qualified had (s)he competed in the qualifying competition to its conclusion, based on results achieved in other competitions. Petitions are processed within 4-6 weeks.

If a fencer is permitted to enter a National Championship competition by this appeal procedure, the fencer's entry will in no way affect the number of qualifiers from the Division or Section involved.

2.9 Qualifying Competition Protest Process

If the qualifying competition was not run in accordance with the USFA rules, you may submit a protest in writing specifying the rule infraction(s). This must be done immediately to the Bout Committee and within THREE BUSINESS DAYS of the qualifying competition to the National Office; otherwise, no action can be taken by the USFA. Even if a timely protest is submitted, there is no guarantee that the protest will be upheld.

For more detailed information regarding the protest process, see the USFA Operations Manual or Chapter 5 of the USFA Rule Book, available on the USFA website.

2.10 Competition Format

Seeding

Seeding is the method of ranking the fencers at the beginning of the competition or the initial direct elimination table of the competition. Depending on the type of competition, different seeding principles are used.

In USFA non-World Cup competitions, fencers from the same Division and/or club or school are separated as much as possible in the first round of a competition by applying the rules regarding the separation of fencers of the same nationality as specified by the FIE Rules for Competition for the particular format being used, treating different club representation/affiliations as if they were different nationalities. The separation for nationality shall take precedence over separation for Division and/or club/school representation/affiliation.

Club representation is the club or school a fencer declares as representing at the first USFA competition fenced in each season. Affiliation is the club or school at which the fencer belongs in addition to the one stated as official "representation." The primary element in separating club mates is "club representation" declared by fencers. A secondary consideration will be club affiliation.

Ranked Fencers in a particular weapon are those who have achieved a ranking under the current national point system. For the purpose of seeding competitions, Ranked Fencers are subdivided into two groups:

1. A specified number of Ranked Fencers in each weapon in the current national rolling point standings for a particular category shall be entitled to a seeded draw ahead of all other domestic fencers in national USFA individual competitions of that category, as follows:

Division I National Championships*	Top 32 in Senior points
Veteran Combined, NAC	Top 16 in Combined Veteran points
Veteran Age Championships, NAC	Top 8 in Veteran Age points
Junior NAC, JO Champs, Nationals	Top 24 in Junior points
Cadet NAC, JO Champs, Nationals	Top 16 in Cadet points
Youth 14 NAC, Nationals	Top 12 in Youth 14 points
Youth 12 NAC, Open at Nationals	Top 8 in Youth 12 points
Youth 10 NAC, Open at Nationals	Top 4 in Youth 10 points

*Division I Seeding for NAC competitions is detailed in Chapter 2.11.1.

2. Other Ranked Fencers who have points in the relevant category shall be seeded ahead of all other domestic fencers with the same letter classification but behind all fencers with a higher letter classification.

Fencers holding a classification in the weapon being fenced, but not having a ranking under the current national point system, will be seeded according to their letter classification first and, within the same letter classification, by their numeric designation (i.e., the year in which they last won that letter classification). Within each classification/year group the order will be random.

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CATEGORY	LOCAL/REGIONAL/SECTIONAL	NATIONAL
NAC DIVISION 1	OPEN: Within each classification, Nat'l Senior Rolling Pts then year OR just classification-year	FIE Pts (min 2 placements in top 32 of Senior World Cup, Grand Prix, or World Championships), All on National Rolling Points, then Classification/Year*
Division I National Championships		Top 32 in National Senior Rankings, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
Division 1A National Championships	Within each classification, Nat'l Senior Rolling Pts then year OR just classification and year	Ranking within classification; then classification/year
Division II, III NAC, National Champs	Classification/Year	Classification/Year
Veterans Combined	Classification/Year	Top 16 in National Veterans Combined Rankings (Pt. Standings), then ranking within classification, then class/year
Veterans 50-59, 60 & older	Classification/Year	Top 8 in National Age Group standings, then ranking within class, then class/year
Junior: NAC, National. Champs., JOs	Within each classification, Nat'l Junior ranking then year OR just classification and year.	Top 24 in National Junior Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
Cadet NAC, National Champs., JOs	National Cadet ranking within classification, then classification/year OR just classification and year	Top 16 in National Cadet Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
Youth 14 – NAC, National Champs	National Youth 14 ranking within classification, then classification/year OR just classification and year	Top 12 in National Youth14 Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
Youth 12 NAC, At Summer Nationals	National Youth 12 ranking within classification, then classification/year OR just classification and year	Top 8 in National Youth12 Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
Youth 10 NAC, at Summer Nationals	National Youth 10 ranking within classification, then classification/year OR just classification and year	Top 4 in National Youth10 Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year

National ranking of a fencer is the fencer's actual place in the National Rolling Point standings (NRPS). The top "x" refers to actual places and not number of fencers from national standings.

The use of the point standings associated with the new National Open Circuit has not been determined at this time. Once the associated committee has complete the resolution of how these points will be used.

At National competitions the remaining fencers on the NRPS for that category of competition shall be seeded ahead of other fencers with the same letter classification regardless of year associated with their classification but after fencers with a higher letter classification. For example, a fencer on the NRPS with a B05 will be seeded after all "A" fencers and before other "B" classified fencers, even those who have earned a "B" more recently. Seeding for Division I NAC competitions is explained in Appendix N.

After seeding the ranked fencers all other fencers holding a classification in the weapon being fenced will be seeded according to classification, letter and year (i.e., the year in which they last earned that letter classification). Fencers with a "U" have not yet earned a classification and will be seeded after all other fencers with a classification and distributed randomly among the other fencers with a "U" in that weapon.

Pools

A “pool round” describes a group of fencers divided into equal or near equal sub-groups of 5, 6, 7 or more fencers. The fencers in each sub-group or pool fence all the other fencers in their pool in one 5 touch, 3-minute bout. The results of all the fencers in the pool round are ordered from highest or best results to lowest to determine the group of fencers promoted to the next round and seeding of the fencers for the next round.

DE/Repêchage

Competitions are said to be by Direct Elimination when a competitor is eliminated from the direct elimination tableau after his or her first defeat; Repêchage is a method whereby a fencer is eliminated after two losses prior to the round of 8. When repêchage is used, it will start at the round of 32 or 16 (whichever has a complete table first).

Competition Format

Details on each event’s format can be found in the following sections. Below is a table summarizing the different formats. More details information can be found with each specific event in Chapter 2.11

TABLE 5: NATIONAL COMPETITION FORMATS

Division I National Championships	One round of pools; 6 or 7-person pool, 80% promoted to simple direct elimination
Division I NAC	See Chapter 2.11
Division I-A II, III National Championships	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 80% promoted to simple direct elimination.
National Open Circuit (NOC)	To be determined by the NOC Task Group
Division II, III NAC	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 100% promoted to simple direct elimination.
U19, U16 National Championships U20, U17 Junior Olympic Fencing Champs.	One round of pools; of 6 or 7 persons per pool, 80% promoted to simple direct elimination.
Junior & Cadet NAC	One round of pools of 6 or 7 persons per pool, 80% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage.
Y14 SYC, NAC & National Championships	One round of pools: 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 100% promoted to simple direct elimination.
Y12, Y10 NAC, Regional & Super Youth Circuit, & Competitions at Summer National Championships.	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 100% promoted to direct elimination in which bouts are best 2 out of 3, 5-touch bouts, 1 minute rest between bouts.
Veteran Age National Championships	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 80% promoted** to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 10-touch bouts with two 3-minute periods. There is a one-minute rest between periods.
Veteran Combined NAC & Veteran Age NAC	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 100% promoted to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 10-touch bouts with two 3-minute periods. There is a one-minute rest between periods
Wheelchair NAC	Two rounds of pools; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination
Wheelchair National Championships	One round of pools, 100% promoted to simple direct elimination
NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS	Direct elimination from beginning of competition. Relay format, 9 bouts to a maximum score of 45 – increments of 5 touches or maximum time of 3 minutes for each bout. Fence

	off for 1 st and 3 rd
Open National Team Championships	Seeding is based on Senior national points at the close of entries and participating fencers' classifications earned prior to the Summer Nationals entry deadline.
U19 National Team Championships	Seeding is based on Junior national points at the close of entries and participating fencers' classifications earned prior to the Summer Nationals entry deadline.

**Unless there are 8 or less in the competition, then 100% promoted. [BOD, September 2008]
 Bouts in the pool round are 5-touch bouts with a 3-minute fencing time limit. For direct elimination, except where noted, maximum score of bout is 15, with three 3-minute periods. There is a one-minute rest between periods. In saber direct elimination bouts, except Veterans and Youth 10 and 12, a one minute rest will be given when one fencer's score has reached 8 or 3 minutes have expired in the first period, whichever occurs first.

2.11 Specific Events

This section details the specific events offered at USFA National Competitions. Each section gives the following information:

- General description of the event
- States if points can be earned at the event (further information on the award and calculation of points can be found in Chapters 3 and 4)
- Lists all eligibility requirements for the event both at the NAC level and the Championship level (age eligibility details can be found in Appendix 2.1).
- Describes the seeding principles and format of the event both at the NAC level and the Championship level (further information on seeding principles can be found in Chapter 2.10.1 and the USFA Operations Manual).

Division I

This event offers elite level competition for fencers 13 years of age and older, see exception noted below. Points from this competition count towards the Senior, Junior, and Cadet standings. Details on point standings can be found in Chapter 3.

NAC

Eligibility (age, classification, qualification path)

Fencers must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season (for the 2008-2009 season, birth date must be 1995 or earlier) or on the National Junior Point standings at the entry deadline. Fencers must have a classification of "C", "B", or "A" at the entry deadline or be ranked in the top 32 of the senior rolling point standings, top 16 in the junior or top 8 of the cadet rolling point standings at the entry deadline.

Fencers entered by a foreign federation will not need to show proof of comparable classification of "C" or better as long as they meet the age criteria and hold a FIE License for the current season. Foreign fencers who enter themselves in a NAC Division I competition must indicate their national ranking or previous results that are comparable to US "C" classification.

Seeding

Seeding Principle 1: Fencers who have a minimum of two top 32 finishes in Senior World Cup, Grand Prix, or World Championships will be ranked by their standings on the FIE Classification (World Cup standings) as of ten days prior to the first day of the NAC Division I tournament.

Seeding Principle 2: Following the fencers who meet Seeding Principle 1 will be fencers who are on the U.S. Fencing Senior Rolling Point Standings. Foreign fencers will be placed within the national standings according to the point total of their results in NAC competitions counted in the current U.S. Senior Rolling Point Standings.

Foreign fencers who have not fenced in any NAC and who do not meet the criteria for principle 1 will be evaluated according to the following:

1. If the fencer is listed on the World Cup standings, FIE points will be considered in order to determine a classification for the competition being seeded:
 - a. "A" classification for one finals finish, 1-8 [8 points or more in one World Cup]. The year suffix would be either the year in which points were earned or the year of the start of the current season.
 - b. "B" classification for one 9-16 finish [4 points or more in one World Cup] The year suffix would be either the year in which points were earned or the year of the start of the current season.
 - c. "C" classification for one 17-32 finish [for NAC Division I, FIE points equal to 2 or more in any one World Cup would warrant a "C" without a year indicated, just a "C" classification].]
 - d. "D" classification without a year suffix for one 33-64 finish [to be applied for NAC competitions other than Division 1] [one result in FIE standings awarded 2 or more FIE points]
2. If a fencer is not listed on the current FIE World Cup standings, but has been on a World Senior Team or Pan American Games team, a "B" will be awarded; if the team was a World Cadet or World Junior team then "C" will be awarded. The year suffix would be the year in which fencer was on such a team. If that information is not available omit the year suffix.
3. If the fencer has not been a World team member, but is a member of the country's national team, a "C" classification will be awarded. Similarly, if the fencer has been entered into the tournament by his fencing federation a "C" classification can be used. In both cases the year suffix would be the current year.
4. If nothing is known about the fencer and the National Weapon Coach for that weapon does not know anything about the fencer, the "D" classification should be used without a year suffix. In the case of NAC Division I, however, foreign fencers have been classified as "C" with the earliest year; for the 2008-2009 season, this classification would be a "C05."
5. When a classification has been assigned to a foreign fencer, the National Weapon Coach for that weapon should be consulted to determine its appropriateness for that tournament. If the National Weapon Coach does not respond, assume that the classification is acceptable.

Seeding Principle 3: Fencers who are not ranked according to Principle 1 or 2 will be ranked by their classification and year (e.g., those with A06 precede A05, those with B05 precede B04, etc). Fencers in any one letter and year group will be distributed randomly within that group.

Format

- Men's and Women's Foil, Men's and Women's Epee
 - One pool round
 - 75% advance to DE
 - Repêchage from table of 32 (if table of 32 is incomplete, no Repêchage)
 - DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments
- Men's and Women's Sabre
 - One pool round
 - 75% advance to DE
 - No Repêchage
 - DE bout format: bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches

Championships

Eligibility (age, classification, qualification path)

Fencers must be 13 years old by January 1 (see Chapter 2.5 for exceptions) of the current season AND

- Be on the current National Senior NRPS at the regular fee entry deadline for these Championships OR
- Earn points at a Division I NAC in the current season OR
- Be in the top 8 of the adjusted* Junior (U-19) NRPS at the regular fee entry deadline for these Championships of the current season OR
- Be in the top 4 of the adjusted* Cadet (U-16) NRPS at the regular fee entry deadline for these Championships of the current season OR
- Placed in the top 8 in the previous season Division I-A National Championships OR
- Placed in the top 4 in the previous season Division II National Championships OR
- In men's epee and women's epee, be one of three fencers named by the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association.

* Adjusted: For the Junior NRPS, fencers with birth year of 1989 will be "aged out" i.e., eligible birth year range = 1990-1996. For the Cadet NRPS, fencers with the birth year of 1992 will be "aged out" i.e., eligible birth year range = 1993-1996.

Seeding

The top 32 ranked fencers in the competition are entitled to a seeded draw ahead of all other fencers. Other Ranked Fencers who have points in the relevant category shall be seeded ahead of all other domestic fencers with the same letter classification but behind all fencers with a higher letter classification. Non-ranked fencers are seeded according to classification as described in 2.10.1.

Format

- One round of pools
- 80% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches.

Division IA – Summer National Championships

This event offers high-level competition for fencers 13 years and older. This event is offered only at the Summer National Championships; no points are awarded. Division IA National Championships is always at least a Group A3 competition for the purposes of awarding classifications. See Appendix 2.2 for Classification Reference Chart.

Eligibility (age, classification, qualifying path)

Fencers must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season or on the Junior NRPS AND

Consistent wording and exceptions

- Place in the top 25% (with a minimum of 8) at the current season Senior Section Championships (see Chapter 2.7 for detailed chart) OR
- Placed in top 8 at the previous season Division I-A National Championships OR
- Placed in top 4 at the previous season Division II National Championships OR
- Placed in the top 4 at any current season National Open Circuit (NOC) event OR
- Be the current season Under-19 Section Champion

Seeding

Fencers holding a classification in the weapon being fenced will be seeded according to their letter classification first and, within the same letter classification, by their numeric classification (i.e., the year in which they last won that letter classification). Fencers with the same letter and numeric classification are seeded randomly.

Format

- One round of pools
- 80% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches.

Division II & Division III

Division II national tournaments provide competition opportunities for fencers 13 years and older with a classification C or below. Division III national tournaments provide opportunities for fencers with classification D or below. National points are not awarded for placements in the Division II or Division III competitions. Division II is always at least a Group B3 competition and Division III is always at least a Group C3 competition for the purposes of awarding classifications. See Appendix 2.2 for Classification Reference Chart.

Age Requirements – NAC and Championships

Fencers must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season or on the Junior NRPS.

Eligibility (classification, qualifying path) - NAC

Fencers must meet age requirements as above AND

DIVISION II - Fencers with classifications of "C", "D", "E" or unclassified.

DIVISION III - Fencers with classifications of "D", "E" or unclassified.

If a fencer meets the classification requirement when his or her application is processed by the USFA, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.

Eligibility (classification, qualifying path) – Summer National Championships

DIVISION II

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "C", "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition AND meet age requirements as above AND –

- Place in the top 25% of the current season's Division Qualifying competition (see Chapter 2.7 for detailed chart) (USFA BOD Sept 2006)
- Qualified for Division IA, if classification eligible. [Board of Directors, September 2008].

DIVISION III

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition AND meet age requirements as above AND –

- Place in the top 25% (see Chapter 2.7 for detailed chart) of the total number of "D", "E" or "U" fencers competing in the current season Division's Division II Qualifying competition (when Division II and Division III qualifying competition held together) OR

- If separate Division III qualifying competition held by Division, then top 25% of the field will qualify for Division III National Championships (USFA BOD Sept 2006) OR
- Qualified for Division II, if classification-eligible.. [Board of Directors, September 2008].

Seeding (NAC & Championships)

DIVISION II - Classification – by letter and year – C, D, E, U. Within the same class and year, randomly

DIVISION III - Classification – by letter and year – D, E, U. Within the same class and year, randomly

Format (NAC)

- One round of pools
- 100% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches.

Format (Championships)

- One round of pools
- 80% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches.

Junior/Cadet

Junior and Cadet events provide national competitions for fencers under 17 (Cadet) and under 20 (Junior). These events are part of the selection criteria for the Junior/Cadet World Championship Team. Fencers can earn points at these competitions (See Chapters 3 and 4 for a more detailed explanation on points).

Age Requirements – NAC & Junior Olympic Championships

Subject to the exceptions in Appendix 2.1, fencers must be 13 years old by January 1 of the current season; if younger must be on the Cadet point standings at entry deadline. For Junior events, fencers must be under 20 years old as of January 1 of the current season. For Cadet events, fencers must be under 17 years old as of January 1 of the current season; if younger be on the Youth 14 point standings at entry deadline.

Eligibility (classification, qualifying path) – NAC

Fencers must meet age requirements as above.

Eligibility (classification, qualifying path) – Junior Olympic Championships

NRPS – National Rolling Point Standings

Fencers must meet Age requirements as above. Fencers must also be US citizens or permanent residents.

UNDER-20 (Junior) Fencers must meet age eligibility above **AND BE**

- on the Junior NRPS after the current season's January NAC **OR**
- on the Junior NRPS at the time of the fencer's current season Division Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition **OR**
- in the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS after the current season's January NAC **OR**

- in the top 25% [refer to Table in Chapter 2.7.2] in their Division's Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition

UNDER-17 (Cadet) Fencers must meet age eligibility above **AND BE**

- on the Cadet NRPS after the current season's January NAC **OR**
- on the Cadet NRPS at the time of the fencer's Division Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition **OR**
- in the top 8 of the Youth 14 NRPS after the current season's January NAC **OR**
- in the top 25% [refer to Table in Chapter 2.7] in their Division's Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition **OR**
- any fencer who has qualified for the Under-20 JO Championships becomes an automatic qualifier for the Under-17 Championships [BOD, 10/2004].

Eligibility (age, classification, qualifying path) – Summer National Championships

Because the Junior and Cadet season ends with the Junior/Cadet World Championships in April, the Summer National Championships are the first events of the new season for the Juniors and Cadets. Therefore, they have different birth year eligibility requirements.

Subject to the exceptions in Appendix 2.1, fencers must be 13 years old as of December 31 of the year of the Summer National Championships. For Junior events, fencers must be under 20 years old as of January 1 of the new season. For Cadet events, fencers must be under 17 years old as of January 1 of the new season.

Fencers must also be US citizens or permanent residents.

UNDER-19 (Junior) - Fencers must meet eligibility above **AND**

- Place in the top 25% (see Chapter 2.7 for detailed chart) at the fencer's current season Under-19 Section Championships **OR**
- Be on the Junior (Under-19) point standings on May 1 **OR**
- Be on the Junior (Under-19) point standings at the Section's qualifying competition **OR**
- Be in the top 16 of the Cadet (Under-16) point standings on May 1
- Be in the top 16 of the Cadet (Under-16) point standings at the time of the Section's qualifying competition.

UNDER-16 (Cadet) – Fencers must meet eligibility above **AND**

- Be on the Cadet (Under-16) point standings on May 1 **OR**
- Be on the Cadet (Under-16) point standings at the time of the Division's qualifying competition **OR**
- Place in the top 25% (see Chapter 2.7 for detailed chart) of the Division's U-16 qualifying competition **OR**
- Qualify for U19 event **OR**
- Be in the Top 8 of the Youth 14 point standings after the April NAC

Seeding (NAC, Junior Olympic Championships, and Summer National Championships)

For Juniors, the top 24 on the Junior Points in the competition are entitled to a seeded draw ahead of all other domestic fencers. For Cadets, the top 16 on the Cadet points. See Chapter 2.10 for further details.

Format – Juniors and Cadets (NAC)

- One round of pools
- 80% promoted from the pool round
- Repêchage at 32 or 16, wherever the table is complete

- DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches.

Format – Juniors and Cadets (Junior Olympic Championships, and Summer National Championships)

- One round of pools
- 80% promoted from the pool round
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 15 touched in three 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches.

Youth 14/12/10

The Youth National tournaments provide experience for fencers 14 and under, 12 and under, and 10 and under. Points are awarded for these competitions.

Eligibility (age, classification)

Y14: Subject to the exceptions in Appendix 2.1, fencers must be at least 11 years old as of December 31 of the season, and no more than 14 years old as of December 31 of the season.

Y12: Subject to the exceptions in Appendix 2.1, fencers must be at least 9 years old as of December 31 of the season, and no more than 12 years old as of December 31 of the season.

Y10: Fencers must be at least 7 years old as of December 31 of the season, and no more than 10 years old as of December 31 of the season.

There are no classification requirements.

Qualifying Path – NAC

Y14 – no qualifying path

Y12 & Y10: Fencers must fence in at least one Regional Youth or Super Youth Competition in the current season to be eligible to enter the same category and weapon at the April NAC.

Qualifying Path – Summer National Competitions

YOUTH-14 Championships – Fencers must meet age eligibility above **AND**

- Earn Youth 14 points at a current season Super Youth Circuit Competition **OR**
- Earn points at a current season Youth 14 NAC, Cadet NAC, or Cadet Summer National Championships **OR**
- Earn points at the previous season's Youth 14 Summer National Championships* **OR**
- Be on the Youth 14 point standings at the time of the Division's qualifying competition **OR**
- Place in the top 25% (see Chapter 2.7.2 for detailed chart) of the fencer's Division's Youth 14 qualifying competition held in the current season **OR**
- Qualify for U19 event

Y12 and Y10 fencers must state on entry the competition(s) at which he or she fulfilled the requirement for either the Youth NAC or the youth competitions at Summer Nationals. Failure to do so will cause the rejection of the entry. (RYC or SYC participation)

YOUTH-12 Tournament - Fencers must meet age eligibility above **AND**

- Fence in one Regional Youth Circuit or one Super Youth Circuit or NAC Youth in the current season in the age and weapon category (categories) in which fencer requests entry acceptance **OR**
- Qualify for U19 event **OR**
- Be on the Youth 12 national point standings after the April NAC

YOUTH-10 Tournament - Fencers must meet age eligibility above **AND**

- Fence in one Regional Youth Circuit or one Super Youth Circuit or NAC Youth in the current season in the age and weapon category (categories) in which fencer requests entry acceptance OR
- Qualify for U19 event **OR**
- Be on the Youth 10 national point standings after the April NAC

Seeding

The following ranked fencers are entitled to a seeded draw ahead of all other domestic fencers. See Chapter 2.10.1 for further details.

Youth 14 NAC & Nationals	Top 12 in Youth 14 points
Youth 12 NAC & Tournament at Nationals	Top 8 in Youth 12 points
Youth 10 NAC & Tournament at Nationals	Top 4 in Youth 10 points

Format (NAC & Nationals)

Y14

- One round of pools
- 100% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments

Y10 & Y12

- One round of pools
- 100% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: Best two of three 5-touch 3 minute bouts

(Reminder: At all Youth 10 competitions, blade length must be either 30" or 32" long.)

Veteran Combined and V40, V50, V60

There are 4 categories of veteran events: Combined (ages 40 and above), V40 (ages 40-49), V50 (ages 50-59), and V60 (ages 60 and above). At veteran competitions at NAC tournaments, Combined, V50, and V60 are held. V40, V50, and V60 events are held at the Summer National Championships. Points are awarded for these competitions. See Chapters 3 and 4 for more details on how points are awarded and calculated.

Eligibility (age, classification)

Combined: Must be at least 40 years old as of December 31 of the season.

Age eligibility for the separate age categories is governed by the FIE's rules for the Veteran World Championships (specifically V50 and V60).

V40: Must be at least 40 years old as of December 31 of the current season, and must not have reached 50 years old as of the first day of the month in which the Veteran World Championships will be held (typically the September after the Summer National Championships).

V50: Must be at least 50 years old and no older than 59 years old as of the first day of the month in which the next Veteran World Championships will be held (typically the September after the Summer National Championships).

V60: Must be at least 60 years old as of the first day of the month in which the Veteran World Championships will be held (typically the September after the Summer National Championships).

For the Summer National Championships, fencers must be a US Citizen or permanent resident.

Qualifying Path – NAC

There is no qualifying path to compete in the NAC Veterans events. Fencers must meet age requirements as above.

Qualifying Path – Summer National Championships

Fencer must state on entry the competition at which he or she met qualification criteria. Failure to do so will be the basis for rejection of entry. (NAC or points)

VETERAN – must meet age eligibility requirements above **AND** compete in

- Current season Section Championships **OR**
- Current season Division qualifying competition for Division II and/or Division III Championships in which only those with a “C” classification or lower (D, E, or U) may compete **OR**
- Any NAC during the current season.

Seeding

The following ranked fencers are entitled to a seeded draw ahead of all other domestic fencers. See Chapter 2.10 for further details.

Veteran Combined, NAC	Top 16 in Combined Veteran points
Veteran Age Championships, NAC	Top 8 in Veteran Age points

Format (NAC)

- One round of pools
- 100% promoted out of pools
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 10 touches in two 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 10 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 5 touches.

Format (Championships)

- One round of pools
- 80% promoted out of pools; however, if there are 8 or fewer fencers registered in the event, 100% shall be promoted out of the pools [BOD, September , 2008]
- No repêchage
- DE bout format: 10 touches in two 3-minute segments. In saber, bouts are fenced to 10 touches, with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 5 touches.

Team Events

There are three categories of team events: Division I, Senior, and Junior. The Senior and Junior team events are held in conjunction with the Summer National Championships. Division I Team Championships are held every four years in the Spring of the year in which the Olympic Games are held.

Eligibility

Members of the Senior team must be at least 13 years old as of December 31 of the current season. Members of the Junior (Under 19) team must be at least 13 years old and under 19 years old as of January 1 of the next season.

Qualifying Path

USFA Member Clubs qualify teams to these competitions through the following path:

- Clubs qualify based on the number of different USFA Member Clubs represented at each of the Division's Senior Team, and Under-19 Team qualifying competitions (See chart below).
OR

# Clubs	2	3	4-5	6-10	>10
# Qualifiers	2	3	4	5	6

- Be a USFA member club that placed in the top 4 at the previous season's National Team Championships in that category of team championships

Seeding Teams

Seeding for national team competitions is in accordance with the rules established for the US National Team Championships.

For the Senior team event, seeding is based on the participating fencers' Senior national points at the close of entries and classifications earned by the Summer Nationals entry deadline.

For the Under-19 team event, seeding is based on the participating fencers' Junior national points at the close of entries and classifications earned by the Summer Nationals entry deadline.

Teams with the same seed value are randomized by computer or neutral person for seeding rank

Teams: To seed teams at the National Team Championships a seed value is calculated for each team based on the national rolling point standing (NRPS), senior point standings for the Senior teams and junior point standings for the Junior teams, and/or the classification of each member of the team. The National standing and the classification of each member of the team are those as of three weeks prior to the start of the National Championships.

NRPS Points: The first set of team points for each member of the team is based on the fencer's national point standing. A fencer who is first on the NRPS receives 132 points, second receives 131 points and so on, down to 32nd (32nd = 101 points). Fencers who are ranked 33rd or lower on the NRPS are allocated 50 points. Fencers who are not on the NRPS are not given any points.

Classification: Each member of the team receives points based on their classification and the year classification was last earned.

- A's are given points between 670 and 640
- B's given a value between 570 and 540

- C's given a value between 470 and 440
- D's given a value between 370 and 340
- E's given a value between 270 and 340
- U's are given a value of 100 points

Within each classification the year is reflected in 10 point increments, with an A07 worth 670 points, an A06 worth 660 points, A05 given 650 points and A04 worth 640 points. The same process is used for the other letter classifications (B, C, D, and E). Those fencers who have yet to earn a classification (U) are given 100 points.

The individual seed value is calculated by adding the thus determined NPRS and classification points for each team member. The three highest total point values are then added. This sum becomes the team's total points. Teams are then ranked by highest team total points (number 1 seed) to lowest team total points (last seeded team).

Example:

Fencer	NRPS	Team points	Classification	Team points	Total points
A	18th	115	A07	670	785
B		0	C06	460	460
C		0	U	100	100
D	53rd	50	B07	570	620
			TEAM SEEDING POINTS: (Sum of the best three)		1865

Chapter 3 - Awarding of Points

3.1 Definition of Point Standings

The USFA maintains national point standings for different age groups: Youth 10, Youth 12, Youth 14, Cadet, Junior, Senior, and Veteran (combined 40-49, 50-59, and 60+). These point standings are referred to as the National Rolling Point Standings (NRPS). The current point standings can be found on the USFA website.

There are two categories of competitions at which points can be earned: Domestic and International. There are point tables for each category and for each age group (see Appendix 2.3-2.5 for these tables).

National Rolling Point Standings are used for the following:

- To seed USFA national competitions
- As a qualifying path to the National Championships and the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships
- To determine group of fencers for entry in World Cup and designated Cadet competitions. (See Chapter 5)
- As a measure of the progress of the Youth fencer in his or her peer group.

National Team Point standings (calculated for Cadet, Junior, and Senior) are used for selection of fencers for specific international teams (see Chapters 7-12), and may be used for selection of fencers for specific USFA or USOC funding programs (see Chapter 13).

3.2 Earning Domestic Points

Structure of Point Standings

The calculation of the total points for the standings for Senior, Junior, and Cadet are a combination of two groups: Group I and Group II. The combination of these two groups in a specific manner determines the point total and thus the ranking of fencers both on the rolling point standings and the team standings (where only those competitions specified in the selection criteria are included in the point total). The methods used for calculating point totals are given in Chapter 4 for each age group.

USFA National Domestic Point Tournaments are:

North American Cup (NAC)

- Division I – points count for Senior, Junior, and Cadet standings
- Veteran – points count for the Veteran combined standings (40 & older) and the Veteran age groups – 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and older
- Junior – points count for the Junior and Cadet standings
- Cadet – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 standings
- Youth 14 – points count for the Youth 14 and Youth 12 standings
- Youth 12 – points count for the Youth 12 and Youth 10 standings
- Youth 10 – points count for the Youth 10 standings

Junior Olympic Championships

- Under-20 Championships – points count for the Junior and Cadet standings
- Under-17 Championships – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 standings

Division I National Championships – points count for Senior, Junior, and Cadet standings

Summer National Championships

- Veterans Age Group Championships – points count for 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older point standings
- Under-19 Championships – points count for Junior and Cadet standings
- Under-16 Championships – points count for Cadet and Youth 14 standings
- Youth 14 Championships – points count for Youth 14 and Youth 12 point standings

Youth 10, Youth 12 at Summer National Open Youth Event

- Youth 12 tournament – points count for Youth 12 and Youth 10 point standings
- Youth 10 tournament – points count for Youth 10 point standings

Super Youth Circuit (SYC) Tournaments – Best SYC result counts toward point totals

- Youth 14 tournament – points count for Youth 14 and Youth 12 point standings
- Youth 12 tournament – points count for Youth 12 and Youth 10 point standings
- Youth 10 tournament – points count for Youth 10 point standings

Awarding Points Based on Placement - Domestic

The number of points earned is determined by placement and type of competition. The point tables for the National tournaments for the current fencing season are in Appendix 2.3-2.5. These tables show the number of points that could be earned for placement in each category of point competition.

The schedule for how the domestic points for the Rolling Point Standings (RPS) are calculated throughout the season, from one domestic point competition to another can be found with each point table type (see Chapter 4).

After the Junior and Cadet World Championships in April, Junior and Cadet point standings are revised to reflect only those fencers eligible for the next year's World Junior and Cadet Championships. After the Summer National Championships, and no later than August 1 of each season, the Youth and Veteran 40-49 point standings are updated to contain only those who meet the age criteria for the start of the season. After the Veteran World Championships (early September) the Veteran 50-59 and Veteran 60+ point standings are updated.

The Super Youth Circuit competitions will award points to the top 40% of the field regardless of where the cut off occurs, within a pool round or a direct elimination bracket. For all other National point competitions, points will be awarded for placement within the direct elimination bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum place of 32nd.

In the Veterans national point competitions, there will be no percentage cutoff with points awarded to a maximum of 64th place or to the last place in the competition, whichever number is smaller.

For all other National point competitions (Senior, Junior, and Cadet), points will be awarded for those promoted from the pool round to the initial direct elimination table, and in the direct elimination bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum place of 32nd. If the 40% cut off falls within a pool round, the points will be awarded only in the direct elimination round. For competitions where there is direct elimination with repêchage beginning at 32 the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-24, 25-32. For competitions with repêchage starting at 16, the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-32. For competitions without repêchage, the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-

16, 17-32. If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; and the whole number equals the bracket in which points will be awarded.

The places in any tie will share the points for those places. The points are averaged for each place involved (e.g., 3 tied for 25th receive the average of points for 25th, 26th, and 27th place). If a fencer is excluded from a competition, that place is left vacant and no one receives the points for that place.

Expiration and Replacement of Points

A current competition result replaces the comparable competition result of the prior season or year unless such competition is not being held during the next season. In that case, points earned at a specific point competition will be valid for 12 months. Points earned at National Championships are retained until the next Championships.

3.3 Awarding of Points – International

Chapter 4 describes the different types of international competitions and who is eligible to compete.

The point tables for international points can be found in Appendix 2.3-2.5. When official results are not available on the Internet, international points for USFA national point standings **Will Be Awarded Only** if the complete official results have been submitted to the International Programs Department at the USFA office within 30 days of an international individual and team competitions. When an international competition occurs close to or at the same time as the time specified for selection of fencers for an international team, then the **results must be submitted within five business days** after that competition to be considered for the team point standings.

Changes to the rolling point standings for seeding a domestic point competition may be made if international results are submitted or posted on the FIE website at least ten days prior to the domestic point tournament.

Designated "A" (FIE World Cup) individual competitions are "A" competitions selected by each National Weapon Coach as World Cup competitions that are most suited to the goals of the weapon to aid in developing world class US fencers. These competitions are categorized as Group II points

USFA points will be awarded for results at designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions as described below. Points will not be awarded in cases where the FIE has nullified the results of a Senior World Cup or Grand Prix competition and does not award FIE points for that competition.

- a. Fencer placed in the direct elimination bracket (4, 8, 16, 32, 64) in which top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum of 32nd place, or 64th as specified in item b below.
- b. If the strength factor in the "A" competition equals 2.0 and the fencer is promoted to the 2nd day table of 64 (complete or incomplete), placements earned between 33rd and 64th place will be awarded points (see Appendix 2.5 for point table).

If the resulting total number of points is less than 275, 165, or 110 (the lowest number of points awarded in Senior, Junior, or Cadet domestic point competitions, respectively) the fencer is not listed on the Senior, Junior, or Cadet point standings. A record is maintained for each fencer whose total is less than the minimum number of points until the total number of points earned by the fencer equals or is greater than the minimum required for that category of National point standings. The fencer will then be placed on the point standings and the points combined as appropriate with any future results.

Points awarded for international competitions will remain in place until the competition is held again in the following calendar year. If such competition is not held the next calendar year, the points will be dropped 12 months after that international point competition. Points earned at World Championships or Olympic Games remain until the next World Championships or Olympic Games, whichever occurs next.

Strength Factor for USFA International Points

The Strength Factor (SF) is a multiplier used to determine the number of USFA points to be awarded for each place in Senior *World Cup and Grand Prix*, Junior "A", *selected Designated Cadet* competitions. The Strength Factor (SF) takes into consideration the size (N) of the field (actual number of competitors) and the number of World Cup fencers in the competition. If a fencer is on both the Junior and Senior FIE ranking list, the better of the two values is used in the calculation of the Junior (JSF) or Senior (SSF) Strength Factor. The SSF is applied to Column M of the Point Table in Appendix 2.5. The JSF is applied to Column L of the Point Table in Appendix 2.5. The FIE World Cup standings used are those at the start of the competition. The maximum value of the SF is 2.0, even if the formula generates a higher value. National coaches may also pre assign a strength factor to Designated Cadet competitions.

FORMULA FOR SENIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (SSF)

$$\text{SSF} = [\text{N}/10 + 7(\text{Sr}8) + 6(\text{Sr}16) + 5(\text{Sr}32) + 4(\text{Sr}64) + 3(\text{Jr}16) + 2(\text{Sr}100)]/100$$

where	SSF	=	Senior Strength Factor
	N	=	Number of Competitors
	Sr8	=	No. of fencers 1-8 in the FIE Senior World Cup standings
	Sr16	=	No. of fencers 9-16 in the FIE Senior World Cup standings
	Sr32	=	No. of fencers 17-32 in the FIE Senior World Cup standings
	Sr64	=	No. of fencers 33-64 in the FIE Senior World Cup standings
	Sr100	=	No. of fencers 65-100 in the FIE Senior World Cup standings
	Jr16	=	No. of fencers 1-16 in the FIE Junior World Cup Standings

FORMULA FOR JUNIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (JSF)

$$\text{JSF} = [\text{N}/3 + 10(\text{Jr}8) + 8(\text{Jr}16) + 6(\text{Jr}32) + 12(\text{Sr}16)]/100$$

where	JSF	=	Junior Strength Factor
	N	=	Number of Competitors
	Jr8	=	No. of fencers 1-8 in the FIE Junior World Cup standings
	Jr16	=	No. of fencers 9-16 in the FIE Junior World Cup standings
	Jr32	=	No. of fencers 17-32 in the FIE Junior World Cup standings
	Sr16	=	No. of fencers 1-16 in the FIE Senior World Cup standings

Chapter 4 - Point Standings and Team Selection

4.1 Overview of Point Calculations

Point standings are calculated differently for each age group. For the Senior, Junior, and Cadet point standings, they are also calculated differently for each weapon.

In the event there is a discrepancy between a calculation formula listed in this chapter and elsewhere in the Handbook, the formula included in this chapter shall prevail.

4.2 Senior Point Standings

Senior fencers may compete and earn USFA National Points at Division I events. Highly ranked Senior fencers can earn points at designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions. See Chapter 5 for eligibility details. The minimum number of points a fencer must have to be listed on the Senior point standings is 275.

Senior International points are calculated using the point table in Appendix 2.5. A Strength Factor is applied to the value in the point table, as described in Chapter 3.3.

Satellite competitions will no longer be considered for USFA points.

Senior Domestic Point Standings Cycle

The following demonstrates how the domestic Group I rolling points are calculated throughout the season, from one domestic point competition to another.

Point Total = sum of 3 highest results

1. After 08 Nationals to before Dec 08 NAC

- 07 Dec NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC DIV I
- 08 Apr NAC DIV I
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals

2. After 08 Dec NAC to before 09 Jan NAC

- 08 Jan NAC DIV I
- 08 Apr NAC DIV I
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals
- 08 Dec NAC DIV I

3. After 09 Jan NAC to before 09 Apr DIV I Nationals

- 08 Apr NAC DIV I
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals
- 08 Dec NAC DIV I
- 09 Jan NAC DIV I

4. After 09 Apr DIV I Nationals – End of Season

- 08 Dec NAC DIV I
- 09 Jan NAC DIV I
- 09 Apr DIV I Nationals

Official end of season calculations will be done after the World Championships in the Fall to allow for inclusion of international points.

4.3 Junior Point Standings

Junior fencers may compete and earn USFA National Points in their age category and in Division I competitions. Highly ranked Junior point fencers can earn points at designated Junior "A" and Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions. See Chapter 5 for eligibility details. The minimum number of points a fencer must have to be listed on the Junior point standings is 165.

The cycle for the Junior point standings starts with the Summer National Championships and closes after the World Junior Championships in the Spring. The Junior Championships at the Summer National Championships have age entry criteria to match FIE criteria for the following year's World Junior Championships.

Junior International points are calculated using the point table in Appendix 2.5. A Strength Factor is applied to the value in the point table, as described in Chapter 3.3.

Junior Domestic Rolling Point Standings Cycle

The following demonstrates how the domestic Group I rolling points are calculated throughout the season, from one domestic point competition to another.

Point Total = sum of 4 highest results

1. Start of Junior season (after World Championships) Apr 08 to before 08 Jul Summer Nationals
2. After 08 Jul Sum Nationals to before 08 Nov NAC

- 07 Jul Sum JR Nationals
- 07 Jul DIV I Sum Nationals
- 07 Nov NAC JR
- 07 Dec NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC JR
- 08 Feb JO JR
- 08 Apr DIV I NAC
- 07 Nov NAC JR
- 07 Dec NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC JR
- 08 Feb JO JR
- 08 Apr NAC DIV I
- 08 Jul Sum JR Nationals
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals

3. After 08 Nov NAC to before 08 Dec NAC

- 07 Dec NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC JR
- 08 Feb JO JR
- 08 Apr NAC DIV I
- 08 Jul Sum JR Nationals
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals
- 08 Nov NAC JR

4. After 08 Dec NAC to before 09 Jan NAC

- 08 Jan NAC DIV I
- 08 Jan NAC JR
- 08 Feb JO JR
- 08 Apr NAC DIV I
- 08 Jul Sum JR Nationals
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals
- 08 Nov NAC JR
- 08 Dec NAC DIV I

5. After 09 Jan NAC to before 09 Junior Olympics

- 08 Feb JO JR
- 08 NAC Apr DIV I
- 08 Jul Sum JR Nationals
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals
- 08 Nov NAC JR
- 08 Dec NAC DIV I
- 09 Jan NAC DIV I
- 09 Jan NAC JR

6. End of Season Calculations

- 08 Jul Sum JR Nationals
- 08 Jul DIV I Nationals
- 08 Nov NAC JR
- 08 Dec NAC DIV I
- 09 Jan NAC DIV I
- 09 Jan NAC JR
- 09 Feb JO JR
- 09 Apr DIV I NAC

Official end of season calculations will be done after the Junior/Cadet World Championships in April to allow for inclusion of international points.

4.4 Cadet Point Standings

Cadet fencers may compete and earn USFA National points in their age category, in the Junior category and in Division if fencers meet the entry criteria specified in Chapter 2.5. Cadet fencers who have achieved high standings can also earn points for the Cadet standings at designated international Cadet competitions and may be able to compete and earn points at Junior "A" World Cup competitions. The restrictions on entering international competitions reflect the standards of performance expected of any fencer prior to advancing to international competition. See Chapter 5 for details. The minimum total number of points a fencer must have to be listed on the Cadet point standings is 110.

The cycle for the Cadet point standings starts with the Summer National Championships and closes after the World Junior & Cadet Championships in the Spring. The Cadet Championships at the Summer National Championships have age entry criteria to match FIE criteria for the following year's World Cadet Championships.

Designated Cadet "B" is nomenclature used by the USFA to describe an international competition that has been designated by the National Weapon Coaches as being suited to provide international experience and point opportunities for Cadet fencers and are competitions limited to Cadet fencers. Cadet fencers can earn Group II Points at those competitions for team selection (See Appendix 2.3-2.5 for point tables).

Cadet Domestic Point Standings Cycle

The following demonstrates how the domestic rolling points (Group I points) are calculated throughout the season, from one domestic point competition to another. The Cadet season begins with the Summer National Championships.

Point Total = sum of 4 highest results

1. Start of Cadet Season (after World Championships, 08 Apr) to before 08 Jul Summer Nationals
 - 07 Jul Sum Nationals CDT
 - 07 Jul Sum Nationals JR
 - 07 Oct NAC CDT
 - 07 Nov NAC CDT
 - 07 Nov NAC JR
 - 08 Jan NAC JR
 - 08 Feb JO CDT
 - 08 Feb JO JR
2. After 07 Jul Sum Nationals to Before 08 Oct NAC
 - 07 Oct NAC CDT
 - 07 Nov NAC CDT
 - 07 Nov NAC JR
 - 08 Jan NAC JR
 - 08 Feb JO CDT
 - 08 Feb JO JR
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals JR
3. After 08 Oct NAC to before 08 Nov NAC
 - 07 Nov NAC CDT
 - 07 Nov NAC JR
 - 08 Jan NAC JR
 - 08 Feb JO CDT
 - 08 Feb JO JR
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
 - 08 Jul Sum Nationals JR
 - 08 Oct NAC CDT
4. After 08 Nov NAC to before 09 Jan NAC
 - 08 Jan NAC JR
 - 08 Feb JO CDT
 - 08 Feb JO JR
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals JR
 - 08 Oct NAC CDT
 - 08 Nov NAC CDT
 - 08 Nov NAC JR
5. After 09 Jan NAC to before 09 Feb Junior Olympics
 - 08 Feb JO CDT
 - 08 Feb JO JR
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals JR
 - 08 Oct NAC CDT
 - 08 Nov NAC CDT
 - 08 Nov NAC JR
 - 09 Jan NAC JR
6. End of Season Calculations
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
 - 08 Jul Summer Nationals JR
 - 08 Oct NAC CDT
 - 08 Nov NAC CDT
 - 08 Nov NAC JR
 - 09 Jan NAC JR
 - 09 Feb JO CDT
 - 09 Feb JO JR

Official end of season calculations will be done after the Junior/Cadet World Championships in April to allow for inclusion of international points.

4.5 Youth Point Standings

For the three Youth categories, points may be earned by competing at national point competitions for one's own age category and the next older category. For example, a Y12 fencer can earn points on the Y12 Point Standings at Y12 and Y14 point competitions. Points can also be earned through the Super Youth Circuit (SYC) competitions, where the fencer's best result, the one in which the fencer earns the most points in his or her age category (or the next older category in the case of Y10 and Y12 fencers) and weapon will count towards his or her total in youth point standings.

Youth fencers who are too young for the next age category can compete in that next age category when they are on the point standings for their age category in that weapon at the entry deadline for the competition or tournament. For example, if a fencer is listed on the National Y10 point standings in men's foil at the entry deadline for the competition or tournament, that fencer can compete in a Y12 men's foil competition even if the fencer is younger than the minimum age required.

The season for the Youth point standings coincides with the membership year, August 1 through July 31, with the youth competitions at the Summer National Championships as the final national point competitions. (At this time the Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions held during the Summer National Championships are not designated as National Championships.) The point standings after the Summer Nationals are the final standings for the three Youth age categories for that season. The point standings on August 1, the beginning of the new season, are updated to include only those fencers who meet the age criteria for the new season for each age category in each weapon.

For the Youth point standings, the point total is the sum of the best four points earned at the eligible tournaments for that age group. For example, for the Youth 10 point standings, the point total is the sum of the best four points earned at the combination of Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions at: the North American Cup (NAC) tournament, one SYC, and at the Youth competitions held during the Summer National Championships during the season.

The following demonstrates how the domestic points are calculated throughout the season, from one domestic point competition to another.

Youth 10 (Y10) Point Standings Cycle

Point Total = sum of 4 highest results

1. Start of Season to before 09 Apr Youth NAC

- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y10
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 08 Apr NAC Y12
- 08 Apr NAC Y10
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y10
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y12

2. After 09 Apr Youth NAC to before 09 Jul Summer Nationals

- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y10
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y12
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y10
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 09 Apr NAC Y12
- 09 Apr NAC Y10

3. End of Season Calculations

- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y10
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 09 Apr NAC Y12
- 09 Apr NAC Y10
- 09 Jul Summer Nationals Y10
- 09 Jul Summer Nationals Y12

Youth 12 (Y12) Point Standings Cycle

Point Total = sum of 4 highest results

1. Beginning of season to Before 08 Nov Y14 NAC

- 07 Nov NAC Y14
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Apr NAC Y12
- 08 Apr NAC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y12
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14

2. After 08 Nov NAC to before 09 Apr Youth NAC

- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Apr NAC Y12
- 08 Apr NAC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y12
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14

3. After Apr Youth NAC to Before Sum Nationals

- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 09 Apr NAC Y12
- 09 Apr NAC Y14
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y12
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14

4. End of Season Calculations

- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 09 Apr NAC Y12
- 09 Apr NAC Y14
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y12
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 09 Jul Summer Nationals Y12
- 09 Jul Summer Nationals Y14

Youth 14 (Y14) Point Standings Cycle

Point Total = sum of 4 highest results

1. Beginning of season to before 08 Oct NAC

- 07 Oct NAC CDT
- 07 Oct NAC Y14
- 07 Nov NAC CDT
- 08 Feb JO CDT
- 08 Apr NAC Y14
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT

2. After 08 Oct NAC to before 08 Nov NAC

- 07 Nov NAC CDT
- 08 Feb JO CDT
- 08 Apr NAC Y14
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14
- 08 Jul Sum Nationals CDT
- 08 Oct NAC CDT
- 08 Oct NAC Y14

3. After 08 Nov NAC to before 09 Feb Junior Olympics

- 08 Feb JO CDT
- 08 Apr NAC Y14
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
- 08 Oct NAC CDT
- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 08 Nov NAC CDT

4. After 09 Feb Junior Olympics to before 09 Apr NAC

- 08 Apr NAC Y14
- 07-08 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
- 08 Oct NAC CDT
- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 08 Nov NAC CDT
- 09 Feb JO CDT

5. After 09 Apr NAC to Before 09 Jul Sum Nationals

- 08 Jul Summer Nationals Y14
- 08 Jul Summer Nationals CDT
- 08 Oct NAC CDT
- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 08 Nov NAC CDT
- 09 Feb JO CDT
- 09 Apr NAC Y14
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y14

6. End of Season Calculations

- 08 Oct NAC CDT
- 08 Nov NAC Y14
- 08 Nov NAC CDT
- 09 Feb JO CDT
- 09 Apr NAC Y14
- 08-09 Season - 1 SYC Y14
- 09 Jul Summer Nationals Y14
- 09 Jul Sum Nationals CDT

4.6 Veteran Point Standings

There are two types of Veteran Point Standings, the Combined Age Point Standings, and the Age Specific Standings (40-49, 50-59, and 60+).

Veteran Rolling Point Standings are calculated as the Best 2 of the 3 domestic Veterans Competitions, plus points earned at the last Veterans World Championships.

Veteran Team Point Standings (those used to select the team for the next Veterans World Championships) are calculated as the best 2 of the 3 domestic Veterans Competitions held in the current season. Team Point Standings are calculated for the selection of Veteran 50-59 and Veteran 60+ World Teams, as these are the only age categories at the Veterans World Championships.

Veteran World Championships

Tournament Description

Individual competitions are held for six weapons (Men's Epee, Men's Foil, Men's Saber, Women's Epee, Women's Foil, and Women's Saber). These Championships were started in 1998 as an annual summer tournament. For the Veteran World Championships, each country can enter four fencers in each of six weapons (women's saber added in 2005) in each of two age categories (50-59, 60 and older). The age brackets are based on the criteria for this tournament published by the FIE for the 2006 Veterans World Championships. Changes can occur by the FIE and will be posted on the USFA website. The tournament is normally held in early September. Each bout in direct elimination is fenced to a maximum of 10 touches in 2 periods of 3 minutes each with a 1-minute rest in between.

Eligibility

U.S. citizen at time of selection who is between 50 and 59 years of age or 60 or older on the 1st of September of the year in which the Veterans World Championships are being held.

Selection Criteria

The top four fencers in each weapon in each of the two age categories will be selected according to the Veterans Age Team Point standings no later than the last day of the Summer Nationals Championships. The Veterans Age Team standings are calculated as the best two of three national tournaments: the NAC age specific Veterans tournaments in December and March, and the Veterans Age Championships at the Summer National Championships.

Ties for selection

In case of ties in total points for qualification to the World Championships based on the best two of three results from the qualifying events:

1. The highest point award in one event shall resolve the tie; in case the tie remains, then
2. The next highest point award in the three events shall resolve the tie; in case the tie remains, then
3. A ten touch direct elimination fence-off at Summer Nationals shall resolve the tie.

Chapter 5 – International

5.1 International Competition Categories

There are different categories of international competitions at which FIE (1) points and/or USFA (2) points can be earned:

- FIE “A” or World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (1,2)
- FIE sanctioned Competitions (1)
- “B” or European Open Competitions (1,2)
- Designated European Cadet Competitions (2)
- FIE World Cup Team Competitions held in conjunction with FIE Grand Prix Competitions (1)
- FIE World Championships (1,2) – See Chapter 6
- Pan American Zonal Championships (1)
- Olympic Games (1,2)
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“A” or World Cup Competitions

An international competition specified as an “A” competition is a World Cup competition held under the auspices and rules of the International Fencing Federation, the FIE. There are two age groups for individual “A” competitions: Senior and Junior (Under-20).

The FIE has reconfigured the geographic spread of Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions whereby there will be a maximum of 14 events per weapon, divided into 9 World Cup events (4 Europe, 2 America, 2 Asia, 1 Africa) and 5 Grand Prix events (2 Europe, 1 America, 1 Asia, 1 Africa) where the Grand Prix must include a team event.

Grand Prix World Cup competitions are a more restrictive in the number of entries per country than Senior World Cups, and are paired with World Cup Team competitions. Athletes are awarded double the number of FIE points given for an “A” competition.

For any World Cup competition, the national federations must enter the fencers from their countries. The fencers cannot enter themselves. The USFA is responsible for entering US fencers in all World Cup, Grand Prix and Cadet Designated competitions, all World Championships, and Pan American Zonal Championships.

A country entering 5-9 fencers in an “A” competition must provide one international rated referee. If more than 9 fencers are entered, the country must provide 2 referees. This does not apply to Grand Prix competitions, as the referees are appointed by the FIE.

Age Criteria

A Junior fencer, as defined by the FIE, must be at least 13 years old and under 20 years old on January 1 of the year in which the next World Junior Championships will be held. A Senior fencer must be at least 13 years old on January 1 of the year in which the next Senior World Championships or Olympic Games will be held, whichever occurs first. There are no exceptions to this age criteria.

Citizenship Requirement

All fencers must be a United States Citizen to request for entry in a Cadet Designated, Junior “A”, Senior World Cup, Grand Prix and Team competitions.

Designated International Competitions

Designated “A” individual competitions are “A” competitions selected by the US National Weapon Coaches as World Cup and Grand Prix competitions that are most suited to the goals of the weapon

to aid in developing world class US fencers. Designated Cadet Competitions are international competitions restricted to Cadet age fencers (at least 13 years old and under 17 years old as of January 1st of the year of the next World Cadet Championships) and which the National Weapon Coaches deem valuable in preparing Cadet fencers for world-class competitions. These competitions are categorized as Group II competitions in the formula for computing points for the national point standings (See Chapters 7-12). The list of Senior, Junior, and Cadet designated international competitions can be found in Appendix 1.3-1.8.

Entry Limitations

The FIE has set a limit of 12 athletes from each country for Senior World Cup and Junior "A" competitions. For competitions held in Europe, the host country can enter an additional 8 fencers. For competitions held outside of Europe, the host country can enter an additional 18 fencers. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Grand Prix competitions are limited to 8 fencers per country. The host country may enter up to 12 fencers, plus the number of fencers needed to make up the pools, up to a maximum of 20 fencers.

Satellite Competitions

Satellite competitions are a separate group of international competitions, sanctioned by the FIE. FIE points, on a significantly smaller scale than that applied for "A" competitions, can be earned at these competitions. Entry procedures for Satellite competitions are the same as for World Cups. Satellite competitions will no longer be considered for USFA points.

"B" or European Open Competitions

A "B" or European Open competition is defined by the USFA as any European "Open" competition that is not a World Cup or Satellite competition. Fencers may enter themselves in these competitions. FIE and USFA points are not awarded at these competitions.

Designated Cadet Competitions

Designated Cadet "B" is nomenclature used by the USFA to describe an international cadet competition that the National Weapon Coaches select to provide international experience and point opportunities for Cadet fencers.

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Team Competitions

Grand Prix individual competitions are more restrictive set of Senior World Cups and are paired with a World Cup Team competitions and athletes are awarded double the number of FIE points given for an "A" competition.

Grand Prix World Cup Team competitions are FIE competitions held in conjunction with Grand Prix World Cup Individual competitions. A country can enter a team of 3 fencers plus a substitute. Countries can earn FIE team points for the FIE World Team standings at these competitions (see Chapter 5.3). The FIE World Team standings are used to seed teams at Team World Cup competition, at the Senior World Championships and at the Olympic Games. The FIE World Team standings is used to qualify for the Olympic Games.

With performance in the team competitions critical to qualifying for the Olympic Games, the USFA will support the participation in Grand Prix World Cup team competitions for each weapon to the extent possible within the constraints of the budget for each season. The National Weapon Coach, in

consultation with the Director of High Performance, will determine selection of the fencers for each Grand Prix World Cup Team competition based on the following criteria (not in any order):

- National point standings
- Performance in prior domestic and international team competitions
- Junior and/or senior results at international competitions

Team entry fee will be reimbursed by the USFA. It is recommended that one person pay the fee and obtain a receipt. If the organizer is unable to provide a receipt, write out a receipt that can be signed by the person receiving the entry fee. The receipt must be dated and include name and/or city of team competition. Team entry fees may be advanced, with three weeks notice, to the team coach accompanying the team.

5.2 Entry Procedures and Eligibility Requirements

With fencers participating in more World Cup competitions and Cadet competitions, the USFA has made available a delegation travel warm up which can be purchased for \$75. The warm up is a basic black warm-up with the USFA logo on the back of the jacket. Order form can be found on the USFA's website.

Eligibility

Eligibility is determined by the USFA point standings as of the USFA deadline to request entry into an International Competition. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection.

Cadet competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Cadets up through the Dec DIV I NAC, after that, the Team point standings will be used. A maximum of 12 fencers will be accepted Cadet Designated Competitions (16 in Men's Foil, unlimited in Women's Epee and Women's Foil**).

Junior competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Juniors and Cadets through the Dec DIV I NAC, after that the Team point standings will be used. Junior rankings take precedence over Cadet ranking.

Senior Competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Seniors until the first competition held after the April NAC (April National Championships in 2009) (the deadlines for these competitions could be before the April Tournament) after that the Team point standings will be used. Senior ranking take precedence over Junior ranking.

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Saber	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Saber
Senior Grand Prix (maximum of 8 fencers can be entered)	2008 Olympians Top 16 S Top 8 J	2008 Olympians Top 16 S Top 8 J	2008 Olympians Top 16 S Top 8 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Srs	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Srs	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Top 4 C
Senior World Cups (maximum of 12 fencers can be entered)	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Srs	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Srs	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Top 4 C
Junior World Cups (maximum of 12 fencers can be entered)	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C Remaining ranked Jrs	Top 24 J Top 12 C Remaining ranked Jrs	Top 24 J Top 16 C
Cadet Designated	Top 24 C	Top 24 C	Top 24 C	**	**	All Cadets on Points

S –Senior Point Standings

J – Junior Point Standings

C – Cadet Point Standings

** Open (any fencer meeting the age requirement may apply). Must have fenced in an NAC cadet or Y14 event. If more than 12 fencers apply, those who are ranked 13 and lower must cover the expense of a referee, if one is required.

Eligibility Exceptions: Fencers who do not meet eligibility criteria can receive waivers and be allowed to fence in World Cups. Fencers who are not eligible and are granted a waiver will be allowed to fence with the following conditions: there is space left in the US allotment, and an additional referee is not required if they are accepted.

- Men's Epee and Men's Foil – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.
- Men's Saber – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Weapon Coach prior to the entry deadline to request a waiver.
- Women's Epee - If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Weapon prior to the deadline to request a waiver.
- Women's Foil – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Weapon prior to the deadline to request a waiver.
- Women's Saber – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Weapon Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

Entry Procedures

Fencers must submit the "Request to Enter" form (available on USFA website and in Appendix 4) with USFA International Programs Department by the entry deadline. Submission of this form does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. Deadlines are published in the Athlete Handbook (see Appendix 1) and on the USFA Website, and are generally 35 days prior to the competition. An earlier deadline is imposed for those countries to which US citizens must apply for a visa to enter the country.

Starting in November 2008, there is a \$100.00 Squad Fee that will be assessed for all fencers competing in Junior and Cadet Competitions. Fencers are required to submit the Squad Fee form with their request for World Cup entry form. The fencer is not charged this fee unless they have competed in that Junior World Cup or Cadet Competitions. The fee is for both designated and non-designated competitions.

US fencers must be entered by the USFA to compete in a World Cup, Grand Prix, Cadet Designated, or Satellite competition. Any US fencer who competes in such competition without being entered by the USFA will not be awarded any points for which the fencer might have been eligible and that fencer will be responsible for any and all financial penalties imposed on the USFA by the FIE or the competition organizers.

Fencers must have a current FIE License, in addition to being a current competitive USFA member, in order to compete in any FIE competitions – World Cup, Grand Prix, Satellite, or World Championships.

Late entries: A fencer who submits an entry request for an "A" competition after the deadline MUST PAY the USFA \$150 late fee IMMEDIATELY. Such fee must be paid from the fencer's personal funds, not from the individual's USFA performance funds. Late entries will be considered based on eligibility and space available. No fencer can displace another fencer if the entry application arrives after the deadline, no matter his or her ranking. Entries received after the entry deadline may not be accepted, especially if that extra entry creates the need for an additional referee beyond what was

planned. There is no guarantee that late entries will be accepted. Late entries will not be considered within 15 days prior to the competition.

FIE Licenses

There is an annual charge for the FIE License, payable to the USFA. The FIE License includes a one year subscription to the FIE quarterly magazine. FIE licenses can only be ordered through the USFA; the request form is on the USFA website. Fencer must also submit a signed USFA Code of Conduct with the FIE License application.

The FIE has stopped issuing FIE license cards and keeps records on their website. Fencers can verify their FIE license on the FIE website (www.fie.ch).

Below is an excerpt from the FIE Administrative Rules, April 2008, on the subject of FIE Licenses:

As extracts of the FIE Rules (respect of the Rules and commitment not to take drugs) appeared on the front of the license card and the signature of the fencer was requested on the back, the following texts is posted on the page of the FIE Internet website where licenses are ordered:

The national federations ordering a FIE license confirms that the athletes who participate in FIE competitions agree to:

1. abide by the provisions of the FIE Rules and Statutes ;
2. respect the FIE anti-doping Rules, use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and agree to undergo any in competition and out-of competition testing ;
3. transfer to the FIE any individual or collective image rights and agree to be filmed (notably by the television), photographed, identified and registered in any way. The FIE undertakes to use these rights only in connection with the promotion and development of fencing in the following media: publications and reviews, Internet website, audiovisual aids.

Obligatory

1. All fencers taking part in any FIE official competitions, including satellite competitions must be FIE licenses for the current season. A fencer cannot be enter if he is not an FIE licensee for the current season. The license is valid for the current fencing season.
2. The license is also obligatory for the following people
 - a. The members of the FIE Executive Committee and the FIE Commissions
 - b. The officials designated for the World Championships and the Olympic games and
 - c. A and B grade referees of the FIE.

Finalizing the Entries

One to two business days after the deadline, the list of fencers and alternates is finalized. The point standings that are current as of the deadline determine the order of fencers. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection.

The list is then sent by email to all fencers who have sent in a request to enter including alternates, and to the pertinent National Weapon Coaches. It is the fencer's responsibility to keep the national office apprised of his or her most current email address (es). Please send email address changes to international@usfencing.org.

Withdrawing from an International Competition

Fencers must withdraw from a competition in writing (email is acceptable). The deadline for a withdrawal is 21 days prior to the first day of competition. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or

who do not show at the competition will be fined \$1500. Such fee must be paid from the fencer's personal funds, not from the individual's USFA performance funds. Exceptions to this fine may be considered if the fencer is withdrawing due to an injury or illness that prevents the fencer from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor and a written request to waive the fine is required for consideration. Repetitive infractions may not be considered.

Alternates are notified via email when a withdrawal happens and must confirm their ability to go or their wish to withdraw within 4 days of such notification. Alternates not responding within 4 days will be removed from the list of alternates. Alternates will be notified only up to 15 days prior to the first day of competition. Any withdrawals occurring within 14 days of the international competition will not result in any further notification to the alternates or additions to the list of entries submitted to the organizer of the FIE competition.

5.3 FIE World Ranking

The FIE World Cup ranking system is computed on a rolling point system: The competition held during the current year replaces the corresponding competition held the year before. If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are removed on the anniversary of the competition.

Individual FIE Rankings

The FIE maintains a World Ranking list for Seniors and Juniors based on results at Senior World Cups and Grand Prix competitions for Seniors and Junior "A" competitions respectively. These rankings can be found on the FIE website at www.fie.ch. Senior rankings are calculated as the sum of points earned at six Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions in which the fencer has participated, with no more than three competitions from any one of the four continents (Europe, Asia, Africa, Americas), plus the World Championships or Olympic Games.

Points are awarded as follows (4th place at the Olympic Games is awarded 54 points):

Placement	Junior "A" World Cups Senior World Cups		Grand Prix Competitions and Zonal Championships	Senior World Championships and Olympic Games
1 st	32 points		64 points	96 points
2 nd	26 points		52 points	78 points
3 rd	20 points		40 points	60 points
5 th – 8 th	14 points		28 points	42 points
9 th – 16 th	8 points		16 points	24 points
17 th – 32 nd	4 points		8 points	12 points
33 rd – 64 th	2 points		4 points	6 points

Team FIE Rankings

The official FIE team world ranking is based on the sum of the team's best 4 results in Team World Cup competitions, with a maximum of two results obtained in the same continental zone, plus the World Championships or the Olympic Games.

Team Scale of Points (doubled for World Championships and Olympic Games)

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	64 points	12 th	22 points	23 rd	8 points
2 nd	52 points	13 th	21 points	24 th	8 points
3 rd	40 points	14 th	20 points	25 th	8 points
4 th	36 points	15 th	19 points	26 th	8 points
5 th	32 points	16 th	18 points	27 th	8 points

6 th	30 points	17 th	8 points	28 th	8 points
7 th	28 points	18 th	8 points	29 th	8 points
8 th	26 points	19 th	8 points	30 th	8 points
9 th	25 points	20 th	8 points	31 st	8 points
10 th	24 points	21 st	8 points	32 nd	8 points
11 th	23 points	22 nd	8 points		

Video Refereeing: FIE Administrative Rules, April 2008

In 2006 the FIE decided to use video to review certain referee decisions. Fencers can appeal for a certain number of video replays and the referees, as well, can ask to consult the video replay before making their decisions. The FIE believes that this will improve the quality of decisions and allow solid proof of decisions taken.

The fencer has one possible appeal during each bout in the pool round. In direct elimination bouts, the fencer has two possible appeals to video-refereeing.

Should the video prove the fencer who appealed to the video-refereeing right, the latter is entitled to get back his possibility of appeal.

In team events, the fencers have one possible appeal to the video-refereeing per relay and they are entitled to get back this appeal should the video referee prove them right.

In the case of an appeal to the video-refereeing, the referee will move towards the refereeing delegate, they will watch the video together and after consultation with the delegate, the referee will give his final decision.

At conventional weapons, when both lamps are on, the referee must look at his monitor before making a decision.

If both fencers are equal at the end of the match, the referee must use the video-refereeing system and go next to the refereeing delegate. They will examine the video together, and after consulting the delegate, the referee will give his final decision without the possibility of consulting the video again.

The last action will be replayed on the referee's and the refereeing delegate's monitors, first at the real speed and then in slow motion, at 20%.

The refereeing delegate has the possibility to request that the referee review his decision at any time.

The person(s) checking the referee's decision does not have to be a member of the refereeing commission. For the World Championships, the refereeing head delegate will designate a person or persons.

Video Refereeing-All Weapons

The FIE Executive Committee decided it was necessary to make video-refereeing compulsory at all three weapons as of the 2008-2009 season. As a result, the following changes have been made to the rules relating to video-refereeing: [FIE Letter 9-08, June 13, 2008]

- *For Grand Prix competitions, at all three weapons, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes, and in any case from the table of 64.*
- *For Grand Prix World Cup team competitions, at all three weapons, video-refereeing is compulsory from the table of 32 onwards including the matches for 3rd place but excluding the other ranking matches.*
- *For individual and team competitions of the open World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory from the beginning of the competition onwards. 8 pistes equipped for video-refereeing are thus necessary.*

Chapter 6 - National Teams

6.1 Definition of National Team

The members of the US teams to the Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Championships, the corresponding alternates, and the official cadre are considered members of the USFA National Team. Members of the USFA National team are those who have achieved the highest performance among their peers and the designation recognizes their achievement.

6.2 International Teams

The following are the current international tournaments for which the USFA is responsible in selection of the athletes and cadre. Descriptions of the competitions and their selection criteria can be found in Chapter 6.4-6.13. A schedule of the major international tournaments can be found in Appendix 1.9.

- Junior and Cadet World Championships – held annually
- Senior World Championships – held every year but year of Olympic Games
- Senior Team World Championships – held the year of the Olympic Games for each weapon that will not have a team competition at the Olympic Games
- World University Games – held in odd numbered years only
- Pan American Games – held the year before the Olympic Games
- Olympic Games – held every four years, next one will be held in 2012
- Pan American Junior and Cadet Fencing Championships – held annually
- Pan American Senior Championships – held annually
- Wheelchair World Championships – held every four years, 2 years prior to the Paralympic Games
- Paralympic Games includes Wheelchair Fencing, held immediately after Olympic Games – held every 4 years.
- World Veteran Championships – held annually

Descriptions of each of these international tournaments can be found in this chapter. The associated selection criteria by weapon can be found in Chapters 7-12.

Eligibility Rules of Team Selection

Fencers must be citizens of the United States at the time of selection for international teams and eligible to represent the United States.

The FIE Statutes state that fencers be at least 13 years old on Jan. 1 in the year of each World Championships to participate in any FIE competition: World Cup, World Championships, Pan American Zonal Championships, Olympic Games. (10.1.1 FIE Statutes, 2007)

Notification of Selection

Fencers will be selected as a member of an international team based on the National Team Point Standings in accordance with the selection criteria for that team for that weapon as described in Chapters 7-12. Final selection of the fencers will be announced within five business days from the ending date specified in the team selection criteria for each team. This schedule permits international results to be submitted that may affect the final team point standings. International results that could affect the standings must be received no later than three business days after the last competition that could be included in the standings.

Only those fencers who are citizens and meet the age criteria at the time of selection can be members of US international teams. If a fencer is a US citizen but has represented another country, that fencer must have received permission from the FIE to change country representation to be selected for a US team. This written permission must be received three years prior during which time the fencer has not represented any country (9.2.2 FIE Statues, 2007).

When selection is completed for any USFA team, a set of documents will be sent electronically and/or by post to each member of the team and the corresponding alternates. Two key documents are the ACCEPTANCE FORM, by which the fencer notifies the USFA of acceptance of the appointment, and the CODE OF CONDUCT, by which the fencer agrees to rules of conduct. Alternates must also complete these forms to notify the USFA of availability and interest in the team in case one or more of the invited fencers cannot accept the appointment to the team or must withdraw from that team. If these forms are not received by the date specified, it is understood that the fencer does not accept an appointment to that team and will not be named to that team. In order to be sure we can contact candidates for teams, the fencers should keep the USFA office informed of their current email address (es). Send email changes to international@usfencing.org.

A fencer who accepts appointment to a USFA international team must be available for any team competition associated with the tournament as well as any team training camp.

Fencers who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by the USFA, may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by telephone at (888) ATHLETE, or by email at john.ruger@usoc.org.

Selection in More Than One Competition

Fencers who are selected for more than one individual competition as a member of an international team may elect to compete in all such competitions if each competition is held on a separate day. The priority of the USFA is to field the strongest team in each team competition and supersedes the interests of a fencer to compete in the second weapon if the fencer is chosen for the team competition.

Alternates for International teams

Alternates for the USFA international teams are chosen on the basis of the National Team Point standings used for selection of that team. The number of alternates is the same as the number of members of the team for each weapon. Those fencers who are not eligible to represent the United States at that tournament are removed from the standings prior to determination of team members and alternates. For example, if there were three positions for each weapon on a team, alternates would be those fencers fourth through sixth place in the team point standings, eliminating fencers not eligible for selection.

Ties for Selection

Ties for selection will be resolved in the following priority:

1. Total number of points accumulated for designated "A" competitions used in calculating the sum of points in Group II of the selection criteria. See Chapter 3.4.2-4 for specific details.
2. Highest points earned at a single designated "A" used in calculating the sum of points in Group II.
3. Next highest points earned at a single designated "A" until there is no tie.

4. Highest place at a single designated "A".
5. Next highest place at a single designated "A" until there is no tie.
6. Highest place in any U.S. national point competition
7. Next highest place in any U.S. national point competition until there is no tie.
8. If there is still a tie, then the High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC will resolve the tie.

Team Travel

The USFA will coordinate travel plans for each international team sponsored by the USFA. These plans will reflect the specific circumstances for each team. Fencers who accept appointment to an international team must comply with the specific travel plans for that team.

USFA travel funding for fencers for the competitions is discussed in Chapter 13.3.

Personal Equipment

Fencers are responsible for ensuring that their personal equipment meets FIE standards (see Chapter 4.4). Fencers should not travel to an international tournament intending to buy equipment or expecting the team armorer will assemble such equipment on site. For Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, World University Games, Pan American Games and the Olympic Games, fencers will need practice equipment separate from competition equipment. Competition equipment, including the fencer's uniform, must be submitted to FIE "weapon control" at least 24 hours before the competition, to verify that fencers' equipment meets all FIE specifications. The team armorer must have sufficient time to ensure that the equipment conforms to FIE standards. Any fencer submitting equipment to the team armorer requiring extensive replacement parts will be charged accordingly.

The FIE requires that each fencer's uniform display the country colors, a specific pattern approved by the FIE for that country (See Appendix 4.1). Since name and country must be on the back of the jacket or lamé and country colors on the knickers, it is recommended that fencers pack their uniform in their carry-on luggage so that if equipment is delayed or lost by an airline the fencers have their uniform.

Passport Requirement

Fencers planning to compete in international competitions must have a U.S. passport with an expiration date that is at least six (6) months after the scheduled return date to the United States. **WARNING** – if you have a passport that needs to be renewed or do not have a passport, **DO NOT WAIT** to renew your current passport or to apply for a passport. Due to changes in passport requirements to Canada and other places, the length of time to renew or obtain a passport has dramatically increased. It can be quite costly for expedited service. Persons with a foreign passport must check with destination country's embassy on visa requirements. Any intervening stops in a foreign country will also require a visa to "enter" that country.

Team Warm-ups

The USFA through its sponsorship arrangement with Adidas USA will award each member of a US team to World Championships (Cadet, Junior, and Senior), Pan American Games and Olympic Games a team warm-up, which will be issued once every two years, until a new model is received. Fencers must bring the official USFA team warm-up when serving as a member of any official USFA team. They are obligated to wear the warm-up at the Opening and Closing ceremonies, at presentation of finalists and at medal award ceremonies of each International tournament in which they are

competing. Exceptions to this rule are teams selected under the sponsorship of the U.S. Olympic Committee (World University Games, Pan American Games, and Olympic Games).

This requirement is the means by which we give recognition to the national sponsor of the USFA, Adidas USA, and the company that provides the generous apparel packages for the USFA International teams. If a fencer loses the official USFA warm up within the two years in which it was awarded, the fencer must pay \$100 for a replacement warm up.

The USFA has made available a delegation travel warm up which can be purchased for \$75 for fencers participating in World Cup competitions and Designated Cadet competitions. The warm up is a basic black warm-up with the USFA logo in white on the back of the jacket.

Team Equipment

Leon Paul and the USFA have entered into a sponsorship agreement for the 2008-2009 season to provide equipment to the Senior, Junior, and Cadet World Championship Teams. A special agreement for each athlete from these teams is available from the USFA. This agreement contains all relevant information and is provided to each team member for review.

6.3 Selection Criteria

Chapters 7-12 describe the specific selection criteria by weapon. Please see the following chapters for specific selection dates and calculations of the Senior, Junior, and Cadet Team Point Standings.

- Chapter 7 – Men's Epee
- Chapter 8 – Men's Foil
- Chapter 9 – Men's Saber
- Chapter 10 – Women's Epee
- Chapter 11 – Women's Foil
- Chapter 12 – Women's Saber

6.4 Senior World Championships

Tournament Description

Individual competitions for six weapons (Men's Epee, Foil, and Saber; Women's Epee, Foil, and Saber) are held. Each country is allowed to enter up to four fencers in each individual weapon competition. Team competitions are held in each of the six weapons using the relay team format, with three fencers on a team plus with one substitute.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

U.S. citizen at the time of selection who is 13 years old or older on January 1 of the year in which the Senior World Championships will be held.

The number of qualified teams is limited to 16 teams, according to the FIE Official Team Ranking, plus 16 teams allocated between the different zones, according to the FIE Official Ranking as follows: 6 from Europe, 4 from America, 4 from Asia/Oceania, and 2 from Africa. Should the organizing country not have a team qualified, it will automatically have a place among the 16 teams allocated between the different zones. In case of non-participation of a team, the next country in the ranking qualifies (FIE Rules, 2006, o.65).

The National Weapon Coach may select a fifth fencer within 7 days of team selection to join the team solely for the team competition at the World Championships to be available for the team competition at the World Championships. The final selection of the fifth fencer recommended by the National Weapon Head Coach will be reviewed by a panel composed of the National Weapon Coach, a representative from the AAC, the Director of High Performance (or, in his absence, the Executive Director) and a fencer representative. Any funding that may be available for the fifth fencer will be the responsibility of the National Weapon Coach (through the weapon squad budget). This fifth fencer becomes the fourth member of the team for the team competitions and is not eligible for the individual competition (unless one of the four fencers becomes injured and the fifth fencer for the team is also the first alternate for the individual competition).

The top four fencers in each of six weapons will be selected according to the Senior World Team Point Standings as of the date specified in each individual selection criteria in Chapters 7-12. If in the case of injury or withdrawal of one or more of the top 4 fencers they shall be replaced by the next person in the Senior World team point standings as specified in each individual selection criteria in Chapters 7-12 for each weapon.

6.5 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships

Tournament Description

This tournament is now held every year, a change mandated by the FIE in 2006. It is held under the auspices of the Pan American Fencing Confederation. The FIE has ruled that these zonal championships be held between July and November and will be eligible for FIE points.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

U.S. citizen at the time of selection who is at least 13 years old on January 1 of the year in which the Senior World Championships will be held.

The top four fencers in each of six weapons will be selected according to the Senior World Team Point Standings as of the date specified in each individual selection criteria in Chapters 7-12. See Chapter 7-12 for details on calculating the Senior Team Point Standings.

See chapters 7-12 for selection procedures for the 2009 Senior Pan Am Zonal Championships for each weapon.

6.6 Pan American Games

CAUTION: It should be noted that the information in this section is subject to change pending meetings of the Pan American Fencing Confederation and PASO (governing body for these Games), which will review the regulations governing fencing at these Games.

Tournament Description

A multi-sport tournament for Western Hemisphere countries held every four years, in the year preceding the Olympic Games. The US Pan American Games team and the sports represented there are fielded under the auspices of the US Olympic Committee, the organization responsible for full funding for each of the sport teams. No more than two individuals from a country are allowed to compete in the individual competitions in each of the six weapons. For the four team competitions, a country may only bring three fencers for that team competition, of which two will be those fencing in the individual competition. The individual and team competitions held at the Pan American Games are the same as those scheduled for the Olympic Games the following year.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The next Pan American Games is scheduled for 2011. More information will be available closer to that date.

6.7 World University Games (WUG)

Tournament Description

A multi-sport tournament held in odd numbered years in different cities around the world. Individual and team competitions are held for six weapons (Men's Epee, Men's Foil, Men's Saber, Women's Epee, Women's Foil, and Women's Saber).

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

The next World University Games is scheduled for 2009. See chapter 7-12 for selection procedures for the 2009 World University Games for each weapon.

6.8 Junior (Under-20) World Championships

Tournament Description

Individual competitions for six weapons and a 3-person junior team championship in each of six weapons are held. Team competitions are conducted using the relay team format. The six weapons are: Men's Epee, Foil and Saber; Women's Epee, Foil and Saber.

The official team is composed of three fencers in each of six weapons. In the case of injury or withdrawal of one or more of the top 3 fencers they shall be replaced by the next person in the Junior World team point standings as specified in each individual selection criteria in Chapters 7-12 for each weapon. The National Weapon Coach of a weapon may nominate a fourth fencer for the Junior team within three days of the selection of the team if that fencer is ranked fourth through sixth (4-6) in the point standings or the highest-ranking cadet fencer at the Cadet World Championships, who is not already a member of the Junior World Championship Team. The High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC will review the nomination.

Eligibility

U.S. citizen at the time of selection who is 13 years old and under 20 years old on January 1 of the year in which the Junior World Championships will be held.

Selection Criteria

The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Junior (Under-20) Team Point standings for each of the six weapons. See Chapters 7-12 for details of selection dates and calculating of the Junior Team Point Standings.

6.9 Cadet (Under-17) World Championships

Tournament Description

The Cadet World Championships are held at the same time and same place as the Junior World Championships with individual competitions for six weapons are held. The six weapons are: Men's Epee, Foil and Saber; Women's Epee, Foil and Saber. Each country can enter three fencers in each weapon. A schedule of the International Championships can be found in Appendix 1.9

Eligibility

U.S. citizen at the time of selection who is at least 13 years old and under 17 years old on January 1 of the year in which the Cadet World Championships will be held.

Selection Criteria

The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Cadet (Under-17) Team Point standings for each of the six weapons. See Chapters 7-12 for details of selection dates and calculating of the Cadet Team Point Standings.

6.10 Pan American Junior/Cadet Championships

Tournament Description

This is an annual tournament for six weapons with a maximum of three per country in each weapon for each age category. These Championships are held under the auspices of the Pan American Fencing Confederation. The FIE has mandated that they be held between 15 April and 30 August.

Eligibility

Fencers must be a U.S. citizen at the time of selection. Juniors must meet the age requirements for the Junior World Championships being held in the next calendar year. Cadets must meet the age requirements for the Cadet World Championships being held in the next calendar year.

Selection Criteria

Fencers will be selected according to the National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings. Three Junior fencers in each weapon and one Cadet fencer in each weapon will be selected. See Chapters 7-12 for details of selection dates and calculating of the Junior and Cadet Team Point Standings.

Chapter 7 – Men's Epee

7.1 Men's Epee Designated World Cups for 2008-2009

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet (Date Change)	Budapest	HUN	2 Oct 08	30 Aug 08	13 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Bratislava	SVK	11 Oct 08	6 Sep 08	20 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Bonn	GER	25-26 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Laupheim	GER	16 Nov 08	12 Oct 08	26 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	6 Dec 08	1 Nov 08	15 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	5 Jan 09	1 Dec 08	15 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Koweit City	KUW	16-17 Jan 09 Date Changed	13 Dec 08	27 Dec 08
Team		Koweit City	KUW	18 Jan 09 Date Changed	15 Dec 08	29 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Doha	QAT	23-24 Jan 09 Date Changed	19 Dec 08	2 Jan 09
Team		Doha	QAT	1/18/2009 Date Changed	21 Dec 08	4 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Legnano	ITA	30-31 Jan 09	27 Dec 08	9 Jan 08
Junior	Junior	Goteborg	SWE	31 Jan 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Cadet	Cadet (Date Change)	Goteborg	SWE	1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Team		Legnano	ITA	1 Feb 09	29 Dec 08	11 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Bâle	SUI	7 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Senior	Senior	Berne	SUI	28 Feb-1 Mar 09	24 Jan 09	7 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Stockholm	SWE	6-7 Mar 09	30 Jan 09	13 Feb 09
Team		Stockholm	SWE	8 Mar 09	10 Jan 09	15 Feb 09
Senior	Senior	Heidenheim	GER	27-28 Mar 09	21 Feb 09	6 Mar 09
Senior	Senior	Paris	FRA	9-10 May 09	4 Apr 09	18 Apr 09
Senior	Senior	Montréal	CAN	29-30 May 09	24 Apr 09	8 May 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Bogota	COL	12-13 Jun 09	8 May 09	22 May 09
Team		Bogota	COL	14 Jun 09	10 May 09	24 May 09

7.2 Men's Epee - Senior International Teams Selection

2009 Senior World Championships: Antalya TUR, Sept. 30 - Oct. 8, 2009

Selection Date: July 2009 Division I National Championships (Final date pending scheduling of Division I Men's Epee National Championship competition).

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1-4

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. Division I National Championships, July 2009
3. 12/08 – Selection date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
4. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP II – Sum of the **SEVEN** highest points earned at 5-6

5. 12/08 – Selection date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
6. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between July 1 & Aug 31

Selection Date: 4-8 weeks prior to tournament start date.

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1- 3

NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009

1. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
2. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **SEVEN** highest points earned at 4-5

3. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
4. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 World University Games: Belgrade SRB, July 2-7, 2009 [Fencing Dates]

Selection Date: April 30, 2009 [unless extension allowed by USOC]

Team point standings computed same as the 2009 Zonal Championships

7.3 Men's Epee – Junior and Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Junior World Championships: Belfast GBR, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 13, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-5

1. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
2. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008 and January 2009
3. NAC Division I: December 2008 and January 2009
4. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
5. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **THREE** highest points earned at 6- 9

6. 9/1/08 – Selection Date Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
7. 12/08 – Selection Date Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
8. 2008 Junior World Championships (top 16 results)
9. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

7.3 Men's Epee – Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Cadet World Championships: Belfast GBR, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 15, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-7

1. Under-16 National Championships, July 2008
2. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17): October 2008, November 2008
4. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
5. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships, February 2009
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
7. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 8-14

8. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
9. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Cadet competition(s)
10. 9/1/08 – Selection Date Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
(maximum of **THREE** results considered in Group II computations)
11. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
(maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
12. 2008 Cadet World Championships (top 16 results)
13. 2008 Junior World Championships (top 16 results)
14. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 JR/CADET Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD Between April 15 & Aug 31

Pending Final schedule of Tournament

Chapter 8 - Men's Foil

8.1 Men's Foil Designated World Cups for 2008-2009

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet (Date Changed)	Budapest	HUN	4 Oct 08	30 Aug 08	13 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Londres	GBR	18 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Madrid	ESP	15 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Aix-en-Provence	FRA	23 Nov 08	19 Oct 08	2 Nov 08
Cadet	Cadet	Cabries	FRA	29-30 Nov 08	25 Oct 08	8 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	3 Jan 09	29 Nov 08	13 Dec 08
Cadet	Cadet	Warszawa	POL	10-11 Jan 09	6 Dec 08	20 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Paris	FRA	23-24 Jan 09	19 Dec 08	2 Jan 09
Team		Paris	FRA	25 Jan 09	21 Dec 08	4 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Mödling	AUT	7 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Venise	ITA	13-14 Feb 09	9 Jan 09	23 Jan 09
Team		Venise	ITA	15 Feb 09	11 Jan 09	25 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Shanghai	CHN	1-2 May 09	28 Mar 09	11 Apr 09
Team		Shanghai	CHN	3 May 09	30 Mar 09	13 Apr 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Tokyo	JPN	8-9 May 09	3 Apr 09	17 Apr 09
Team		Tokyo	JPN	10 May 09	5 Apr 09	19 Apr 09
Grand Prix	Senior	St-Petersbourg	RUS	25-26 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Team		St-Petersbourg	RUS	27 May 09	21 Apr 09	6 May 09
Senior	Senior (Date Changed)	La Havane	CUB	4-5 June 09	TBD	TBD

8.2 Men's Foil - Senior International Teams Selection

2009 Senior World Championships: Antalya TUR, Sept. 30 - Oct. 8, 2009

Selection Date: July 2009 Division I National Championships (Final date pending scheduling of the Division I Men's Foil National Championship competition)

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1-4

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. Division I National Championships, July 2009
3. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup or Grand Prix Competitions
4. Competitions specified in Group II below and not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **SIX** highest points earned at 5-6

5. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
6. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between July 1 & Aug 31

Selection Date: 4-8 weeks prior to tournament start date.

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1- 3

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
3. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **SIX** highest points earned at 4-5

4. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results can be used in Group II point calculations)
5. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 World University Games: Belgrade SRB, July 2-7, 2009 [Fencing Dates]

Selection Date: April 30, 2009 [unless extension allowed by USOC]

Team point standings calculated the same as the 2009 Zonal Championships

8.3 Men's Foil – Junior International Teams Selection

2009 Junior World Championships: Belfast GBR, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 16, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-5

1. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
2. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
3. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
4. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
5. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 6-9

6. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
7. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
8. 2008 Junior World Championships (top 16 results)
9. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

8.4 Men's Foil – Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Cadet World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 16, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** Highest points earned at 1-7

1. Under-16 National Championships, July 2008
2. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17): October 2008, November 2008
4. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
5. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships, February 2009
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
7. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned AT 8-14

8. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
9. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Cadet competition(s) (maximum of **TWO** results considered in Group II computations)
 - a. Budapest, HUN, Oct. 2008
 - b. Cabries, FRA, Nov. 2008
 - c. Warsaw, POL, Jan. 2009
10. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
11. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
12. 2008 Cadet World Championships (top 16 results)
13. 2008 Junior World Championships (top 16 results)
14. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 JR/CADET Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD Between April 15 & Aug 31

Pending Final schedule of Tournament

Chapter 9 - Men's Saber

9.1 Men's Saber Designated World Cups for 2008-2009

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet	Konin	POL	13-14 Sep 08	9 Aug 08	23 Aug 08
Junior	Junior	Sosnowiec	POL	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Godollo	HUN	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Montreal	CAN	25 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Dormagen	GER	22 Nov 08	18 Oct 08	1 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	5 Jan 09	1 Dec 08	15 Dec 08
Junior	Junior	Künzelsau	GER	10 Jan 09	6 Dec 08	20 Dec 08
Senior	Senior	Istanbul	TUR	17-18 Jan 09	14 Dec 08	28 Dec 08
Senior	Senior	Athènes	GRE	30-31 Jan 09	27 Dec 08	9 Jan 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Budapest	HUN	6-7 Feb 09	2 Jan 09	16 Jan 09
Team		Budapest	HUN	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Moscou	RUS	12-13 Feb 09	8 Jan 09	22 Jan 09
Team		Moscou	RUS	14 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Plovdiv	BUL	27-28 Feb 09	23 Jan 09	6 Feb 09
Team		Plovdiv	BUL	1 Mar 09	25 Jan 09	8 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Alger	ALG	23-23 Mar 09	15 Feb 09	1 Mar 09
Team		Alger	ALG	24 Mar 09	16 Feb 09	2 Mar 09
Senior	Senior	Bangkok	THA	2-3 May 09	29 Mar 09	12 Apr 09
Senior	Senior	Madrid	ESP	22-23 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Padoue	ITA	29-30 May 09	24 Apr 09	8 May 09
Team		Padoue	ITA	31 May 09	26 Apr 09	10 May 09
Senior	Senior	Valencia-Carabobo	VEN	14-15 Jun 09	10 May 09	24 May 09
Senior	Senior	TBD	USA	TBD	TBD	TBD

9.2 Men's Saber - Senior International Teams Selection

2009 Senior World Championships: Antalya TUR, Sept. 20 - Oct. 8, 2009

Selection Date: July 2009 Division I National Championships (Final date pending scheduling of the Division I Men's Saber National Championship competition)

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **TWO** highest points at 1-6

1. NAC Division I Dec 2008 (weight value 1.0)
2. NAC Division I Jan 2009 (weight value 1.1)
3. NAC Division I April 2009 (weight value 1.2)
4. Division I National Championships, July 2009 (weight value 1.3)
5. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non-Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
6. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **SIX** highest points earned at 7-8

7. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
8. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between July 1 & Aug 31

Selection Date: 4-8 weeks prior to tournament start date.

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **TWO** highest points at 1-5

1. NAC Division I Dec 2008 (weight value 1.0)
2. NAC Division I Jan 2009 (weight value 1.1)
3. NAC Division I April 2009 (weight value 1.2)
4. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non-Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
5. Competitions specified in item 8 below and not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **SIX** highest points earned at 6-7

6. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
7. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 World University Games: Belgrade SRB, July 2-7, 2009 [Fencing Dates]

Selection Date: April 30, 2009 [unless extension allowed by USOC]

Team point standings computed same as the 2009 Zonal Championships

9.3 Men's Saber – Junior International Teams Selection

2009 Junior World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 14, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-7

1. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008 (weight value 1.0),
2. NAC Junior (Under-20), November 2008 (weight value 1.1)
3. NAC Division I, December 2008 (weight value 1.1)
4. NAC Division I, January 2009 (weight value 1.2)
5. NAC Junior (Under-20), January 2009 (weight value 1.2)
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009 (weight value 1.3)
7. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 8-11

8. 9/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
9. 5/15/08 – 6/30/08: Designated Senior World Cup Grand Prix competitions
(maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
 - Warsaw May 17-18 (Entry deadline = April 10, 2008)
 - Padova May 30-31 ((Entry deadline = April 24, 2008)
 - Valencia June 13-14 (Entry deadline = May 8, 2008)
 - Las Vegas June 21-22 (Entry deadline = May 15, 2008)
- 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
10. 2008 Junior World Championships
11. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

9.4 Men's Saber – Cadet International Teams Selection.

2009 Cadet World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 16, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-9

1. Under-16 National Championships, July 2008 (weight value 1.0)
2. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008 (weight value 1.0)
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17), October 2008 (weight value 1.0)
4. NAC Cadet (Under-17), November 2008 (weight value 1.1)
5. NAC Junior (Under-20), November 2008 (weight value 1.1)
6. NAC Junior (Under-20), January 2009 (weight value 1.2)
7. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships, February 2009 (weight value 1.3)
8. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009 (weight value 1.3)
9. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **SIX** highest points earned at 10-17

10. NAC Division I, December 2008 (weight value 1.1)
11. NAC Division I, January 2009 (weight value 1.2)
12. 9/08 – Selection Date: Designated Cadet competition(s)
13. 9/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
14. 12//08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
(maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
15. 2008 Cadet World Championships (top 16 results)
16. 2008 Junior World Championships
17. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 JR/CADET Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between April 15 & Aug 31

Pending Final schedule of Tournament

Chapter 10 Women's Epee

10.1 Women's Epee Designated World Cups for 2008-2009

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Junior	Junior	Bratislava	SVK	11 Oct 08	9/12/2008 (date changed)	20 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Heidenheim	GER	22-23 Nov 08	18 Oct 08	1 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Tauberbischofsheim	GER	29 Nov 08	18 Oct 08 (date changed)	1 Nov 08
Cadet	Cadet (Date Changed)	Modling	AUT	29 Nov 08	18 Oct 08 (date changed)	1 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	4 Jan 09	30 Nov 08	14 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Budapest	HUN	16-17 Jan 09	13 Dec 08	27 Dec 08
Team		Budapest	HUN	18 Jan 09	15 Dec 08	29 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior (Changed to a Grand Prix)	Doha	QAT	24-25 Jan 09	20 Dec 08	3 Jan 09
Team	Added	Doha	QAT	26 Jan 09	22 Dec 08	5 Jan 09
Cadet	Cadet (Date Changed)	Göteborg	SWE	31 Jan 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Göteborg	SWE	1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08 (date changed)	10 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Rome	ITA	6-7 Feb 09	2 Jan 09	16 Jan 09
Team		Rome	ITA	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Mödling	AUT	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Senior	Senior	Barcelone	ESP	14-15 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Saint-Maur	FRA	20-21 Feb 09	16 Jan 09	30 Jan 09
Team		St-Maur	FRA	22 Feb 09	18 Jan 09	1 Feb 09
Senior	Senior (Date Changed)	Luxembourg	LUX	28-29 Mar 09	7 Mar 09	10 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Nankin	CHN	15-16 May 09	10 Apr 09	24 Apr 09
Team		Nankin	CHN	17 May 09	12 Apr 09	27 Apr 09

10.2 Women's Epee - Senior International Teams Selection

2009 Senior World Championships: Antalya TUR, Sept. 20 - Oct. 8, 2009

Selection Date: July 2009 Division I National Championships (Final date pending scheduling of Division I Women's Epee National Championship competition.)

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1-4

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009 (weight value 0.70), April 2009
2. Division I National Championships, July 2009
3. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
4. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP II – Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 5-6

5. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results can be used in Group II point calculations)
6. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between July 1 & Aug 31

Selection Date: 4-8 weeks prior to tournament start date.

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1-3

1. NAC Division I Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
3. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 4-5

4. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results can be used in Group II point calculations)
5. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 World University Games: Belgrade SRB, July 2-7, 2009 [Fencing Dates]

Selection Date: April 30, 2009 [pending extension by USOC]

Team point standings calculated the same as for 2009 Zonal Championships

10.3 Women's Epee – Junior International Teams Selection

2009 Junior World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 14, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-5

1. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
2. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
3. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
4. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
5. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **THREE** highest points earned at 6-9

6. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
7. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
(maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
8. 2008 Junior World Championships
9. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

10.4 Women's Epee – Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Cadet World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 16, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-7

1. Under-16 National Championships, July 2008
2. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17): October 2008, November 2008
4. NAC Junior (Under-20: November 2008, January 2009
5. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships, February 2009
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
7. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 8-13

8. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
9. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Cadet competition(s)
(maximum of TWO results considered in Group II calculations)
10. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
11. 2008 Cadet World Championships
12. 2008 Junior World Championships
13. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 JR/CADET Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between April 15 & Aug 31

Pending Final schedule of Tournament

Chapter 11 - Women's Foil

11.1 Women's Foil Designated World Cups for 2008-2009

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Junior	Junior	Bratislava	SVK	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Samorin	SVK	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Tauberbishofsheim	GER	25-26 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Cadet	Cadet	Salzbourg	AUT	16 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Cadet	Cadet	Cabries	FRA	29-30 Nov 08	25 Oct 08	8 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	5 Dec 08	31 Oct 08	14 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	3 Jan 09	29 Nov 08	13 Dec 08
Junior	Junior	Lyon	FRA	1 Feb 09	29 Dec 08	11 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Gdansk	POL	27-28 Feb 09	23 Jan 09	6 Feb 09
Team		Gdansk	POL	1 Mar 09	25 Jan 09	8 Feb 09
Senior	Senior	Turin	ITA	21-22 Mar 09	14 Feb 09	28 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Marseille	FRA	27-28 Mar 09	21 Feb 09	6 Mar 09
Team		Marseille	FRA	29 Mar 09	22 Feb 09	8 Mar 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Séoul	KOR	15-16 May 09	10 Apr 09	24 Apr 09
Team		Séoul	KOR	17 May 09	12 Apr 09	27 Apr 09
Senior	Senior	Las Vegas	USA	TBD	TBD	TBD

11.2 Women's Foil - Senior International Teams Selection

2009 Senior World Championships: Antalya TUR, Sept. 20 - Oct. 8, 2009

Selection Date: July 2009 Division I National Championships (Final date pending scheduling of Division I Women's Foil National Championship competition)

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1-4

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. Division I National Championships, July 2009
3. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
4. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 5-6

5. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results can be used in Group II point calculations)
6. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between July 1 & Aug 31

Selection Date: 4-8 weeks prior to tournament start date.

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **THREE** highest points at 1-3

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
3. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP II – Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 4-5

4. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results can be used in Group II point calculations)
5. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 World University Games: Belgrade SRB, July 2-7, 2009 [Fencing Dates]

Selection Date: April 30, 2009 [unless extension allowed by USOC]

Team point standings calculated the same as for 2009 Zonal Championships

11.3 Women's Foil – Junior and Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Junior World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 13, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-5

1. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
2. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
3. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
4. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
5. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 6-9

6. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions (maximum of **TWO** results considered in Group II computations)
7. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup Grand Prix competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
8. 2008 Junior World Championships)
9. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results only)

11.4 Women's Foil – Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Cadet World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: 2009 Junior Olympic Championships, February 15, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-7

1. Under-16 National Championships, July 2008
2. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17): October 2008, November 2008
4. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
5. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships, February 2009
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
7. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 8-14

8. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
9. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Cadet competition(s) (Weight 1.3) (maximum of **TWO** result considered in Group II computations)
10. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions (maximum of **TWO** results may be used in Group II computations)
11. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
12. 2008 Cadet World Championships
13. 2008 Junior World Championships
14. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 JR/CADET Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between April 15 & Aug 31

Pending Final schedule of Tournament

Chapter 12 - Women's Saber

12.1 Women's Saber Designated World Cups for 2008-2009

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet	Konin	POL	13-14 Sep 08	9 Aug 08	23 Aug 08
Junior	Junior	Sosnowiec	POL	11 Oct 08	6 Sep 08	20 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Godollo	HUN	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Montreal	CAN	26 Oct 08	21 Sep 08	5 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Dormagen	GER	22 Nov 08	18 Oct 09	1 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	6 Dec 08	1 Nov 08	15 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	4 Jan 09	30 Nov 08	14 Dec 08
Senior	Senior**	Londres	GBR	31 Jan-1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Orléans	FRA	6-7 Feb 09	2 Jan 09	16 Jan 09
Team		Orléans	FRA	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Moscou	RUS	15-16 Feb 09	2 Jan 09 (Date Changed)	16 Jan 2009 (Date Changed)
Team		Moscou	RUS	17 Feb 09	13 Jan 09	27 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Foggia	ITA	13-14 Mar 09	6 Feb 09	20 Feb 09
Team		Foggia	ITA	15 Mar 09	8 Feb 09	22 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Alger	ALG	20-21 Mar 09	13 Feb 09	27 Feb 09
Team		Alger	ALG	22 Mar 09	14 Feb 09	28 Feb 09
Senior	Senior**	Hanoi	VIE	23-24 May 09	11 April 2009 (Date Changed)	4/25/2008 (Date Changed)
Grand Prix	Senior**	Tianjin	CHN	29-30 May 09	18 April 2009 (Date Changed)	2 May 2009 (Date Changed)
Team		Tianjin	CHN	31 May 09	26 Apr 09	10 May 09
Senior	Senior** Date Changed	La Havane	CUB	6-7 Jun 09	TBD	TBD
Senior	Senior**	Las Vegas	USA	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Senior Designated competitions are SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

12.2 Women's Saber - Senior International Teams Selection

2009 Senior World Championships: Antalya TUR, Sept. 20 - Oct. 8, 2009

Selection Date: July 2009 Division I National Championships (Final date pending scheduling of Division I Women's Saber National Championship competition)

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **TWO** highest points at 1-4

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. Division I National Championships, July 2009
3. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
4. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **FIVE*** highest points earned at 5-6

5. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results considered in Group II point calculations)
6. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

2009 Senior Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between July 1 & Aug 31

Selection Date: 4-8 weeks prior to tournament start date.

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I – Sum of **TWO** highest points at 1-3

1. NAC Division I: Dec 2008, Jan 2009, April 2009
2. 12/08 – Selection Date: Non Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions
3. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II – Sum of the **FIVE*** highest points earned at 4-5

4. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix Competitions (maximum of **TWO** 33-64 results can be used in Group II point calculations)
5. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

**Subject to change, depending on 2009 FIE Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competition schedule*

2009 World University Games: Belgrade SRB, July 2-7, 2009 [Fencing Dates]

Selection Date: April 30, 2009 [pending extension by USOC]

Team point standings calculated the same as for 2009 Zonal Championships

12.3 Women's Saber – Junior International Teams Selection

2009 Junior World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: February 13, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-5

1. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
2. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
3. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
4. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
5. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 6-10

6. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
7. 5/1/08**- 6/30/08: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
8. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
9. 2008 Junior World Championships
10. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

12.4 Women's Saber – Cadet International Teams Selection

2009 Cadet World Championships: Belfast IRL, April 5-13, 2009

Selection Date: February 15, 2009

Sum of Group I and Group II

Group I = Sum of **FOUR** highest points earned at 1-7

1. Under-16 National Championships, July 2008
2. Under-19 National Championships, July 2008
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17): October 2008, November 2008
4. NAC Junior (Under-20): November 2008, January 2009
5. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships, February 2009
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships, February 2009
7. Competitions specified in Group II and not included in Group II sum

Group II = Sum of the **FOUR** highest points earned at 8-15

8. NAC Division I: December 2008, January 2009
9. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Cadet competitions:
10. 9/1/08 – Selection Date: Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions
11. 5/1/08**- 6/30/08: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
12. 12/08 – Selection Date: Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions
13. 2008 Cadet World Championships
14. 2008 Junior World Championships
15. 2008 Olympic Games (top 16 results)

*****Remaining Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix, MAY 2008-JUNE 2008***

Level	Level	City	Country	Comp. Dates	Deadline	Withdraw
Senior	Senior	Klagenfurt	AUT	3-4 May 2008	3/27/2008	4/12/2008
Senior	Senior	Gand	BEL	10-11 May 2008	4/3/2008	4/19/2008
Senior	Senior	Hanoi	VIE	24-25 May 2008	4/11/2008	5/3/2008
Grand Prix	Senior	Tianjin	CHN	30-31 May 2008	4/17/2008	5/9/2008
Senior	Senior	Havana	CUB	14-15 Jun 2008	4/24/2008	5/24/2008
Grand Prix	Senior	Las Vegas	USA	20-21 Jun 2008	5/15/2008	5/30/2008

2009 JR/CADET Pan American Zonal Championships: TBD between April 15 & Aug 31

Pending Final schedule of Tournament

Chapter 13 - Fencer Funding and Recognition Programs

13.1 Fencer Recognition Programs

Participation Certificates

Started at the 2005 Summer National Championships, this program provides a participation certificate to all fencers competing in individual events at USFA's Junior Olympic Championships and Summer National Championships.

Cadet and Youth Performance Recognition

This program is designed to recognize Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists at domestic tournaments in Cadet, Youth 14, Youth, 12, and Youth 10 events.

Gold medalists in each of the four events (Cadet, Y14, Y12, and Y10) will be awarded a USFA jacket the first time they receive a gold medal in a season. These jackets have the USFA logo and "Gold Medalist" embroidered on them. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalists in each of the four events will be awarded a patch indicating their accomplishment. Patches have the USFA logo and indicate the tournament, medal, weapon, and year.

Both jackets and patches will be awarded on the medal stand at the tournament.

Youth Point Winner

Age group point winner patches are given in each Youth Age group at Summer National Championships. The age group point winner is calculated as the fencer in each age group who has had the best two results in the specific national age group competitions. Patches are awarded on the medal stand at the Summer National Championships.

13.2 Weapon Squad Funding

Each weapon is allocated a specific budget line for which the National Weapon Coach of that weapon is responsible for developing program allocation. Such allocation is designed to promote the development of the weapon for international success and can include programs for cadet, junior, and senior fencers. Weapon Squad Funding has yet to be determined.

13.3 World Championship Team Funding

World Championship team funding for Senior, Junior, and Cadets have yet to be determined.

13.4 Athlete Funding Programs

Requirements for Receiving Funding

As a precondition for obtaining funding from the USOC (grants or reimbursements), fencers may be required by the USFA to do any or all of the following:

- Agree to Standards of Conduct as promulgated by the USFA
- Submit to doping control and drug testing as required by the USFA, FIE, USOC, FISU, USADA, WADA, PASO, or IOC, or other governing body
- Maintain training records and competition records as required by the National Weapon Coach
- Develop and maintain an appropriate ongoing training and competition plan in consultation with the National Weapon Coach
- Submit any required records and plans for review by the National Weapon Coach
- Submit any required reports for review by the National Weapon Coach
- Participate in team training and competition activities as designated by the National Weapon Coach

Funding Notification and Funds Disbursement

To Be Determined

Senior Funding Programs

To Be Determined

Junior Cadet Funding Programs

To Be Determined

13.5 USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI)

- A. Number of EAHI Slots allocated: 18
- B. Eligibility and Criteria Approved for EAHI:

Fencers will be evaluated in six-month intervals. First evaluation date will be November 1, 2008. The second will be determined at a later date.

Eligibility will be determined by the US Senior Rolling Point Standings on the evaluation date. The top 3 athletes in each weapon per gender on the US Senior Rolling Point Standings on the evaluation date will be offered the Elite Athlete Health Insurance.

Should one of these fencers decline the insurance, the slot will be offered in the following manner:

The highest-ranking US fencing on the International Fencing Federation (FIE) Senior Rankings as of the evaluation date that does not already have EAHI or has not already declined will be offered the

slot regardless of gender. Should this athlete decline the insurance, the next highest-ranking US fencer regardless of gender on the FIE Senior Rankings will be offered, etc.

Should a tie in the FIE Senior Ranking occur, the US Senior Rolling Point Standings will be used to break it. A tie after this point will be selected by the High Performance Director based on the athlete with the highest potential for medals based on previous international results.

No fencer ranked lower than 5th on the US Senior Rolling Point Standings as of the evaluation dates will be offered EAH. No weapon shall have more than 4 athletes enrolled in EAH.

Athletes will have 45 days to enroll in EAH by completing and returning the EAH enrollment forms provided by the USOC. Athletes will be considered to have declined EAH if the athlete's enrollment forms are not completed and returned to the USOC within 45 days of receiving notification from US Fencing. Using the above criteria that slot will be awarded to the next eligible athlete.

13.6 USOC Athlete Support Performance Pool

Details pending final USOC approval and will be posted to the USFA's website.

Chapter 14 - Wheelchair Fencing

14.1 Paralympic Games

The Paralympic Games are held in the same year as the Olympic Games. Since the 1988 Seoul Summer Games, they have also taken place at the same venues as the Olympic Games. In June 2001, an agreement was signed between the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee aiming to secure the organization of the Paralympic Games. The agreement reaffirmed that the Paralympic Games, from 2008 on, will always take place shortly after the Olympic Games, using the same sporting venues and facilities.

The first Paralympic Games were held in 1960 in Rome, Italy with wheelchair fencing as one of the sports offered. In 1976 the Paralympic Games offered fencing in 2 categories of athletes, based on the degree of disability, for each event (three men's and one women's – foil)

The next Summer Paralympics in 2012 will be held in 2012 in Great Britain, London.

14.2 International Paralympic Committee

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. The IPC organizes the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, and serves as the International Federation for 13 sports, for which it supervises and co-ordinates the World Championships and other competitions.

Visit www.paralympic.org for more information.

14.3 History

Wheelchair Fencing was developed by Sir Ludwig Guttmann at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital. It was introduced at the 1960 Paralympic Games in Rome and there are 24 countries practicing Wheelchair Fencing in 2006. From a spectator's point of view, the most striking feature of Wheelchair Fencing is the fact that athletes compete in wheelchairs that are fastened to the floor. However, these chairs allow the fencers freedom of movement in the upper body only and the activity is as fast-paced as in Fencing competitions for able-bodied. Men and women with an amputation, spinal injury or cerebral palsy are eligible to compete in events including Foil, Epée (men and women) and Sabre (men). The official governing body is the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS).

Wheelchair Fencing in the United States

In the last two years the USFA has accepted the responsibilities of the wheelchair fencing programs which had been handled previously by Wheelchair Sports, Inc. and the US Paralympic Committee. In the transition the USFA has been working with the US Paralympic Committee in a cooperative effort to develop world class wheelchair fencing athletes as well as broaden the base of wheelchair fencing. US fencers have distinguished themselves in World Cup, World Championships and Paralympic Games since the program started for US wheelchair athletes in the '90's.

The USFA organizes one-two NAC Wheelchair tournaments each season, usually held in conjunction with the December NAC and the March NAC. The Wheelchair Fencing Championships are held during the week of the Summer National Championships.

The Wheelchair Committee is tasked with selection criteria for international teams, training camps and clinics, and plans for broader development of wheelchair fencing through expansion of available coaches to train wheelchair fencing athletes.

The United States fielded its first official Paralympic Fencing team at the 1996 Olympic Games, held in Atlanta, GA.

14.4 International Wheelchair Fencing Committee (IWFC) Tasks

- To train Technical staff and referees in all countries affiliated to IWFC
- To refine, govern and supervise the implementation of the international rules of Wheelchair Fencing.
- To develop the international calendar of official wheelchair fencing events.
- To establish competition regulations and develop a handbook for official event organizers.
- To maintain the official international wheelchair fencing ranking list.
- To classify and maintain a database of fencers classifications at international level.

14.5 Wheelchair Fencing

Athlete Eligibility And Classification

Athletes who use wheelchairs are eligible to compete in wheelchair fencing.

There are three divisions of competition, with divisions based upon disability classification. The three divisions are: A, B, C with each division indicating the degree of disability from least "A" to most severe "C". An official classifier for IWAS determines the specific category for each wheelchair fencer. These divisions are significant at international tournaments but are not considered for US tournaments. There is one set of competitions at US tournaments for wheelchair fencers in men's foil, epee and saber and women's foil and epee. The list of fencers and their results and points indicates the fencer's level for selection purposes. For the Wheelchair World Championships there are normally only events for A and B fencers though competitions can be held for the C fencers. For the Paralympic Games the competitions are only for "A" and "B" fencers with separate competitions for group.

Playing area

In the able-bodied sport of fencing, two fencers compete on a 14 meters strip. In wheelchair fencing, fencing is static. The wheelchairs are fixed in place to the ground by metal frames. The chair is preferably clamped to both sides of the frame to keep the chair from tipping. The length of the playing area is decided by the fencer with the shortest arms. This person decides if the distance will be at his distance or that of his opponent. One arm/hand holds the fencing weapon. The other arm is used to hold onto the chair when lunging and recovering.

Rules

The rules for wheelchair fencing include the fixed distance between fencers. The target for foil and saber competitions is exactly the same as able-bodied competition. In épée competition, the target is everything above the waist, with an apron being worn below the waist to aid in cancellation of these touches. Feet must remain on the footrest and the fencer must remain seated (no daylight between the fencer's buttocks and the seat of the chair). The chair must be fixed at a 110 degree angle to the central bar.

The main object is the same as able-bodied competition. The first fencer to score 15 points (direct elimination) or 5 points (preliminary pool play) against the opponent wins. A point is awarded each time a fencer touches the opponent in the target area. Direct elimination matches consist of three 3-minute periods. Individual and team events are included in foil and epee for men and women. Sabre events are limited to *men*.

Equipment

The wheelchair is a primary piece of equipment. It is fixed to a metal frame in the performing area to maintain stability. The inside rear wheel should be covered by metal detachable shields. The chair may be cushioned. The cushion may be the same width as the wheelchair seat and have minimum height of 5 cm and a maximum height of 10 cm.



Fencers who have a significant loss of grip or control of the sword are allowed to attach the sword into the hand using a bandage or similar type of wrapping. A glove may be worn and binding should cover sleeve opening. Legs must also be well protected by extra thick clothes or an apron. Athletes compete with the same equipment as able-bodied fencers. Weapons include the foil, epee and Competitors are always put on guard in upright position, whether at the beginning of the bout or subsequently, sitting upright in the centre of the width of their wheelchairs. The sword arms not be extended, their blades not be in contact, and the points of their weapons will not extend beyond the front of their opponent's guard.

When a fencer systematically or deliberately anticipates the command "Allez", the referee shall give the fencer a yellow card on the first occasion and then penalise the fencer by a red card for each subsequent repetition of the same offence in the same bout. See t.114, t.116, t120.

At all weapons the fencers who attempt to come on guard on incompatible positions, and this is not resolved, then the referee shall ensure, twice, that each fencer shall raise the point of their weapon so that there is no contact of blades. The referee will ensure that neither fencer gains any advantage

from the application of this rule by advancing the weapon significantly beyond the normal "on guard position".

When a fencer's feet leaves the wheelchair foot-rest or uses the floor to gain advantage, the referee will give the fencer a yellow card on the first occasion and a red card for each subsequent repetition of the same offence within the same bout. See t.28, t.114, t.116, t.120

When a fencer loses balance, or changes sitting position, when the wheelchair becomes unclamped, securing clips become unattached, or if there is any danger to the fencer or fencers, the referee, or the spectators, the referee will call halt. See t.29

"Whenever play is to be resumed, competitors are put on guard sitting upright in the centre of the width of their wheelchairs.

A fencer cannot leave the seat of the wheelchair. A fencer who does this will be given a yellow card and will be penalised by a red card for each repetition of the offence during that bout. See t.28, t.114, t.116, t.120.

The referee will appoint two referees to observe fencers to enforce this regulation.

When a fencer loses balance on the attack the referee must immediately call "Halt". Any hit scored on the attacking fencer immediately preceding this action, or as an immediate riposte during it, will count as valid.

When a fencer's wheelchair develops a fault, the referee may allow time strictly necessary for it to be repaired or exchanged. "In the case of the occurrence of any condition associated with the handicap (e.g. involuntary spasm) the referee may allow, without restriction, sufficient time for recovery. The referee will use his discretion to prevent unfair advantage being taken of this rule.

To request attention of the referee the fencer will raise the non-fencing arm.

Refereeing and Judging Of Hits

Only officials approved by the IWFC will officiate.

t.34 "The bout is directed by the referee, who may be seated, and must be in a position to follow the fencing phrases while being able to see the scoring apparatus.

DETERMINING APPROPRIATE DISTANCE BETWEEN FENCERS

"To establish the correct fencing measure, the fencer will sit upright in the centre of the width of their wheelchairs. One fencer will bend the fencing arm with the forearm vertical and upper-arm horizontal the elbow pointing to the other fencer, the other fencer with a straight arm shall touch the inner edge of the opponent's forearm with the point of the foil. Each fencer must try his distance. In case of fencers of unequal arm length the fencing measure is that of the fencer with the shorter arm. The latter may elect for a greater fencing measure, but in no case may the measure exceed that of the fencer with the longer arm. Where there is a dispute, the referee shall intervene and his/her decision is final.

Fencers with severely restricted movement shall determine the measure by reaching a point 10 centimeters beyond the inner forearm. Where there is a dispute, the referee shall intervene and his/her decision is final.

Once both fencers have agreed to the fencing measure, the fencing measure cannot be changed.

For further information contact Christine Simmons at the USFA National Office at christine.simmons@usfencing.org

Chapter 15 - Drug Testing Programs

Domestic Drug Testing

The US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) is independent of the USOC and the sport federations to ensure that the sports at the Olympic Games are represented by athletes who are not using illegal methods or substances to improve their performances. Commitment and cooperation between the USADA and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) are required to implement a credible drug testing program.

The US Anti-Doping Agency maintains a complete drug testing and education program, distributes a Guide to prohibited substances and provides a confidential toll-free Drug Reference Line for clarification on relevant matters (1-800-233-0393). Information can also be obtained at the USADA web site - www.usantidoping.org as well as by sending an email to drugreference@usantidoping.org. All questions regarding substances, procedures, and disciplinary actions should be directed to USADA.

It is the fencer's responsibility to ensure that no substance enters his/her body which is prohibited by the rules. Even if the substance taken by the fencer is one found in an "over-the-counter" medicine, it may contain a banned substance and may result in a "positive" finding. Every fencer who enters a National tournament must sign a statement on the entry form acknowledging that he/she has been informed of the Drug Control procedure and of the USADA Drug Reference Line, **(800) 233-0393**, for questions on any medication the fencer may be taking. The USADA Hotline may be called anonymously, or you can have your name and sport recorded when making the call. All inquiries are logged and the advice given is recorded. An advantage of giving your name and sport is that you can list the medication you took when reporting to doping control and the USADA records will prove that you were advised that the medication was not on the banned list.

Drug testing may be conducted at any National tournament at which points are awarded for selection of international teams. USADA will be responsible for conducting the drug testing and will be the agency to adjudicate "positive" tests. USADA will also be conducting "Out Of Competition" (OOC) testing on a random basis of a select group in each sport. For fencing this group will be top fencers in the senior standings. These lists will be updated periodically. Fencers added to the OOC pool will be notified with a packet to be completed and returned to USADA.

Those fencers who are on the list given to USADA will be randomly selected for "Out of Competition" testing and must keep USADA informed as to their whereabouts so that the testing team can find them if and when their name is drawn for that testing. If the fencer is not found for the Out of Competition test, it is considered a "failure" and can lead to other problems for the fencer. Fencers in the OOC pool MUST file a quarterly locator form with USADA. Provisions have been made to complete this form on the USADA web site. Failure to file this report will jeopardize the fencer's future competitive eligibility.

USFA requires fencers to sign the following waiver to compete in National Tournaments:

I understand that drug testing may be conducted for fencers who compete in this tournament and that detection of the use of banned drugs would be cause for suspension for a period of 3 months, 1 year, or 2 years, based on substance detected. I will lose any national points earned. By registering for this tournament, I am consenting to be subject to drug testing if selected and its penalties if declared positive for a banned substance. If selected, I am aware that failure to comply with the drug test will be cause for the same penalties as for those who are positive for a banned substance. I KNOW THAT I MAY CALL THE USADA HOTLINE, 800-233-0393, FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICATIONS AND BANNED SUBSTANCES OR PRACTICES. I realize that there are ***OVER-THE-COUNTER*** medications that may contain banned substances and that it is my responsibility to insure that I do not inadvertently take any medication that contains a banned substance.

FIE DRUG TESTING

The FIE requires drug testing of the medalists at FIE World Cup and World Championships tournaments. If a fencer's test is positive the fencer's national federation will be informed. The National Federation will then inform the fencer and will work with the fencer to resolve the issues involved. The principles of drug testing are the same whether done by USADA or by an agency for the FIE at FIE competitions.

WARNING: The FIE has implemented an additional rule in that a person for whom Sample A is positive will be suspended with the FIE Executive Committee responsible for taking action against the fencer involved.

Chapter 16 - USFA Disciplinary Procedures

16.1 Removal from Team, Loss of Points and/or Funding

General Principals

A fencer may be passed over in selection, removed from a team after selection, denied funds, have points removed that are improperly earned or lose eligibility for international selection for cause. Such cause shall be limited to:

- Doping based on a confirmed positive of a "B" sample in accordance with U.S. Anti-Doping Agency protocol; OR
- Disciplinary reason, for serious misconduct detrimental to fencing; OR
- Inability or unwillingness to participate fully in all significant team activities; OR
- Injury or other incapacity which will significantly detract from the fencer's performance; OR
- Failure to maintain a reasonable program of training, conditioning and/or competition; OR
- Ineligibility by reason of U.S. citizenship status at the start of the Olympic team selection cycle, i.e., points will not be awarded to non-citizens at competitions which count for selection of the Olympic Team until fencer is a U.S. citizen. The USOC will consider a waiver to those fencers who can demonstrate that they could become citizens before the final selection competition of the USFA.

Fencers' Rights

Fencers have the rights set forth herein and as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the USFA and the Constitution and Bylaws of the USOC.

Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- "Disinterested" shall mean a person who will not be personally affected by the outcome of a panel hearing and none of whose relatives, significant other, students, coaches, or club mates will be affected by the outcome of a panel hearing. If all fencers who might be affected by a panel hearing agree, the disinterested requirements with respect to a club mate may be waived.
- "Executive Director" shall mean the Executive Director of the USFA or his/her designee.
- "Other Affected Athlete" shall mean any fencer who might be removed from a team or denied a place on a team if a fencer's grievance is upheld by a panel.
- "Team Leader" shall mean the person designated by the USFA as the Team Leader for any team. The Team Leader may be Captain, the Chief of Mission, the manager, a coach or any other party accompanying a team to a competition. The Team Leader may be different parties for different periods of time during a competition. If the Team Leader is not disinterested, the remaining members of the cadre may select a person to act as Team Leader for the purposes described herein.
- "Team Panel" shall mean all of the Disinterested cadre for the Team that are willing to serve and at least one disinterested fencer who is on the Team, provided, however, if there are more than four Disinterested cadre that are willing to serve, the Team Panel shall consist of three of the Disinterested cadre that are willing to serve who shall be chosen by lot.

- "Panel" shall mean a panel consisting of not less than three (3) Disinterested USFA members (who may, but need not be, members of the USFA committee responsible for team selections). At least 20% of the membership of the Panel shall be USOC Athletes, provided however, no USOC Athlete shall be contending for a team in the same competition as the fencer initiating the grievance procedure or subject to potential discipline. The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the USFA committee responsible for team selections, provided, however, that if the Chair is not disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- "Team Panel Report" shall mean the written report prepared by the Team Panel consisting of its findings of fact and determination of what action(s) should or should not be taken.
- "Panel Report" shall mean the written report prepared by the Panel consisting of its findings of fact and recommendation(s), which may include concurring or dissenting reports.
- "USOC" shall mean the United States Olympic Committee
- "USOC Athlete" shall mean a fencer who has competed in fencing at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, or World Championships within the previous ten (10) years.

Regular Grievance Steps

The following is the process that will normally be followed in the Grievance process.

Scope

These procedures are intended to be used when a fencer or cadre member:

- contests being removed from a team;
- contests an improper denial of a place on a team selected using criteria specified by the USFA;
- contests an improper preclusion by the USFA of his/her opportunity to compete at any event.

Notwithstanding the above, once a team has staged (e.g., gathered at any point in or outside the United States for purposes of traveling to or participating in a competition), any discipline or removal shall be based on the procedures set forth in the Expedited Grievance Steps in Chapter 8.1.5.

Appeals

Decisions of the USFA committee responsible for team selections may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the USFA (or the Executive Committee which is authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Directors between meetings.)

Reimbursement of Fencer's Expenses

The reasonable travel expense (as arranged by the USFA) of the fencer to the Panel hearing and the review by the USFA committee responsible for team selections shall be reimbursed if the place of the meeting is more than 50 miles from the fencer's residence. Travel expense shall not be reimbursed:

- if the Panel hearing or meeting takes place within 50 miles of the site, and within 24 hours following a selection competition in the fencer's weapon; or
- the Panel finds that the claim of the fencer is frivolous, groundless or undertaken in bad faith.

All other expenses, including counsel, shall be the responsibility of the fencer or cadre member.

Procedures

- The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the USFA committee responsible for team selections, provided, however, that if the Chair is not disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- The Executive Director shall inform the fencer and any Other Affected Fencers of the issues or allegations which have been referred to the Panel, and the names of the members of the Panel.
- If the fencer, cadre member, or any Other Affected Athlete objects to any member of the Panel being a member, the fencer or Other Affected Athlete shall inform the person that named the Panel (Chair of the USFA committee responsible for team selections or the Executive Director), who shall have the discretion to replace the Panel member.
- The Executive Director shall inform the fencer and any Other Affected Athlete of the date, time and place of the Hearing, and the manner in which the Hearing shall take place. The Hearing may be held in person, or by teleconference.
- The Panel shall conduct a Hearing at a time and place determined by the Chair of the Panel. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Chair of the Panel in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At, or if available before, the Hearing, the fencer and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the right to receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.
- The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declaration or affidavits.
- The fencer or any Other Affected Athlete shall have the following rights:
 - to appear personally and be represented by counsel at the Hearing and at the review by the USFA committee responsible for team selections.
 - to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
 - to testify on his/her own behalf, or remain silent.
- As soon as practicable, but no later than two weeks after the close of the Hearing, the Panel shall prepare the Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Panel Report to the fencer, any Other Affected Athlete, and each member of the USFA committee responsible for team selections within one week after receiving it.
- The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall not be effective or implemented unless approved by the USFA committee responsible for team selections.
- Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of the time limitations set forth herein shall not be grounds to overturn the decision in question or prohibit the imposition of sanctions.
- Nothing herein shall preclude any fencer or Other Affected Athlete, during the procedures set forth above or at its conclusion, from seeking to enforce or protect his/her rights under any provision of the Bylaws of the USFA, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the USOC, including the right to seek the intervention of the USOC CEO or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

Expedited Grievance Steps

Scope

These procedures are intended to be used once a team has staged (e.g., gathered at any point in or outside the U.S. for purposes of traveling to or participating at a competition), when a fencer or cadre member:

- contests being removed from a team;
- contests an improper denial of a place on a team selected using criteria specified by the USFA;
- contests an improper preclusion by the USFA of his/her opportunity to compete at any competition;
- is or may be subjected to discipline by the USFA, whether the action on which any proposed discipline is based occurred before or after the team has staged.

Reimbursement of Fencer's Expenses

All expenses, including counsel, shall be the responsibility of the fencer or cadre member.

Appeals

A fencer or cadre member may request that the USFA committee responsible for team selections overrule any decision made by the Team Panel. A fencer or cadre member may request that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the USFA overrule any decision made by the Team Panel or by the USFA committee responsible for team selections. Such rights to appeal are subject to there being time available for the body to accept and or act on any request. In the absence of any action by such an appellate body, the decision of the Team Panel or the lower body that has acted shall be the decision of the USFA.

Procedures

- The Team Leader shall inform the fencer and any Other Affected Athletes of:
 - the issues or allegations which have been referred to the Team Panel.
 - the date, time and place of Hearing, and the manner in which the Hearing shall take place. The Hearing may be held in person, by teleconference, or as may otherwise be directed by the Team Leader.
- The Panel shall conduct a Hearing at a time and place determined by the Team Leader. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Team Leader in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At or prior to the Hearing, if available, the fencer and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the right to receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.
- The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declarations or affidavits.
- The fencer and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the rights:
 - to appear personally and be represented by counsel at the Hearing.
 - to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
 - to testify on his/her own behalf, or remain silent.
 - to address the Panel or otherwise make a statement of position personally or through his/her counsel or representative.
- As soon as practicable after the close of the Hearing, the Team Panel shall prepare the Team Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Team Panel Report to the fencer, any Other Affected Athlete, and each member of the USFA committee responsible for team selections within one week after receiving it.
- The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall be effective and implemented unless stayed by the USFA committee responsible for team selections or the Executive Committee.

- Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of the time limitations set forth herein shall not be grounds to overturn the decision in question or, to prohibit the imposition of sanctions.
- Nothing herein shall preclude any fencer or Other Affected Athlete, during the procedures set forth above or at its conclusion, from seeking to enforce or protect his/her rights under any provision of the Bylaws of the USFA, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the USOC, including the right to seek the intervention of the USOC CEO or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

16.2 General Disciplinary Procedures

Scope of Procedures

These procedures will be used when a member of the USFA is or may be subject to discipline by the USFA, except that:

- If the proposed discipline involves, or may involve the USFA member being removed from a USFA or USOC team, or being precluded from an opportunity to compete at any event, the Athlete/Cadre Grievance Procedures adopted by the USFA shall be utilized; and
- If a member of the USFA is on a team representing the USFA or the USOC, such member may be subject to immediate discipline, including, but not limited to being removed from a team, banned from participating at a competition, or sent home under the Expedited Discipline/Grievance Procedures set forth in Chapter 7 or under procedures adopted by the USOC.

Definitions

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- "Fencer" shall mean those who are currently actively engaged in amateur competition in fencing on a local, national or international level or who have represented the United States in fencing in international competitions within the previous ten (10) years.
- "Disinterested" shall mean a person who will not be personally affected by the outcome of a panel hearing and none of whose relatives, significant other, students, coaches, or club mates will be affected by the outcome of a panel hearing. If all members who might be affected by a panel hearing agree, the Disinterested requirements with respect to a club mate may be waived.
- "Executive Director" shall mean the Executive Director of the USFA or his designee. Such designee may be any Disinterested USFA member. including, but not limited to an officer of a USFA Division or Section.
- "Panel" shall mean a panel consisting of not less than three (3) Disinterested USFA members (who may, but need not be members of the Board of Directors). At least 20% of the membership of the Panel shall be Fencers, provided, however, no Fencer shall be contending for a team in the same event as the person subject to potential discipline. The Panel and its Chair shall be selected by the Executive Director, provided, however, that if the Executive Director is not Disinterested, they shall be selected by the President of the USFA.
- "Panel Report" shall mean the written report prepared by the Panel consisting of its findings of fact and recommendations(s), which may include concurring or dissenting reports.

RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED - Persons potentially subjected to discipline shall have the rights set forth herein and as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the USFA and the Constitution and Bylaws of the United States Olympic Committee.

EXPENSES OF THE ACCUSED - Except as otherwise provided by the Board, all expenses of the accused, including counsel, shall be their own responsibility.

APPEALS - Decisions of the Panel may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the USFA (or the Executive Committee which is authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Directors between meetings).

Procedures

- A. At the request of an officer or director of the USFA (including an officer of a Division or Section of the USFA), a Panel shall be appointed under these Procedures.
- B. If the person selecting the Panel deems it appropriate, or at the request of the Chair of the Panel, the person who selected the Panel shall designate a person to present evidence to the Panel on behalf of the USFA. In addition to presenting evidence, such person shall also be able, at his discretion, to request the type(s) of sanctions which he believes are appropriate for the infraction.
- C. The Executive Director shall inform the accused in writing of the charges which have been referred to the Panel, the names of the members of the Panel, the name of the person, if any, who will present evidence to the Panel, and the possible discipline or sanctions that could be imposed.
- D. If the accused objects to any member of the Panel being a member, the accused shall inform the person that named the Panel (President or the Executive Director), who shall have the discretion to replace the Panel member.
- E. The Panel shall conduct a Hearing at a time and place determined by the Chair of the Panel. The Chair of the Panel shall inform the accused of the date, time and place of the Hearing, and the manner in which the Hearing shall take place. The Hearing may be held in person, by teleconference, or as may otherwise be directed by the Chair of the Panel.
- F. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Chair of the Panel in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At, or prior to the Hearing, if available, the accused shall receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.
- G. The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses, may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declarations or affidavits.

The accused shall have the rights:

- a. to appear personally and be represented by counsel or other representative of his choosing at the Hearing and at any review by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
 - b. to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
 - c. to testify on his own behalf, or remain silent.
 - d. to address the Panel or otherwise make a statement of position personally or through his counsel or representative.
- H. As soon as practicable, but no later than two weeks after the close of the Hearing, the Panel shall prepare the Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Panel Report to the accused and each member of the Executive Committee within one week after receiving it.

- I. Any sanctions proposed or directed by the Panel shall be effective unless they are disapproved by the Executive Committee within 30 days, provided, however, any proposed sanction which provides for the suspension, denied continuation of membership to, or expelling of the member shall not be effective unless such recommendation is approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board as provided by the bylaws. The Executive Committee may stay the imposition of any sanction until the Board can vote to approve, disapprove, or modify the sanction.
- J. The Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee acting on the Board's behalf, may approve, disapprove, or modify the sanction proposed or directed by the Panel, provided, however, they may not take any action more detrimental to the accused than the sanction proposed or directed by the Panel.
- K. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any time limitations set forth herein shall not be grounds to overturn or prohibit the imposition of sanctions.

National Team Disciplinary Procedures

In the event of any alleged breach of the United States Fencing Association (USFA) Code of Conduct a disciplinary panel will be convened on site immediately and will consist of the following individuals if present and not disqualified by a conflict of interest:

- Chief of Mission
- Team Captain
- Team Leader/Manager
- A team coach whose fencer(s) are not involved
- A fencer over 18 years of age

The hearing to investigate charges, recommend discipline if appropriate, and where necessary to impose disciplinary measures shall be conducted at a time and place and in a manner determined by the highest-ranking member of cadre present (ranked highest to lowest from the preceding list top-down). The hearing shall provide the accused due process rights as follows: the right to be present, the right to be represented, the right to confront and question witnesses, the right to call witnesses and the right to address the panel. Promptly following the conclusion of any such hearing, the Disciplinary Panel shall report to the High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC the nature of the charges, the conclusions of the investigation and any discipline imposed or recommended.

activity:

- Loss of specified privileges at the competition
- Involuntary withdrawal or bar of the offending individual from that day's activities
- Involuntary withdrawal or bar from the entire competition
- Offending individual sent home
- Other sanctions as deemed appropriate, including assessment of any damages caused by the misconduct
- Recommendation of post competition sanctions as deemed appropriate

If discipline cannot be adjudicated at the competition, the High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC may require a report from the Disciplinary Panel and is empowered to mete out sanctions or refer the matter to the Executive Committee or to the Board of Directors of the USFA for further investigation and potential discipline.

The consequential costs of any disciplinary action imposed by the Panel or by the High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC and any reasonable

expenses incurred by the USFA or its members in connection with the disciplinary proceeding shall be the responsibility of the party being disciplined.

Appeal from the decision of a Disciplinary Panel may be made by the individual or individuals involved to the High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC within 15 days of receipt of notice of the panel decision, which decision may be delivered orally at the time of the hearing.

The decision of the Disciplinary Panel may be appealed to the High Performance Director, National Weapon Head Coach, and representative from the AAC, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors or the Board of Directors of the USFA, at the election of the appealing party. The body to which the appeal is addressed shall appoint a panel to hear the appeal and render a final decision as expeditiously as reasonably possible.

These rules and regulations have been promulgated for the protection of all fencers, coaches, officials and others under the authority of the United States Fencing Association.

Chapter 17 - Code of Conduct

17.1 Fencer Code of Conduct Agreement

INTRODUCTION

Membership on a USFA National Team, competing around the world in international Fencing events, is an honor. It is a distinction few achieve and an accomplishment universally recognized as a distinctive achievement in the sport. It is in that context that we ask you to make the pledge set forth below to the United States Fencing Association and to the United States Olympic Committee, our major partner in promoting sustained competitive excellence in the sport.

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Athlete Code of Conduct (Code), which offers a general guide to my conduct as a member of the National Team, or conduct as a member of any named team to any USFA designated event, training camp or competition. I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed that the USFA has adopted Grievance Procedures, which are contained in the USFA Athlete Handbook, that provide me with the right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied for any reason or if I am charged with any violation of the Code.

By signing the Code, I (1) accept nomination and, if accepted, selection to the National Team and/or to any named team to any USFA designated event, training camp or competition. (2) agree to abide by this Code and the Grievance Procedures noted above, which will be used by USFA to resolve any alleged violations of the Code, (3) agree to submit any dispute that arises in relation to my nomination or selection to the National Team, or to any named team to any USFA designated event, training camp or competition, to the USFA pursuant to the Grievance procedures, and (4) acknowledge that the Code and the Grievance Procedures apply as soon as I sign the USFA Athlete Agreement.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions as written is a condition of my selection to the National Team, or to any named team to any USFA designated event, training camp or competition. This Code of Conduct must be signed in an unaltered form in all applicable places in order for an individual to become a member of the National Team or the team to any USFA designated event, training camp or competition.

The duration of any activity (event, training camp or competition) is defined as the period beginning when a participant comes under the supervision of a Team Leader, Team Captain, National Coach or other person vested with the authority of the USFA until the participant is no longer under such immediate supervision

AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TEAM OR A MEMBER OF A USFA TEAM TO A DESIGNATED TEAM EVENT, TRAINING CAMP OR COMPETITION, I HEREBY PROMISE AND AGREE THAT I:

will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;

will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performances to be at the maximum of my abilities;

will submit to a physical examination by USFA medical personnel if my ability to compete is compromised due to physical injury and I understand that such injury may be cause for my

not being selected to the National Team, or the Team to any designated event, being removed from the National Team or the Team to any designated event, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team;

will not commit a doping violation as defined by the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code (OMAC), World Anti-doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the FIE or the USFA;

Will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance. I will seek to attend team functions, meetings, practices, competitions and media events in a timely manner and refrain from actions and activities that would be a disruption, either to myself or members of my team;

will respect the property of others whether personal or public;

will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials and will notify persons invested with supervision of the team at events, training camps or competition of any circumstances that would prevent any member from being able to compete or participate at an optimal level;

will engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse (see USFA Athlete Handbook for policy on sexual harassment). I understand that it is a USFA rule that any sexual contact or advance or any other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior directed toward an athlete by another athlete is prohibited.

will follow USFA rules, including by way of example, rules regarding required attendance at camps and events, and curfew at events while a member of a USFA team;

will abide by the FIE rules regarding eligibility for World Cup and World Championship competition, with USOC rules regarding eligibility for Olympic competition, and rules concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used at all these events;

am aware that USFA sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and that, when requested, I will wear USFA sponsored apparel and use USFA sponsored equipment at official USFA and FIE events;

will not use, or authorized the use of my name, person, image, picture, voice, or any of my sports performances for advertising or promotional purposes during designated events without the prior written consent of the USFA;

will attempt to participate in media and sponsor-related activities if compatible with my training and competitive schedule at designated events when requested by the National Coach or the Team Leader, or his or her designee;

will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, my family, the USFA and the United States of America;

will respect the laws, customs and traditions of the countries in which I may be traveling and competing while representing the USFA.

will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement;

will follow any additional rules of conduct for a USFA event, training camp or competition established by the Team Leader, Team Captain, or any other person vested with the authority of the USFA.

AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct, including the USFA Grievance Procedure contained in the USFA Athlete Handbook. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to and remaining a member of the National Team, or any named team to any USFA designated event, training camp or competition

Signature _____ Date _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION
(For Participants under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)

Signature _____ Date _____

Relationship (Parent or Guardian) _____

17.2 Non-Fencer Personnel Code of Conduct

UNITED STATES FENCING ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NON-FENCER PERSONNEL

The following rules of conduct will be strictly applied to all United States Fencing Association (USFA) personnel including, but not limited to, members of the cadre at any international or domestic World Cup, World Championship, Pan American or World University Games competition, camp or other fencing activity. Any failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action.

The following shall be considered violations of the USFA Code of Conduct:

- Violation of the Amateur Sports Act, which requires that the USFA must provide an equal opportunity to amateur fencers, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.
- Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges for any felony, any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances or any crime involving assault or sexual assault.
- Any inappropriate sexual contact or advance or any other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior or action directed towards a fencer by a cadre member, including violation of any sexual harassment policy of the USFA that may be in effect.
- The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) recognized list of banned substances.¹
- The illegal possession or use of illegal drugs in the presence of a fencer by a cadre member.
- Engaging in any activity that contravenes the stricter of the laws of the United States of America (USA) or the host country in which the activity is taking place.
- Providing alcohol to a fencer by a cadre member when the fencer is under the legal age and therefore prohibited from purchasing or consuming alcohol.
- The act or the appearance of intoxication from the use of alcohol or illegal drugs in the presence of a fencer by a cadre member.
- Any non-consensual physical contact with or abuse (including verbal abuse) of any person by a cadre member.
- Any intentional act of dishonesty in connection with any USFA-related activity.
- Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture or other threatening language or conduct directed toward any official, which is related to any decision made by such official in conjunction with a USFA-related event.

¹ *The United States Anti Doping Agency (USADA) adheres to WADA guidelines. USADA at www.usantidoping.org, drug reference number: (national: 800.233.0393), (international: 719.785.2020)*

- Violation of any team rule of conduct as established by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USFA, the Federation International d'Escrime (FIE), or person in authority leading an international team, including but not limited to deportment, curfew, practice, team meeting attendance, and prompt attendance at competitions.
- Any other act, conduct or omission not provided in this code which is detrimental to the image or reputation of the USFA, the USA or the sport of fencing, or which violates a rule established by the USOC, FIE, International Olympic Committee (IOC) or other governing body.

All members of any traveling party including personal coaches are expected to adhere to and reinforce the rules and regulations above.

US Fencing Association – Athlete Check out

NO ATHLETE TEAM MEMBER MAY LEAVE THE HOTEL OR VENUE WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE US TEAM MANAGER AND PERMISSION OF THE TEAM WEAPON COACH

ATHLETE NAME: _____ DATE: _____

TIME & DATE DEPARTING TEAM HOTEL: _____

ESTIMATED TIME & DATE RETURN: _____

NAME OF PARENT/COACH RESPONSIBLE (IF MINOR): _____

DESTINATION VISITING/LOCATION STAYING: _____

LOCAL CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____ ATHLETE CELL: _____

ALTERNATIVE LOCAL CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

TEAM WEAPON COACH SIGNATURE: _____

TEAM MANAGER SIGNATURE: _____

TIME & DATE OUT: _____ TIME & DATE IN: _____

CHECKED IN BY: _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, THE FOLLOWING IS AGREED:

ANY CHANGE IN PLANS MUST BE AUTHORIZED – YOU MUST CONTACT TEAM MANAGER ASAP AT _____ DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE

PERMISSION FROM THE TEAM WEAPON COACH HAS BEEN RECEIVED

THE US CODE OF CONDUCT IS IN FORCE FOR THE ATHLETE AT ALL TIMES

ATHLETE SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/COACH SIGNATURE (IF MINOR): _____

USFA Sexual Harassment Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the USFA to promote a cooperative work and sports environment in which there exists mutual respect for all fencers, coaches, officials, volunteers and staff. Sexual harassment is inconsistent with this objective and contrary to the USFA policy of equal employment and sports opportunity without regard to age, sex, sexual orientation, alienage, citizenship, religion, race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, disability, or any other personal status. Sexual harassment is illegal under Federal and State laws, and will not be tolerated within the USFA.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

It is a violation of USFA policy for any employee or member of the USFA to engage in sexual harassment or to retaliate against any member of the USFA for raising an allegation of sexual harassment or for filing a complaint alleging sexual harassment.

Definition of Sexual Harassment

For purposes of this policy, sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other oral and written communications or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of any individual's employment, USFA appointment, selection to a USFA team or participation in any USFA activity.
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for any decision affecting the employment, USFA appointment, or USFA selection or participation in any USFA activity by such individual.
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with an individual's work, sport performance or participation in USFA activities or creates an intimidating, hostile or abusive work or sport environment.

EXAMPLES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Examples of sexual harassment include but are not limited to the following:

- Requesting or demanding sexual favors in exchange for employment or sport opportunity such as hiring, firing, USFA appointments, USFA selections or participation in a USFA sponsored activity
- Submitting unfair or inaccurate job or sport evaluations or denying training, promotion or access to other employment, sport or organizational opportunities because sexual advances have been rejected
- Sexual comments, teasing or jokes, sexual slurs, demeaning epithets, derogatory statements about an individual's attire or body
- Inquiries or discussions about sexual activities
- Pressure to accept sexual invitations, to meet privately, to date, or to have sexual relations.
- Sexually suggestive letters or other written materials
- Sexual touching, brushing up against another in a sexual manner, graphic or sexually suggestive gestures, cornering, pinching, grabbing, kissing, or fondling.
- Sexual assault or non consensual sexual relations

CONSENSUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Amorous dating or sexual relationships that might be appropriate in other circumstances have inherent dangers when they occur between supervisors or other members of the USFA in positions of authority and any person for whom there is a professional responsibility. These dangers can include:

- Fencers, volunteers or employees may feel coerced into an unwanted relationship because they fear that refusal to enter into the relationship will adversely affect their employment, sport opportunity or ability to participate in USFA activities

- Conflicts of interest may arise when supervisors or officials are required to evaluate performance or make personnel decisions with respect to an individual with whom they are having a romantic relationship
- The perception that employees, volunteers, coaches or fencers who are involved in a romantic relationship with a person having professional, supervisory or promotional responsibility for them might receive an unfair advantage
- That if the relationship ends in a way that is not amicable, it may have an undesirable effect on either or both of the parties, and the USFA.

Supervisors or other members of the USFA in positions of authority who have professional, supervisory or promotional responsibility for other individuals should realize that any romantic or sexual involvement with other employees, volunteers, coaches or fencers may raise questions as to the mutuality of the relationship and may lead to charges of sexual harassment. For the reasons stated above, such relationships are discouraged.

FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS

Members of the USFA who make false and malicious complaints of sexual harassment, as opposed to complaints which, even if erroneous, are made in good faith, will be subject to disciplinary action.

PROCEDURES:

The USFA has developed procedures to implement this policy. The President and Executive Director have the ultimate responsibility for overseeing compliance with this policy. In addition, each Officer, Committee Chair, Team Captain, Team Manager and activity supervisor is required to report any complaint of sexual harassment to the President and Executive Director. All employees and members of the USFA are required to cooperate in any investigation. If they fail to report any incident of sexual harassment, or refuse to cooperate in any investigation they may effectively waive or forfeit any available remedies at law and may themselves be subjected to disciplinary action for failure to comply with this USFA Sexual Harassment Policy.

INVESTIGATION

A designated USFA representative shall schedule a confidential meeting with the person making the complaint. Thereafter, that representative shall thoroughly investigate the complaint, which investigation will include an interview with the alleged harasser and any potential witnesses. Upon completion of the investigation, the person making the complaint shall be contacted and advised of the outcome of the investigation. The USFA will conduct the investigation as expeditiously as possible and will act upon its results as appropriate.

USFA CONTACT PERSONS

A person wishing to file a complaint may do so by contacting any of the following:

Executive Director

Any USFA Officer

USFA Counsel or Associate Counsel

FOC Chair

Tournament Committee Chair

Division or Section Chair

On USFA Team Trips: the Team Captain, Team Manager, and Chief of Delegation

At USFA competitions and activities: the person in charge of the competition or activity

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Appendix 1 – Calendars

1.1 2008-2009 USFA Dates, Event Locations & Deadlines

October 5-8, 2007 (Fri-Mon) Division II/Division III/Cadet

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Tucson, AZ

September 12, 2008
September 13-19, 2008
September 19, 2008
September 26, 2008
October 6, 2008

November 7-10, 2008 (Fri-Mon) Junior/Cadet/Y14

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

St. Louis, MO

October 10, 2008
October 11-17, 2008
October 17, 2008
October 24, 2008
November 3, 2008

December 12-14, 2008 (Fri-Sun) Division I/Veteran

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Colorado Springs, CO

November 14, 2008
November 15-21, 2008
November 21, 2008
November 28, 2008
December 8, 2008

January 16-19, 2009 (Fri-Mon) Division I/Junior

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Louisville, KY

December 19, 2008
December 20-26, 2008
December 26, 2008
January 2, 2009
January 12, 2009

February 13-16, 2009 (Fri-Mon) Junior Olympic Championships

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Deadline for Division Qualifying Forms:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Albuquerque, NM

January 16, 2009
January 9, 2009
January 17-23, 2009
January 23, 2009
January 30, 2009
February 9, 2009

February 27-March 2, 2009 (Fri-Mon.) Division II/Division III/Veteran/Wheelchair

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Atlanta, GA

January 30, 2009
January 31–February 6, 2009
February 6, 2009
February 13, 2009
February 23, 2009

April 24-27 (Fri-Mon) Division I/Y14/Y12/Y10

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Portland, OR

March 27, 2009
March 28-April 3, 2009
April 3, 2009
April 10, 2009
April 20, 2009

July 3 -July 12 (Fri -Sun) Summer National Championships Gaylord Texan Resort,

Deadline for Division Qualifying Forms:
Deadline for Section Qualifying Forms:
Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:
*Deadline for Classification Changes:
Withdrawal Deadline

Grapevine TX

May 15, 2009
May 15, 2009
May 22, 2009
May 23-June 5, 2009
June 5, 2009
June 19, 2009
June 29, 2009

*Classification Change deadline for the new classification to be reflected in the tournament.

1.2 Major Dates for US Fencing

MAJOR DATES FOR US FENCING

TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	DATES
2008-2009 TOURNAMENTS & KEY DATES		
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		Oct. 4, 2008
NAC Division II/Division III/Cadet	Columbus, OH	October 10 - 13, 2008
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		Nov. 1, 2008
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – CLOCKS SET BACK 1 HOUR		Nov. 2, 2008
NAC Junior/Cadet/Youth 14	St. Louis, MO	November 7 -10,
2008 FIE Congress	Paris, FRA	6 December 2008
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		Dec. 6, 2008
NAC Division I/Veteran	Colorado Springs, CO	Dec. 12 - 14, 2008
NAC Division I/Junior	Louisville, KY	January 16 -19, 2009
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		Jan. 24, 2009
JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS	Albuquerque, NM	February 13 -16, 2009
NAC Division II/III/Veteran	Atlanta, GA	Feb. 27-March 2
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		Mar 14, 2009
NCAA Regional Championships	Various Regions	Mar 7, 2009
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS – CLOCKS SET AHEAD 1 HOUR		MAR 8, 2009
NCAA Fencing Championships		Mar 19-22, 2009
EASTER HOLIDAY		April 12, 2009
WORLD JUNIOR/CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS	Belfast, IRL	Apr 5-13, 2009
PASSOVER HOLIDAY		April 8-16, 2009
PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBD	TBD
NAC Youth (14/12/10); NAC DIV I	Portland, OR	Apr 24-27, 2009
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		3 May 2009
SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)		6 JUN 2009
FIE Senior World Cup: WF, WS, MS Limited entries allowed. Contact Natl Office for details	TBD	TBD
SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gaylord Texan Resort, Dallas, TX	3-12 July 2009
2009 World University Games	Belgrade	1-12 July
Pan American Senior Zonal Championships)	TBD	TBD
World Veterans Championships (50 & Older-9/1/09)	Moscow, RUS	Sept. 24-27, 2009
World Senior Fencing Championships	Antalya, TUR	Oct. 16-26, 2009
FIE Congress	Palermo, ITA	Dec. 2009

FUTURE TOURNAMENT/DATE CONSIDERATIONS

TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	DATES
2010 World Junior/Cadet Championships	TBD	TBD
2010 Pan American Junior Zonal Champs.	TBD	15 Apr-31 August
2010 Pan American Senior Zonal Champs.	TBD	1 July – 30 August
2010 1 st Youth [Summer] Olympic Games [14-18 yr. olds]	Singapore	14-26 August to be held every 4 yrs
2010 World Veterans Championships	TBD	September
2010 Wheelchair World Championships	Paris w/Sr World Chmps	Held once every 4 yrs
2010 Senior World Championships	Paris, France	Sept./Oct.
2011 World Junior/Cadet Championships	TBD	July
2011 Pan American Junior Zonal Champs.	TBD	15 Apr-30 August
2011 Pan American Senior Zonal Champs.	TBD	1 July – 30 August
2011 Pan American Games	Guadalajara, Mexico	July
2011 World University Games	TBD	August
2011 World Veterans Championships	TBD	September
2011 Senior World Championships	TBD	Sept/Oct
2012 World Junior/Cadet Championships	TBD	April
2012 Pan American Junior Zonal Champs.	TBD	15 Apr-30 August
2012 Pan American Senior Zonal Champs.	TBD	1 July – 31 July
2012 World Veterans Championships	TBD	September
2012 World Team Championships (2 Weapons Not Included as Team Competitions in 2012 OG)		
2012 Olympic Games	London, GBR	27 July – 12 August
2012 Paralympic Games	London, GBR	29 August – 9 Sept

JUNIOR ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: FIE Mandate that tournament must take place between the 15th of April and the 30th of August for FIE points to be awarded, outside the period of the Junior World Cup.

SENIOR ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FIE Mandate that tournament must take place between the 1st of July and the 30th August for FIE points to be awarded. In 2008, an Olympic year, these championships should be held between 1st July and 31st of July to count towards seeding Olympic Games.

1. FIE RANKING

a. The **official senior ranking of the FIE** uses the best 6 results of World Cup or Grand Prix competitions in which the fencer has participated, with no more than **3** on the same continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games, **and the Zonal Championships.**

b. The **official junior ranking of the FIE** uses the best 6 results of World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, with no more than **3** on the same continent, plus the World Championships **and the Zonal Championships.** If all the competitions in a particular weapon take place on the same continent, then the ranking shall use the best 5.

2 Scale of points [See Athlete Handbook for actual scale of points}

c. **For the FIE Grand Prix competitions and the senior zonal championships** FIE World Cup points are multiplied by a factor of 2.

For the Senior World Championships FIE World Cup points are multiplied by factor of 3.

2. CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Starting in 2007 Daylight Savings Time will start the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November.

1.3 Regional Youth Circuit Calendar

See www.usfaryc.org for the Regional Youth Circuit Calendar and updates.

1.4 Men's Epee International Calendar

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet (Date Change)	Budapest	HUN	2 Oct 08	30 Aug 08	13 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Bratislava	SVK	11 Oct 08	6 Sep 08	20 Sep 08
Satellite		Belgrade	SRB	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Satellite		Turku	FIN	18 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior		Ponte de Sor	POR	19 Oct 08	14 Sep 08	28 Sep 08
Junior		Montreal	CAN	25 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Satellite		Copenhagen	DEN	25 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Cadet	Cadet	Bonn	GER	25-26 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Junior		Luxembourg	LUX	8 Nov 08	2 Oct 08	18 Oct 08
Satellite		Oslo	NOR	08-09 Nov 08	2 Oct 08	18 Oct 08
Satellite		Arhus	DEN	15-16 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Laupheim	GER	16 Nov 08	12 Oct 08	26 Oct 08
Junior		Helsinki	FIN	22 Nov 08	18 Oct 08	1 Nov 08
Satellite		Dublin	IRL	29 Nov 08	25 Oct 08	8 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	6 Dec 08	1 Nov 08	15 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	5 Jan 09	1 Dec 08	15 Dec 08
Senior		Kish Island	IRI	10-11 Jan 09	6 Dec 08	20 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Koweit City	KUW	16-17 Jan 09 Date Changed	13 Dec 08	27 Dec 08
Team		Koweit City	KUW	18 Jan 09 Date Changed	15 Dec 08	29 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Doha	QAT	23-24 Jan 09 Date Changed	19 Dec 08	2 Jan 09
Team		Doha	QAT	1/18/2009 Date Changed	21 Dec 08	4 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Legnano	ITA	30-31 Jan 09	27 Dec 08	9 Jan 08
Junior	Junior	Goteborg	SWE	31 Jan 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Cadet	Cadet (Date Change)	Goteborg	SWE	1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Team		Legnano	ITA	1 Feb 09	29 Dec 08	11 Jan 09
Senior		Lisbonne	POR	7-8 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Bâle	SUI	7 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Satellite		Stockholm	SWE	7-8 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Senior		Tallin	EST	14-15 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Junior		Le Caire	EGY	15 Feb 09	11 Jan 09	25 Jan 09
Junior	Date Changed	Burgos	ESP	21 Feb 09	17 Jan 09	31 Jan 09
Junior		Yazd	IRI	28 Feb 09	24 Jan 09	7 Feb 09
Senior	Senior	Berne	SUI	28 Feb-1 Mar 09	24 Jan 09	7 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Stockholm	SWE	6-7 Mar 09	30 Jan 09	13 Feb 09
Junior		Maalot	ISR	7 Mar 09	31 Jan 09	14 Feb 09
Satellite		Colombus (Ohio)	USA	8 Mar 09	10 Jan 09	15 Feb 09
Team		Stockholm	SWE	8 Mar 09	10 Jan 09	15 Feb 09
Junior		Nîmes	FRA	15 Mar 09	8 Feb 09	22 Feb 09
Senior	Senior	Heidenheim	GER	27-28 Mar 09	21 Feb 09	6 Mar 09
Satellite		Istanbul	TUR	9-10 May 09	4 Apr 09	18 Apr 09
Senior	Senior	Paris	FRA	9-10 May 09	4 Apr 09	18 Apr 09
Senior		Sydney	AUS	22-23 May 09	17 Apr 09	1 May 09
Satellite		Split	CRO	23-24 May 09	17 Apr 09	1 May 09
Senior	Senior	Montréal	CAN	29-30 May 09	24 Apr 09	8 May 09
Senior		Caguas	PUR	5-6 Jun 09	1 May 09	15 May 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Bogota	COL	12-13 Jun 09	8 May 09	22 May 09
Team		Bogota	COL	14 Jun 09	10 May 09	24 May 09
Senior		Buenos Aires	ARG	20-21 Jun 09	16 May 09	30 May 09

Designated World Cups are in **Bold**

1.5 Men's Foil International Calendar

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet (Date Changed)	Budapest	HUN	4 Oct 08	30 Aug 08	13 Sep 08
Junior		Bratislava	SVK	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Londres	GBR	18 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Satellite		Londres	GBR	19 Oct 08	14 Sep 08	28 Sep 08
Junior		Montreal	CAN	26 Oct 08	21 Sep 08	5 Oct 08
Junior		Luxembourg	LUX	9 Nov 08	3 Oct 08	19 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Madrid	ESP	15 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Satellite		Amsterdam	NED	15-16 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Aix-en-Provence	FRA	23 Nov 08	19 Oct 08	2 Nov 08
Cadet	Cadet	Cabries	FRA	29-30 Nov 08	25 Oct 08	8 Nov 08
Junior		Leszno	POL	30 Nov 08	26 Oct 08	9 Nov 08
Junior		Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	7 Dec 08	2 Nov 08	6 Nov 08
Junior		Burgsteinfurt	GER	14 Dec 08	9 Nov 08	23 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	3 Jan 09	29 Nov 08	13 Dec 08
Cadet	Cadet	Warszawa	POL	10-11 Jan 09	6 Dec 08	20 Dec 08
Senior		Copenhagen	DEN	17-18 Jan 09	14 Dec 08	28 Dec 08
Grand Prix	Senior	Paris	FRA	23-24 Jan 09	19 Dec 08	2 Jan 09
Team		Paris	FRA	25 Jan 09	21 Dec 08	4 Jan 09
Senior		La Coruña	ESP	31 Jan-1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Mödling	AUT	7 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Venise	ITA	13-14 Feb 09	9 Jan 09	23 Jan 09
Junior		Le Caire	EGY	14 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Team		Venise	ITA	15 Feb 09	11 Jan 09	25 Jan 09
Junior		Viana Do Castelo	POR	21 Feb 09	17 Jan 09	31 Jan 09
Junior		Yazd	IRI	27 Feb 09	23 Jan 09	6 Feb 09
Senior		Bonn	GER	28 Feb-1 Mar 09	24 Jan 09	7 Feb 09
Senior		Le Caire	EGY	6-7 Mar 09	30 Jan 09	13 Feb 09
Senior		Espinho	POR	14-15 Mar 09	7 Feb 09	21 Feb 09
Satellite		Copenhagen	DEN	28 Mar 09	22 Feb 09	7 Mar 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Shanghai	CHN	1-2 May 09	28 Mar 09	11 Apr 09
Team		Shanghai	CHN	3 May 09	30 Mar 09	13 Apr 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Tokyo	JPN	8-9 May 09	3 Apr 09	17 Apr 09
Team		Tokyo	JPN	10 May 09	5 Apr 09	19 Apr 09
Senior		Séoul	KOR	18-19 May 09	13 Apr 09	28 Apr 09
Grand Prix	Senior	St-Petersbourg	RUS	25-26 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Team		St-Petersbourg	RUS	27 May 09	21 Apr 09	6 May 09
Senior		Montréal	CAN	31 May-1 Jun 09	25 Apr 09	10 May 09
Senior	Senior (Date Changed)	La Havane	CUB	4-5 June 09	TBD	TBD
Senior		Valencia-Carabobo	VEN	12-13 Jun 09	8 May 09	22 May 09

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1.6 Men's Sabre International Calendar

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet	Konin	POL	13-14 Sep 08	9 Aug 08	23 Aug 08
Junior		Odessa	UKR	28 Sep 08	24 Aug 08	7 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Sosnowiec	POL	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Satellite		Gand	BEL	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Godollo	HUN	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Montreal	CAN	25 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Satellite		Amsterdam	NED	15-16 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Dormagen	GER	22 Nov 08	18 Oct 08	1 Nov 08
Junior		Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	7 Dec 08	2 Nov 08	6 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	5 Jan 09	1 Dec 08	15 Dec 08
Senior		Kish Island	IRI	10-11 Jan 09	6 Dec 08	20 Dec 08
Junior	Junior	Künzelsau	GER	10 Jan 09	6 Dec 08	20 Dec 08
Senior	Senior	Istanbul	TUR	17-18 Jan 09	14 Dec 08	28 Dec 08
Satellite		Copenhagen	DEN	17-18 Jan 09	14 Dec 08	28 Dec 08
Junior		Logrono	ESP	24 Jan 09	20 Dec 08	3 Jan 09
Senior	Senior	Athènes	GRE	30-31 Jan 09	27 Dec 08	9 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Budapest	HUN	6-7 Feb 09	2 Jan 09	16 Jan 09
Team		Budapest	HUN	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Moscou	RUS	12-13 Feb 09	8 Jan 09	22 Jan 09
Satellite		Orebro	SWE	14-15 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Team		Moscou	RUS	14 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Junior		Dourdan	FRA	15 Feb 09	11 Jan 09	25 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Plovdiv	BUL	27-28 Feb 09	23 Jan 09	6 Feb 09
Team		Plovdiv	BUL	1 Mar 09	25 Jan 09	8 Feb 09
Junior		Yazd	IRI	1 Mar 09	25 Jan 09	8 Feb 09
Senior		Tunis	TUN	13-14 Mar 09	6 Feb 09	20 Feb 09
Junior		Isla de Margarita	VEN	14 Mar 09	7 Feb 09	21 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Alger	ALG	23-23 Mar 09	15 Feb 09	1 Mar 09
Team		Alger	ALG	24 Mar 09	16 Feb 09	2 Mar 09
Senior	Senior	Bangkok	THA	2-3 May 09	29 Mar 09	12 Apr 09
Senior		Varsovie	POL	16-17 May 09	11 Apr 09	26 Apr 09
Senior	Senior	Madrid	ESP	22-23 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Satellite		Helsinki	FIN	23 May 09	19 Apr 09	3 May 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Padoue	ITA	29-30 May 09	24 Apr 09	8 May 09
Team		Padoue	ITA	31 May 09	26 Apr 09	10 May 09
Satellite		Reykjavik	ISL	6-7 Jun 09	2 May 09	16 May 09
Satellite		Newcastle	GBR	13-14 Jun 09	9 May 09	23 May 09
Senior	Senior	Valencia-Carabobo	VEN	14-15 Jun 09	10 May 09	24 May 09
Senior	Senior	Las Vegas	USA	TBD	TBD	TBD

Designated World Cups are in **Bold**.

1.7 Women's Epee International Calendar

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Junior		Kiev	UKR	6 Sep 08	9 Aug 08	16 Aug 08
Junior		Varsovie	POL	4 Oct 08	30 Aug 08	13 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Bratislava	SVK	11 Oct 08	9/12/2008 (date changed)	20 Sep 08
Satellite		Belgrade	SRB	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Junior		Ponte de Sor	POR	18 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Satellite		Turku	FIN	18 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior		Montreal	CAN	26 Oct 08	21 Sep 08	5 Oct 08
Satellite		Copenhagen	DEN	26 Oct 08	21 Sep 08	5 Oct 08
Satellite		Oslo	NOR	8-9 Nov 08	2 Oct 08	18 Oct 08
Satellite		Arhus	DEN	15-16 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Cadet	Cadet	Heidenheim	GER	22-23 Nov 08	18 Oct 08	1 Nov 08
Junior	Junior Cadet	Tauberbischofsheim	GER	29 Nov 08	18 Oct 08 (date changed)	1 Nov 08
Cadet	(Date Changed)	Modling	AUT	29 Nov 08	18 Oct 08 (date changed)	1 Nov 08
Junior		Helsinki	FIN	23 Nov 08	19 Oct 08	2 Jan 08
Junior		Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	5 Dec 08	31 Oct 08	14 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	4 Jan 09	30 Nov 08	14 Dec 08
Grand Prix Team	Senior	Budapest	HUN	16-17 Jan 09	13 Dec 08	27 Dec 08
		Budapest	HUN	18 Jan 09	15 Dec 08	29 Dec 08
Grand Prix Team	Senior (Changed to a Grand Prix) Added	Doha	QAT	24-25 Jan 09	20 Dec 08	3 Jan 09
		Doha	QAT	26 Jan 09	22 Dec 08	5 Jan 09
Cadet	Cadet (Date Changed)	Göteborg	SWE	31 Jan 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Göteborg	SWE	1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08 (date changed)	10 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Rome	ITA	6-7 Feb 09	2 Jan 09	16 Jan 09
Satellite		Stockholm	SWE	7-8 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Team		Rome	ITA	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Mödling	AUT	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Senior	Senior	Barcelone	ESP	14-15 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Saint-Maur	FRA	20-21 Feb 09	16 Jan 09	30 Jan 09
Junior	Date Changed	Burgos	ESP	22 Feb 09	17 Jan 09	31 Jan 09
Team		St-Maur	FRA	22 Feb 09	18 Jan 09	1 Feb 09
Senior	Senior (Date Changed)	Luxembourg	LUX	28-29 Mar 09	7 Mar 09	10 Feb 09
Junior		Maalot	ISR	6 Mar 09	30 Jan 09	13 Feb 09
Senior		Tauberbischofsheim	GER	7-8 Mar 09	31 Jan 09	14 Feb 09
Senior		Florina	GRE	14-15 Mar 09	7 Feb 09	21 Feb 09
Junior		Dijon	FRA	15 Mar 09	8 Feb 09	22 Feb 09
Senior		Lobnya	RUS	21-22 Mar 09	14 Feb 09	28 Feb 09
Satellite		Istanbul	TUR	9-10 May 09	4 Apr 09	18 Apr 09
Grand Prix Team	Senior	Nankin	CHN	15-16 May 09	10 Apr 09	24 Apr 09
		Nankin	CHN	17 May 09	12 Apr 09	27 Apr 09
Satellite		Split	CRO	23-24 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Senior		Sydney	AUS	23-24 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Senior		Montréal	CAN	29-30 May 09	24 Apr 09	8 May 09
Senior	Date Changed	La Havane	CUB	11-12 Jun 09	TBD	TBD
Team	Cancelled	La Havane	CUB	13 Jun 09	TBD	TBD
Satellite		Newcastle	GBR	13-14 Jun 09	9 May 09	23 May 09

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1.8 Women's Foil International Calendar

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Junior	Junior	Bratislava	SVK	12 Oct 08	7 Sep 08	21 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Samorin	SVK	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior		Montreal	CAN	25 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	10/11/2008 Date Changed
Cadet	Cadet	Tauberbishofsheim	GER	25-26 Oct 08	20 Sep 08	4 Oct 08
Junior		Tunis	TUN	15 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Cadet	Cadet	Salzburg	AUT	16 Nov 08	11 Oct 08	25 Oct 08
Junior	undesignated	Leszno	POL	29 Nov 08	25 Oct 08	8 Nov 08
Cadet	Cadet	Cabries	FRA	29-30 Nov 08	25 Oct 08	8 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	5 Dec 08	31 Oct 08	14 Nov 08
Junior		Bochum	GER	13 Dec 08	8 Nov 08	22 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	3 Jan 09	29 Nov 08	13 Dec 08
Junior		Waldkirch	GER	25 Jan 09	21 Dec 08	4 Jan 09
Senior		Salzburg	AUT	31 Jan-1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Junior	Junior	Lyon	FRA	1 Feb 09	29 Dec 08	11 Jan 09
Senior		Belgrade	SRB	7-8 Feb 09	3 Jan 09	17 Jan 09
Junior		Zagreb	CRO	21 Feb 09	17 Jan 09	31 Jan 09
Senior		Leipzig	GER	21-22 Feb 09	17 Jan 09	31 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Gdansk	POL	27-28 Feb 09	23 Jan 09	6 Feb 09
Team		Gdansk	POL	1 Mar 09	25 Jan 09	8 Feb 09
Senior		Le Caire	EGY	4-5 Mar 09	29 Jan 09	12 Feb 09
Senior		Budapest	HUN	14-15 Mar 09	7 Feb 09	21 Feb 09
Senior	Senior	Turin	ITA	21-22 Mar 09	14 Feb 09	28 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Marseille	FRA	27-28 Mar 09	21 Feb 09	6 Mar 09
Satellite		Copenhagen	DEN	29 Mar 09	22 Feb 09	8 Mar 09
Team		Marseille	FRA	29 Mar 09	22 Feb 09	8 Mar 09
Senior		Shanghai	CHN	4-5 May 09	30 Mar 09	13 Apr 09
Grand Prix	Senior	Séoul	KOR	15-16 May 09	10 Apr 09	24 Apr 09
Team		Séoul	KOR	17 May 09	12 Apr 09	27 Apr 09
Grand Prix		St-Petersbourg	RUS	22-23 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Team		St-Petersbourg	RUS	24 May 09	19 Apr 09	3 May 09
Senior		Buenos Aires	ARG	30-31 May 09	25 Apr 09	9 May 09
Senior	Date Changed	La Havane	CUB	08-09 Jun 09	TBD	TBD
Team	Cancelled	La Havane	CUB	10 Jun 09	TBD	TBD
Satellite	Cancelled	Newcastle	GBR	13-14 Jun 09	9 May 09	23 May 09
Senior	Senior	Las Vegas	USA	TBD	TBD	TBD

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1.9 Women's Sabre International Calendar

Level	Designated Level	City	Country	Competition Dates	Deadline Date	Withdraw Deadline
Cadet	Cadet	Konin	POL	13-14 Sep 08	9 Aug 08	23 Aug 08
Junior		Odessa	UKR	27 Sep 08	23 Aug 08	6 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Sosnowiec	POL	11 Oct 08	6 Sep 08	20 Sep 08
Cadet	Cadet	Godollo	HUN	18-19 Oct 08	13 Sep 08	27 Sep 08
Junior	Junior	Montreal	CAN	26 Oct 08	21 Sep 08	5 Oct 08
Junior	Junior	Dormagen	GER	22 Nov 08	18 Oct 09	1 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Lignano Sabbiadoro	ITA	6 Dec 08	1 Nov 08	15 Nov 08
Junior	Junior	Budapest	HUN	4 Jan 09	30 Nov 08	14 Dec 08
Junior		Künzelsau	GER	11 Jan 09	7 Dec 08	21 Dec 08
Junior		Logrono	ESP	24 Jan 09	20 Dec 08	3 Jan 09
Senior	Senior**	Londres	GBR	31 Jan-1 Feb 09	28 Dec 08	10 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Orléans	FRA	6-7 Feb 09	2 Jan 09	16 Jan 09
Team		Orléans	FRA	8 Feb 09	4 Jan 09	18 Jan 09
Junior		Dourdan	FRA	14 Feb 09	10 Jan 09	24 Jan 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Moscou	RUS	15-16 Feb 09	2 Jan 09 (Date Changed)	16 Jan 2009 (Date Changed)
Team		Moscou	RUS	17 Feb 09	13 Jan 09	27 Jan 09
Senior		Budapest	HUN	21-22 Feb 09	17 Jan 09	31 Jan 09
Senior		V.Leganés-Madrid	ESP	28 Feb-1 Mar 09	24 Jan 09	7 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Foggia	ITA	13-14 Mar 09	6 Feb 09	20 Feb 09
Team		Foggia	ITA	15 Mar 09	8 Feb 09	22 Feb 09
Junior		Isla de Margarita	VEN	15 Mar 09	8 Feb 09	22 Feb 09
Grand Prix	Senior**	Alger	ALG	20-21 Mar 09	13 Feb 09	27 Feb 09
Team		Alger	ALG	22 Mar 09	14 Feb 09	28 Feb 09
Senior		Klagenfurt	AUT	2-3 May 09	29 Mar 09	12 Apr 09
Senior		Gand	BEL	9-10 May 09	4 Apr 09	18 Apr 09
Senior		Koblenz	GER	16-17 May 09	11 Apr 09	26 Apr 09
Satellite	Cancelled	Helsinki	FIN	23 May 09	18 Apr 09	2 May 09
Senior	Senior**	Hanoi	VIE	23-24 May 09	11 April 2009 (Date Changed)	4/25/2008 (Date Changed)
Grand Prix	Senior**	Tianjin	CHN	29-30 May 09	18 April 2009 (Date Changed)	2 May 2009 (Date Changed)
Team		Tianjin	CHN	31 May 09	26 Apr 09	10 May 09
Satellite		Reykjavik	ISL	6-7 Jun 09	2 May 09	16 May 09
Senior	Senior** Date Changed	La Havane	CUB	6-7 Jun 09	TBD	TBD
Satellite		Newcastle	GBR	13-14 Jun 09	9 May 09	23 May 09
Senior	Senior**	Las Vegas	USA	TBD	TBD	TBD

****Senior Designated competitions are SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Designated World Cups are in **Bold**.

1.10 International Championships Calendar

Competition	Location	Dates
2009 Junior/Cadet World Championships	Belfast, GBR	April 5 - 13, 2009
2009 Pan Am Junior & Cadet Zonal Championships	TBD	TBD
2009 Veteran World Championships	Moscow, RUS	September 24 – 27, 2009
2009 World University Games	Belgrade, SRB	July 2 – 7, 2009
2009 Senior World Championships	Antalya, TUR	October 16 – 26, 2009
2010 Senior World Championships	Paris, FRA	July 2 – 7, 2009
2012 Olympic Games	London, GBR	July 27 – August 12 2012

Appendix 2 - Reference Tables

2.1 Age Criteria

CATEGORY	DIV. I/DIV. II, III	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1, DV2, DV3	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1995 or earlier	1989-1995	1992-1995	1994-1997	1996-1999	1998-2001

VETERAN	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60 & Older
VET	V50	V60
1968 or earlier	9/2/49-9/1/59	Born 9/2/49 or before

B: 2009 Summer Nationals & Associated Division & Section Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIV. IA, II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	D1A, DV1, 2, 3	VET	U19	U16	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1995 or earlier	≤ 1968	1990-1996	1993-1996	1994-1997	1996-1999	1998-2001

CATEGORY	SR TM	JR TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60 & Older
CODE	STM	JTM	V40	V50	V60
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1995	1989-1995	9/2/59-1968	9/2/49-9/1/59	Born 9/2/49 or before
	Equal		As of 1/1/09	Age Range as of 9/1/09	

EXCEPTION TO AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (All other qualification criteria remains):

- Youth 12 – A fencer born after 1999 can fence in Youth 12 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 10 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Youth 14 – A fencer born after 1997 can fence in Youth 14 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 12 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Cadet (U17) – A fencer born after 1995 can fence in Cadet (U17), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U17 Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Junior (U20) – A fencer born after 1995 can fence in Junior (U20), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U20 Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U17) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Cadet (U16) – A fencer born after 1996 can fence in Cadet (U16) qualifying competition for the 2009 Summer National Championships **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Junior (U19) – A fencer born after 1996 can fence in Junior (U19) qualifying competition for the 2009 Summer National Championships **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U16) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Div. I, IA, II, III – For NAC those born after 1995 **must be** on the National Junior point standings; for the 2009 Summer National Championships and qualifying competitions those born after 1994 **must be** on the National Junior point standings.

2.2 Classification Reference Chart

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	6	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1	15	NONE	N/A	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	15	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or higher)	2 C's & 2 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C2	25	4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)	4 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C3	64	24 D's & 12 E's (or higher)	4 D's in top 8 & 4 E's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 → C 5-8 → D 9-16 → E
GROUP B1	15	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 → B 2-4 → C 5-6 → D 7-8 → E
GROUP B2	25	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 → B 2-4 → C 5-8 → D 9-12 → E
GROUP B3	64	24 C's & 12 D's (or higher)	4 C's in top 8 & 4 D's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 → B 5-8 → C 9-16 → D 17-32 → E
GROUP A1 Changed per BOD 7/07	15	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 → A 2 → B 3-4 → C 5-6 → D 7-8 → E
GROUP A2	25	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 → A 2-4 → B 5-8 → C 9-10 → D 11-12 → E
GROUP A3	64	24 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 B's in top 8 & 4 C's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 → A 5-8 → B 9-16 → C 17-24 → D 25-32 → E
GROUP A4	64	12 A's & 12 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 A's in top 8 & 4 B's (or higher) in top 12	1-8 → A 9-16 → B 17-24 → C 25-32 → D 33-48 → E

Division I NAC and National Championships are always Group A4 competitions.

Division I-A National Championships are always at least Group A3 competitions.

Division II NAC and National Championships are always at least Group B3 competitions.

Division III NAC and National Championships are always at least Group C3 competitions.

Changes in classifications are allowed at USFA sanctioned individual competitions that are restricted to Veterans and to Junior fencers.

Division, Section and Regional Youth and Cadet Competitions must meet or exceed criteria for C1 to award changes in classification. (BOD, July '02, July 03).

The USFA does permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.

2.3 Domestic Point Table

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
P L A C E	CATEGORY OF COMPETITION								P L A C E
	Domestic	Domestic	Cadet	Cadet DE	Junior	Junior DE	Division I	Division I	
	Yth 12/10	Y14	DE with	Without	Direct DE	Without	With	Without	
	Used for Super Youth		Repêchage	Repêchage	Repêchage	Repêchage	Repêchage	Repêchage	
1	100	200	400	400	600	600	1000	1000	1
2	92	184	368	368	552	552	920	920	2
3	85	170	340	340	510	510	850	850	3
3	85	170	340	340	510	510	850	850	3
5	70	140	280	280	420	420	700	700	5
6	69.5	139	278	278	417	417	695	695	6
7	69	138	276	276	414	414	690	690	7
8	68.5	137	274	274	411	411	685	685	8
9	53.5	107	214	214	321	321	535	535	9
10	53	106	213	212	320	318	533	530	10
11	52.5	105	212	210	319	315	531	525	11
12	52	104	211	208	318	312	529	520	12
13	51.5	103	203	206	303	309	506	515	13
14	51	102	202	204	302	306	504	510	14
15	50.5	101	201	202	301	303	502	505	15
16	50	100	200	200	300	300	500	500	16
17	35	70	140	140	210	210	350	350	17
18	34.5	69	139	138	209	207	348	345	18
19	34	68	138	136	208	204	346	340	19
20	33.5	67	137	134	207	201	344	335	20
21	33	66	136	132	206	198	342	330	21
22	32.5	65	135	130	205	195	340	325	22
23	32	64	134	128	204	192	338	320	23
24	31.5	63	133	126	203	189	336	315	24
25	31	62	117	124	172	186	289	310	25
26	30.5	61	116	122	171	183	287	305	26
27	30	60	115	120	170	180	285	300	27
28	29.5	59	114	118	169	177	283	295	28
29	29	58	113	116	168	174	281	290	29
30	28.5	57	112	114	167	171	279	285	30
31	28	56	111	112	166	168	277	280	31
32	27.5	55	110	110	165	165	275	275	32

The minimum number of points required for a fencer to be considered on the Senior point standings is 275; on the Junior point standings is 165; on the cadet point standings is 110.

	I	J	J	
P				P
L				L
A				A
C	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	C
E	Y10	Y12	Y14	E
	Used for Super Youth ONLY			
33	12.5	12.5	25	33
34	12.25	12.25	24.5	34
35	12	12	24	35
36	11.75	11.75	23.5	36
37	11.5	11.5	23	37
38	11.25	11.25	22.5	38
39	10	10	22	39
40	9.75	9.75	21.5	40
41	9.5	9.5	21	41
42	9.25	9.25	20.5	42
43	8	8	20	43
44	7.75	7.75	19.5	44
45	7.5	7.5	19	45
46	7.25	7.25	18.5	46
47	7	7	18	47
48	6.75	6.75	17.5	48
49	6.5	6.5	17	49
50	6.25	6.25	16.5	50
51	6	6	16	51
52	5.75	5.75	15.5	52
53	5.5	5.5	15	53
54	5.25	5.25	14.5	54
55	5	5	14	55
56	4.75	4.75	13.5	56
57	4.5	4.5	13	57
58	4.25	4.25	12.5	58
59	4	4	12	59
60	3.75	3.75	11.5	60
61	3.5	3.5	11	61
62	3.25	3.25	10.5	62
63	3	3	10	63
64	2.75	2.75	9.5	64

The Super Youth Circuit competitions will award points to the top 40% of the field regardless of where the cut off occurs, within a pool round or a direct elimination bracket. For all other National point competitions, points will be awarded for placement within the direct elimination bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum place of 32nd.

2.4 Veteran Point Table

PLACE	VETERAN COMBINED	PLACE	VETERAN COMBINED	PLACE	VETERAN AGE GROUP	PLACE	VETERAN AGE GROUP
1	600	33	100	1	400	33	70
2	552	34	99	2	368	34	69
3	510	35	98	3	340	35	68
3	510	36	97	3	340	36	67
5	420	37	96	5	280	37	66
6	417	38	95	6	278	38	65
7	414	39	94	7	276	39	64
8	411	40	93	8	274	40	63
9	321	41	92	9	214	41	62
10	318	42	91	10	212	42	61
11	315	43	90	11	210	43	60
12	312	44	89	12	208	44	59
13	309	45	88	13	206	45	58
14	306	46	87	14	204	46	57
15	303	47	86	15	202	47	56
16	300	48	85	16	200	48	55
17	210	49	84	17	140	49	54
18	207	50	83	18	138	50	53
19	204	51	82	19	136	51	52
20	201	52	81	20	134	52	51
21	198	53	80	21	132	53	50
22	195	54	79	22	130	54	49
23	192	55	78	23	128	55	48
24	189	56	77	24	126	56	47
25	186	57	76	25	124	57	46
26	183	58	75	26	122	58	45
27	180	59	74	27	120	59	44
28	177	60	73	28	118	60	43
29	174	61	72	29	116	61	42
30	171	62	71	30	114	62	41
31	168	63	70	31	112	63	40
32	165	64	69	32	110	64	39
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BONUS PTS							
FOR ROLLING STANDINGS ONLY							
1	1000		5	700			
2	920		6	695			
3	850		7	690			
3	850		8	685			

2.5 International Point Table

P L A C E	I	J	L	M	N	P L A C E	P
	Designated Cadet "B"	World Cadet Champs	Jr "A" & Jr World Champs	Senior "A" & World Champs			SSF must equal 2.0 Fenced 2 nd Day In the Bracket of 64 Not multiplied by SF
Jr SF = 1.0*			Sr SF = 1.0*	Sr SF = 2.0			
1	700	800	600	1200	2400	33	284
2	644	736	552	1104	2208	34	280
3	595	680	510	1020	2040	35	276
3	595	680	510	1020	2040	36	272
5	490	560	420	840	1680	37	268
6	487	556	417	834	1668	38	264
7	483	552	414	828	1656	39	260
8	480	548	411	822	1644	40	256
9	375	428	321	642	1284	41	252
10	371	424	318	636	1272	42	248
11	368	420	315	630	1260	43	244
12	364	416	312	624	1248	44	240
13	361	412	309	618	1236	45	236
14	357	408	306	612	1224	46	232
15	354	404	303	606	1212	47	228
16	350	400	300	600	1200	48	224
17	245	280	210	420	840	49	220
18	242	276	207	414	828	50	216
19	238	272	204	408	816	51	212
20	235	268	201	402	804	52	208
21	231	264	198	396	792	53	204
22	228	260	195	390	780	54	200
23	224	256	192	384	768	55	196
24	221	252	189	378	756	56	192
25	217	248	186	350	700	57	188
26	214	244	183	346	692	58	184
27	210	240	180	342	684	59	180
28	207	236	177	338	676	60	176
29	203	232	174	334	668	61	172
30	200	228	171	330	660	62	168
31	196	224	168	326	652	63	164
32	193	220	165	322	644	64	160

- Determine points by multiplying actual strength factor (maximum value 2.0)

2.6 USFA Sections and Divisions

The Sections of the USFA and their Divisions are:

Great Lakes Section

Columbus [OH], Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Northern Ohio, Southwest Ohio

Metropolitan Section

Metropolitan [NYC]

Mid Atlantic Section

Capitol [DC], Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg [PA], Maryland, New Jersey, Northeast Penn., Philadelphia [PA], South Jersey, Western Pennsylvania

Midwest Section

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, St. Louis [MO], Wisconsin

North Atlantic Section

Connecticut, Hudson [NY]-Berkshire [MA], Green Mountain (VT), Long Island [NY], New England [Eastern MA, Rhode Island], Northeast [NH & ME], Green Mountain [Vermont], Westchester-Rockland [NY], Western New York

Pacific Coast Section

Central California, Hawaii, Mountain Valley [CA], Nevada, North Coast [CA, north of Mt. Valley & No. Calif. Divs.], Northern California, Orange Coast [CA], San Bernardino [CA], San Diego [CA], Southern California

Pacific Northwest Section

Alaska, Inland Empire [Eastern WA, Northern ID & MT], Oregon, Utah-Southern Idaho, Western Washington

Rocky Mountain Section

Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Plains Texas, Nebraska-South Dakota, New Mexico, Wyoming

Southeast Section

Alabama, Central Florida, Gateway Florida, Georgia, Gold Coast Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia

Southwest Section

Ark-La-Miss [AR, LA, & MS], Border Texas, Gulf Coast Texas, Southern Louisiana, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas

National Division

Those residing in a non-designated geographical area, assigned primarily for those in the military and those residing outside of the United States.

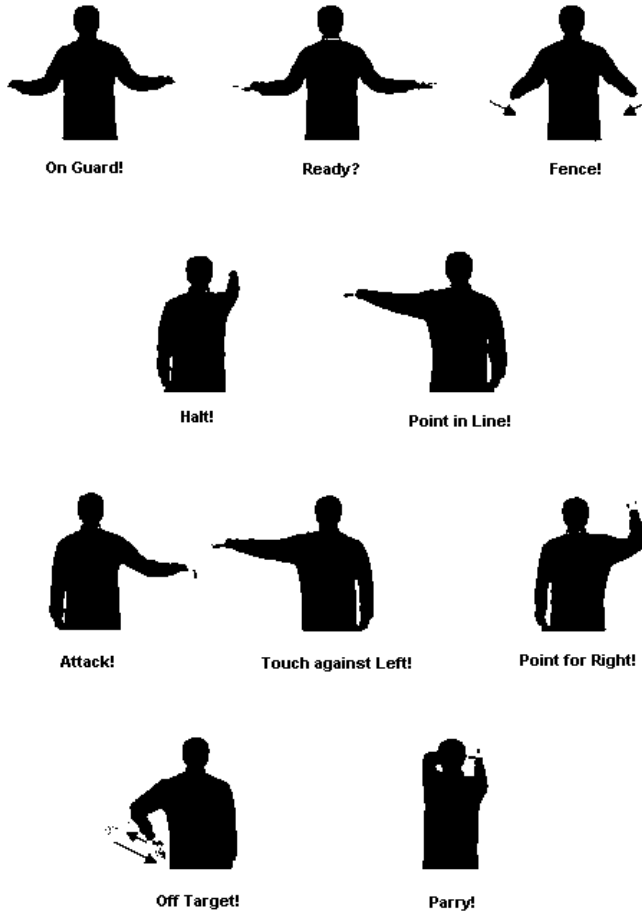
Appendix 3 - Reference Documents

3.1 Penalty Chart

Updated penalty chart to be posted to the USFA website (www.usfencing.org) by end of October and can be found on the FOC website (www.fencingofficials.com)

3.2 Referee Hand Signals

Hand Signals for USFA Referees



Hand Signals for USFA Referees



Double Touch!



Point for Each Fencer!



Simultaneous Attack!



No Touch!



No!



Preparation!



Yellow Card: Warning
Red Card: 1 Touch Against
Black Card: Exclusion

Notes

- 1st The Referee calls the action and give the hand gestures at the same time.
- 2nd The Referee should refrain from excessive verbage; Use only the appropriate phrase with the gesture i.e. Attack from Left! Parry! Reposte! Touch against Right! Point for Left!
- 3rd After the action is called, the fencers may ask the referee to restate the analysis of the phrase.
- 4th Each gesture should last for 1-2 seconds; be expressive and correct in their execution.

3.3 Technical Updates for USFA National Tournaments

Please refer to the FOC website (www.fencingofficials.com) for updates to rules and technical information.

Appendix 4 - International Reference

4.1 Equipment Requirements

Equipment requirements for international events are different from the requirements of domestic events. Please read these requirements carefully.

ITEM	FIE RULE	SPECIFICATIONS	NOTES	REQUIRED FOR
Uniform*	m.25	Must be made of material that can resist 800 Newtons of pressure	Name and country acronym (USA) must be neatly stenciled on the back of the jacket or lame in blue bold letters 8-10cm high, situated between the shoulder blades.	All official FIE sanctioned tournaments (and USFA events)
Uniform* for team events		Fencing uniforms have to be identical for the fencers of the same country during the team events	<u>Everyone on the team must have identical logos/country colors, etc. (i.e. if one has country colors on the sleeve, all must have country colors on the sleeve.</u>	All FIE team events – Championships and World Cups
Uniform*	m.25.3d	Fencers' clothing may be of different colors, apart from black.	<u>Colored uniforms are allowed. Designs and patterns must be approved by the FIE 30 days in advance.</u> No requirement	
National Colors	t.45	Knickers must have logo on both legs. Logos on the arms are optional. Logo must be identical for all team members	Logo stenciling is done by Marx Enterprises (503) 245-9271 suzmarx1@comcast.net	Sr. Grand Prix, Team events, and all Championships
Mask* (standard)	m.25.7	Must be able to withstand 12 kg punch test. No rust, dents, loose trim, holes in bib. Bibs must be sewn in.	May not be used in Sr. World Cups, Jr./Sr. World Champs as of Leipzig 2005	Senior "A", Junior World Cups and Cadet competitions
Mask FOIL Bib	m.27.2	Electric bib in foil The new bib in foil will be mandatory as of 1 January 2009 for senior competitions, and as of 1 October 2009 for the junior competitions. Lame material may be applied by the original manufacturer of the FIE mask and the mask must be on the list of FIE approved electronic-foil mask.	The part of the bib, which is below a horizontal line 1.5 - 2 cm lower than the chin, must be entirely covered with a material that has the same conductive characteristics as the conductive jacket	Not adopted for this season for USFA competitions
Mask* (transparent)	m.25.7	Must also conform to section 2.1.2 in the Annex to FIE material rules	Lexan visor is valid for 2 years from date of manufacture. Lexan must have date visible	Sabre only at this time: Sr. Grand Prix, team events and all Championships, all weapons.
Mask*	m.25.7	The mask must contain a horizontal safety strap at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the strap firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask.	Elastic straps are required on all masks	All FIE competitions and USFA competitions
Mask (Transparent)	2007 Congress Mtg	8) Foil Wireless apparatus and transparent masks are compulsory at foil in the Grand Prix competitions, World Championships and Olympic Games, from the table of 32 onwards.		As of 1 January 2008
Under Plastron*	t.43	Must be made of material that can resist 800 Newtons of pressure		All official FIE tournaments
Metallic Vest-foil	m.28	Must have less than 5 ohms of resistance, no holes/tears/green spots	Name and country (USA) must be neatly stenciled on back in blue bold letters 8-10cm high	All official FIE sanctioned foil events

ITEM	FIE RULE	SPECIFICATIONS	NOTES	REQUIRED FOR
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Metallic Jacket-saber	m.34	Must have less than 5 ohms of resistance, 3x5cm clip tab, no holes/tears/green spots	Name and country (USA) must be neatly stenciled on back in blue bold letters 8-10cm high	All official FIE sanctioned saber events
Foil*	m.6-13	Must pass weight, curvature, angulations, length, flexibility, guard diameter; no dents	Date and manufacturer's initials must appear in FIE quality label on blade	All official FIE sanctioned foil events
Epee*	m.14-20	Must pass weight, travel, curvature, angulations, length, flexibility, guard diameter; no dents	Date and manufacturer's initials must appear in FIE quality label on blade	All official FIE sanctioned epee events
Saber	m.21-24	Must pass blade curvature, angulations, length, flexibility, guard diameter, guard insulation	Blade must be S2000 compliant	All official FIE sanctioned saber events

*FIE Quality Label must be present (FIE Approved)

Whether the fencer or the Team armorer submit equipment to tournament Equipment Control for inspection, FIE Rules dictate that the fencer may submit up to:

- Four (4) Weapons
- Two (2) Body Wires
- Two (2) Conductive Vests/Jackets
- Two (2) Masks
- Two (2) Saber Mask Wires

The athlete is completely responsible for:

- Making certain that approved national colors are on both legs of their knickers, as required, before traveling to the tournament.
- Making certain that the athlete's name and country are neatly stenciled on the back of their metallic vest, metallic jacket, or uniform jacket, as required, before traveling to the tournament.
- Making certain that all equipment is functional, clean and in good condition, before traveling to the tournament.
- Making certain that weapons are complete, assembled, in working order and in good condition, before traveling to the tournament.
- Making certain that Equipment Control inspection marks are present on their equipment each time they enter the competition Field of Play.

Uniform

Any athlete competing in an FIE sponsored competition must have the 800 newton uniform: jacket, knickers and plastron (underarm garment) and a mask with 1600 newton bib and FIE approved label on the back.

Each fencer competing in an "A" competition (Junior or Senior), or World Championships must have his or her last name and country acronym (USA) below the name imprinted on the back of the jacket (epee) or lamé (foil and saber). These must be imprinted in navy blue block letters whose height is between 8 cm and 10 cm, the width of the letters will vary according to the length of the name. The imprinting on the lamé must not interfere with the conductivity of the lamé.

The FIE requires that one's country colors, approved by the FIE, are to be imprinted on the clothes. The national colors for USA are the "shooting stars" and ***must be imprinted on the front of both legs (new for 2005)***. Failure to display the national colors on both legs will prevent the fencer from participating – meaning you will not be allowed to fence. This requirement will be in effect starting with the 2005 World Championships. It applies to the following competitions.

- World Championships (all levels)
- Grand Prix World Cups

- Senior World Cup individual competitions – all DE bouts from the 64 onwards
- World Cup Team competitions – all bouts

Breast Protectors/Chest Protection - The FIE policy is as follows:

The use of breast protectors/chest protection at Foil is authorized for Men and Women. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron.

Wireless for Sabre – The FIE has mandated that the wireless apparatus will be used for all Grand Prix and Team competitions in Sabre from the table of direct elimination. **Fencers must purchase and provide their own “special wireless” T-Shirt.** This is mandatory; failure will result in not being allowed to fence.

FIE Publicity Code states:

If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a sponsorship contract with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner, maximum 125 cm² in size, may be affixed at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket, on the side of the breeches (left or right) or on the socks. At saber a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.

A fencer may not display more than four such logos. The total surface area of all these logos added together must not exceed 500 cm².

Masks

The FIE has made the wearing of the transparent mask **MANDATORY** for saber fencers at the following (starting with the 05-06 season). Failure will result in not being allowed to fence.

- At Grand Prix competitions
- At World Cup Team competitions
- At World Championships (Cadet, Junior, Senior, and Veteran)

FIE –SEMI COMMISSION, February 2008

LIST OF EPEE BLADES APPROVED BY FIE SEMI: 6 NEW EPEE BLADES IN 2007; 4 NEW EPEE BLADES, 2/27/2008

EPEE (month, .year)

- 1 LEON PAUL: (95) (97) (3.00) (2.01) (3.02) (3.04) (4.04) **(2.06) (1.07)**
- 2 FRANCE LAMES : (2.97) (4.98) (1.99) (1.00) (2.01) sigle FL
- 3 BLAISE FRERES : (95) (3.96) (1.98) (11.99) (1.00) (2.01) (1.02) (4.03) (5.04) (2.05) **(2.06) (2.07)** sigle BF
- 4 LAMMET : (95) (1.96) (9.98) (11.99) (11.00) (12.01) (12.02) (1.04) **(5.06)** sigle LM
- 5 AO VNITI : (2.97) (12.98) (12.99) (11.00) (12.01) (12.02) (12.03) **(5.06)**
- 6 ALLSTAR/UHLMANN : (97) (12.99) (2.01) (2.01 "N") (3.02) sigle FS
- 7 WEYERSBERG KIRSCHBAUM : (98) (3.01) sigle KW
- 8 SPORTSERVICE (STM) : (2.99) (4.00) (4.00 "N") (11.01) (7.03) (1.05) (1.05 "N") **(6.07)**
- 9 PRIEUR SPORT : (3.99) (9.01) (5.02) (2.04) (2.05) **(1.06) (1.06 "N") (1.07) (1.08) (1.08 "N")** sigle PS
- 10 METAL WEST : (3.03 "N") (3.05 "N") **(3.06 "N")**
- 11 CHEVALIER D'AUVERGNE : (4.03) (2.05) **(1.06) (1.06 "N") (1.07) (1.08) (1.08"N")** sigle CA
- 12 Gloria-Pro : (6.07) sigle LT

LIST OF FOIL BLADES APPROVED BY FIE SEMI:

5 NEW FOIL BLADES IN 2007; 2 IN 2008

FOIL (month, .year)

- 1 AO VNITI: (6.96) (9.98) (12.99) (11.00) (12.01) (12.02) (12.03) **(5.06) (1.07)**
- 2 BLAISE FRERES : (95) (3.96) (1.98) (11.99) (2.01) (1.02) (4.03) (7.04) (9.04) (2.05) **(2.06) (2.07)** sigleBF
- 3 LAMMET : (95) (6.96) (9.98) (11.99) (12.00) (12.01) (12.02) **(3.06)** sigle LM
- 4 MEGASTAR : (9.95) (11.96) sigle *
- 5 FRANCE LAMES : (5.96) (2.97) (3.98) (2.99) (1.00) (2.01) sigle FL
- 6 ALLSTAR/UHLMANN : (97) (12.99) (2.02) (4.05) sigle FS
- 7 WEYERSBERG KIRSCHBAUM : (98) (3.01) sigle KW
- 8 PRIEUR SPORT : (3.99) (3.02) (2.04) (2.05) **(1.06) (1.07) (1.08)** sigle PS
- 9 LEON PAUL : (97) (98) (99) (3.00) (2.01) (4.02) (3.04) (4.04) **(2.06) (1.07)**
- 10 SPORTSERVICE (STM) : (4.00) (11.01) (7.03) (1.05) **(6.07)**
- 11 CHEVALIER D'AUVERGNE : (4.03) (2.04) (2.05) **(1.06) (1.07) (1.08)** sigle CA
- 12 BLUE GAUNTLET : (8.04) sigle MC
- 13 ABSOLUTE : **(1.06)**

In parenthesis are the dates of certification/homologation and periodical inspections.

LIST OF FIE APPROVED MASKS, 6/30/2007

N°	MANUFACTURER	YEAR
1	Léon Paul	1985
2	Uhlmann	1985
3	Allstar	1986
4	Negrini	1986
5	Santelli	1986
6	Schermasport	1986
7	Soudet	1986
8	Carminari	1986
9	Novascherma	1986
10	Diamant	1988
11	Frank fechtservice	1991
12	Parbaj PBT, Hungary	1992
13	Artos	1994
14	Mangold Fechtssport	1995
15	Negrini	1996
16	Prieur	1996
17	Blue Gauntlet Fencing Gear	1996
18	France Lames	1997
19	Doma Techn/Le Mask	1997
20	Eurofencing Italia	1997
21	Carminari	1997
22	Gajardoni	1997
23	FWF	2005
24	Wu Xi	2006
25	Absolute Fencing	2007

LIST OF APPROVED VISOR MASKS (D. DeChaine)

Allstar	2004
Gajardoni	2004
Leon Paul	2004
PBT	2004
Negrini	2005
Blue Gauntlet	2007

FOIL MASK REQUIREMENTS (FIE Congress, 2007)

Starting 1st January 2009 for Seniors and starting in 1st of October 2009 for Juniors, the use of new foil masks with a valid target bib would be mandatory at the Seniors FIE Official competitions (World Cups, Grand Prix and World Championships) ».

I FIE Rules for the new masks for foil with conductive bib

Consequently the FIE rules concerning the valid target at foil are as follows.

TARGET Limitation of the target

t.47.1. At foil, only hits which arrive on the target are counted as valid.

t.47.2. The target at foil excludes the limbs and the head. It is confined to the trunk, the upper limit being the collar up to 6 cm above the prominences of the collar bones; at the sides to the seams of the sleeves, which should cross the head of the humerus; and the lower limit following a horizontal line across the back joining the tops of the hip bones, thence by straight lines to the junction of the lines of the groin. (FROM JAN.2009: It also includes the part of the bib beneath a horizontal line 1,5 to 2 cm below the chin and which, in any case, may not be lower than the line of the shoulders) (See Figure 4)

RULES SPECIFIC TO FOIL

Mask (cf. m.25,7)

m.27.1. The mesh of the mask must not extend below the chin. It must be insulated internally and externally by a plastic material resistant to impact.

m.27.2. (FROM JAN 2009 for Seniors and from October 2009 for Juniors) The part of the bib that is beneath a horizontal line 1.5 - 2cm below the chin, must be entirely covered with a material that has the same conductive characteristics as the conductive jacket.

m.27.3. Means of connection: the electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white colored wire and one or two crocodile clips (cf.m.32.4).

Urgent Letter 8-08 18 April 2008

Electric bib in foil

Following the decisions taken by the 2007 Congress, and at the request of the manufacturers, the new bib in foil will be mandatory as of 1 January 2009 for senior competitions, and as of 1 October 2009 for the junior competitions.

III FIE` s Official List of Foil Masks With a Conductive Bib - M2009

After getting an approval the Foil Masks will be added to the FIE` s Official List of Foil Masks With a Conductive Bib - M2009.

The list will be published starting 15 October 2008, at the FIE` s site www.fie.ch , menu FIE Official (*FIE Official*), sub-menu Rules (*Règlements*), This list it will be updated every time that a new mask from a manufacturer is approved by the FIE.

IV 2 Types of masks for foil with a conductive bib

From the 1st January 2009 for Seniors at the FIE competitions only 2 types of masks for foil are allowed:

- ❖ The standard metallic mesh mask with a conductive bib, which can be used at FIE World cups at all the stages of the competition; plus at FIE Grand Prix and World Championships until the end of the tableau 64.
- ❖ The Transparent Visor masks with a conductive bib that can be used at all the competitions and at all stages of the competition, being mandatory starting at tableau of 32 through the finals (*from the tableau of 32 onwards*) at Grand Prix and World Championships.





The connection of the valid bib area to the electrical jacket is to be made by a wire comprised of a single conductor electrical isolated cable with 2 crocodile clips.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE FOIL MASK REQUIREMENTS SEE FIE WEB SITE , "FIE Official", Lists of the Masks Homologated.

4.2 Relevant Excerpts from FIE Letters of Information

Complete FIE letters can be found on the FIE website (www.fie.ch). Letters are posted in French, English, and Spanish.

11 JAN 2007

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the request of some federations, the Executive Committee took the following decisions:

- that all Senior Zonal Championships must be held between the 1st of July and 31st of August ; - to include the points of all the Senior Zonal Championships in the FIE official ranking at the same time, that is on the 31st of August
- in 2008, all the Zonal Championships must be held between the 1st and 31st of July ; the points will be included on the 31st of July in order to take these championships into account for the ranking in view of the Olympic Games ;

VIDEO REFEREEING

At the request of athletes, who unanimously approved the use of the video-refereeing in Turin (87 % appealed to the video between the second day and the end of the competitions), the Executive Committee decided to adjust the modalities of application as follows :

- In individual, the fencer has two possible appeals to the video refereeing for the direct elimination bouts (instead of three previously). Should the fencer be right with this request, he is entitled to get back this possibility.
- In team, the fencers keep one possible appeal to the video refereeing per relay but they are entitled to get back this appeal should the referee prove them right.

The refereeing delegate can request the referee to review his decision at any time. The refereeing delegate who checks the referee's decision is not necessary a member of the Refereeing Commission.

The video-refereeing is compulsory for the Grand Prix competitions and the World Championships (desirable from January 2007 and compulsory from April 2007).

Feb 2007

a) Video-refereeing

In order to standardize the refereeing process and further to the excellent results obtained, the Executive Committee decided to make compulsory the video-refereeing at Grand Prix competitions at conventional weapons, as well as at World Championships. The video-refereeing is optional at epee.

This decision is applicable from the last Grand Prix competition of February (Budapest, HUN, Women's Sabre, 23-24 February 2007).

The modalities for the use of the video-refereeing were finalized by the Executive Committee. You will find them in the attached document titled « Modifications to the Administrative Rules », as well as in the article 3.9 of the FIE Administrative Rules (menu FIE official, submenu Statutes, on the FIE Internet website).

b) Wireless apparatus

The wireless apparatus at three weapons from the Ukrainian Company STM was homologated by the SEMI Commission. Further to the tests achieved on 4 October 2006 in Turin, the following junior competitions were held with the wireless apparatus:

Kiev, women's epee, September 2006,

Bratislava, women's epee and foil, October 2006

Laupheim, men's epee, November 2006

Burgsteinfurt, men's foil, December 2006.

The Executive Committee thus decided to make compulsory (from the table of 32 onwards), from the 1st of March 2007, the use of the wireless apparatus at Grand Prix competitions at foil, as well as at World Championships, and optional at Grand Prix competitions at epee.

c) Urgent decisions

Please find attached herewith the urgent decisions taken by the Executive Committee. These decisions are for immediate application except for those concerning the articles t.87.5 and followings (applicable from the 1st of March 2007). In particular, the articles t.87.5 and followings were modified in order

to :

- facilitate the judging and the referee's decision ;
- avoid that fencing finds itself in inextricable and incomprehensible situations at World Championships or Olympic Games for example, such as having neither champion nor vice-champion because of a black card awarded for clear unwillingness to fight (non-combativity) in final.

e) Checking of equipment in Grand Prix competitions

1. The organizers of Grand Prix competitions must designate a person in charge of checking the equipment.
2. Reminder for the referees : the fencers' equipment must be checked before the start of each pool, each match, or bout by direct elimination (cf. t.43). In particular, the referees must check, at foil, that the conductive jacket conforms to the provision of the article m.28 in the various positions standing upright, on guard and in lunge. The observers must check the conformity of apparatuses.

f) Article o.12, Pools

1. To answer the numerous questions raised related to the problems faced during the establishment of pools, the Executive Committee took the following decision :1) It is recommended to constitute only pools of 7 fencers ; indeed, in case of absence of one or several fencers, the probability that one or several pools are reduced to 5 fencers is so considerably decreased.
2. If however, following the absence of one or several fencers, one or several pools happened to be reduced to 5 fencers, the organizer must therefore add to these pools of 5 one fencer coming from a pool of 7 from the same round of pools, taking into account as much as possible the value (initial ranking) of the replaced fencer. So, the entirety of pools is not and must not be modified.

g) 2007-2008 Calendar

In order not to affect the good organization of competitions, the federations organizing two Grand Prix competitions must, either organize them separately (on different week-ends) or organize them on 5 days (2 days for each of the two Grand Prix competitions and one day for both team events).

June 7, 2007 FIE Letter

a) Article t.22.1

The use of the non-sword hand and arm to carry out an offensive or defensive action is forbidden (cf. t.114, t.117. t.120). Should such an offence occur, the hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled *and the latter will be penalised as specified for offences of the 2nd group (red card).*

b) Article o.79.3

For Grand Prix competitions, entries are limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per weapon per country. The organising country may enter *up to 12 fencers, plus the number of fencers needed to make up the pools, that is a maximum of 20 fencers.*

May 3, 2007

TEST EVENT & WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2008

During the last 2005 Congress, it was decided to propose to the BOCOG the organization of team World Championships at both weapons which are not part of the 2008 OG programme.

I am pleased to inform you that the BOCOG approved our request to have the Team World Championships at men's foil and women's epee as test events for the OG. The test event will be held in Beijing (CHN) from 18 to 20 April 2008.

For organization and preparation purposes, our request was approved on a basis of 16 teams maximum and the BOCOG wishes to receive, by 31 December 2007, the names of the 16 qualified teams per weapon.

The Executive Committee established below the criteria of qualification and participation as an urgent decision, so that national federations be able to prepare themselves in view of the objective of 31 December 2007.

2008 Team World Championships and test event for the OG.

This test event will include :

- two team events which will be world championship events for the weapons (men's foil and women's epee) of which team event will not be represented in the 2008 Beijing OG and
- an individual men's foil event, upon invitation of the FIE, in which fencers present at the team men's foil competition will participate (40 fencers maximum). The formula used is the one of the OG (integral direct elimination).

Each team event will include 16 teams selected as follows :

- the team of the organising country ;
- the first 8 teams of the FIE official ranking ;
- the 2 best teams of each continent (only 1 for Africa) according to the FIE ranking;
- The teams will be composed of 3 fencers, with or without replacement.

The FIE will present a Tissot watch to the winner of the individual competition and to each member of the World Champion team.

Letter 2-14-07: Reminder of Protocol to Follow

In particular, the following rules must be strictly observed:

1) At the beginning of each final, the four finalists are presented to the audience, their best achievements being announced. They must be dressed in fencing clothing, holding a weapon with which they salute the audience, raising the weapon guard to the chin. The referees for the final are also presented.

2) The medals and trophies will be awarded to the teams or fencers ranked first, second and third, beginning with the bronze medal(s), then the silver and finally the gold.

After the official presentation, the organizers may plan the presentation, informally, of additional trophies or prizes

Letter 2-13-07: FIE Licenses

Since the list of FIE license-holders is published at several places on the FIE Internet website, xml files for the organization of competitions, list of entries to competitions, etc. Furthermore, it has become impossible to enter and participate in competitions without being the holder of a valid license. In view of these arguments, the FIE Executive Committee has decided to make the license purely electronic, with immediate application. The card will no longer be issued, nor sent to national federations, nor will it anymore be requested by organizers of competitions.

However, organizers will continue to be required to verify the identity of the participating fencer with the help of his passport or identity card. The national federations are therefore kindly requested to inform their organizers of competitions accordingly.

Attention : ONLY THE ACTUAL CARDS are being withheld, not the obligation to order licenses via the FIE Internet website.

As extracts of the FIE Rules (respect of the Rules and commitment not to take drugs) appeared on the front of the license card and the signature of the fencer was requested on the back, the following texts will be added on the page of the FIE Internet website where licenses are ordered:

The national federations ordering an FIE license confirm that the athletes who participate in FIE competitions agree to:

- 1) abide by the provisions of the FIE Rules and Statutes ;
- 2) respect the FIE anti-doping Rules, use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and agree to undergo any in competition and out-of competition testing ;
- 3) transfer to the FIE any individual or collective image rights and agree to be filmed (notably by the television), photographed, identified and registered in any way. The FIE undertakes to use these rights only in connection with the promotion and development of fencing in the following media: publications and reviews, Internet website, audiovisual aids.

Items 1) and 2) cancel and replace the texts which appeared on the license card. Item 3) was added at the request of the Executive Committee.

Letter 7-20-07

During the Elective Congress of the Pan-American Fencing Confederation, held on 17 July 1997 in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), M. Jorge Castro Rea (MEX) was elected President of the Confederation.

June 14, 2007

2) Ranking at men's saber

A certain number of fencers pointed out that during the Olympic qualification period (1 May 2007 – 31 March 2008), the GP and team competitions at men's saber were all taking place in Europe :

Madrid ESP 27.05.07 / 27.05.07

Padoue ITA 03.06.07 / 03.06.07

Athens GRE 03.02.08 / 03.02.08

Budapest HUN 10.02.08 / 10.02.08

Plovdiv BUL 02.03.08 / 02.03.08

This situation implies that at men's team saber, only two competitions instead of four can be taken into account in the FIE team ranking, during the Olympic qualification period.

In order not to penalize too much this weapon, the FIE Executive Committee wished to suggest national federations to restore some balance with the other weapons by adding to the 2007-2008 calendar an additional Grand Prix (and a Team World Cup) in replacement of an A-grade competition and thus not modifying the calendar. This would allow to take into account 3 competitions in the FIE team ranking and could be done in two different ways :

1) remove a Grand Prix competition in Europe and allocate one to Kish Island (IRI, 12-13/01/2008) or Tunis (TUN, 14- 15/03/2008) or Algiers (ALG, 22-23/03/2008) ;

2) not remove any Grand Prix competition in Europe and allocate one to Kish Island (IRI, 12-13/01/2008) or Tunis (TUN, 14-15/03/2008) or Algiers (ALG, 22-23/03/2008).

I would appreciate it very much if you could kindly let us know your choice by means of the attached consultation form, which must be sent back to us by 25 June 2007, at the latest, by :-
fax : + 41 21 320 31 16 or - e-mail : info@fie.ch

July 2007

Further to Information Letter n°8-07, please find below the results of the consultation carried out with the national federations:

24 national federations responded;
4 national federations opted for solution 1;
20 national federations opted for solution 2;

During the consultation, the Tunisian Federation informed us that they would not be able to organize a Grand Prix for the 2007-2008 season for financial reasons. Consequently, we asked the federations which had voted for Tunis to be awarded the Grand Prix, to vote again.

Therefore, the final result of the vote is the following:

Kish Island : 9
Algiers : 15

The Grand Prix (and one Team World Cup) is therefore awarded to Algiers (ALG), replacing its A category competition.

May 10 2007

1) Wireless apparatus Further to the information letter 4-07 and to answer the questions raised, we confirm that the wireless apparatus is compulsory (from the table of 32) at Grand Prix competitions and Team World Cup competitions at foil, as well as at World Championships (individual and team events). The use of wireless apparatus is optional at epee.

Change to FIE Administrative Rules 2-08-07

3.9 VIDEO-REFEREEING (new)

The video-refereeing is compulsory at Grand Prix competitions and World Championships.

- In individual, the fencer has two possible appeals to the video-refereeing for direct elimination matches. Should the referee prove the fencer who appealed to the video-refereeing right, the latter is entitled to get back his possibility of appeal.
- In team, the fencers keep one possible appeal to the video-refereeing per relay and they are entitled to get back this appeal should the referee prove them right.

In case of appeal to the video-refereeing, the referee will move towards the refereeing delegate, they will watch the video together and after consultation with the delegate, the referee will give his final decision.

If both fencers are equal at the end of the match, the referee must use the video-refereeing to award the decisive hit should the two lamps be on (except at epee).

The refereeing delegate has the possibility to request the referee to review his decision at any time. The person(s) checking the referee's decision do not have to be member of the refereeing commission. For the World Championships, the refereeing head delegate will designate this or these person(s).

For « Grand Prix » competitions, the delegate to the refereeing commission will designate this or these person(s).

Letter 9-20-06: Zonal Championships

So that the Zonal Championships can be taken into account in the FIE ranking, the following criteria must be respected

Entries

- the organizer will ensure that all participants be able to receive visas ;
- entries of fencers and teams via the FIE Internet website at the latest 15 days before the date of the 1st event of Zonal Championships ;
- for individual competitions of Junior and Senior Zonal Championships, maximum 4 fencers per country and per weapon ;
- 1 team (composed of three fencers with or without reserve) per country and per weapon;

Formula of competitions

- no exempted fencers ;
- use of the FIE ranking for the individual and team events ;
- 1 round of pools to eliminate 20 to 30 % of fencers, then direct elimination table ;
- two medals for the third place.

Norms

- the material and equipment of fencers must comply with the FIE norms. The transparent mask and wireless apparatus are optional ;
- an anti-doping control will be in accordance with the article 5.6.1 of the Anti-doping Rules of the FIE.

Officials

Are designated by the FIE and taken care by the organizers, in compliance with the financial norms stated in the FIE Administrative Rules :

- the President of the Directoire Technique ;
- 1 delegate to the Refereeing Commission, who must come from a different continent than the one of the organizer ;
- the referees, whose necessary number will have been communicated beforehand to the FIE by the confederation. The FIE will give priority to the referees coming from the same continent as the organizer, one referee per country.

Concerning the taking care of referees, the confederation will be free either to ask that they are brought at the expense of the national federations, or taken care by the organizer against payment of a higher entry fee.

4.3 Security Tips for International Travel

US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE - SECURITY DIVISION
LARRY M. BUENDORF - CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

The following are some security tips that may be useful:

- Wear non-descript clothing when traveling.
- Use the buddy system at airports / hotels / venues for watching personal items (luggage, equipment).
- Keep valuable items in a hotel safety deposit box. Never leave items unattended, especially at practice sites.
- Carry small amounts of currency, but consider carrying around \$10 for buying off muggers. Do not put up resistance against robbers who may resort to violence.
- Be cautious in providing information to strangers (i.e. where you are staying, eating, time schedules, practices, etc.)
- Be aware of suspicious persons and bring them to the attention of the Team Leader or Coach. Report thefts immediately to your Team Leader/Coach.
- Do not post schedules, name lists, room assignments in places accessible to the public. This includes locker rooms at practice sites / venues or hotel in-house television that lists meetings, etc. Do not leave this information in your hotel room or locker room where it could be taken.
- Use caution when discarding schedules, name lists, room assignments. Trash containers can be an excellent source of information. SHRED IT OR REGRET IT!
- Lock your room when leaving, but leave the light / radio / television on.
- Do not walk alone at night or venture into unknown areas. Wear non-descript clothing when in questionable areas. Do not display money, personal documents or luxury items such as cameras.
- Do not consult maps in public; this makes you an obvious target for pickpockets and muggers.
- Do not open unidentified or suspicious packages/letters. Notify your Team Leader or Coach. This includes any personal mail and unusual e-mails.
- BE AWAREBE LOW-KEY.....BE UNPREDICTABLE.

Appendix 5 – 2008-2009 Forms

1. Membership Form
2. Club Membership Form
3. NAC Form
4. FIE License Form & Code of Conduct
5. Request for Entry for World Cups Form
6. USFA Travel Warm-up Form
7. Squad Fee Form



2008-2009 Membership Application

Membership year is August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009

1 year memberships expire 7/31/09; 3 year memberships expire 7/31/11

Please print clearly or type the following:

New Member Renewal

Renewing Membership #

Last name First name MI

Birth date Male Female

U.S. Citizen? Yes No

If NO, Permanent Resident? Yes, Issue Date

If NO, Visa? Yes Country of Citizenship

Division: See reverse for details.

Competition Club:

Type: School Club

Coach:

Secondary Club:

Type: School Club

Coach:

Emergency Contact Name

Phone number

Primary mailing address: Home School Employer

Street Address Suite/Apartment #

City State ZIP

Home Phone Home Fax

Work Phone Work Fax

E-mail 1: Home School Employer

E-mail 2: Home School Employer

Check here if you would not like to receive fencing information by e-mail.

Secondary address: Home School Employer (Members away at school please include home address)

Street Address Suite/Apartment #

City State ZIP

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: (*see reverse for requirements)

See reverse to receive a confirmation of RECEIPT OF MEMBERSHIP

1 year memberships expire 7/31/09; 3 year memberships expire 7/31/11

Competitive Memberships

Senior* 1 year 3 year Junior* 1 year 3 year
Coach \$60 \$140 Veteran* \$60 \$140
Life \$1,200 Supporting Life* \$120

Non Competitive 1 Year Memberships

Parent Associate \$50 Coach Associate \$50
Associate \$50

Family Membership 1 Year* \$110

One subscription per family membership
Maximum of 2 competitive members per family membership
Attach separate application for each family member-
mandatory for all competitive/voting members

Please list the names of the family members below

Competitive Non Competitive

1. 1.
2. 2.

CIRCLE the number of the PERSON to RECEIVE the SUBSCRIPTION to
American Fencing

CONTRIBUTION: \$100 \$50 \$25 Other:

The USFA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.
Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

PAYMENT METHOD: PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

US Fencing memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable

Check (Make checks payable to USFA)
\$25 fee for returned checks

VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card #

Exp. Date

Signature

Mandatory Authorized Cardholder Signature

Total amount enclosed \$

WAIVER OF LIABILITY- YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

In consideration of my participation in the sponsored activities of the US
Fencing Association, I acknowledge, agree to and understand that: I am fully
aware of and appreciate the risks, including the risk of catastrophic injury,
paralysis and even death, as well as other damages and losses, associated with
participation in a fencing event. I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs,
and personal representatives, that US Fencing, the host organization, and
sponsors of any US Fencing sanctioned event, along with the coaches,
volunteers, employees, agents, officers and directors of these organizations,
shall not be liable for any injury, loss of life or other loss or damage occurring
as a result of my participation in the event, or as a result of equipment that
may have been provided to me for these activities.

Member's Signature

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature*

(*Required for members under 18) Date

Membership Application Information Details

The United States Fencing Association is an organization that strives to broaden the base of fencing in the U.S., both in participation and public recognition. It currently supports over 22,000 members. US Fencing is responsible for training and fielding U.S. teams to the Junior, Cadet, and Senior World Championships, Pan American Games and Olympic Games.

Determining Your Division

Your division is determined by your place of residence, or by the location of your school or competition club. Unless otherwise specified, you will be assigned to the division associated with the preferred mailing address. The division specified on the application or to which you are assigned **WILL BE THE ONLY DIVISION FROM WHICH YOU CAN QUALIFY** for the Junior Olympic Championships and Summer National Championships.

Division Names. Note state names with an asterisk (*) = state with several divisions.

Alabama	Florida *	Minnesota	Northeast ¹⁶	Texas *
Alaska	Central FL ⁹	National ¹⁴	Ohio *	Border Texas ²³
Ark-La-Miss ¹	Gateway FL ¹⁰	Nebraska – S. Dakota	Columbus	Gulf Coast TX ²⁴
Arizona	Gold Coast FL ¹¹	Nevada	Northern ¹⁷	Plains TX ²⁵
California *	Georgia	New England ¹⁵	Southwest ¹⁸	North TX ²⁶
Central CA ²	Green Mountain ¹²	New Jersey	Oklahoma	South TX ²⁷
Mountain Valley ³	Hawaii	New Jersey	Oregon	Utah- Southern Idaho
Northern ⁴	Illinois	South Jersey	Pennsylvania *	Virginia
Orange Coast ⁵	Indiana	New Mexico	Central PA ¹⁹	Western WA
San Diego	Inland Empire ¹³	New York *	Harrisburg	Wisconsin
San Bernardino	Iowa	Hudson-Berkshire NY	Northeast PA ²⁰	Wyoming
North Coast ⁶	Kansas	Long Island NY	Philadelphia ²¹	
Southern ⁷	Kentucky	Metropolitan NYC	Western PA ²²	
Capitol ⁸	Louisiana (Southern)	Westchester-Rockland	South Carolina	
Colorado	Maryland	Western NY	St. Louis, Missouri	
Connecticut	Michigan	North Carolina	Tennessee	

1. Arkansas, Mississippi, N. Louisiana

2. San Jose & San Luis Obispo

3. Sacramento Area & Fresno

4. San Francisco & Oakland

5. Orange County & Long Beach

6. Northernmost California

7. Los Angeles & Bakersfield

8. DC, Montgomery & Prince Georges Counties

9. Orlando & Tampa

10. Northern Florida & Pan handle

11. Southern Florida

12. Vermont

13. N. Idaho, Montana, E. Washington

14. Those located outside the boundaries of the U.S. or any Division

15. Eastern Massachusetts & Rhode Island

16. Maine & New Hampshire

17. Cleveland area

18. Cincinnati - Dayton

19. State College & Westmoreland Co.

20. Scranton area & NE counties

21. Philly area & New Castle Co., DE

22. Pittsburgh area & State of WV

23. El Paso & S. New Mexico

24. Houston area

25. Lubbock & Amarillo

26. Dallas & Ft. Worth

27. San Antonio & Austin

Special Membership Types

Family: Up to four individual memberships of which a maximum of two can be competitive members and others are associate (non competitive) members. Memberships are non-transferable among competitive and non-competitive family members. Family members must reside at the same address. **All members must provide their date of birth to be eligible to vote or compete!**

Senior: Fencer who was born between 1969-1988

Junior: Must be under 20 as of January 1 of the membership year(s) being paid; e.g. for membership year ending July 31, 2009, a junior must be born 1989 or later. NOTE: membership type does not guarantee eligibility.

Veteran: Fencer who is 40 or older as of January 1, 2009 or later (birth year 1968 or earlier).

Supporting: Payment of 1/10 of life dues for 10 consecutive years, after which membership converts to Life Membership.

Benefits of Membership

- Subscription to American Fencing Magazine - USFA Quarterly Publication
- www.usfencing.org – access to tournament entry forms, rulebook, results, schedules, latest news and more.
- Secondary Medical/Accident Insurance: Covers USFA sanctioned activities (contact USFA National Office for policy specifics.)
- Voting Privileges: Members 18 and over, as of February 1st of the membership year, have the right to vote in USFA elections.
- Discounts on Travel and Fencing Equipment available on the USFA website.
- USFA Membership card: Recognition as a member of U.S. Fencing and passport to worldwide fencing.
- Your dues support the sport at all levels from grassroots to the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Receipt of Membership

Include a self-addressed stamped postcard, or a fax return sheet with your membership application for confirmation of receipt. It may take from 2-6 weeks to receive a membership card once application is received by US Fencing office.

Duplicate or replacement cards may be requested for a fee of \$10.

How to Contact the USFA

1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 • TEL: (719) 866-4511 • FAX: (719) 632-5737 • www.USFencing.org • info@USFencing.org

US Fencing Club/Insurance Enrollment Form

Effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009

1. Fees: Club membership dues are mandatory to be eligible for USFA liability insurance coverage and to field teams at the National Championships. **Minimum requirements for club membership:** 1.) the owners and/or principal officers of the club or fencing division of such club must be members of the USFA. 2.) All members of the coaching staff must be members of the USFA. 3.) Each Member Club must have a minimum of ten members of the USFA who have declared that club as their club. *USFA BOD September, 1999.* **Insurance coverage begins on the date this membership application and appropriate premium are received by U.S. Fencing, and ends on the last day of the policy period, 7-31-09.**

2. Club Mailing Address: (please print) New Renewal

Note- information included here will be posted on the USFA website. Please indicate below if you would like any information withheld.

Name of Club

Name of Club Contact

Street

Suite/Apartment#

City/State/Zip

(____) ____ - ____ (____) ____ - ____

Club Phone

Club Fax

E-mail address

Website URL

3. Division of Club:

USFA Division Name (club location determines affiliation)

4. Payment Method:

Check

Make check payable to USFA
\$25 fee for returned checks

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

(Authorized cardholder signature)

Select ONLY ONE of the following payment options

#1: Club dues only (No insurance) \$40

#2: Club dues and \$1M* liability insurance \$275

#3: Club dues and \$2M* liability insurance \$340

*denotes million

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

5. I affirm that the owner(s)/principal officer(s) and coaching staff hold current individual memberships in the USFA and that this club has or will have by 7/31/09, a minimum of 10 USFA members as set forth by the minimum requirements for club membership approved by the USFA Board of Directors. Please also complete page 3 of this application.

Signature of Owner/Principal Officer

Date

6. I understand that if the club elects not to enroll in the USFA insurance program, our club and its members will have no liability coverage through the USFA. I further understand that it is in the best interest of the club to maintain insurance of like coverage.

Signature of Owner/Principal Officer

Date

7. Will Additional Insureds need to be added to the certificate? Yes No (*Please Note: Additional insureds do not include coaches or individual members*).

Please include ALL Additional Insured Information below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate the role of the Additional Insured: Owner of Premises Sponsor Municipality

Please Note: If you need to name more than one Additional Insured, complete the second page of this form. Additional Insureds that you send in with this application will be processed at no additional charge. There will be a minimum \$25 fee for any change made during the year. The fee will be \$50 for rush processing of third-party insurance requests that are received seven or fewer days prior to the covered event. Please use the Third Party request form for these changes. **Note that prior season information is not retained and must be included below for coverage.**

Name of Club _____

Additional Insured Information

Please Note: The original insurance certificate will be sent to the club contact. If any named Additional Insured needs a copy, the club contact should send it.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate the role of the Additional Insured: Owner of Premises Sponsor Municipality

Name: _____

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Name of Club _____

Club Owner(s)/Principal Officer(s) who are members of the USFA:

Name Member ID (if known)

1.	
2.	
3.	

Club coaching staff members who are members of the USFA:

Name Member ID (if known)

1.	
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3.	

Individual members of the USFA who have declared this club as their club on their current membership application:

Name Member ID (if known)

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2008-2009 North American Cup Official USFA Entry Form

NAC CODE
See list below (Example: NAC A)

Please type or print all information. Read and complete both pages of this form. You MUST follow the procedures on the 2nd page for USFA Office to acknowledge receipt of Entry. If your entry is received after the regular fee deadline, you must have triple fees on the form.

Mail Entries to: USFA Entries • 1 Olympic Plaza • Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 • PH: (719) 866-4511

Or Fax Entries to: • Fax: (719) 632-5737

Birth Date ____/____/____ Division or Country (Foreign Fencers) _____ Check box if new address

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone # (____) _____ FAX # (____) _____

E-mail address: _____ Check box if new email address

"Competition Club" is the club which you are representing this season in USFA competitions. Club and school information is for internal use in seeding. NCAA Rules apply.

Competition Club _____
Current School _____

****List the location of which SYC or RYC the Youth Athlete attended: _____ (Only for NAC F)**

Classification (class/year, e.g., C06)*: Epee _____ Foil _____ Saber _____ Male Female

*C, B or A required for Division I NAC Tournaments by entry Deadline (DV1 Elite Championship is by invitation only)

*C, D, E or U for Division II NAC Tournaments; *D, E or U for Division III NAC Tournaments

List your event(s) per day below (Example – DV2WE etc)

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday

Method of Payment:

- Check or Money Order Enclosed**
Payable to the USFA • \$25 charge for returned checks
- Credit Card (Debit cards accepted with a Visa or MasterCard Logo only)**

Registration Fee: <i>Nonrefundable</i>	\$50.00
Event Fee(s): ____ X \$70 =	\$
Total Amount Due (Late Entries = \$Total X 3)	\$

Signature _____

- VISA MasterCard AMEX Discover

Cardholder _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

NAC TOURNAMENTS			
CODE/CATEGORY	REGULAR FEE DEADLINE	COMPETITION DATES	LOCATION
NAC A DVII/DVIII/CDT	SEPTEMBER 12	10/10-13	Columbus, OH
NAC B JR/CDT/Y14	OCTOBER 10	11/7-10	St. Louis, MO
NAC C DVI/VET	NOVEMBER 14	12/12-14	Colorado Springs, CO
NAC D JR/DVI	DECEMBER 19	1/16-19	Louisville, KY
NAC E DVII/III/VET/CHR	JANUARY 30	2/27 – 3/2	Atlanta, GA
NAC F DVI / Y14/Y12/Y10	MARCH 27	4/24-27	Portland, OR



USFA Tournament Fax/Email Receipt Confirmation

**The United States Fencing Association
1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Fax: (719) 632-5737 Email: info@usfencing.org**

Please complete all information below to receive your Receipt Confirmation:

To: _____
Your Name Printed Here

From: United States Fencing Association

Fax Number: _____
Your Fax Number Here

Email Address: _____
Your Email Address Here

Name of the Tournament you are entering: _____
(Example: NAC A)

Name of Fencer (if different than above): _____

This USFA Stamped Fax/Email/Mail Receipt Confirmation shows that the USFA National Office has successfully received the Entry Form sent by you. This does not confirm that you are eligible to compete in the tournament listed above or that your payment was successfully processed.

Faxes and Email Confirmations will be date stamped and faxed/emailed/mailed back within 3-5 Business Days. If you wish to have this Confirmation Form mailed to you, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your Tournament Entry Form.

For USFA Office Use Only

USFA DATE STAMP

Complete Entry Form Received

INCOMPLETE ENTRY*

You must re-fax or mail your complete Entry Form again to the USFA

(*If circled, re-fax, email or mail your complete entry again to the USFA National Office)



Request for FIE License 2008-2009 Season

General Information:

The FIE no longer issues a license card. Your license number will be emailed to you with directions for printing an official confirmation from the FIE website. The License fee for the 2008-2009 Season is \$40.00. You will also be required to fill out the code of conduct below. Your application will not be processed without it.

The USFA can only fulfill Athlete license requests if the athlete is eligible to represent the USA in competitions and is a USFA member in good standing for the 2008-2009 season.

You will be required to submit a copy of picture page of your passport and a current digital headshot photo. You can email your photo to international@usfencing.org.

Please PRINT all information – incomplete forms will be returned:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Email: _____ Work Email: _____

School Email: _____ Other Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

FIE now requires that you provide the following information:

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Profession: _____ Education: _____

Martial Status (circle one): Divorced Married Single Widower/Widow

Handed (circle one): Right Left

Date of Birth: _____ *Enclose copy of picture page of passport*

Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Country Issuing Passport: _____ Country Representing in Competition: USA

License Type (Circle One): Athlete Referee FIE Commission Member

Enclose Payment of \$40 for 2008-2009 Season, make checks payable to USFA or:

Circle Card Type: American Express Discover Visa MasterCard

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Zip Code of Card Holder _____

Name on Credit Card: _____ Signature: _____

For questions contact Jeanna Mendoza at 719-866-4511 x 4 or email international@usfencing.org

Return Completed Form To:

U.S. Fencing Association
 1 Olympic Plaza
 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909-5774
 Fax: 719-632-5737

For USFA Office Use Only:

- Membership _____
- Passport Copy _____
- Digital Headshot _____
- Licensed Ordered _____
- Confirmation _____
- Code of Conduct _____



**UNITED STATES FENCING ASSOCIATION
ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT
2008-2009 SEASON**

The following rules of conduct will be strictly applied to all United States Fencing Association (USFA) athletes including, but not limited to, members of the delegation at any international or domestic World Cup, World Championship, Pan American or World University Games competition, camp or other fencing activity. Any failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action.

The following conduct is prohibited while representing the United States of America (USA) during any activity in which the athlete's participation is sanctioned by or entered under the auspices of the United States Fencing Association (USFA) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), including international and domestic competitions, training camps and other related activities. The duration of any such activity is defined as the period beginning when the participant comes under the supervision of a Team Leader, Team Captain or other person vested with the authority of the USFA or USOC until the participant is no longer under such immediate supervision. The following activities are not permitted:

- The illegal possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs or any banned substance as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)¹ throughout the duration of the trip (until the team has officially disbanded).
- The disregard of curfews and other rules of deportment established by the Team Leader, Team Captain or other person invested with the authority of the USFA for the conduct of that trip including training camps and the competition.
- Absence, tardiness or disruption of any team functions, meetings, practices, and media occasions unless excused by a person in authority for that trip. Such activities must supersede any private, non-team related activities unless excused by a person in authority for that trip. Not appearing promptly as established by the Team Leader, Team Captain or other person invested with the authority of the USFA by the USFA or Federation International d'Esclime (FIE) at all competitions.
- Failure to notify in a timely manner the person invested with supervision of the trip, tournament or other activity of any circumstance that would prevent one from being able to compete or participate at optimal level.
- No male athlete may enter the room of a female athlete and no female athlete may enter the room of a male athlete during the course of the trip unless said athletes are married or otherwise related.

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¹ The United States Anti Doping Agency (USADA) adheres to WADA guidelines. USADA at www.usantidoping.org, drug reference number: (national: 800.233.0393), (international: 719.785.2020)

- Any sexual contact or advance or any other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior directed toward an athlete by another athlete, including violation of any sexual harassment policy of the USFA that may be in effect.
- Any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the USA, the USFA, or themselves as representatives of the USA. Illegal behavior is defined as conduct that contravenes the stricter of the laws of the United States of America or the host country in which the activity takes place.
- Failure to respect all laws, customs and traditions of the countries in which athletes' are traveling or competing.
- Failure to display proper sportsmanship and respect toward other coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors and the public.
- Any activity that will result in the presentation of a black card against the fencer.
- Any additional guidelines for the USA Fencing Team established by the Team Leader, Team Captain, or any other person vested with the authority of the USFA. The Team Leader, Team Captain or other person vested with the authority of the USFA may establish whatever rules of conduct he/she deems appropriate in light of the conditions of the trip or activity.

I acknowledge receipt of the Athlete Code of Conduct for the 2008-2009 Season. I have read and understood the provisions stated therein and agree to abide by them while representing the United States at any official international competition. I also understand that if I am a member of a U.S. Junior/Cadet delegation, I may not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or substance banned in the United States or by the U.S. Olympic Committee. If I possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or banned substance I will be subject to disciplinary action by the USFA, up to and including expulsion.

FENCER:

Date

Signature

Print Name in Full (First, Initial, Last)

PARENT/GUARDIAN (if fencer is under 18)

Date

Signature

Print Name in Full (First, Initial, Last)



2008-2009 Season

Request for Entry in World Cup & Designated Cadet "B" Competitions

Please read entire form – the policy has been updated for the 2008-2009 season. All deadlines will be strictly enforced.

The fee for each Senior World Cup competition is 20 Euros and for each Junior World Cup is 10 Euros. The fee for Senior Grand Prix individual Grand Prix is 60 Euros and for World Cup Team is 400 Euros.

NEW- As of November 1, 2008 the fee to compete in all Junior World Cups and Designated Cadet competitions is \$100.00. The fee is to help provide referees to International Competitions or pay the fine assessed by International Federations when USFA cannot send a International Referee. This fee is required to compete in any International Competition. You will need to submit the Squad Fee Form with this form for your entry to be complete.

There is also Squad Manager Fee for Junior and Cadet designated competitions for Men's Sabre and Women's Sabre. Please see information on the second page regarding these fees and visit the USFA website to download the Squad Manager Fee form.

Submit application for FIE License before or with entry form for first international competition. There is an entry deadline for each competition. There is separate entry form required for US "A" Competitions.

Please Print Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Passport # _____ Expiration Date: _____

The USFA Office must be notified in writing of withdrawal at least 21 days prior to the competition.

LIST THE COMPETITIONS YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED

Dates of Competition	S = Senior J = Junior C = Cadet	Gender & Weapon	City	Country
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

ELIGIBILITY – A Fencer will be considered for entry in "A" competitions IF

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Senior Grand Prix (maximum of 8 fencers can be entered)	2008 Olympians Top 16 S Top 8 J	2008 Olympians Top 16 S Top 8 J	2008 Olympians Top 16 S Top 8 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Top 4 C
Senior World Cups (maximum of 12 fencers can be entered)	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Top 4 C
Junior World Cups (maximum of 12 fencers can be entered)	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C Remaining ranked Juniors	Top 24 J Top 12 C Remaining ranked Juniors	Top 24 J Top 16 C
Cadet Designated	Top 24 C	Top 24 C	Top 24 C	**	**	All Cadets on Points

S –Senior Point Standings; J – Junior Point Standings; C – Cadet Point Standings

** Open (any fencer meeting the age requirement may apply). Fencer must have fenced in an NAC cadet or Y14 event in that weapon. If more than 12 fencers apply, those who are ranked 13 and lower must cover the expense of a referee, if one is required.

FIE rules require that athletes must be 13 years or older on January 1 of the season to compete in Junior World Cup or Senior World Cup, Grand Prix or Team World Cup competitions and to participate in World Championships.

All information regarding the international calendar, eligibility, and deadlines is posted to the USFA's website. Lists of current registrants, fencers, and results are also available. Please check the website to determine if your entry was received and if you made the team.

Eligibility

Eligibility is determined by the USFA point standings that are current as of the USFA deadline to request entry into an International Competition. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection.

Cadet competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Cadets up until the Dec DIV I NAC, after that, the Team point standings will be used. A maximum of 12 fencers will be accepted at Cadet Designated Competitions for Men's Epee, Men's Saber, and Women's Saber. A maximum of 16 fencers will be accepted at Cadet Designated Competitions for Men's Foil. There is no limit of fencers that will be accepted at Cadet Designated Competitions for Women's Epee and Women's Foil.

Junior competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Juniors and Cadets up until the Dec DIV I NAC, after that the Team point standings will be used. Junior ranks take precedence. Eligible Cadets will be accepted for Junior "A" competitions if space is available after the junior point fencers who have applied. A maximum of 12 fencers are accepted for Junior World Cup Competitions.

Senior Competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Seniors until the first competition being held after the April NAC (the deadlines for these competitions could be before the April NAC) after that the Team point standings will be used. Senior ranks take precedence. Eligible Juniors will be accepted for Senior World Cup and/or Grand Prix competitions if space is available after the senior point fencers who have applied. Eligible Cadets will be accepted for Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions if space is available after the Senior and Junior point fencers who have applied. A maximum of 12 fencers are accepted for Senior World Cup competitions and a maximum of 8 fencers are accepted for Grand Prix.

Eligibility Exceptions:

Fencers, who are not eligible, can receive waivers and be allowed to fence in World Cups. All fencers who are not eligible and are granted a waiver will be allowed to fence under the following conditions: there is space left in our allotment, and an additional referee is not required due to their acceptance.

ME – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.

MF – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.

MS – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

WE – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

WF – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

WS – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

Entry Procedures

Fencers must file the "Request to Enter" form (available on USFA website) with USFA Sport Performance and Technical Programs Department by the entry deadline. Submission of this form does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. Deadlines are published in the Athlete Handbook and on the USFA Website, and are generally 35 days prior to the competition. An earlier deadline is imposed for those countries to which US citizens must apply for a visa to enter the country.

Athletes must have a Current FIE License, in addition to being a current competitive USFA member, in order to compete in Junior and Senior World Cups, Senior Grand Prix or Satellite competitions. There is an annual charge for the FIE License, payable to the USFA. The FIE License includes a one year subscription to the FIE quarterly magazine. FIE licenses can only be ordered through the USFA, the form is on the USFA website (www.usfencing.org).

As of November 1, 2008 the fee to compete in all Junior World Cups and Designated Cadet competitions is \$100.00. The fee is to help provide referees to International Competitions or pay the fine assessed by International Federations when USFA cannot send a International Referee. This fee is required to compete in any International Competition. You will need to submit the Squad Fee Form with this form for your entry to be complete.

At the request of the US National Coaches for Men's Sabre and Women's Sabre there will be a Squad Manager fee assessed to every Junior and Cadet individual entry to a Junior designated World Cup and designated International Cadet competitions for the 2008-2009 season. The fee for Men's and Women's Sabre is \$75.00. This fee will fund a Squad Manager to these designated competitions. This will allow the USFA to have point of contact with parents, athletes and personal coaches. The Squad Manager will be responsible for coordinating logistical details i.e. transportation and hotel, and traveling with the team to the competition. The Squad Manager will be bound by the USFA non athlete code of conduct and be required to submit a written report to the USFA High Performance Department and National Coach of that weapon.

Late entries

An athlete who submits an entry form for an international competition after the deadline ***MUST PAY*** the USFA \$150 late fee ***IMMEDIATELY***. Such fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds, not from the individual's USFA performance award funds. Late entries will be considered based on eligibility and space available. No athlete can displace another athlete if the entry application arrives after the deadline, no matter his or her ranking. Entries received after the entry deadline may not be accepted, especially if that extra entry creates the need for an additional referee beyond what was planned. There is no guarantee that late entries will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted within 15 days prior to the competition.

Entry Limitations

For Junior and Senior World Cup competitions, each country may enter no more than 12 fencers. For Grand Prix “A” competitions, each country may enter no more than 8 fencers. If a country hosts a Grand Prix it may enter up to an additional 12 fencers.

Finalizing the Team

One to two business days after the deadline, the list of fencers and alternates are finalized. The point standings that are current as of the deadline determine the list of fencers. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection. The list is then emailed out to all fencers who have sent in a request to enter including alternates, and to the pertinent national coaches. It is the fencer’s responsibility to keep the national office apprized of his or her most current email address(es).

Confirmation of Attendance to International Competition

Fencers are required to confirm their participation in Cadet Designated, Junior World Cup, Senior World Cup, and Senior Grand Prix competitions. Fencers must confirm in writing by either reply to the selection email sent to all fencers or by sending a fax by the Withdrawal deadline.

Withdrawing from a International Competition

Fencers must withdraw in writing from a competition. The deadline for a withdrawal is 21 days prior to the first day of competition and is posted on the USFA’s website. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show at the competition will be fined \$1500. Such fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds, not from the individual's USFA performance awards. Exceptions to this fine may be considered if the fencer is withdrawing due to an injury or illness that prevents the fencer from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor and a written request to waive the fine is required for consideration. Repetitive infractions may not be considered.

Alternates are notified via email when a withdrawal happens and must confirm their ability to go or their wish to withdraw within 4 days of notification. Alternates not responding within 4 days will be withdrawn from the competition. Alternates will be notified only up to 15 days prior to the first day of competition. The list of fencers will not be altered after 10 days prior to the competition.

Fencers are not required to withdraw from the competition if they are not listed as “fencer” on the selection list and/or entry list on the USFA website. Only those fencers listed as Fencer on the selection list are required to withdraw by the withdrawal deadline.

For questions or comments email Jeanna Mendoza, the Director of Sport Technical Programs at jeanna.mendoza@usfencing.org. You can also view Entry list for all competitions at www.usfencing.org and click on International Events.





Order form for USFA Travel Warm-up

Shipping Information:			
Ship To: _____			
Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		Fax: _____	
Email: _____			
Description	Price	Sizes (Indicate Quantity) <i>Sizes are in men's sizes & are sold as a set</i>	Total Quantity
USFA Black & White Warm Up	\$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> MED <input type="checkbox"/> LG <input type="checkbox"/> XL	
Total Amount Due			\$
Date Warm-Up needed <i>(If overnight shipping is requested, you will be charged and additional \$20)</i>			
Enclose Payment, make checks payable to USFA or:			
Circle Card Type: American Express Discover Visa MasterCard			
Credit Card #: _____		Exp. Date: _____	
Name on Credit Card: _____		Zip Code of Cardholder: _____	
Signature: _____			

For questions contact Jeanna Mendoza at 719-866-4511 x 4 or email international@usfencing.org

Send Order Form To:

U.S. Fencing Association
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909-5774



2008-2009 Season Junior World Cup and Cadet Designated Squad Fee

As of November 1, 2008 the fee to compete in all Junior World Cups and Designated Cadet competitions is \$100.00. The fee is to help provide referees to International Competitions or pay the fine assessed by International Federations when USFA cannot send a International Referee. This fee is required to compete in any International Competition. **Please note** you must submit the Request for World Cup Entry form to be placed on the Entry List for any Cadet Designated or Junior World Cup Competitions.

Last Name _____ **First Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email _____

You may list several competitions for the season, and they will be charged only if you compete in that competition. You must submit this form with the Request for Entry for World Cups or the form will be considered incomplete.

Dates of Competition	J = Junior C = Cadet	Weapon	CITY/COUNTRY	USFA Office Use Only
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Enclose Payment of \$100 for each competition, make checks payable to USFA or:

Circle Card Type: American Express Discover Visa MasterCard

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Zip Code of Card Holder: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____ Signature: _____

USFA Office Use Only:
Account 410215