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## PREFACE

This book is written so that athletes, coaches, and parents can gain a better understanding of the programs of the United States Fencing Association (USFA). It contains information that will allow athletes 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 published in the quarterly USFA National Newsletter. Written notification from the Chair of the High Performance Committee and the Director of Technical Programs will be sent to the top 24 senior athletes, top 16 junior athletes and top 12 cadet 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 \$15 (includes cost of mailing). The Handbook is also available on a CD for \$5.00.

As in any organization, rumors are inevitable, even from normally excellent sources. One must be sure that any information given is checked with the Athlete Handbook and its official changes. Only if written notification of a change is received via the National Newsletter or in correspondence signed by the Chair of the High Performance Committee and the Director of Technical Programs should one consider information other than that contained in this handbook to be correct.

Appendix A contains the calendar of national tournaments and relevant information for some of the USFA National tournaments (site, hotel, local transportation, et cetera). Some of this information may change after the Handbook is published. Check the entry confirmation materials sent from the National Office to each person after receipt of the individual's entry. In the entry confirmation materials there will be a page stating the status of the athlete's entry, information on the equipment rules and the tournament, and any updates to the fencing rules. Bring the entry confirmation page to that tournament for verification at check in.

Entries for the North American Cup (NAC) tournaments are due 30 days prior to the first day of the tournament. For Championship tournaments (Junior Olympic Fencing Championships, Division I National Championships and the Summer National Championships) the entry deadline is between three to six weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Entries arriving after the entry deadline will be accepted up to a specified time prior to the start of the tournament with payment of triple the fees due.

Appendix D contains forms for the 2003-2004 competitive season: membership application, NAC entry form; entry form for the 2004 Junior Olympic Championships, FIE License application and the international entry request form.

Periodically, the USFA and the National Weapon Coaches will send special mailings to fencers on the national point standings. Fencers must keep the USFA national office informed of their current email address (es) since it has become the primary communication path to athletes and coaches on weapon squad programs, team notifications, and updates to the Handbook. In addition, it is important to maintain accurate mailing addresses 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: <http://www.usfencing.org>. Besides the telephone and fax one can communicate with the USFA by e-mail: "info@usfencing.org".

**NOTHING IN THIS HANDBOOK OVERRIDES THE RULES OF FENCING UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED. CHANGES IN SELECTION PROCEDURES WILL ONLY BE VALID IF COMMUNICATED IN WRITING EITHER IN THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OR BY DIRECT WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO ATHLETES IN THE TOP 24 IN SENIOR, TOP 16 IN JUNIOR, AND/OR TOP 12 IN CADET POINT STANDINGS.**

## THE MISSION OF THE USFA IS TO:

Direct, administer and promote the sport of fencing in the US.

Develop programs, services and opportunities that enable athletes from recreational to Olympian level to reach their maximum potential.

Select athletes and cadre for international competition, including the Olympic, Pan American and FIE World Championships.

## GOALS OF THE USFA

1. To Expand Membership
2. To Increase USFA Revenues
3. To Increase Public Interest in Fencing
4. To Enhance the Efficiency and Organizational Effectiveness of the USFA
5. To Develop a Coherent Coaching Structure
6. To Establish the USA as a Recognized International Force in the World Fencing Community

### ***Objectives:***

1. Achieve success in qualification and medal performance for individuals and team at the World and Olympic level. [Goal for 2004 – 2 teams & 1-2 fencers in each non team weapon]
2. Enhance political influence in the FIE and Pan American Fencing Confederation
3. Train, qualify and ensure utilization of referees at international competitions.
4. Develop plan for elite athletes to continue training after college.

## CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

For those new to athlete programs of US Fencing, read this chapter before reading any other portion of this book. This chapter forms the foundation for the programs described in the Handbook.

### 1.1 DOMESTIC NATIONAL POINT TOURNAMENTS

The USFA maintains national point standings for different age divisions: Youth 10, Youth 12, Youth 14, Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veteran. The primary point totals are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at national point competitions in the last 12 months. Exceptions will occur for the senior point standings, see Chapter 3 and 4 for more details.

For the three Youth categories, points are earned at national point competitions for one's own age category and the next older category. Starting in the 2003-2004 season points will be earned at "Super Regional Youth Tournaments" on the same scale as the corresponding national tournaments for Youth 10, Youth 12 and Youth 14 competitions. Only one Super Regional result will count for a fencer, the one in which the fencer earns the most points for each age category and weapon in which the fencer competes. 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 Super Regional and the Summer National Championships during the season. Youth fencers earn national points at their age category competitions. They can compete in the next older age category if they are on the point standings for their age category.

The season for the Youth point standings coincides with the membership year, August 1 through July 31 with the Summer National Championships as the final national tournament. The point standings after the Summer Nationals are the final standings for the three Youth age categories. With the start of the new membership year the Youth National point standings will reflect fencers who continue to meet the age criteria for each age category for the new season.

Cadet fencers may compete and earn USFA National points in their age category, in the Junior category and in Division I if they meet the entry criteria. 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 athlete prior to advancing to international competition. See Chapter 3 for details.

Highly ranked Junior point fencers can earn points at designated Junior "A" and Senior "A" World Cup competitions. Highly ranked Senior fencers can earn points at designated Senior "A" World Cup competitions. Any US fencer may compete and earn points at European Open competitions. See Section 1.4 for more precise descriptions for each category.

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

The USFA web site, [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) contains the National point standings for the start of the 2003-2004 season for each category. Table 1-1 specifies the age criteria required to compete in USFA National point competitions during the 2003-2004 season.



USFA National domestic point tournaments are:

- a. *North American Cup (NAC).*
  - o Division I – points count for Senior, Junior, and Cadet standings
  - o Veteran – points count for the Veteran combined standings (40 & older) and the Veteran age groups – 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and older
  - o Junior – points count for the Junior and Cadet standings
  - o Cadet – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 standings
  - o Youth 14 – points count for the Youth 14 and Youth 12 standings
  - o Youth 12 – points count for the Youth 12 and Youth 10 standings
  - o Youth 10 – points count for the Youth 10 standings
- b. *Junior Olympic Championships.*
  - o Under-20 Championships – points count for the Junior and Cadet standings
  - o Under-17 Championships – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 standings
- c. *National Championships*
  - o Division I National Championships – points count for Senior, Junior, and Cadet standings
  - o Veterans Age Group Championships – points count for 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older point standings
  - o Under-19 Championships – points count for Junior and Cadet standings
  - o Under-16 Championships – points count for Cadet and Youth 14 standings
  - o Youth 14 Championships – points count for Youth 14 and Youth 12 point standings
- d. *Youth 10, Youth 12 tournaments at Summer National Championships*
  - o Youth 12 tournament – points count for Youth 12 and Youth 10 point standings
  - o Youth 10 tournament – points count for Youth 10 point standings
- e. *Super Regional Youth Tournaments*
  - o Youth 14 tournament – points count for Youth 12 and for Youth 14 point standings
  - o Youth 12 tournament – points count for Youth 12 and Youth 10 point standings
  - o Youth 10 tournament – points count for Youth 10 point standings

## 1.2 POINT STANDINGS

The National **Rolling** Point Standings are used for the following purposes:

- To seed USFA national competitions;
- To qualify to the National Championships and the Junior Olympic Championships. (See details in Chapter 2)
- To determine group of athletes who can be considered for entry in World Cup and designated Cadet “B” competitions. (See specific details in Chapter 3)
- To select athletes for international tournaments. (See Chapters 3 and 4)

The National **Team** Point standings reflect the points that count for selection of athletes for specific international teams, e.g., the World Championships, as described in Chapter 4. In addition, the National Team Point standings may be used for selection of athletes for specific USFA or USOC funding programs. Such programs are described in Chapter 5. Not all tournaments at which points are awarded will necessarily count for the National Team Point standings. (See Section 1.5)

A current point competition result replaces the comparable point competition in the prior season or year unless such competition is not being held the next calendar year. 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. The point tables for National tournaments for the 2003-2004 fencing season can be found in Appendix B-1. These tables show the number of points that could be earned for placement in each category of point competition.

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 32<sup>nd</sup>. 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. The Super Regional Youth tournaments will award points at exactly where 40% of the field equals.

If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the placement for points. In the Veterans national point competitions, there will be no percentage cutoff and points will be awarded to a maximum of 64<sup>th</sup> place or to the last place in the competition, whichever number is smaller.

#### EXAMPLES -

If there are 43 fencers in a competition, 40% of 43 is 17.2; points are awarded for places of 1-24 if the competition format is repêchage, otherwise 1-32, if repêchage is not used. In the Super Regional Youth competition, points would be awarded to 1-17 place. 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 25<sup>th</sup> receive the average of points for 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> place). If a fencer is excluded from a competition, that place is left vacant and no one receives the points for that place.

There are 70 fencers in an NAC; points are awarded through 32<sup>nd</sup> place. If there is a 3-way tie for 17<sup>th</sup> place, the sum of points for 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> places is divided by 3 to determine the points awarded to each fencer involved in the tie. If the point value for 17<sup>th</sup> is 415, for 18<sup>th</sup> 410, and for 19<sup>th</sup> 405 then the average value equals 410, so each of the three fencers tied for 17<sup>th</sup> place will receive 410 points for that competition.

### 1.3 AGE CRITERIA FOR USFA COMPETITIONS

For a fencer to compete in a specific age category competition conducted under the auspices of the USFA at division, section or national level, the following criteria must be met.

- ◆ The fencer's birth year falls within that age bracket **OR** ---
- ◆ If a fencer is currently<sup>1</sup> listed in an 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 besides age must be met, the fencer must also meet those criteria by the entry deadline.

As an example, a fencer born in 1993 may fence in Youth 12 and Youth 10. To fence in a Youth 14 competition, that fencer must be on the current<sup>1</sup> Youth 12 point standings. To fence in a Cadet competition, that fencer must be on the current<sup>1</sup> Youth 14 point standings.

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<sup>1</sup> "Currently" or "Current" refers to the point standings as of the entry deadline for that National tournament.

**TABLE 1-1: AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS**

**A: AUGUST 1, 2003 -- APRIL 30, 2004**

**Division qualifying competitions for 2004 Junior Olympic Championships**

CATEGORY	DIV. I/DIV. II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1, DV2, DV3	VET	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1990 or earlier	≤ 1963	1984-1990	1987-1990	1989-1992	1991-1994	1993-1996

≤ - Less or Equal

**B: MAY 1, 2004 -- JULY 31, 2004 For 2004 Summer National Championships and Associated Division & Section Qualifying Competitions**

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	1990 or earlier	≤ 1963	1985-1991	1988-1991	1989-1992	1991-1994	1993-1996

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	SR TM	JR TEAM
CODE	DTM	OTM	JTM
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1990	≤ 1990	1985-1991

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- a) 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 the gender, by age and by individual competition vs. team competition. *Fencing Rules*, 2001 Edition, t.4.
- b) Competitions are said to be by “direct elimination” when a competitor is eliminated in direct elimination tableau after the first defeat; repêchage when the fencer is eliminated after 2 defeats. 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. The results of all the fencers in the pool round are ordered from highest or best results to lowest to determine ranking of the fencers from that round.
- c) A Tournament consists of several competitions held at the same place in the same period of time.
- d) North American Cup (NAC): Series of National point tournaments conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Fencing Association. USFA competitive members (Senior, Junior, Coach Competitor, Veteran, Family Competitor and Life) are eligible to enter NAC tournaments if they meet the conditions of the category of that NAC. Fencers in the following membership categories are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to compete in National tournaments or qualifying tournaments for any National Championships: Fence for Fun (local competitions only w/o earning classification), Learn to Fence, Coach Associate, Parent Associate or Associate. The NAC tournaments are open to foreign fencers who have a FIE License valid for the 2003-2004 season.
- e) The categories of NAC for the 2003-2004 season for which points will be awarded are: DIVISION I, VETERAN COMBINED, WHEELCHAIR, JUNIOR, CADET, YOUTH 14, YOUTH 12, and YOUTH 10. Six weapon events are held in each of those categories: Men’s Epee, Foil and Sabre; Women’s Epee, Foil and Sabre.

- f) For the NAC Division I competitions the fencer must have a classification of “C”, “B” or “A” at the entry deadline or be ranked in the top 32 of the senior point, top 16 in the junior or top 8 in the cadet point standings at the entry deadline. Point standings are the rolling point standings as of the entry deadline. Athletes must meet the age eligibility criteria described earlier. Fencers representing a foreign federation are invited to compete in USFA NAC tournaments provided they meet the age criteria and hold a FIE License for the 2003-2004 season.
- g) Division II and Division III tournaments -- for fencers with classifications of “C”, “D”, “E” or are unclassified are eligible for Division II. Fencers with classifications of “D”, “E” or are unclassified are eligible for Division III. A fencer’s classification is considered when the entry is processed by the USFA. National points are not awarded for placements in the Division II or Division III competitions.
- h) The Junior Olympic (J.O.) Fencing Championships are held each year over President’s weekend in February with Championship competitions for Junior and Cadet athletes in each of the six weapons. The schedule for the 2004 J.O. Championships is given in Appendix A-2. Fencers MUST QUALIFY by meeting criteria given in Chapter 2.2.
- i) The USFA Division I National Championship in 2004 will be held April 23-26 in Atlanta, GA. Only fencers who meet specific criteria described in Chapter 2.2 are eligible to fence at the Division I National Championships.

The competitions held at the Summer National Championships are described below. The competition schedule is published in the Spring edition of the National Newsletter and posted on the USFA web site.

- j) The Division I-A National Championships: These Championships represent the best fencers from each of the ten Sections of the US and the Under-19 Section Champions. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- k) The Division II and Division III National Championships: Division II and Division III Championships represent the best “C” and under and “D” and under, respectively, from the 64 Divisions of the USFA. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- l) The Under-19 National Championships represent the best Under-19 fencers from each of the ten Sections of the US and fencers who have earned national points during the current season. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- m) The Under-16, and Youth 14 National Championships represent the best Under-16 and Youth 14 fencers, respectively, from the 64 divisions of the USFA and those who have earned national points during the current season. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- n) Youth 12 and Youth 10 are competitions open to fencers who have participated in at least one Regional Youth Circuit (RYC) or one Super Regional Youth tournament in the specific weapon and age category and who meet the age criteria. A National Championships designation has not been awarded to these two categories.
- o) Wheelchair Championships competitions are held in all weapons except women’s sabre. These are competitions open to disabled athletes meeting the physical limitations specified for wheelchair athletes.

- p) The Veterans National Championships are composed of one competition in each of six weapons for each of three age categories: 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older. Fencers must qualify for the Veterans Summer Nationals by competing in one of the following during the 2003-2004 season:
- o NAC Veterans OR
  - o NAC Division I OR
  - o Division's qualifying competition for Division II National Championships OR
  - o Section Championships.
- q) The list of automatic qualifiers (fencers who qualify through the point standings or results at prior National Championships) will be posted on the USFA web site starting in October and updated after each relevant point tournament. Divisions and Sections can request the list of automatic qualifiers for their qualifying tournaments.
- r) FIE is the acronym for the international governing body of the Olympic sport of fencing, Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime, the International Fencing Federation. It is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with its main office located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FIE web site is found at [www.fie.ch](http://www.fie.ch).
- s) "A" is the nomenclature for the FIE World Cup competitions, Junior or Senior.
- t) HPC stands for the USFA High Performance Committee. Among its responsibilities is determination of selection criteria for all US international teams, athletes and team staff. It is an oversight committee to ensure that the standards and criteria are met in programs established to achieve the goals of developing world-class athletes and enhancing US international stature in the world competitive ranks. See Appendix C-5 for composition of the HPC and e-mail contact data.
- t) NTD stands for National Training Director: Carla-Mae Richards has been named interim NTD. The NTD is responsible for supervising all weapon squad programs and developing short term and long-term programs and goals towards enhancement of US international competitive performance.
- u) AAG is the acronym for the USFA Athlete Advisory Group, composed of two athletes from each of the six weapons. The top 24 fencers in the National Senior Point Standings in each weapon elect the athlete representatives for their weapon to serve for two years. Their key role is working with the High Performance Committee to represent the athletes for the programs for the athletes. Other athletes should contact their representatives if there are concerns or issues they want to discuss. The current members of this group are Felicia and Iris Zimmermann, Justin Tausig, Chris O'Loughlin, Keith Smart, Tim Morehouse, Chris Becker, Stephanie Eim, Kristin Suchorski, Dan Kellner, and Alex Wood. See Appendix C-5 for contact information.
- v) AAC is the acronym for the USOC Athlete Advisory Council. Athletes from each sport on the program of the Olympic and Pan American Games elect one athlete and one alternate of the opposite gender from their sport for a term of four years, coinciding with the period between Olympic Games. The athletes must meet USOC athlete definition: athlete who has been a member of a World Championship team, Olympic Games team or a Pan American Games team in the past ten years. The current fencing member is Felicia Zimmermann; the alternate is Cliff Bayer.

- w) FOC stands for the USFA Fencing Officials Commission, the group charged with developing national rated referees, appointing FOC reps for national tournaments, assigning referees for all national tournaments and international competitions as needed. There are sixteen members of the FOC who are divided into groups responsible for rules clarification, issuing current Rules Book, recommending adoption of changes in the international rules, etc. The chair of the FOC is Jeffrey Bukantz. See Appendix C-5 for composition of the FOC and e-mail contact data.
- x) TC stands for the USFA Tournament Committee, the group charged with the conduct of all national tournaments, the composition of the Bout Committee, and the schedule of national tournaments based on recommendations from the HPC. The TC develops the schedule of competitions at the national tournaments. The chair of the TC is Kalle Weeks. See Appendix C-5 for composition of the TC and email contact data.
- y) The Youth Committee is responsible for developing programs for the Youth 10, - 12, and -14 age groups with the focus on ensuring adequate competitions for their age level in frequency and manner appropriate for the age of the athletes. Wendell Kubik is the Chair of the Committee. See Appendix C-5 for the members.
- z) Age Group Awards: Two patches are given in each Youth Age Group at Summer National Championships: Age Group point winner and Age Group Summer National gold medallist. The Age Group point winner is the athlete in each age group who has had the best two results in the specific national age group competitions. The winner of the age group competition at the Summer Nationals earns a patch as gold medal winner. Andrea Lagan of the Youth Committee developed this program.

## 1.5 ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR USFA PROGRAMS

Athletes must be citizens of the United States at the time of selection for international teams and be able to represent the United States to be selected for:

- a) USFA Team to Senior, Junior, and Cadet World Championships, Pan American Senior, Junior, and Cadet Championships, Pan American Games, World University Games, Olympic Games, and World Veteran Championships.
- b) USOC or USFA Athlete Grant programs;
- c) National team funding when points will count towards selection to the World Championship Team.

A permanent resident may apply for a waiver of the rules regarding training grants and performance program by submitting documentation that demonstrates the athlete will become a citizen by the date when athletes will be selected for a specific team or program. It may also be necessary for the fencer to apply for an FIE exemption to allow the fencer to change country representation if the fencer has represented another country at any FIE sponsored international tournament – World Cup competitions or World Championships or Olympic Games.

The FIE Statutes state that athletes 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 Games, Olympic Games. (*FIE Statutes*, 1999)

## 1.6 DETERMINATION OF POINT STANDINGS

The following demonstrates how the domestic points of the Rolling Point Standings (RPS) are calculated throughout the season, from one domestic point competition to another. On August 1 of each season, only those who meet the age criteria for the start of the season are listed in the age point standings. SNC stands for Summer National Championships.

### A. YOUTH 14 (Y14) POINT STANDINGS: Sum = Four Highest Points

1. July 7, '03 – Oct. 13, '03
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y14
  - Jan. '03 NAC CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - July '03 CDT SNC
2. Oct. 14, '03 – Feb 16, '04
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y14
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
3. Feb. 17, '04 – April 1, '04
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
4. April 2, '04 – April 26, '04
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
  - 1 Super Regional Youth14
4. April 27, '04 – July 11, '04
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
  - Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
  - 1 Super Regional Youth14
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y14
5. July 12, '04
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
  - Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
  - 1 Super Regional Youth14
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y14
  - July '04 Y14 SNC
  - July '04 CDT SNC

### B. YOUTH 12 (Y12) POINT STANDINGS: Sum = Four Highest Points

1. July 7, '03 – Oct. 13, '03
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y12
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y14
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y12 & Y14 SNC
2. Oct. 14, '03 – Feb 16, '04
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y12
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y14
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
3. Feb 17, '04 – April 1, '04
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC Y14
4. April 2 – April 26, '04
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y14
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - Oct., '03, NAC Y14
  - 1 Super Regional Yth 12
  - 1 Super Regional Yth 14
5. April 27, '04 – July 11, '04
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y14 SNC
  - Oct., '03, NAC Y14
  - 1 Super Regional Yth 12
  - 1 Super Regional Yth 14
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y14
6. July 12, '04
  - Oct., '03, NAC Y14
  - 1 Super Regional Yth 12 & 14
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y12 & Y14
  - July '04 Y12 & Y14 SNC

C. YOUTH 10 (Y10) POINT STANDINGS: Sum = Four Highest Points Except at 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Period

1. July 7, '03 – Feb 16, '04
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y12
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y10
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y10
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y10 SNC
2. Feb 17, '04 – Apr 1, '04  
(Best 3 of 4 count for rolling pt standings)
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y10
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y10 SNC
3. Apr. 2, '04 – Apr. 26, '04
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y10
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y10 SNC
  - 1 Super Regional Y10
  - 1 Super Regional Y12
4. Apr. 27, '04 – July 11, '04
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y10 SNC
  - 1 Super Regional Y10
  - 1 Super Regional Y12
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y10
5. July 12, 2004
  - 1 Super Regional Y10
  - 1 Super Regional Y12
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '04 NAC Y10
  - July '04 Y12 SNC
  - July '04 Y10 SNC

D. CADET POINT STANDINGS: Sum = Four Highest Points

See Chapter 4 for details on Group II tournaments. Changes in the standings can occur between each period with points earned at World Cup competitions.

1. July 7, '03 – Oct. 13, '03
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Nov. '02 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - July '03 JNR SNC
2. Oct. 14, '03 – Nov. 9, '03
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Nov. '02 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
3. Nov. 10, '03 – Jan 18, '04
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
4. Jan. 19, '04 – Feb. 16, '04
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
5. Feb. 17, '04 – July 11, '04
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
6. July 12, '04
  - Oct. '03 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
  - July '04 CDT SNC
  - July '04 JNR SNC



## E. JUNIOR POINT STANDINGS Sum = Four Highest Points

See Chapter 4 on how international results are incorporated into the National standings. Changes in the standings can occur between each period with points earned at World Cup competitions.

1. July 7, '03 – Nov. 9, '03
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - July '03 DIV. I SNC
2. Nov. 10, '03 – Dec. 14, '03
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - July '03 DIV. I SNC
3. Dec. 15, '03 – Jan. 18, '04
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - July '03 DIV. I NC
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
4. Jan. 19, '04 – Feb. 16, '04
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - July '03 DIV. I NC
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
5. Feb. 17, '04 – Apr. 26, '04
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - July '03 DIV. I SNC
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
6. Apr. 27, '04 – July 11, '04
  - July '03 JNR SNC
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '04 DIV. I NC
7. July 12, '04
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '04 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '04 DIV. I NC
  - July '04 JNR SNC

## F. SENIOR POINT STANDINGS

The Senior domestic points (Group I) are calculated as the sum of the two highest points earned at the National point competitions. Chapter 4 describes the use of international results in the National points.

1. Present – Dec. 14, '03
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 DIV. I NC
2. Dec. 15, '03 – Jan. 18, '04
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 DIV. I NC
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
3. Jan. 19, '04 – Apr. 26, '04
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 DIV. I NC
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
4. April 27, 2004
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '04 DIV. I NC

## 1.7 FORMATS FOR DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS

TABLE 1-2: COMPETITION FORMATS

EVENT	POOLS	PROMOTED	REPECHAGE	D.E. BOUT FORMAT
NAC YTH12, YTH10	1 round	100%	No	Best two of three 5-touch bouts
NAC YTH14	1 round	100%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
NAC U-17 & U-20	1 round	80%	Yes	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Jr. Olympic U-17/U-20	1 round	80%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
NAC Division I	*****	*****	*****	See description below & Appendix A-3
Div. II, Div. III – NAC & SNC	1 round	100%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Veterans – NAC & SNC	1 round	100%	No	10 touches in two 3-minute segments
Wheelchair – NAC & SNC	2 rounds	100%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Div. I National Champs.	1 round	80%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
U-19 National Champs.	1 round	80%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
U-16 National Champs.	1 round	80%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
YTH14 National Champs.	1 round	100%	No	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
YTH12, YTH10 @ SNC	1 round	100%	No	Best two of three 5-touch bouts

**For Youth 10 competitions, fencers are required to use “0” or “2” size blades for all weapons.**

- a) **DEFINITIONS:** When there is repêchage it will start at the round of 32 or 16 (whichever has a complete table first). In pool elimination rounds, the bouts are 5-touch bouts with fencing time limit of 3 minutes. 3<sup>rd</sup> place is not fenced off. For Cadet, Junior and Division I first round pools are maximized to 7-person pools.
- b) **NAC DIVISION I TOURNAMENTS:** Everyone will fence in the first round of the competition.
  - Two rounds of pools with first round of pools maximized to 7-person pools – see Appendix A-3 for seeding principles
  - Approximately 60% of the fencers are promoted from the first round of pools to a second round to ensure even pools of 6 or 7 fencers. Pools in the second round will be either all 6-person pools or all 7-person pools with 60% promoted to –
  - Direct elimination without repêchage until 32 or 16 tableau whichever has a complete table first. Seeding into the initial direct elimination tableau will be based only on results in the last pool round.
  - 32 or 16 tableau with repêchage to final 8

1.8 SCHEDULE FOR 2003-2004

Tournament Dates	Entry Deadline	Tournament	Location
October 5-11		World Championships	Havana, Cuba
<b>October 10 – 13</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>NAC: Division II, Cadet, Youth 14</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
October 11		SAT I and SAT II	
October 25-31		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships**	Guadeloupe
<i>November 1</i>		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests	
November 7	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Junior "A": Men's Epee, Women's Sabre</i>	<i>Galt House, Louisville</i>
November 8	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Junior "A": Women's Epee, Men's Foil</i>	<i>Galt House, Louisville</i>
November 9	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Junior "A": Women's Foil, Men's Sabre</i>	<i>Galt House, Louisville</i>
<b>December 12 – 14</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>NAC: Division I, Veterans, Wheelchair</b>	<b>Palm Springs, CA</b>
<b>2004</b>			
<b>January 10 – 12</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>NAC: Div. II/Junior: M.Epee, M.Sabre, W. Sabr</b>	<b>San Jose, CA</b>
<b>January 16 – 18</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>NAC: Div. I/Junior: M. Foil, W. Foil, W. Epee</b>	<b>San Jose, CA</b>
January 22		ENTRY DEADLINE J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS	
<b>February 6</b>	LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY FOR J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS		
February 13 – 16	Jan. 22	JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.	Cleveland, OH
<b>March 12 – 15</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>NAC: Division II, III, Veterans</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>
March 23	ENTRY DEADLINE FOR DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
March 25 – 28		NCAA Fencing Championships	Brandeis Univ.
April 1 – 8		World Junior & Cadet Championships	Plovdiv, Bulgaria
April 16	LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY – DIV. I NATL CHMPS. & YTH NAC		
<b>April</b>		<b>Zonal Olympic Qualifying Tournament, M Sabre, M Epee, W. Epee</b>	<b>Cancun, Mexico</b>
<b>April 23– 26</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>Div. I National Championships, NAC Youth, NAC Wheelchair</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
April 24-25		Zonal Olympic Qualifying Tournament: W. Foil M. Foil, W Sabre	<i>Santa Cruz, Bolivia</i>
May 27	ENTRY DEADLINE FOR SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS		
June 11		Sr Individual World Cup, Women's Foil-GP	New York City, NY
June 12		Sr Ind. Wld Cup, WS-GP; MS-GP; Day 2 WF	NYC, NY
June 13		Senior Team Wld Cup, WF TM; Day 2 WS, MS	NYC, NY
June 14		Sr Team Wld Cup – WS, MS	NYC, NY
June 18	LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY FOR SUMMER NATL CHAMPS.		
<b>July 3 – 11</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Charlotte, NC</b>
August 13 – 29		Olympic Games	Athens, GRE.
August 14 – 22		<i>Fencing at the Olympic Games</i>	<i>Helliniko Olympic</i>
Sept. 3-5		World Veterans Championships	Krems, Austria
Sept. 17 – Sept. 28		Paralympic Games	Athens, GRE
Sept. 18 – 23		Paralympic Fencing Competitions	Helliniko Complex

SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & US WORLD CUPS Printed 11/13/2003  
 "0" or "2" Blades required for Youth 10 Competitions.

**A: AGE RULES AUGUST 1, 2003 -- APRIL 30, 2004**

Division qualifying competitions for 2004 Junior Olympic Championships

CATEGORY	DIV. I/DIV. II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1, DV2, DV3	VET	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1990 or earlier	≤ 1963	1984-1990	1987-1990	1989-1992	1991-1994	1993-1996

## 1.9 REGIONAL YOUTH CIRCUIT CALENDAR – 2003-2004

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>INTERNET LINK</u>
1	September 13-14,	Durham, NC	<u>Charlotte Clark</u>	<a href="http://ncfdp.org">ncfdp.org</a>
2	October 25-26	Tacoma, WA	Greg Jones	<a href="http://www.wwdfencing.org/">http://www.wwdfencing.org/</a>
3	November 1-2, 03	Rocky River, OH.	Sara Kass	<a href="http://www.cyranosplace.com/Escrime03.html">http://www.cyranosplace.com/Escrime03.html</a>
4	November 1-2, 03	NYC	Kathy Zucker, Eric Rosenberg	<a href="http://fcevents.org">fcevents.org</a> .
5	November 8	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="http://fencingclub.org">fencingclub.org</a>
6	November 14-15	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
7	November 15-16	Kansas City	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
8	November 15-16	TBD	Eric Dew	<a href="http://www.edew@thebaycup.org">http://www.edew@thebaycup.org</a>
9	December 6-7	Santa FE, NM	Lydia Mazorol	<a href="http://www.SantaFeNet.com/fencing">www.SantaFeNet.com/fencing</a>
10	December 6 All sabre events	Portland, OR	Oregon Fencing Alliance	<a href="http://www.oregonfencing.com">www.oregonfencing.com</a>
11	December 6-7 Foil and Epee	Portland, OR	NorthWest Fencing Center	<a href="http://www.nwfencing.org/">http://www.nwfencing.org/</a>
12	December 13-14	Grapevine Middle School	Attila Kocsardy, Valorie Pope	<a href="mailto:info@grapevinefencingcenter.com">info@grapevinefencingcenter.com</a>
13	January ?, 2004	Central Florida	?	?
<b>14</b>	<b>January 3-4, '04 Super RYC #1</b>	<b>Rice U. Gym, Houston, TX</b>	<b>Mauro Hamza</b>	<a href="http://sallemmauro.com">sallemmauro.com</a> ***Note Y14 National Points to be added in April 2004
15	January 24-25	Sacramento	Eric Dew	<a href="mailto:edew@thebaycup.org">edew@thebaycup.org</a>
16	February 7-8, '04	Saratoga Sprgs	Mitch Berliner	<a href="http://sabreoutreachnetwork.com">sabreoutreachnetwork.com</a>
17	March 12-13, '04	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
18	March 20-21, '04	Houston	Mauro Hamza	<a href="http://sallemmauro.com">sallemmauro.com</a>
19	March ?	St Paul, MN	Kate Hanna	<a href="http://www.visi.com/~hue/fencing/index.html">http://www.visi.com/~hue/fencing/index.html</a>
20	March?	Louisville?	Patrick Kelley	<a href="http://louisvillefencing.org">louisvillefencing.org</a>
<b>21</b>	<b>March 27-28, '04 Super RYC #2</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>	<b>Eric Dew and Greg Massialas</b>	<a href="http://fencingusa.com">fencingusa.com</a>
<b>22</b>	<b>March 27-28, '04 Super RYC #3</b>	<b>RYC @ NCAA at Brandeis</b>	<b>Linda Merritt</b>	<a href="mailto:merritt8@comcast.net">merritt8@comcast.net</a>
23	April	Portland	Tentative	Tentative
24	May 22-23, 2004	Sacred Heart U, CT	<u>Tom Ciccarone</u>	<a href="http://candlewoodfencing.com">candlewoodfencing.com</a>
25	May 29-30, 2004	El Paso	Margaret Long	<a href="http://fencingelpasotx.org">fencingelpasotx.org</a>
26	May 29-30, 2004?	Los Angeles	Eric Dew	<a href="mailto:edew@thebaycup.org">edew@thebaycup.org</a>
27	June 5-6, 2004	Kansas City	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
28	June, 2004	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="http://fencingclub.org">fencingclub.org</a>

For the most recent calendar of Regional Youth Tournaments go to the USFA Web Site and click on Competitions and then Regional Youth.

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## CHAPTER 2: QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

### 2.1 ENTRY RULES

To fence in a National Championship tournament, athletes must meet specific qualification standards, shown in Table 2.1. There are three types of National Championships:

- Junior Olympic Championships for Junior and Cadet categories;
- Division I National Championships for fencers meeting specific National point standings criteria and clubs who have qualified to compete in Division I team Championships;
- Summer National Championships with 59 individual Championship competitions and 12 Open competitions for 7-12 year olds plus 12 team Championships for junior fencers and senior fencers.

Each National Championship tournament has a separate entry form. For the Junior Olympic Championships and the Summer National Championships the entry form is published in the *National Newsletter*, an insert in the American Fencing magazine and available on the USFA web site ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)). The entry form for the Division I National Championships is mailed directly, either by postal service or e-mail (preferred), to those who meet the national rolling point standings criteria.

The timeliness of an entry is determined by receipt at the USFA office; postmarks are NOT considered in determining timeliness. The entry deadline is as of midnight (Mountain Time) of the stated date. Late entries are entries received after the published entry deadline for a tournament and by a specified date prior to the start of the tournament: for NAC tournaments the final date for late entries is one week prior to the start of that NAC tournament; for National Championships tournament the final date is 2 weeks prior to the start of the Championships. Payment of triple the on-time registration and event fees must accompany all late entries.

The entry deadline for the Division I and Summer National Championships is approximately five weeks prior to the first day of the tournament. The entry deadline for the Junior Olympic Championships is approximately three weeks prior to the first day of the tournament. See the USFA National Calendar for the exact entry deadline dates for each national tournament and national championships. If you have NOT received the *National Newsletter/American Fencing magazine* according to the schedule below, CALL or send an e-mail to the USFA Office.

- The Fall issue of the *National Newsletter* should arrive by early December with the entry form for the Junior Olympic Championships.
- The Winter issue of the *National Newsletter* should arrive by the middle of March with the entry forms for the individual and for the team competitions at the Summer National Championships.

The individual entry form for the Division I National Championships should be received by March 1 by those who have met the qualification criteria. The entry deadlines for the 2004 Championship tournaments are listed below. If you do not have an entry form at least two weeks before the entry deadline, CALL the USFA Office or print one from the USFA Web site.

**WARNING: AVOID SENDING IN BY FAX AN ENTRY FOR ANY NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DURING THE THREE DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DEADLINE DATE.** The phone line becomes busy preventing receipt of entry forms at the USFA office.

- 2004 Junior Olympic Championships entry deadline = January 22, 2004
- 2004 Division I National Championships entry deadline = March 23, 2004
- 2004 Summer National Championships entry deadline = May 27, 2004

2.2 PATHS TO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Table 2-1 summarizes the ways in which an athlete may qualify for the Junior Olympic, Under-19, Under-16, Youth 14 and Division I National Championships. See Qualification Rules Section.

If you do not receive a copy of the schedule of competitions in your Division, contact one of the Division officers. If you do not know who they are, contact the USFA office by phone or e-mail, info@usfencing.org, for names and phone numbers. The Senior Section Championship tournament is the qualifying path for Division I-A and Veterans. The Junior Section Championship tournament is the qualifying path for the Under-19 National Championships. Any athlete who qualifies for the Under-19 Nationals or the Under-16 National Championships who is classified as "C" or under at the time of qualification will also qualify for Division II.

**TABLE 2-1: QUALIFYING PATHS TO KEY 2004 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

NOTE: Points refer to the National Rolling Point Standings for that Group (e.g., Senior, Junior, etc.)

Qualifying Paths	U-20 J.O.s	U-17 J.O.s	Division I Nationals	U-19 Nationals	U-16 Nationals	Y14 Nationals
Senior Points			All as of 3/1/04			
Junior Points	All as of 1/19/04		Top 8 as of 3/1/04	All as of 5/1/04 Born '85-'91		
Cadet Points	Top 16 as of 1/19/04	All as of 1/19/04	Top 4 as of 3/1/04	Top 16 as of 5/1/04 Born '88-'91	All as of 5/1/04 Born '87-'90	
Youth 14 Points		Top 8 as of 1/1/04			Top 8 as of 5/01/04	All as of 5/01/04
2003 Summer National Champs.			Top 8 – Div. I-A Top 4 – Div. II			
Section U-19 Champs.				Top 25%		
Division Qualifying	Top 30% <i>Chgs to 25% in 2005</i>	Top 30% <i>Chgs to 25% in 2005</i>	Division I Team Senior Team 50% (a)	U-19 Team: 50% (a)	Top 25%	Top 25%
Modern Pentathlon			3 in Men's Epee, 3 in Women's Epee			

**NOTES:**

(a) Only USFA member clubs are eligible to compete in the Division's team qualifying competition which will determine which clubs have qualified to enter a team in the 2004 Division I National Team Championships, the 2004 Senior Team National Championships and the Under-19 Team Championships. The number of qualifiers is based on the number of clubs that have entered a team or teams.

- Qualified clubs can each enter one team in that weapon in the corresponding Team Championships. Team members can be different from those on the team in the qualifying round and for each Team Championships..

2.3 QUALIFYING PATHS TO 2004 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be U.S. citizens OR permanent residents of the United States and current competitive members of the USFA who MUST meet qualification standards specified for each category to enter USFA National Championships or Open competitions at the Summer National Championships.

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.

Fencers must have a USFA “Competitive Member” card with an expiration date of 7/31/04 or later. Automatic qualifiers will be posted on the USFA Web site and updated periodically.

NRPS stands for National Rolling Point Standings, which are available on the US Fencing website.

**JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

[Some criteria will change for the 2005 Junior Olympic Championships coinciding with changes to Summer National Championships qualification standards.]

**TABLE 2-2: NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY**

# Competitors	2-6	7-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	21-23	24-26	27-30	31-33	34-36	37-40
# Qualifiers	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

**UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born between 1987 and 1990\*\* **AND BE**

- on the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 19, 2004 **OR**
- in the top 8 of the Youth 14 NRPS on Jan. 1, 2004 **OR**
- in the top 30% [refer to Table 2.2] in their Division’s Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition.
- Host Division qualifies double the number of normal qualifiers.

**UNDER-20 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born between 1984 and 1990\*\* **AND BE**

- on the Junior NRPS on Jan. 19, 2004 **OR**
- in the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 19, 2004 **OR**
- in the top 30% [refer to Table 2.2] in their Division’s Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition
- Host Division qualifies double the number of normal qualifiers

**ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born no later than 1990\*\* **AND**

- Be on the National Senior NRPS on March 1, 2004 **OR**
- Be in the top 8 of the Junior (U-20) NRPS on March 1, 2004 **OR**
- Be in the top 4 of the Cadet (U-17) NRPS on March 1, 2004 **OR**
- Placed in the top 8 in the 2003 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Placed in the top 4 in the 2003 Division II National Championships **OR**
- In men’s epee and women’s epee be one of three athletes named by the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association.

**\*\* Athletes can fence in their Division or Section qualifying competitions for the Summer Nationals IF:** 1) the athlete’s birth year falls in that age bracket **OR** 2) the athlete is on the national rolling point standings in the next younger age bracket. For example, a fencer born in 1993, can fence in Youth 10 and Youth 12 at the Summer Nationals without any special qualification requirements. A fencer born in 1993 is eligible to fence in the Youth 14 Division’s qualifying competition **ONLY IF** the fencer is on the current Youth 12 point standings. For that same fencer to be eligible to fence in the Division’s Cadet (U-16) qualifying competition, the fencer must be listed on the current Youth 14 point standings. Current is defined as the point standings at the time of the qualifying competitions. A similar rule applies for qualifying competitions for the Under-19 Summer National Championships: if the athlete is younger than age criteria, the athlete must be on current Cadet standings.



**SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** [Changes approved by the Board of Directors, Oct. '03]

**TABLE 2-3: NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS FOR SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPS.**

# Competitors	1	2	3 to 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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**QUALIFICATION FROM SECTION TOURNAMENTS**

**SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Senior Section Championships is the qualifying competition for Division I-A. The Under-19 Section Championships is the qualifying competition for the Under-19 Championships

**DIVISION I-A CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born no later than 1990 **AND**

- Place in the top 25% (with a minimum of 8) at the 2004 Senior Section Championships **OR**
- Placed in top 8 at the 2003 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Placed in top 4 at the 2003 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Be the current 2004 Under-19 Section Champion

**UNDER-19 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencer's must have been born between 1985 and 1991\*\* **AND**

- Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] at the 2004 Under-19 Section Championships **OR**
- Be on the Junior (Under-19) point standings as of May 1, 2004 **OR**
- Be in the top 16 of the Cadet (Under-16) point standings as of May 1, 2004.

**QUALIFICATION FROM DIVISION TOURNAMENTS**

**DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "C", "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** born no later than 1991 **AND** –

- Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the 2004 Division Qualifying competition **OR**
- Qualify for Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Qualify for the 2004 Under-19 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Qualify for the 2004 Under-16 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Placed in the top 4 at the 2003 Division III National Championships **OR**

**DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** have been born no later than 1991 **AND** –

- Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the total number of "D", "E" or "U" fencers competing in the 2004 Division's Division II Qualifying competition for the Division II National Championships **OR**
- If separate Division III qualifying competition held by Division, then top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the field will qualify for Division III National Championships **OR**
- Qualify for Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Qualify for the 2004 Under-19 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Qualify for the 2004 Under-16 National Championships in that weapon **OR**

UNDER-16  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must have been born between 1988 and 1991\*\* **AND**

- Be on the Cadet (Under-16) point standings as of May 1, 2004 **OR**
- Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the Division’s U-16 qualifying competition **OR**
- Be in the Top 8 of the Youth 14 point standings as of May 1, 2004

YOUTH 14  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must have been born between 1989 and 1992\*\* **AND**

- Be on the Youth 14 NRPS as of May 1, 2004 **OR**
- Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the Division’s Youth 14 qualifying competition

YOUTH-12 OPEN

Fencers born between 1991 and 1994\*\* **AND**

- Fenced in one Regional or Super Regional Youth Circuit competition in 2003-2004 season in that age category and that weapon **OR**
- Be on the Youth 12 national point standings as of May 1, 2004

YOUTH-10 OPEN

Fencers born between 1993 and 1996 and

- Fenced in one Regional or Super Regional Youth Circuit competition in 2003-2004 season in that age category and that weapon
- Be on the Youth 10 national point standings as of May 1, 2004

TEAM  
CHAMPS

Based on number of different USFA Member Clubs represented at each of the 2004 Division’s Division I, Senior Team, under-19 Team qualifying competitions. Same qualification requirements for each of the three categories of team Championships

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

**OR** Be a USFA member club that placed in the top 4 at the 2003 National Team Championships in that category of team championships.

Members of the team must be born no later than 1990.

NOTE 1: A division may hold either one Division I Team Championships to qualify clubs for Division I National Team Championships and Senior National Team Championships or separate Team qualifying competitions for each category.

VETERAN

Any current competitive member born 1963 or earlier who has competed in

- 2004 Section Championships **OR**
- 2004 Division qualifying competition for Division II Championships in which only Veterans with a “C” classification or lower (D,E, or U) may compete **OR**
- any NAC during the 2003-2004 season.

For 2004, the Veterans Age Championships will be held in three age categories: “40-49” as of 1/1/04; “50-59”, [9/2/44-9/1/54] and “60 and older” [9/1/44 or earlier] as of Sept. 1, 2004. The international fencing governing body (the FIE) has determined that age eligibility for the two age categories at the World Veterans Championships – 50-59 and 60 and older – will be as of the first of the month in which the Veterans World Championships are held.

## 2.4 APPEAL PROCESS

Sometimes events conspire to prevent one from competing in a qualifying competition. In such instances, one may petition to enter a Championship tournament by the "Appeal" process. There is no appeal for Division I Nationals, the person either meets the qualification standards or does not. There are several opportunities for a person to earn points for qualification to Division I National Championships: 2003 Division I National Championships, NAC Division I in December 2003 and January 2004.

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) 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. Appeals will not be considered for the case in which fencer is attending school in another division. You can change your division by submitting documentation explaining the reasons for such a change to be considered.
- c) 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 within **THREE DAYS** of the qualifying competition; 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.
- d) 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 athlete must decide in which competition (s)he wishes to compete. An appeal will **not** be approved if the athlete decides to fence in the NAC rather than the qualifying competition.

## 2.5 SUBMITTING AN APPEAL

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. The following criteria and procedures are applicable.

- An appeal may be filed by a fencer who qualified (by means of competition or appeal) 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, **OR**
  - b) did compete and had to withdraw because of a disabling injury or illness.

*(Note: Mere attendance at an out-of-town school during the qualifying competition shall not constitute inability to compete.)*

- All appeals must be made in writing to the Director of Tournament Services, USFA National Office, One 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. 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 \$30.00, payable to the USFA.
- b) A written statement that gives the specific details of the dates, reason for absence, 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) A letter from a Division officer in support of the 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) A self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply to the appeal.

Acceptance of qualifying by appeal will be based upon the validity of reasons for absence or withdrawal and the probability that the fencer would have qualified through competition, based on results achieved in other competitions and supporting documentation from a Division officer.

The appropriate Division and/or Section Officer is required to validate the basis of a petition by the fencer.

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.

Note: Petitions must be received at the National Office no later than two weeks prior to the entry deadline and will only be reviewed if accompanied by the \$30 non-refundable filing fee and the completed entry form with registration and entry fees.

*Reference: USFA Operations Manual, 2000 edition, Chapter III, Section 4.*

## CHAPTER 3: INTERNATIONAL POINTS

### 3.1 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

There are different categories of international competitions at which US fencers can earn points towards the USFA national point standings: "A" or World Cup competitions, "B" or European Open competitions; "Satellite" competitions, and designated Cadet "B" competitions. Points can be earned at certain international competitions by placing in the bracket in which the top 40% of the field falls, to a **maximum** place of 32<sup>nd</sup>. In some cases points may be awarded for placements of 33-64 in Senior "A". The High Performance Committee will review those conditions at its next meeting and post its decision on the web site. There is a strength factor formula for Junior "A" competitions and a separate formula for Senior "A" competitions and "B" competitions. "A" competitions must meet the criteria described in Section 3.4. At the Olympic Games the **maximum place** to which points may be awarded is 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### a. "A" 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 categories of individual "A" competitions: Senior and Junior (Under-20). A Junior fencer is defined by the FIE as one who is at least 13 years old and under 20 years old on 1 January of the year in which the World Junior Championships will be held. For the 2003-2004 fencing season a Junior fencer is one who was born between 1984 and 1990. Similarly a Cadet fencer is one who is at least 13 years old and under 17 years old on January 1, 2004. For the 2003-2004 fencing season, the cadet fencer is one who was born between 1987 and 1990. There are no exceptions to these age criteria for the Junior "A" or World Junior and Cadet Championships. For a Senior "A" the fencer must be at least 13 year old on January 1 of the year in which the World Championships or Olympic Games will be held.

For any "A" (World Cup) the national federations enter the fencers from their countries, the fencers cannot enter themselves. THE USFA is responsible for entering US fencers in all World Cup competitions. **Fencers cannot enter themselves.** See 3.6 for details.

For the Junior and Cadet World Championships, each country is allowed a maximum of three fencers for each individual competition. For the Junior World Team Championships each country can add a fourth fencer to allow for substitution during any of the team matches. For the Senior (aka Open) World Championships each country is allowed a maximum of four fencers per individual competition. Each country establishes its own criteria for selection of athletes who will represent the country at a World Championships or at World Cup competitions.

#### 1. UNIFORM REQUIREMENT

Each fencer competing in an "A" competition, Junior or Senior, or World Championships must have the fencer's last name and country acronym (USA) below the name imprinted on the back of the jacket (epee) or lamé (foil and sabre) in navy blue block letters whose height is between 8 cm and 10 cm. The imprinting on the lamé must not interfere with the conductivity of the lamé.

The FIE has instituted an additional uniform requirement which is that one's country's colors, approved by the FIE, are to be imprinted on the clothes. For US fencers the national colors for USA are the "shooting stars" and must be imprinted on the front of the back leg. Fencers who are in the round of 64 at Senior "A" and all fencers competing at a World Championships (Cadet, Junior or Senior) must have this national color imprint.

Fencers whose uniform does not conform to these specifications will receive a red card at each presentation on the strip.

#### b. DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

**Designated "A"** individual competitions are "A" competitions selected by National Weapon Coaches as World Cup competitions that are most suited to the goals of the weapon to aide in developing world class US athletes. These competitions are categorized as Group II competitions and count towards team selection criteria (see Chapter 4). Points earned at a specified number of Group II competitions are added to a fencer's point total. Designated "A" competitions that are not counted in Group II for team point standings will be considered as part of Group I competitions. An "A" may change its status from Group II to Group I if the FIE withdraws its sanction as an "A". Designated Junior and Senior "A" competitions and Cadet "B" are listed in Table 3-1.

In some cases a Junior "A" will be listed as a Designated Cadet. In those cases, the points earned at that Junior "A" will be considered ONLY for the cadet point standings using the Junior "A" scale of points, Appendix B-3.

#### c. "B" COMPETITIONS

A "**B**" competition is defined by the USFA as any European "Open" competition that is not a World Cup (not a Junior or Senior "A"). Points earned at a "*B*" competition that is not restricted by age are included in Group I for Senior point standings and do not count for Junior or Cadet national point standings.. Points for placement at a "B" competition will only be awarded if the fencer submits complete results. Only then can the strength factor be determined for the appropriate amount of points.

A **Designated Cadet "B"** is nomenclature used by the USFA to describe an international competition limited to those who meet the FIE age criteria for Cadet fencers and at which US Cadet fencers can earn Group II points for team selection. The USFA limits the number of entries to the top 12 of the top 16 in the Cadet point standings at the entry deadline specified. In some instances the national weapon coach will plan a week of training in Europe in conjunction with a Cadet "B" competition. If there is more than one Designated Cadet "B" competition, points will be considered in accordance with the plan for the weapon. See Table 3-1 of designated Junior "A" and Cadet "B" for specifics for each weapon. At least one coach and a referee will accompany the delegation.

#### d. SATELLITE COMPETITIONS

The FIE has instituted another category of FIE sanctioned competitions entitled Satellite competitions at which FIE points can be earned. The satellite competition is treated the same as a "B" – using the strength factor described in Section 3.5 to determine number of points.

See Appendix A-5 for schedule of satellite competitions.

There is no specific format that will be used at satellite competitions; there can be more than one preliminary round without elimination, repêchage to the direct elimination, or only round-robin pools. To qualify for the FIE points a satellite competition must have at least 32 fencers from at least four different countries.

In a satellite tournament the winner earns 4 FIE points; the person in second place earns 3 points, third place earns 2 points, and 5-8 places each count for 1 FIE point . In calculating the total points a fencer has on the FIE world ranking list a maximum of two satellite competitions will count. For each "A" competition at which a fencer earns FIE points, one less satellite result will be counted in the FIE standings.

### 3.2 WORLD CUP TEAM COMPETITONS

The FIE expanded the World Cup competition program by adding a Team World Cup Series in 2001. The FIE has established an official World Cup Team standings. The sum is calculated as the sum of four team world cup competitions with two from European competitions and two from outside Europe. The FIE Team World Cup standings are used to seed teams at World Cup competitions and at the World Championships. These standings will also be instrumental in qualifying teams to the 2004 Olympic Games.

With performance in the team events critical to qualifying for the Olympic Games, the National weapon coach will determine the best team combination. The National Training Director or the Team Captain and the National Weapon coach will determine the athletes who will compose the team at each World Cup team competition considering the following factors:

- National point standings
- Performance in prior domestic and international team competitions
- Junior and/or senior results at international competitions
- Evaluation by the national coach and the national training director or team captain of the future potential of an athlete in international team competition

### 3.3 FIE WORLD RANKINGS

#### a. Individual FIE Classification

The FIE maintains a World Ranking individual list for Seniors and Juniors based on results at Senior "A" (World Cup) competitions and Junior "A" (World Cup) competitions respectively. The FIE Senior World rankings are calculated as the sum of points earned at six Senior "A" competitions in which the fencer has participated, with no more than four competitions from any one continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games. The FIE may modify this formula from time to time; such changes will be posted on the USFA web site

The FIE Junior World rankings are calculated as the sum of points earned at six Junior "A" competitions of which no more than five competitions are considered from one continent, including the World Championships. Three US fencers have won the Junior World Cup Trophy – based on "A" competition results only: Mariel Zagunis in Junior women's sabre in 2002 and 2003; Iris Zimmermann in women's foil in 1997 and Felicia Zimmermann in 1995. Sada Jacobson in women's sabre won the Senior World Cup trophy this past season, ending the season ranked number 1 in the world.

The FIE point scale for any World Cup individual competition (Junior, Senior) is:

1 <sup>st</sup>	=	32 points	9 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	=	8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	=	26 points	17 <sup>th</sup> - 32 <sup>nd</sup>	=	4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	=	20 points	33 <sup>rd</sup> - 64 <sup>th</sup>	=	2 points
5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	=	14 points			

Each season, the FIE designates certain senior "A" individual competitions as Grand Prix events. FIE points obtained in a Grand Prix competition are multiplied by a factor of 1.5, thus awarding 48 points for first place to 3 points for places 33<sup>rd</sup> through 64<sup>th</sup>. FIE points for results at the World Championships (Senior and Junior) or Olympic Games are multiplied by a factor of 2.0, thus awarding 64 points for first to 4 points for places 33<sup>rd</sup> through 64<sup>th</sup>.

#### b. Official Senior team ranking of the F.I.E.

The official team ranking of the F.I.E. 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. The US women's sabre team won the Team World Cup Trophy this past season, a team that has forged firsts for US Fencing since it entered the international world cup scene.

The FIE team ranking is computed on the basis of 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. The FIE team ranking is the deciding factor for seeding in FIE Team competitions.

TEAM SCALE OF POINTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	64 points	12 <sup>th</sup>	22 points	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	52 points	13 <sup>th</sup>	21 points	24 <sup>th</sup>	10 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	40 points	14 <sup>th</sup>	20 points	25 <sup>th</sup>	9 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	36 points	15 <sup>th</sup>	19 points	26 <sup>th</sup>	8 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	32 points	16 <sup>th</sup>	18 points	27 <sup>th</sup>	7 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	30 points	17 <sup>th</sup>	17 points	28 <sup>th</sup>	6 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	28 points	18 <sup>th</sup>	16 points	29 <sup>th</sup>	5 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	26 points	19 <sup>th</sup>	15 points	30 <sup>th</sup>	4 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	25 points	20 <sup>th</sup>	14 points	31 <sup>st</sup>	3 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	24 points	21 <sup>st</sup>	13 points	32 <sup>nd</sup>	2 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	23 points	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 points		

For the Team World Championships, the points for each placement are doubled.

### 3.4 CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF USFA NATIONAL POINTS AT “A” COMPETITIONS

USFA points will be awarded for results at designated **Senior** “A” competitions when the FIE awards points for the FIE World Cup standings. See Chapter 4 for descriptions on how points are considered in determining total USFA points earned by a fencer for selection to various USFA teams.

USFA points will be awarded for a designated **Junior** “A” competition or a Junior “A” competition that is a designated **Cadet** “B” competition when the FIE awards points for the FIE World Cup standings and it meets the following criteria:

- (a) Competitors represent at least five different countries; AND
- (b) at least ten competitors are ranked in the top 32 of the FIE Junior World Cup standings at the start of the competition.

If the designated Junior “A” does not meet these criteria then the results are included in Group I.

“A” competitions listed by the FIE as *Candidature* “A” are those held for the first time as an “A”. The USFA does not normally include a *Candidature* “A” as a Group II because the level of participation is not known. A National Weapon Coach can make exceptions to this policy, if the coach considers that the timing and anticipated strength of a *Candidature* “A” is integral to the weapon program.

The United States will host a six-weapon *Junior* “A” tournament November 7-9, 2003, in Louisville, Kentucky. Each Junior “A” competition will be treated as a Designated Junior “A” **IF** 10 of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate AND there is representation from at least five countries, with USA as one of the five. For each weapon at that Junior “A” tournament for which those criteria are not met, the fencers will earn points equivalent to a NAC Junior competition for inclusion in Group I calculations. It is anticipated that athletes will earn FIE points.

### 3.5 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 “A”, Junior “A”, European “B” and FIE Satellite competitions. The SF takes into consideration the size (N) of the field and the number of World Cup fencers in the competition. If a Junior is on both the Junior and Senior FIE ranking list, the better of the two values is used in the calculation of the Junior or Senior Strength Factor. The SSF is applied to



Column N of the Point Table in Appendix B-3. The JSF is applied to Column L of the Point Table in Appendix B-3. 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.

FORMULA FOR SENIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (SSF)

$$SSF = [N/10 + (7(Sr8) + 6(Sr16) + 5(Sr32) + 4(Sr64) + 3(Jr16) + 2(Sr100))] / 100$$

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)

$$JSF = [N/3 + ( 10(Jr8) + 8(Jr16) + 6(Jr32) + 12(Sr16) ) ] / 100$$

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

3.6 AWARD OF INTERNATIONAL POINTS

Points for USFA national point standings and related training grants **Will Be Awarded Only** if the complete official results have been submitted to the Director of Technical Programs within 30 days of an international competition, individual and team. When an international competition occurs close to or at the same time as the time specified for selection of athletes for an international team as specified in Chapter 4, then the **results must be submitted within five business days** after that competition to be considered for the team point standings.

If a complete set of results (or, at a minimum, the results through the first day of a Senior "A") are not submitted within 30 days of the competition, the SF will be calculated based solely on the results reported on the FIE Web site. (Section 3.5). Award of points for placing 33-64 is on hold pending review by the High Performance Committee in October.

Athletes should not depend on others to submit results. If a fencer does not stay for the entire competition, the fencer should ask the Directoire Technique [D.T.] (equivalent to the US Bout Committee) for the results available at the time of departure. The USFA is not always able to obtain the results from the organizer of the "A" competition. If a fencer cannot obtain the results from the D.T., then the fencer should request the seeding list with the names of all the fencers. The USFA must rely on those present to obtain copies of the results of the competition. Changes to the rolling point standings for seeding a domestic point competition may be made if international results are submitted at least ten days prior to the domestic point tournament.  
**NO RESULTS, NO POINTS, NO MONEY!**

The following criteria apply in awarding points for results at Senior "A" competitions:

- a. Fencer placed in the direct elimination bracket (4, 8, 16, 32) in which top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum of 32<sup>nd</sup> place.

- b. If the strength factor is 2.0 and there are at least 82 fencers in the competition, fencers who finish between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> place may earn 200 points.[Pending Review By HPC].

If the resulting number of points is less than 275, 165, or 110 (the lowest number of points awarded in Senior, Junior, or Cadet national point competitions, respectively) and the fencer has no other points, the fencer is not listed on the Senior, Junior, or Cadet point standings. A record is maintained for each fencer who has earned fewer than the minimum number of points until the total number of points earned by the fencer equals 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 remain until the next World Championships or Olympic Games.

### 3.7 ENTRY PROCEDURES

A fencer will be considered for entry in a Senior European "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 (top 20 in women's sabre since US is allowed 13 fencers) of the USFA Senior Rolling Point standings. Juniors will be considered for entry in a Senior European "A" if they are ranked in the top 8 in the USFA Junior Rolling Point standings. Juniors will be accepted for Senior "A" competition if space is available after the senior point fencers who have applied.

A fencer will be considered for entry in a Junior "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 in the USFA Junior Rolling Point standings (top 24 in Men's Sabre and Women's Sabre). Fencers will be considered for entry in Junior "A" competitions who are in the top 12 in the USFA Cadet Rolling Point standings. Cadet fencers are accepted for Junior "A" only if the quota allowed was not filled by eligible junior fencers.

Only fencers eligible to represent the United States at the next World Championships can be considered for entry in "A" competitions and be considered for World Teams. Permanent residents who submit documentation reflecting anticipated attainment of US citizenship and who have not represented another country can represent the US and be considered for "A" competitions. Fencers must be US citizens for selection to a major international team.

The HPC may grant exceptions to entry eligibility rule for a fencer with well-established international credentials, provided that such application is filed at least 60 days prior to the "A" competition. The National Weapon Coach may also recommend a fencer who does not meet the criteria on the basis of the following factors: recent top 8 results at National point competitions, recent top 8 results at "B" competitions with a SSF of at least 1.0, prior high national rankings. (Criteria will be reviewed by the HPC.) A subcommittee of the HPC will review the recommendation of the National Coach.

Fencers who wish to enter one or more "A" competitions must file the *Request to Enter an "A"* form (see Appendix D-7) with Corinne Greenman, USFA International Services staff person, by the entry deadline listed in Appendix A, 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 2003-2004 FIE License, in addition to being a current competitive USFA member, in order to compete in "A" competitions. There is an annual charge of \$30 for the FIE License, payable to the USFA. The FIE imposes a fee for each FIE License that can only be ordered by the fencer's National Federation. The USFA office receives the FIE licenses which are then sent to each individual. The FIE License includes a one year subscription to the FIE quarterly magazine. Payment for the FIE License must be submitted using the form "*FIE License Request*" prior to or with the "Request to Enter an "A" form (Appendix D for the forms).

### 3.8 ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE limits the number of entries from each country to eight fencers for Senior and Junior "A" competitions. There are two exceptions to this rule:

- a. a country is allowed additional fencers equal to the number of its fencers in the top 32 in the FIE World Cup standings at the end of the previous World Cup season;
- b. additional entries may be allowed for World Cup competitions held outside of Europe.

The National Point standings at the entry deadline will determine entry priority. No athlete can displace another athlete if the entry application arrives after the deadline. Permanent residents of the United States will be allowed to enter if the appropriate documentation on citizenship status has been filed with the USFA National Office. This documentation must show that the individual can file for citizenship by one year prior to the next Olympic Games or the next World Junior, Cadet or Senior Championships. If such documentation cannot be provided, the request of the permanent resident is placed at the bottom of the list of requests.

U.S. fencers must be entered by the USFA to compete in a World Cup. Any U.S. athlete who competes in a World Cup without being entered by the USFA will not be awarded any points for which the athlete might have been eligible and will be responsible for any financial penalties imposed on the USFA by the FIE.

For the 2003-2004 season, the number of fencers who can be entered by the United States in Junior and Senior "A" competitions in Europe is given in the tables at the end of this chapter. When a country is the host of a World Cup it may enter a greater number of fencers. The USFA restricts the entries to the World Cup competitions held in the US to those on the corresponding rolling point standings and for which a separate entry form is required for U.S. and Canadian fencers.

### 3.9 ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions held outside of the United States and Canada, fencers must pay an entry fee at the "A" competition in euros or local currency - the equivalent of 20 Euros (approximately \$20) for a Senior "A" and 10 Euros (approximately \$10) for a Junior "A". The actual amount for this entry fee will fluctuate with the local and/or European exchange in effect at the time of the competition. Grand Prix competitions will have an entry fee of 60 Euros. Fencers must pay the entry fee when they register at the competition. At official FIE competitions and in local competitions held in Germany and Canada, FIE regulation equipment must be used: 800-Newton jacket, knickers, and underarm, FIE foil and epee blades, and FIE mask.

### 3.10 PENALTIES

A country entering 5 to 9 fencers in an "A" must provide one international rated referee. If more than 9 fencers are entered, the country must provide 2 referees. Because availability of referees must be determined well in advance of the competition, and economical travel must be arranged, US entries must be received by the stated entry deadline. 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.

An athlete who submits an entry for an "A" competition less than 21 days prior to the competition *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 training funds.

An athlete must notify the USFA Office in writing of withdrawal from an "A" competition. If the notification is not received by ten days prior to the first day of the competition or if the athlete is a "NO SHOW" at an "A" without prior notification to the USFA Office, the athlete will be assessed a \$500 fine and will **not** be allowed to enter any other "A" competition until that fine is paid. This fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds, not from the athlete's USFA account. A "NO SHOW" can make the difference in the need for a referee at a cost to the USFA of approximately \$1,500.

TABLE 3-1: DESIGNATED JUNIOR "A" & DESIGNATED CADET "B"

<b>WOMEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 18 Fencers	Entry Deadline
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 12 Cadts</b>	
9/20, Konin, POL <b>CDT DES</b>	8/21/2003
9/21, Konin, POL CDT TM	
10/18, Godollo, HUN CDT TM	
10/19, Godollo, HUN <b>CDT DES</b>	9/11/2003
11/7, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/22, Ariccia, ITA	10/16/2003
1/10, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
1/18, Goppingen, GER	12/9/2003
1/31, Logrono, ESP	12/22/2003
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	

<b>MEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 16	Entry Deadline
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
9/20, Konin, POL <b>CDT DES</b>	8/21/2003
9/21, Konin, POL CDT TEAM	
10/18, Godollo, HUN <b>CDT DES</b>	9/11/2003
10/19, Godollo, HUN CDT TM	
11/9, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/23, Frascati, ITA	10/16/2003
11/30, Dormagen, GER	10/23/2003
2/22, Dourdan, FRA	1/14/2004
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	
BEST 3 JUNIOR "A" COUNT-GRP II	

<b>WOMEN'S FOIL</b> 11 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/18, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/1-2, Somorin, SVQ. <b>CDT DES</b>	9/25/2003
11/9, Louisville, KY **	10/15/2003
11/22-23, Tauber, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	10/16/2003
11/29, Jesi, ITA Wk long CAMP Prior	10/23/2003
12/20, Lucca, ITA (previously Pistoia)	11/13/2003
1/12, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
1/24-25, Jena, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	12/17/2003
2/1, Waldkirch, GER Wk CAMP prior	12/22/2003
BEST 2 CADET RESULT COUNTS	

<b>MEN'S FOIL</b> , 11 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/18, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/8, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/22, Madrid, ESP + CAMP after ESP	10/16/2003
11/30, Aix-en-Provence, FRA	10/23/2003
1/12, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
2/1, St. Petersburg, <b>CDT DES</b>	12/29/2003
<b>2/8, Como, ITA [DATE CHANGE]</b>	12/22/2003
Camp before Como in Russia	
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	

<b>WOMEN'S EPEE</b> , 10 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/19, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/8, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/15, Heidenheim, <b>CDT DES</b>	10/15/2003
11/23, Palermo, ITA	10/16/2003
1/10, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
1/24, Montreal, CAN	12/18/2003
2/1, Neuheim, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	12/18/2003
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	
*** Only one Junior "A" in North America will count for the team point standings.	

<b>MEN'S EPEE</b> , 9 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/19, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/7, Louisville, KY **	9/25/2003
11/15-16, Bonn, GER, <b>CDT DES</b>	10/15/2003
11/30, Catania, ITA	10/23/2003
1/25, Montreal, CAN <b>CDT DES</b>	12/18/2003
2/1, Tauber., GER	12/22/2003
Both Cadet B count for Cadet World Team standings. All 4 Junior "A" will be considered for team point standings	

**TABLE 3-2: DESIGNATED SENIOR**

[Senior "A" individual competitions are 2-day competitions; date shown is first day]

<b>WOMEN'S FOIL Quota = 8</b>		<b>Entry Deadline</b>	<b>MEN'S. FOIL Quota =9</b>		<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Senrs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>			<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs from top 8 Jrs</b>		
1/31 COMO, ITA [CHANGE]		12/29/2003	12/6, Vienna, AUT		10/30/2003
2/02, COMO TM [CHANGE]			1/24, Paris, FRA		12/18/2003
2/21, Salzburg, AUT		1/14/2004	1/26, Paris TEAM		
2/28, Incheon KOR		1/22/2004	2/13, La Coruna, ESP		01/06/04
3/01, Incheon TEAM			2/15, La Coruna TEAM		
3/13, Athens, GRE		2/5/2004	3/06, Shanghai, CHN		1/29/2004
			3/08, Shanghai TEAM		
			CAMP bet. CHN/EGY		
			3/13, Cairo, EGY		1/29/2004
<b>WOMEN'S EPEE Quota = 8</b>		<b>Entry Deadline</b>	3/15, Cairo TEAM		
<b>Entry request from top 16 Srs &amp; from top 8 Jrs</b>			3/27, St. Petersburg		2/10/2004
1/23, Budapest, HUN TEAM			Update 11-14-03		
1/24, Budapest		12/18/2003	<b>MEN'S SABRE Quota = 10</b>		<b>Entry Deadline</b>
2/06, St. Maur TEAM			<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs &amp; from top 8 Jrs.</b>		
2/07, St. Maur, FRA		12/29/2003	1/17, Paris, FRA TEAM		
2/20, Tauber., TEAM		1/14/2004	1/30, Godollo, HUN TM		
2/21, Tauber., GER			1/31, Budapest, HUN		12/22/2003
3/06, Luxembourg, LUX		1/29/2004	2/14, Bonn, GER camp before Eislengen after Bonn		1/06/2004
3/27, Estoril, POR		2/19/2004	2/22, Eislengen TEAM		
			3/12, Athens, GRE camp before Russia and after Eislengen		02/05/2004
			3/20, Moscow, RUS		02/05/2004
			3/27, Plovdiv, BUL		2/19/2004
<b>M. EPEE Quota = 8 Fencers</b>		<b>Entry Deadline</b>			
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>			<b>WOMEN'S SABRE Quota = 13</b>		<b>Entry Deadline</b>
1/24, Tallin EST		12/18/03	<b>Entry Request from Top 20 Srs &amp; from 8 Junrs</b>		
2/06, Barcelona TEAM			2/27, Nagykanizsa TM		
2/14, Bratislava, SVQ		01/06/04	2/28, Budapest, HUN		1/22/2004
2/21, Budapest, HUN		01/14/04	3/20, Moscow, RUS		2/5/2004
3/06, Bern, SUI		01/29/04	3/22, Moscow TM		
3/12, Poitiers, FRA TEAM			3/26, Lamezia, ITA		2/19/2004
3/20, Montreal, CAN		02/10/04	3/28, Lamezia, TM		
3/22, Montreal TEAM					

## CHAPTER 4: 2003-2004 USFA TEAMS

### 4.1 2004 NATIONAL TEAMS

The members of the US teams to the Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Championships in 2004 and the corresponding alternates are considered members of the USFA National Team. This designation is primarily for the benefit and promotion of the fencers with their schools and in local and national media.

### 4.2 TEAM WARM UPS

The USFA through its sponsorship arrangement with "Adidas" 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. Athletes 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, Olympic Games).

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

With more athletes participating in World Cup competitions and Cadet "B" competitions, the USFA has made available a delegation travel warm up which can be purchased for \$65. The warm up is a basic blue warm-up with USA on the back and the USFA logo on the front of the jacket.

### 4.3 NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

Athletes will be selected as a member of a major international team based on the National Team Point Standings determined by the selection criteria for that team as described in Sections 4.11 through 4.18. Final selection of the athletes 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, if any, 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 athlete must have received permission from the FIE to change country representation to be selected for a US team. This written permission must be received before the team is selected.

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 athlete notifies the USFA of acceptance of the appointment, and the **CODE OF CONDUCT**, by which the athlete 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 athletes can not accept the appointment to the team or withdraws from that team. If these forms are not received by the date specified, it is understood that the **athlete does not accept an appointment to that team and will not be named to that team**. In order to be sure we can contact athlete candidates for teams, the athletes should keep the USFA office informed of their current e-mail address(es).

#### 4.4 INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

The FIE has instituted World Cup Team standings based on a series of World Cup Team competitions. These standings are used for seeding teams at the World Championships and selection of teams to the 2004 Olympic Games.

The members of the team for each World Cup "A" Team competition will be selected by the National Weapon Coach, taking into consideration the current national point standings, among other factors as determined by the National Weapon Coach. See Section 3.2.

An athlete 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.

For the Junior World Team Championships three fencers and one substitute are allowed for each team competition. The U.S. teams will be composed of the three Junior fencers with the fourth fencer chosen by the National Weapon Coach. The fourth junior (on the National Junior Team Point standings) may be asked to join the team to be available for the Junior World Team competition.

For the Open (Senior) World Championships selection of the four athletes for each individual competition will be based on the National Team Point standings at the time of selection. The National Weapon Coach may select a fifth athlete to join the team to the World Championships to be available for the team competition at the World Championships. The final selection of the fifth athlete recommended by the National Coach will be reviewed by a panel composed of the National Training Director, the National Weapon Coach, the chair of the High Performance Committee, the Director of Technical Programs and one or more athlete representatives. Any funding that may be available for the fifth athlete will be the responsibility of the National Weapon Coach (through the weapon squad budget).

#### 4.5 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 athletes 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 point standings, excluding athletes not eligible for selection.

#### 4.6 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 Sections 4.11-4.18 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 HPC will resolve the tie.

#### 4.7 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. Athletes who accept appointment to an international team must comply with the specific travel plans for that team.

USFA travel funding for athletes for competition and/or training programs will be based on the National Point standings approximately 35 days prior to the start of the trip. For junior and cadet fencers the funding will be based on the National Junior or Cadet National Rolling Point standings up to Dec. 15, thereafter it will be based on the National Team Point standings. For senior fencers, funding program will be developed within each weapon by the National Weapon Coach and the National Training Director based on the status of the weapon for qualifying to the Olympic Games. The priority is to assist weapons to qualify the team to the Olympics. Athletes must be prepared to participate in the team preparation programs, mini training camps at NAC and specific training camps during the year announced several months in advance.

#### 4.8 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their personal equipment meets FIE standards (see Appendix C-7). Athletes 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, athletes will need practice equipment separate from competition equipment. Competition equipment must be submitted to FIE "weapons control" at least 24 hours before the competition, an inspection 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. It is mandatory for the tableau of 64 in a Senior "A" and any member of a World team. For the US the country colors are a star pattern placed on the back leg of the knickers. 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 athletes, at least, have their uniform.

#### 4.9 SELECTION IN MORE THAN ONE COMPETITION

Athletes 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 an athlete to compete in the second weapon if the athlete is chosen for the team competition.

#### 4.10 PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

Athletes 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. It can take considerable amount of time or be quite costly for expedited service. Persons using 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.

#### 4.11 2004 WORLD JUNIOR (UNDER-20) CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WHEN & WHERE:** April 1-8, 2004, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

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

**TEAM:** The official team is composed of three athletes in each of six weapons. The National Training Director in consultation with the National Coach may decide to include the fourth junior (on the team standings) to be available for the Junior World Team competition. The National Coach may recommend instead that one of the members of the cadet team be named as the fourth member for the team competition.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/2/84 and 12/31/90.

**SELECTION:** The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Junior (Under-20) Team Point standings no later than February 25, 2004 for each of the six weapons. The National Junior Team Point standings will be calculated as the sum of Group I and Group II:

GROUP I = SUM OF FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-6

1. 2003 Under-19 National Championships
2. NAC Junior (Under-20) Jan. 2004
3. NAC Division I, Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004
4. 2004 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
5. Division I National Championships, July 2003
6. Individual designated "A" competitions not included in Group II total

GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 7-9

7. Designated Junior "A" World Cup<sup>1</sup> competitions<sup>3</sup> [Sept. 1, '03 – Feb. 22, '04]
8. Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> World Cup competitions<sup>3</sup> [Nov. 1, '03 – Feb. 22, '04]
9. 2003 Senior World Championships

Points earned at individual competitions not included in Group II will be considered in Group I calculations

<sup>1</sup> The USFA six-weapon Junior "A" in November will be a designated Junior "A" as long as 10 or more of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate and there are fencers in the competition who represent at least five different countries (where United States is one of those countries).

<sup>2</sup> Points awarded according to the Junior Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table.

<sup>3</sup> For international results to be included in team point standings the results must be received within 30 days of the competition and no later than five business days after the ending date for selection of members of the team (See 3.6).

#### 4.12 2004 WORLD CADET (UNDER-17) CHAMPIONSHIPS

- WHEN & WHERE:** April 1-8, 2004, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- TOURNAMENT:** Individual competitions for six weapons. There is no separate cadet team competition. A cadet fencer may be a member of the junior team.
- TEAM:** Three athletes in each of six weapons
- ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/1/87 and 12/31/90.
- SELECTION** The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Cadet (Under-17) Team Point Standings no later than February 25, 2004 for each of the six weapons. The National Cadet Team Point standings will be calculated as the sum of Group I and Group II:

GROUP I = SUM OF FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-7

1. 2003 Under-16 National Championships
2. 2003 Under-19 National Championships
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17) Oct. 2003<sup>1</sup>
4. NAC Junior (Under-20) Jan. 2004<sup>1</sup>
5. 2004 Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships
6. 2004 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
7. Individual designated "A" competitions not included in Group II total

GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 8-13,

8. NAC Division I, December 2003, Jan. 2004
9. Division I National Championships, July 2003
10. Designated Cadet "B" competition<sup>3</sup>
11. Designated Junior "A" World Cup<sup>1</sup> competitions<sup>3</sup> [Sept. 2003-Feb. 25, 2004]
12. Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> World Cup competitions<sup>3</sup> [Dec. 2003-Feb. 25, 2004]
13. 2003 Senior World Championships

Points earned at individual competitions not included in Group II will be considered in Group I calculations

<sup>1</sup> The USFA six-weapon Junior "A" in November will be a designated Junior "A" as long as 10 or more of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate and there are fencers in the competition who represent at least five different countries (where United States is one of those countries).

<sup>2</sup> Points awarded according to the Junior Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table.

<sup>3</sup> For international results to be included in team point standings the results must be received within 30 days of the competition and no later than five business days after the ending date for selection of members of the team (See 3.6).

**TABLE 4-1: DESIGNATED JUNIOR "A" & DESIGNATED CADET "B"**

<b>WOMEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 18 Fencers	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 12 Cadets</b>	
9/20, Konin, POL <b>CDT DES</b>	8/21/2003
9/21, Konin, POL CDT TM	
10/18, Godollo, HUN CDT TM	
10/19, Godollo, HUN <b>CDT DES</b>	9/11/2003
11/7, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/22, Ariccia, ITA	10/16/2003
1/10, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
1/18, Goppingen, GER	12/9/2003
1/31, Logrono, ESP	12/22/2003
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	

<b>MEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 16	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
9/20, Konin, POL <b>CDT DES</b>	8/21/2003
9/21, Konin, POL CDT TEAM	
10/18, Godollo, HUN <b>CDT DES</b>	9/11/2003
10/19, Godollo, HUN CDT TM	
11/9, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/23, Frascati, ITA	10/16/2003
11/30, Dormagen, GER	10/23/2003
2/22, Dourdan, FRA	1/14/2004
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	
BEST 3 JUNIOR "A" COUNT-GRP II	

<b>WOMEN'S FOIL</b> 11 Fencers allowed	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/18, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/1-2, Somorin, SVQ. <b>CDT DES</b>	9/25/2003
11/9, Louisville, KY **	10/15/2003
11/22-23, Tauber, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	10/16/2003
11/29, Jesi, ITA Wk long CAMP Prior	10/23/2003
12/20, Lucca, ITA (previously Pistoia)	11/13/2003
1/12, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
1/24-25, Jena, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	12/17/2003
2/1, Waldkirch, GER Wk CAMP prior	12/22/2003
BEST 2 CADET RESULT COUNTS	

<b>MEN'S FOIL</b> , 11 Fencers allowed	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>Entry request from top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/18, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/8, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/22, Madrid, ESP + CAMP after ESP	10/16/2003
11/30, Aix-en-Provence, FRA	10/23/2003
1/12, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
2/1, St. Petersburg, <b>CDT DES</b>	12/29/2003
<b>2/8, Como, ITA [DATE CHANGE]</b>	12/22/2003
Camp before Como in Russia	
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	

<b>WOMEN'S EPEE</b> , 10 Fencers allowed	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>Entry request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/19, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/8, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2003
11/15, Heidenheim, <b>CDT DES</b>	10/15/2003
11/23, Palermo, ITA	10/16/2003
1/10, Budapest, HUN	12/4/2003
1/24, Montreal, CAN	12/18/2003
2/1, Neuheim, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	12/18/2003
BEST (1) CADET RESULT COUNTS	
*** Only one Junior "A" in North America will count for the team point standings.	

<b>MEN'S EPEE</b> , 9 Fencers allowed	<b>Entry Deadline</b>
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/19, Bratislava, SVQ	9/18/2003
11/7, Louisville, KY **	9/25/2003
11/15-16, Bonn, GER, <b>CDT DES</b>	10/15/2003
11/30, Catania, ITA	10/23/2003
1/25, Montreal, CAN <b>CDT DES</b>	12/18/2003
2/1, Tauber., GER	12/22/2003
Both Cadet B count for Cadet World Team standings. All 4 Junior "A" will be considered for team point standings	

#### 4.13 OLYMPIC TEAM SELECTION - GENERAL

There are three scenarios for earning a berth to the Olympic Games.

- a. Athlete qualifies by the FIE point standings as of March 31, 2004 in accordance with the FIE adjusted point standings.
- b. The weapon qualifies as a team based on the FIE Team point standings as of March 31, 2004 in accordance with FIE qualifying rules.
- c. Neither individuals nor team qualify on the basis of the FIE standings as of March 31, 2004. In that case, the US can enter one fencer in the Continental qualifying competition that will be held late April, in Bolivia and Mexico.

Three fencers will be selected April 25<sup>th</sup> in each weapon in which the team has qualified via the FIE Team World Cup standings. In selecting the athletes the end of April, the athletes will have a significant period of time to train and prepare for the Olympic Games. Training and competition programs will be developed for the teams and the individuals qualifying for the Olympic Games.

In the case in which the weapon has not qualified as a team nor any US fencer has been selected by the FIE from the FIE World Cup standings, there will be a Continental qualifying competition to which the US will be able to send one fencer. Since the Continental qualifying competition will be held in April 2004, the 2003 Division I National Championships is one of the competitions in Group I.

Currently, the USFA plans to bring the team to the Olympic Village one week prior to the first day of the fencing competition, on or about August 7, 2004. There will be training facilities at the Village as well as a separate USOC High Performance Center for training of US athletes in several sports, including fencing, with 4-6 strips.

See Section 4.17 for details on the FIE qualifying criteria.

#### OLYMPIC GAMES COMPETITION SCHEDULE

14-Aug Men's Sabre, Individual

15-Aug Women's Epee, Individual

16-Aug Men's Foil Individual

17-Aug Women's Sabre, Individual  
Men's Epee, Individual

18-Aug Women's Foil, Individual

19-Aug Men's Team Sabre

20-Aug Women's Team Epee

21-Aug Men's Team Foil

22-Aug Men's Team Epee

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**2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR A TEAM QUALIFIER**

**WHEN & WHERE:**

August 14-22, 2004, Hellikon, Athens, GRE

**CONDITION:**

Weapon that has qualified a team to compete in team competition at the Olympic Games based on FIE Team "A" standings, March 31, 2004

**ELIGIBILITY:**

U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is no later than 12/31/90.

**SELECTION**

The top three fencers in the Senior Team Point standings as of May 1, 2004, for each weapon in which the US has qualified to enter the team competition at the 2004 Olympic Games in accordance with the FIE qualifying rules. These three fencers will be eligible to fence in the individual competition in that weapon as well as in the team competition at the Olympic Games. The fourth fencer in the Team Point standings will be named the replacement athlete and will be a full participant in the team preparations for the Olympic Games, including training in Athens.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I – SUM OF TWO HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004]
2. 2004 Division I National Championships [April 2004]
3. European "B" <sup>1</sup> Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2003- March 29, 2004]
4. Non Designated "A" <sup>2</sup> Competitions <sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2003- March 29, 2004]
5. Designated <sup>2</sup> FIE competitions for which points earned are not included in Group II sum

GROUP II – SUM OF POINTS EARNED IN 6 & 7 MINUS LOWEST POINTS OF ONE COMPETITION

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2003 – March 28, 2004] <sup>3</sup> See Table 4-2
7. 2003 World Championships (Top 16 results only)

<sup>1</sup>Any European competition that is not restricted by age. Although satellite competitions are awarded FIE points for the FIE ranking list, the USFA considers them "B" competitions to which the strength factor will be applied for consideration of points

<sup>2</sup>Points awarded according to the Senior Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column for international competitions in the USFA Point Tables. In men's epee USFA points that might be earned at the "A" competitions in Doha and Paris are excluded from Group I and Group II point calculations.

<sup>3</sup> If a complete set of results (or results at the conclusion of the first day of a Senior "A") are not submitted within 30 days of the competition, the SF will be calculated based solely on the results reported on the FIE Web site.

CONTINGENCY FOR CHANGE: " These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO and/or FIE rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO and/or (your IF) rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USFA. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency."

**TABLE 4-2: DESIGNATED SENIOR**

WOMEN'S FOIL Quota = 8	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Senrs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>	
10/5/03, World Championships	
1/31, Como, ITA	12/22/2003
2/21, Salzburg, AUT	1/14/2004
2/28, Incheon KOR	1/22/2004
3/13, Athens, GRE	2/5/2004
<b>GROUP II = SUM OF 4 HIGHEST PTS ABOVE</b>	

WOMEN'S EPEE Quota = 8	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from top 16 Srs &amp; from top 8 Jrs</b>	
10/2003, World Championships.	
1/24, Budapest	12/18/2003
2/7, St. Maur, FRA	12/29/2003
2/21, Tauber., GER	1/14/2004
3/6, Luxembourg, LUX	1/29/2004
3/27, Estoril, POR	2/19/2004
<b>GROUP II = SUM OF 5 HIGHEST PTS ABOVE</b>	

M. EPEE Quota = 8 Fencers	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>	
10/5/03, World Championships	
1/24, Tallin EST	12/18/03
2/14, Bratislava, SVQ	01/06/04
2/21, Budapest, HUN	01/14/04
3/06, Bern, SUI	01/29/04
3/20, Montreal, CAN	02/10/04
<b>GROUP II = SUM OF 5 HIGHEST PTS ABOVE</b>	

M. EPEE—Count for Group I	
1/10, Doha, QAT	11/12/03
1/31, Lisbon, POR	12/22/03
2/7, Barcelona, ESP	12/29/03
2/28, London, GBR	1/22/04
3/27, Bogota, COL	2/19/04
<b>WILL NOT COUNT FOR GRP I OR II – 3/13 – PARIS, FRA.</b>	

MEN'S. FOIL Quota =9	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs from top 8 Jrs</b>	
10/5/03, World Championships	
12/6, Vienna, AUT	10/30/2003
1/24, Paris, FRA	12/18/2003
2/13, La Coruna, ESP	01/06/04
3/6, Shanghai, CHN	1/29/2004
CAMP bet. CHN/EGY	
3/13, Cairo, EGY	1/29/2004
3/27, St. Petersburg	2/10/2004
<b>GROUP II = SUM OF 5 HIGHEST PTS ABOVE</b>	

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MEN'S SABRE Quota = 10	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs &amp; from top 8 Jrs.</b>	
10/5/03, World Championships	
1/31, Budapest, HUN	12/22/2003
2/14, Bonn, GER camp before Eislengen after Bonn	1/06/2004
3/12, Athens, GRE	2/5/2004
3/20, Moscow, RUS	02/05/2004
3/27, Plovdiv, BUL	2/19/2004
<b>GROUP II = SUM OF 5 HIGHEST PTS ABOVE</b>	

WOMEN'S SABRE Quota = 13	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 20 Srs &amp; from 8 Junrs</b>	
10/5/03, World Championships	
2/28, Budapest, HUN	1/22/2004
3/20, Moscow, RUS	2/5/2004
3/26, Lamezia, ITA	2/19/2004
<b>GROUP II = SUM OF 3 HIGHEST PTS ABOVE II</b>	

4.15 **2004 CONTINENTAL QUALIFYING COMPETITION FOR OLYMPIC GAMES**

**WHEN & WHERE:** April 2004

**TOURNAMENT:** Individual competitions for six weapons (Men's Epee, Foil, and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil, and Sabre), one fencer per country. The US can send one fencer in each of the weapons for which it has not qualified any fencer or team for the 2004 Olympic Games.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is no later than 12/31/90.

**SELECTION** The top fencer in the Senior Team Point standings as of March 29 in each weapon in which no US fencer or team has qualified for the 2004 Olympic Games.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I – SUM OF **TWO** HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5.

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004]
2. Division I National Championships [July, 2003]
3. European "B" <sup>1</sup> Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2003- March 29, 2004]
4. Non Designated "A" <sup>2</sup> Competitions <sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2003- March 29, 2004]
5. Designated FIE <sup>2</sup> competitions for which points earned are not included in Group II sum

GROUP II – SUM OF POINTS EARNED IN 6 & 7 MINUS LOWEST POINTS OF ONE COMPETITION

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2003 – March 29, 2004] <sup>3</sup> See Table 4-2
7. 2003 World Championships (top 16 results only)

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<sup>1</sup>Any European competition that is not restricted by age. Although satellite competitions are awarded FIE points for the FIE ranking list, the USFA considers them the same as "B" competitions to which the strength factor will be applied for consideration of points.

<sup>2</sup>Points awarded according to the Senior Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column for international competitions in the USFA Point Tables. In men's epee USFA points that might be earned at the "A" competitions in Doha and Paris are excluded from Group I and Group II point calculations.

<sup>3</sup> If a complete set of results (or results at the conclusion of the first day of a Senior "A") are not submitted within 30 days of the competition, the SF will be calculated based solely on the results reported on the FIE Web site. (See Section 3.6 of Athlete Handbook, 2003-2004).

"If you have questions regarding your opportunity to compete that are not answered by the US Fencing Association, you may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by telephone at (888) ATHLETE, or by e-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org).

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**2004 SENIOR WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: WOMEN'S FOIL, WOMEN'S SABRE**

**WHEN & WHERE:** New York City, June 13-14, 2004

**TOURNAMENT:** Team competitions for the weapons for which the team competition will not be held at the 2004 Olympic Games – Women's Foil, Women's Sabre. The competition will use the relay team format, with three fencers on a team match with one substitute.

**TEAM:** The team is composed of four athletes in women's foil and four athletes in women's sabre.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is no later than 12/31/90.

**SELECTION** The top three fencers in the Senior World Team Point Standings in women's foil and women's sabre will be selected May 1. The National Weapon Coach may select the fourth athlete for the World Team Championships. The final selection of the fourth athlete recommended by the National Coach will be reviewed by a panel composed of the National Training Director, the National Weapon Coach, the chair of the High Performance Committee, the Director of Technical Programs and one or more athlete representatives.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I – SUM OF **TWO** HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5.

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004]
2. 2004 Division I National Championships [April, 2004]
3. European "B" <sup>1</sup> Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2003- June 2004 [Subject to change]
4. Non Designated "A" <sup>2</sup> Competitions <sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2003- June 2004] [Subject to change]
5. Designated FIE <sup>2</sup> competitions for which points earned are not included in Group II sum

GROUP II – SUM OF POINTS EARNED IN 6 & 7 MINUS LOWEST POINTS OF ONE COMPETITION

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2003- June 2004] <sup>3</sup> See Table 4-2
7. 2003 World Championships (top 16 results only)

<sup>1</sup>Any European competition that is not restricted by age. Although satellite competitions are awarded FIE points for the FIE ranking list, the USFA considers them the same as "B" competitions to which the strength factor will be applied for consideration of points.

<sup>2</sup>Points awarded according to the Senior Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column for international competitions in the USFA Point Tables.

<sup>3</sup> If a complete set of results (or results at the conclusion of the first day of a Senior "A") are not submitted within 30 days of the competition, the SF will be calculated based solely on the results reported on the FIE Web site.



**4.17 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES, ATHENS, GREECE, AUGUST 14-22, 2004** [Fencing Dates]  
Opening Ceremonies on August 13 and Closing Ceremonies on August 29

The IOC has approved the addition of women's sabre but only if there is not additional events or medals. Thus the FIE had to determine how to incorporate the women's sabre and yet continue to hold only ten events. By vote of the fencing federations, it was decided that there would be six individual events (men's epee, foil and sabre; women's epee, foil and sabre) and four team events (men's foil, epee and sabre; and women's epee) at the 2004 Olympic Games. Events at future Games are to be determined at a later date.

**Team Qualification: The FIE Official World Ranking as of March 31, 2004**

See Appendix A for International Schedule and annotation for "A" competitions counting towards March 31, 2004 FIE points cut off.

There will be eight teams composed of 3 fencers, for a subtotal of 24 fencers in each of four weapons, plus the team of the organizing country, if necessary. These teams will be selected on March 31, 2004 as follows:

- 1) The top four teams in the official team World Cup ranking, without regard to their zone.
- 2) The best ranked team from each zone according to the official team World Cup ranking.
- 3) The team of the organizing country of the Olympic Games.

**Individual Qualification: The FIE Official World Ranking as of March 31, 2004**

See Appendix A for International Schedule and annotation for "A" competitions counting towards March 31, 2004 FIE points cut off.

**a) For the weapons where there is a team competition:**

With 8 countries qualifying to compete in team and thus in individual competitions that accounts for 24 fencers who are selected by their national federations. Then there are 7 more fencers selected from each of the four world zones on the basis of the FIE Adjusted Official Classification (2 from Europe, 2 from Asia/Oceania, 2 from America, 1 from Africa), limited to one fencer per country, bringing the total to 31. Adjusted Official Classification refers to the FIE World Standing in which the fencers from the 8 countries that have qualified to compete in the team competition are removed from the list, Then one proceeds down the list finding the first fencers matching the zone quota as qualifiers: e.g., the first two from Europe, from different countries, are qualifiers for the individual competition.

- 5 fencers by means of continental (zonal) competitions (2 from Europe, 1 from Asia/Oceania, 1 from America, 1 from Africa): each country can enter just one fencer in the continental competition. The zonal competitions are for those countries without any fencers yet qualified, bringing the total to 36.

Total number of fencers for the individual, for those weapons that include a team event:  $24 + 12 = 36$ .

The organizing country shall have the right to 8 fencers to divide up between teams and individuals as seems best to it - that is to say, it can create 2 teams or have no teams and select only individuals.

**b) For the weapons without team events :**

There are 24 places for each weapon which are allocated as follows:

- the eight top fencers in the official adjusted F.I.E ranking (C.O.A) – maximum 2 per country;
- the eight top fencers in the continental C.O.A. – 1 place per country ;
- the top 8 from the continental competition (1 per country).

It is understood that in no case may a country select more than 3 fencers per weapon.

**4.18 2004 WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEN & WHERE:** Sept. 3-5, 2004, Krems, Austria

**TOURNAMENT:** Individual competitions for five weapons (Men's Epee, Foil, and Sabre; Women's Epee and Foil). It is not know at this time if Women's Sabre will be added to the 2003 Veterans World Championships.

**TEAM:** Four athletes in each of five weapons in two age categories: 50-59 and 60 and older (Women's sabre has not yet been included)

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at time of selection who is between 50 and 59 years of age on the first of the month in which the World tournament is held or 60 or older on the first of the month in which the World tournament is held. For 2004 eligibility for the 50-59 requires that fencer be born between Sept. 2, 1944 and Sept. 1, 1954; for the 60 and older birth year is no later than Sept. 1, 1944.

**SELECTION** The top four fencers in each of five weapons in each of the two age categories will be selected according to the Veterans Age Team Point standings no later than July 11. The Veterans Age Team standings is calculated as the best two of three national tournaments: the NAC Combined Veterans tournament in December 2003 and March 2004 and the Veterans Age Championships at the 2004 Summer Nationals. The Veterans Point Tables can be found in Appendix B. Note that points will be awarded to the last place or 64<sup>th</sup> place, whichever number is smaller without any percentage cutoff for size of field.

The team selection criteria are based on the standards for this tournament published by the FIE for the 2003 World Veterans Championships. Changes can occur by the FIE and will be posted on the USFA web site and in the USFA National Newsletter.

#### 4.19 2003 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2003 Pan American Junior/Cadet will be held in Guadeloupe, Oct. 25-31. Athletes will be selected according to the 2002-2003 National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings, after the 2003 World Junior/Cadet Championships (April 2003). One athlete per weapon per age category will be selected from the top 8 in the point standings. The age criteria is the same as that for the 2003 World Junior/Cadet Championships whereby Junior fencers must be born between 1983 and 1989; Cadet fencers must be born between 1986 and 1989. Athletes must be US citizens at the time of selection.

#### 4.20 2004 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes will be selected according to the 2003-2004 National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings, after the 2004 World Junior/Cadet Championships (April 2004). One athlete per weapon per age category will be selected from the top 8 in the point standings. The age criteria is the same as that for the 2004 World Junior/Cadet Championships whereby Junior fencers must be born between 1984 and 1990; Cadet fencers must be born between 1987 and 1990. Athletes must be US citizens at the time of selection.

#### 4.21 INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

The following are brief descriptions of current international tournaments for which the USFA has responsibility.

- a) World University Games: A multi-sport tournament held in odd numbered years in different cities around the world. The selection criteria is similar to the criteria for selection of athletes for the Senior World team with the addition of specific academic and age requirements.

[Advisory: The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) sponsored teams to previous World University Games but beginning in 2001 limited its funding level. The USFA may not be able to field teams to future World University Games.]

- b) Pan American Games: A multi-sport tournament for Western Hemisphere countries held every four years, in the year preceding the Olympic Games. The 2003 Pan American Games were held August 1-16, 2003 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Although the team size was approved for 18 fencers, the Pan American Games Organization (PASO) and the Pan American Fencing Federation voted to limit the events to those approved for the 2004 Olympic Games. Thus there were no team events in women's foil or women's sabre. Fencing at the Pan American Games limits the individual events to two fencers per country and the team events to three (with replacement athletes used from other weapons). The USOC is responsible for fielding teams in the sports on the schedule of the Pan American Games.

ME: Eric Hansen, Seth Kelsey, Soren Thompson (team alternate, Jon Tiomkin)  
MF: Jed Dupree, Dan Kellner, Jon Tiomkin (team alternate, Soren Thompson)  
MS: Ivan Lee, Jason Rogers, Adam Crompton (team alternate, Seth Kelsey)  
WE: Stephanie Eim, Kelley Hurley, Elisabeth Spilman (team alternate, Erinn Smart)  
WF: Emily Cross, Erinn Smart, Hanna Thompson(Tm)  
WS: Emily Jacobson, Sada Jacobson, Alexis Jemal (Tm)  
STAFF: Bob Largman, Team Leader; Jeff Bukantz, Team Captain; Ron Herman, Armorer;  
Coaches – Yury Gelman, Simon Gershon, Paul Soter

#### Fencing (11 Medals - 5 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze)

GOLD: Dan Kellner, MF; Sada Jacobson, WS; Ivan Lee, MS; Men's Sabre Team;  
Men's Foil Team  
SILVER: Jon Tiomkin, MF; Emily Cross, WF; Women's Epee Team  
BRONZE: Emily Jacobson, WS; Erinn Smart, WF; Jason Rogers, MS

- c) Olympic Games: A multi-sport tournament held every four years, the premier amateur sporting event of the world. For the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, the United States qualified 8 fencers: one in men's epee, one in men's foil, two in men's sabre, one in women's epee, and a women's foil team of three fencers. The FIE establishes the criteria by which athletes can qualify for the Olympic Games. These criteria are developed within the provisions given by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- d) Pan American Junior/Cadet Fencing Championships: This is an annual Fall tournament for six weapons with a maximum of three per country in each weapon for each age category. The age criteria is the same as for that year's World Junior/Cadet Championships. The next tournament will be held October 25-31, 2003 in Guadeloupe. Three US fencers competed in these Championships, each winning medals in the events they fenced: William Thanouser won the gold in the Under-17 and the Under-20 Men's sabre competitions; Jeffrey Baum, won the silver in Under-17 Men's sabre and Clayton Kenney won the bronze in the Under-17 Men's epee.
- e) Pan American Senior Championships: This tournament is held every four years, in the year following the year in which the Olympic Games are held. There are three fencers per weapon for each of the six weapons. The next one will be held in 2005.
- f) World Veterans Championships: Started in 1998 as an annual summer tournament except when fencing is included in the Senior Games (held every four years). For the World Veterans each country can enter four fencers in each of five weapons in each of two age categories (50-59, 60 and older). The criteria for the age categories is based on the age of the fencer on the first of the month in which the Championships are held. In the past two years, the tournament has been 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.

## CHAPTER 5: ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAMS

### 5.1 ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR USFA PROGRAMS

Athletes must be citizens of the United States at the time of selection for international teams and be able to represent the United States to be selected for:

- a) USFA Team to Senior, Junior, and Cadet World Championships, Pan American Senior, Junior, and Cadet Championships, Pan American Games, World University Games, Olympic Games, and World Veteran Championships.
- b) USOC or USFA Athlete Grant programs;
- c) National team funding when points will count towards selection to the World Championship Team.

A permanent resident may apply for a waiver of the rules regarding training grants and performance program by submitting documentation that demonstrates the athlete will become a citizen by the date when athletes will be selected for a specific team or program. It may also be necessary for the fencer to apply for an FIE exemption to allow the fencer to change country representation if the fencer has represented another country at any FIE sponsored international tournament, that is World Cup competitions or World Championships or Olympic Games.

The FIE Statutes state that athletes must 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 Games, Olympic Games. (*FIE Statutes*, 1999). For the 2003-2004 season athlete must be born no later than 1990.

### 5.2 WEAPON SQUAD FUNDING

Each of the weapon squads has a budget that is primarily used for grants for different categories of fencers throughout the season. These grants are used to help defray costs of travel to designated international competitions and/or European training camps. The basis for which fencers will be given a grant is the National Rolling point standings for that category (cadet, junior, or senior) will be used.

Fencers who compete in individual Senior "A" competitions followed by a World Cup team competition will be eligible for \$100 each for the extra day's stay. These funds will be available upon receipt of the team result book and submission of USFA Reimbursement request form. Attach to the reimbursement form the original hotel bill and any ground expense that may have been incurred. 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. Make sure you date the receipt and include name and/or city of team competition.

### 5.3 BASE SUBSIDY – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

The USFA will arrange for and cover the cost of the hotel accommodations for the official delegation appointed by the USFA to the World Championships, Senior, Junior and Cadet for the period of time each athlete is required to be present. Generally athletes are required to arrive three days prior to the athlete's competition and leave the day after, unless the athlete will be a member of the team for the team competition. Athletes may stay beyond that date at their own expense while remaining under rules governing conduct of the team.

Per diem allotments have been suspended since meals have been included with the cost of the hotel rooms.

### 5.4 FUNDING FOR 2004 WORLD CADET & JUNIOR TEAMS

The USFA will cover a percentage of the airfare costs (round trip between home and city nearest the tournament). The percentage amount, as shown below, is based on a specific category of points used for team selection. All USFA team travel **WILL BE** done by the team manager and/or the USFA staff person assigned to coordinate logistics for that team.

The granting of the airfare funding subsidy based upon an athlete's international performance reflects the expectations for the performance of the athlete at the World Championships.

The formula determines the percentage of airfare subsidy based upon the points earned by a fencer at designated Junior "A" and Senior "A" competitions (those with SF at least equal to 1.5) and which are included in the total of Group II points.

JUNIOR WORLD TEAM (Best three results)

a)	100% airfare if Group II international points	=	2200
b)	75% airfare if Group II international points	=	2000
c)	50% airfare if Group II international points	=	1800
d)	25% airfare if Group II international points	=	1400

CADETS (Best two results)

a)	100% airfare for Group II international points	=	1400
b)	75% airfare for Group II international points	=	1000
c)	50% airfare for Group II international points	=	800
d)	25% airfare for Group II international points	=	600

## 5.5 ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Performance Award system for Senior World Cup competitions and Senior World Championships was redesigned to more accurately reflect the goals of the USFA: that by investing in athletes competing internationally the US athletes will be able to achieve high levels of international results. Such results will give the US greater assurance in qualifying teams to the Olympic Games. The revised program reflects the expectation of the USFA concerning the rate of progress an athlete must maintain in order to reach the pinnacle of international success. This approach is consistent with the Strategic Plan adopted by the USFA Board of Directors.

An athlete is considered to be at one of three levels, based on past international results and the period of time during which the athlete has achieved these results. Specific criteria have been established for each of the three levels. See Table 5-1. Fencers must meet the criteria for a given level in order to receive that level's designated training grant for the following season.

Once an athlete has achieved Level I status, the athlete will remain at that level indefinitely. The athlete is eligible for the awards and training grant programs as long as the athlete achieves the results required of Level I status. The program will be in effect while an athlete is competing at the international level and permits an athlete to be absent from international competitions for one or more seasons. Seasons during which an athlete does not compete will not be considered in the determination of program level for the athlete.

Level III is the entry level for the Performance program. An athlete remains at this level until the athlete has achieved a result of 32 or better at Senior "A" competitions with a strength factor of 1.5 or greater and 82 or more competitors in each of three prior seasons. For the 2002-2003 season, if the athlete has achieved such a top 32 result in three seasons since 1998, the athlete will be considered at Level II for the Performance Award program. See Table 5-1.

Level II: An athlete remains at Level II for a maximum of four seasons of international competition. Any season during which an athlete does not receive a performance award at Level II will not be counted towards the maximum of four seasons.

Level I: The athlete is considered at Level I after four seasons of receiving awards at Level II. For an award at any Level the "A" competition must have a minimum senior strength factor of 1.5 and a field size of 82 or higher.

TABLE 5-1: SENIOR PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM  
 [SSF = Senior Strength Factor; Minimum SSF = 1.5].

PLACE	LEVEL III	LEVEL II	LEVEL I	TEAM *
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,500 x SSF	\$2,500 x SSF	\$2,500 x SSF	\$750/Fencer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,750 x SSF	\$1,750 x SSF	\$1,750 x SSF	\$750/Fencer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1,250 x SSF	\$1,250 x SSF	\$1,250 x SSF	\$750/Fencer
5-8	\$750 x SSF	\$750 x SSF	\$750 x SSF	\$500/Fencer [places 4-8]
9-16	\$500 x SSF	\$375*SSF	\$250*SSF	
17-32	\$125 x SSF			

\*A team must win at least one team match to be eligible for team award and only athletes who fenced in at least one relay encounter will be eligible. Complete team result packet must be submitted to substantiate who fenced in team matches. All Team "A" competitions will be eligible for the Performance Enhancement program.

Table 5-2: TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM [Strength Factor > 1.5 AND Total Entry > 82]

GRANT CRITERIA	LEVEL III	LEVEL II	LEVEL I	TEAM
<u>2@32 1@16</u>	\$3,000			
<u>2@32 2@16</u>	\$4,000			
<u>3@16</u>		\$4,000		
<u>2@16 1@8</u>		\$5,000		
Yr 1 Quad: <u>2 @8</u>			\$5,000	
Yr 2 Quad: <u>2 @8</u>			\$6,000	
Yr 3 Quad: <u>2 @8</u>			\$7,000	
Yr 4 Quad: <u>2 @8</u>			\$8,000	
1-3 @ Senior Worlds & Olympic Games	+\$4,000	+\$4,000	+\$4,000	Grant may be replaced by special USFA grant
5-8 @ Sr Worlds 4-8 @ Olympic Games	+\$ 2,500	+\$ 2,500	+\$ 2,500	

**NOTE: Athletes are only eligible for training grants at the same Level as their Performance Award Level.**

For the 2003-2004 season the following athletes are eligible for training grants having met the criteria for their Level status in the 2002-2003 season: Sada Jacobson, Ivan Lee, Keeth Smart, Soren Thompson, Mariel Zagunis.

The following athletes have achieved results such that they are now considered at Level II:

Christine Becker  
 Amelia Gaillard  
 Emily Jacobson

Sada Jacobson  
 Erinn Smart  
 Keeth Smart

Elisabeth Spilman  
 Mariel Zagunis  
 Iris Zimmermann

Table 5-3: INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT JUNIOR/CADET

September 2003-April 2004

April 2004

PLACE	Designated Junior "A" # & World Championships JSF=1(Multiply amount)	Cadet World Championships
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	by JSF)	
1	\$940	\$ 1,000
2	\$790	\$ 600
3-4	\$675	\$ 500
5-8	\$562	\$ 400
9-16	\$300	\$ 250
17-32	\$150 ##	

# If retains status for USFA points; otherwise no grants

## Not applicable for Junior World Championships

**Table 5-4: PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: CADET & YOUTH 14**

Oct. 2003 – Feb. 2004      Oct. 2003 – July 2004

PLACE	NAC U17	U-17 J.O. CHAMPS.	NAC YTH14	YTH14 CHAMPS.
1	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 180	\$ 180
2	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 90	\$ 90
3	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 40	\$ 40

#### 5.6 USOC ATHLETE BASIC GRANT PROGRAM

The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) has a special program for top athletes in each sport whereby athletes receive a Basic Grant of \$2,500 plus an opportunity to enroll in the Elite Athlete Health Insurance program as a secondary insurance program. USFA will base selection of its athletes with priority first to those who have been selected for the Olympic Fencing team and replacement athlete for each team that has qualified for the Games. Each of the eligible athletes will be sent a form to be completed and returned to the USFA office. The checks are issued by the USOC directly to the athlete approximately one month after the form is returned to the USFA office. [Modifications to USFA criteria for this program subject to review by the High Performance Committee in December.]

The criteria approved by the HPC are:

- Salary cap of \$ 125,000; an athlete whose annual income is greater than the salary cap will not be eligible for USOC Athlete Grants.
- U.S. citizen at time of selection.
- Fully compliant with USADA requirements
- The grant of \$2,500 will be awarded to each selected eligible athlete with submission of the USOC paperwork to the USFA by the athlete.
- NCAA has made provisions whereby NCAA athletes may accept the USOC grants without risk of losing NCAA eligibility.



## 5.7 RAY MILLER MEMORIAL OLYMPIC GRANTS

- A. In 2003 the US Fencing Association was a beneficiary of a testamentary gift bequeathed to the USFA by Ray Miller in the approximate amount of \$350,000. Since one of the principal goals of the USFA is to win medals in international competition, and in particular, at the Olympic Games. Accordingly the USFA developed a program whereby financial support would be directed to its elite athletes to provide greater opportunity for those athletes to achieve international medals, and especially Olympic medals.
- B. The USFA Executive Committee with approval of the Board of Directors created the Ray Miller Memorial Olympic Grants from a portion of the Ray Miller bequest for the support of USFA athletes to allow them to dedicate themselves to prepare for the 2004 Olympic Games in events held at those Games and in a manner most likely to produce the highest possible results.
- C. An initial distribution was approved for April 1, 2003 for those athletes listed as among the top 16 on the FIE senior Individual World Cup rankings or listed among the top 4 on the FIE Team World Cup Rankings or placed in the top 16 in the individual competition at the 2000 Olympic Games or top 4 in the team competition at the 2000 Olympic Games. Athletes who met the criteria were awarded \$3,900: Chris Becker, Emily Jacobson, Sada Jacobson, Erinn Smart, Keeth Smart, Felicia Zimmermann and Iris Zimmermann.
- D. The next distribution will be made effective November 1, 2003 to athletes who are ranked in the top 12 of the FIE Individual World Ranking list and the top 6 in the FIE Team World Ranking list, with a maximum allocation of \$5,000. [Athletes meeting the standards are: Emily Jacobson, Sada Jacobson, Keeth Smart, and Mariel Zagunis].
- E. Another distribution will be made February 22, 2004 on a similar basis with the maximum amount to be determined by the HPC at its December meeting.
- F. In order to determine athletes eligible for such grants if any weapon meets the FIE Team Rankings criteria the HPC has devised the following formula:

*At each team event used in determining team ranking as of the criteria date, four names were submitted. That earns those four individuals one share each, except in the case of the World Championships when it is two shares each. At the decision date, the funds available for dispersal are divided by the total number of shares accumulated in total to get a base number. Each individual will then be paid an amount equal to the base number times their number of shares.*

- G. An amount, up to, but not exceeding, the balance of the \$175,000 allocated for the Ray Miller Memorial Olympic Grants shall be designated for members of the United States Olympic Fencing Team for the 2004 Olympic Games who are in the top 12 in the individual FIE World Cup standings or top 6 of the FIE Team World Cup standings as the ones who have the greatest likelihood for success and winning a medal for their support and preparation during the period between April 1, 2004 and the assembly of the delegation by the United States Olympic Committee. Eligibility for the grants will be based on the FIE World Cup standings on April 1, 2004 and June 1, 2004. The funds will be distributed in three payments: April 1, 40%, June 1 40% and August 1 20%. Such grants will not exceed \$25,000 per person.
- H. A set of guidelines were developed whereby athletes would sign a contract committing to training as much full time as feasible and recognizing Ray Miller with a patch to be provided by the USFA. Additional requirements are:
  - a. The athlete will develop and submit a training and competition plan for the period involved. A review through the period will be conducted.
  - b. That a sport psychologist be included in any plan of the athlete. The USFA will assist the athlete through the USOC network as well as the network available to John Heil, Chair of the Sports Science Committee.
  - c. That the plan provide for strength and conditioning programs and the best means by which the athletes prepare for peak performance at the Olympic Games.
  - d. There needs to be a specific peak performance plan and for that purpose significant blocks of time will be scheduled during the National Training camp to include strength and conditioning, nutritional aspects of preparation for Olympics, sport psychology, strategy and tactics. The camp should be more than a place for lessons and bouts.

**ATHLETE CONTRACT FOR RECEIPT OF USFA SPECIAL GRANT**

(Based on contract signed by athletes for USOC Basic Grant & Op Gold Funds)

**In consideration of receiving any USFA funds, I intend and agree to**

- (a) commit myself to a program of preparation with the intent of qualifying for and competing in the next Olympic Games;
  - (b) place myself under the guidance of a coach or a program of training and competition approved by the USFA;
  - (c) submit to drug testing conducted by USADA or WADA, in accordance with the procedures for these bodies;
  - (d) participate in evaluation and testing programs conducted by the USFA or the USOC;
  - (e) abide by the code of conduct established by the USFA and the USOC for participation in the events of the above-mentioned bodies;
  - (f) abide by any separate terms and conditions for funding determined by the USFA or the USOC;
  - (g) subject myself to termination of USFA funding if I violate any condition herein, or if in the judgment of the USFA, any of my actions negatively impact on the reputation of the USFA; and
  - (h) accept and defer to the authority of the USFA, the FIE, the USOC, PASO, IOC and any properly constituted adjudicatory body, for any and all matters relating to my participation in programs, activities and events of these bodies, including all hearing and appeal procedures established by these bodies.
- (i) adhere to the USFA Code of Conduct attached to this contract.

I have read and understand the conditions stated above, and agree to be bound by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Guardian's Signature  
(if athlete is a minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## CHAPTER 6: DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS

### 6.1 DESCRIPTION

This section is an excerpt from the *USADA GUIDE to Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping, 2000*. USADA is the acronym for the United States Anti-Doping Agency established after the 2000 Olympic Games. It 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.

Doping violates the ethics of both sport and medical science and is prohibited. The Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code (Code), along with clarifications by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and its Medical Commission, has been distributed for the year 2002 with the list of prohibited classes of substances and prohibited methods of doping.

#### **The Code states that doping:**

- Contravenes the fundamental principles of Olympism and sports and medical ethics,
- Is forbidden, and
- Recommending, proposing, authorizing, condoning or facilitating the use of any substance or method covered by the definition of doping or trafficking therein is also forbidden.

#### **The Code defines doping as:**

- the use of an expedient (substance or method) which is potentially harmful to athletes' health and/or capable of enhancing their performance, or
- the presence in the athlete's body of a Prohibited Substance or evidence of the use thereof or evidence of the use of a Prohibited Method.

A fundamental objective of the Olympic Movement is to eliminate doping from sport. Doping threatens the health of the athletes, the integrity and dignity of amateur sport, and public support of the Olympic Movement. Drug testing followed by punitive action and the threat of public disclosure, in tandem with drug abuse education and ethical considerations, are in place as deterrents to doping.

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 this Guide 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](http://www.usantidoping.org) as well as by sending an e-mail to [usada@usantidoping.org](mailto:usada@usantidoping.org).

Ignorance is never an excuse. Before taking any medication, you are encouraged to check whether any substances in that medication are prohibited or restricted by consulting with the head physician if you are involved in competition, or with a knowledgeable USADA staff member, or by calling the Drug Reference Line **(1-800-233-0393)**.

Be especially alert to the exact name of your medication because many sound alike. For example, Tylenol and Afrin Nasal Spray are allowed, however, Co-Tylenol, Afrin tablets and Afrinol contain prohibited substances. Plain antihistamines are allowed in most sports. However, any combination of an antihistamine with a decongestant is prohibited and may not be in your system when you compete. New products of this type appear on

the market on a regular basis. The USADA Guide provides examples of substances in prohibited classes. Not all prohibited substances are listed in the Guide.

It is impossible to list all types of cases in this Handbook and rather than attempt to do so the USFA recommends that persons contact the USADA Drug Hotline or web site for the USADA Guide. It will be mentioned here that the FIE, the international governing body for the sport of fencing, has recently adopted the IOC ban on alcohol and cannabis (marijuana).

## 6.2 DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Drug testing may be conducted at any National tournaments 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 usually be top athletes in the senior and junior standings. These lists will be updated periodically. Athletes added to the OOC pool will be notified by the USFA 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 athlete is not found for the Out of Competition test it is considered a "failure" and can lead to other problems for the athlete. Athletes 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 athlete's future competitive eligibility.

The drug testing process requires two samples of urine to be bottled and labeled: one is the "A" sample and the other is the "B" sample, with the same unique number etched on both bottles for later identification. These numbered samples are sent to an IOC accredited lab in the U.S. without any other information, i.e., the lab cannot match the sample with a person. A sample found to be "positive" means that evidence of a substance on the IOC banned list was found. If a "positive" is made on the "A" sample, the USADA will notify the athlete. The athlete or a person designated by the athlete may be present when the "B" sample is opened and tested. Otherwise, a neutral person can be named by the lab to observe the procedures followed for testing the "B" sample.

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that no substance enters his/her body which is prohibited by the rules. Even if the substance taken by the athlete is one found in an "over-the-counter" medicine, it is still a banned substance and may result in a "positive" finding. Every athlete 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 athlete may be taking.

If the "B" sample does not confirm the findings of the "A" sample, that concludes the process - no other action is taken by the USADA. If the "B" sample confirms the "positive" findings of the "A" sample, the athlete has a right to a hearing or can waive the right to such hearing and accept the penalties of suspension of one year or longer. The hearing allows the athlete to contest the sample collection and handling procedures but not the scientific validity of the results. There is no appeal on the application of the penalties themselves, which are mandated by the international fencing federation, the FIE, and ultimately, by the International Olympic Committee.

A "positive" result for an IOC banned substance or method<sup>1</sup> will be cause for disqualification from that competition at which the sample was taken and loss of any National or FIE points earned at the competition.

In addition to doping, the following shall be considered the same as a confirmed "B" positive:

- (a) refusal to be tested or to provide a proper urine specimen,
- (b) failure to be present and available for a test within the prescribed time,
- (c) aiding or abetting another person in the commission of any offense herein,
- (d) evading notification for testing,
- (e) obstructing the specimen collection or laboratory analytical process, (f) misrepresenting the basis for an excuse or waiver request, and (g) refusal or failure to comply with the requirements of this program.

The **USADA Hotline (800) 233-0393** 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. There is an advantage of giving your name and sport. 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.

#### FIE DRUG TESTING

The FIE requires drug testing of the medallists at FIE World Cup and World Championships tournaments. If an athlete's test is positive the athlete's federation will be informed. The Federation will then inform the athlete and will work with the athlete 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 athlete involved.

#### References:

1. USADA Guide to Prohibited Substances and Methods, 2001
2. FIE Rules, 2000, Revision C Edition, t.129-132.

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<sup>1</sup> Doping is the use or application in any form of products foreign to the body and of organic products in abnormal doses or administered in abnormal ways in order to increase performance abusively. FIE Rules, 1995, para. 608(a)



## CHAPTER 7: REMOVAL FROM TEAM, LOSS OF POINTS AND/OR FUNDING

### 7.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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:

- (a) Doping based on a confirmed positive of a "B" sample in accordance with U.S. Anti-Doping Agency protocol; OR
- (b) Disciplinary reason, for serious misconduct detrimental to fencing; OR
- (c) Inability or unwillingness to participate fully in all significant team activities; OR
- (d) Injury or other incapacity which will significantly detract from the fencer's performance; OR
- (e) Failure to maintain a reasonable program of training, conditioning and/or competition; OR
- (f) 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 athlete is a U.S. citizen. The USOC will consider a waiver to those athletes who can demonstrate that they could become citizens before the final selection competition of the USFA.

### 7.2 ATHLETES' RIGHTS

Athletes 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. An excerpt from the USOC Constitution is set forth as Exhibit "A".

### 7.3 DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **"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 athletes who might be affected by a panel hearing agree, the Disinterested requirements with respect to a club mate may be waived.
- (b) **"Executive Director"** shall mean the Executive Director of the USFA or his/her designee.
- (c) **"Other Affected Athlete"** shall mean any athlete who might be removed from a team or denied a place on a team if an athlete's grievance is upheld by a panel.
- (d) **"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.

- (e) **"Team Panel"** shall mean all of the Disinterested cadre for the Team that are willing to serve and at least one disinterested athlete 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.
- (f) **"Panel"** shall mean a panel consisting of not less than three (3) Disinterested USFA members (who may, but need not be, members of the International Committee). 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 athlete initiating the grievance procedure or subject to potential discipline. The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the International Committee, provided, however, that if the Chair is not Disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- (g) **"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.
- (h) **"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.
- (i) **"USOC"** shall mean the United States Olympic Committee
- (j) **"USOC Athlete"** shall mean an athlete who has competed in fencing at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, or World Championships within the previous ten (10) years.

#### 7.4 REGULAR GRIEVANCE STEPS

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

7.4.0 SCOPE: These procedures are intended to be used when an athlete or cadre member:

- (a) contests being removed from a team;
- (b) contests an improper denial of a place on a team selected using criteria specified by the USFA;
- (c) 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 Section 7.5

#### 7.4.1 APPEALS

Decisions of the International Committee 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.)



#### 7.4.2 REIMBURSEMENT OF ATHLETE'S EXPENSES

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

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

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

#### 7.4.3. PROCEDURES

- (a) The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the International Committee, provided, however, that if the Chair is not disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- (b) The Executive Director shall inform the athlete and any Other Affected Athletes of the issues or allegations which have been referred to the Panel, and the names of the members of the Panel.
- (c) If the athlete, cadre member, or any Other Affected Athlete objects to any member of the Panel being a member, the athlete or Other Affected Athlete shall inform the person that named the Panel (Chair of the International Committee or the Executive Director), who shall have the discretion to replace the Panel member.
- (d) The Executive Director shall inform the athlete 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.
- (e) 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 athlete 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.
- (f) 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.
- (g) The athlete or any Other Affected Athlete shall have the following rights:
  - (1) to appear personally and be represented by counsel at the Hearing and at the review by the International Committee.
  - (2) to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
  - (3) to testify on his own behalf, or remain silent.

- (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 athlete, any Other Affected Athlete, and each member of the International Committee within one week after receiving it.
- (i) The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall not be effective or implemented unless approved by the International Committee.
- (j) 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.
- (k) Nothing herein shall preclude any athlete 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 Executive Director of the USOC or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

## 7.5 EXPEDITED GRIEVANCE STEPS

7.5.0 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 an athlete or cadre member:

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

7.5.1 REIMBURSEMENT OF ATHLETE'S EXPENSES: All expenses, including counsel, shall be the responsibility of the athlete or cadre member.

7.5.2 APPEALS: An athlete or cadre member may request that the International Committee overrule any decision made by the Team Panel. An athlete 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 International Committee. 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.

### 7.5.3 PROCEDURES:

- (a) The Team Leader shall inform the athlete and any Other Affected Athletes of:
  - (1) the issues or allegations which have been referred to the Team Panel.
  - (2) 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.
- (b) 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 athlete 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) The athlete and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the rights:
  - (1) to appear personally and be represented by counsel at the Hearing.
  - (2) to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
  - (3) to testify on his/her own behalf, or remain silent.
  - (4) to address the Panel or otherwise make a statement of position personally or through his/her counsel or representative.
- (e) 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 athlete, any Other Affected Athlete, and each member of the International Committee within one week after receiving it.
- (f) The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall be effective and implemented unless stayed by the International Committee or the Executive Committee.
- (g) 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.
- (h) Nothing herein shall preclude any athlete or Other Affected Athlete, during the procedures set forth above or at its conclusion, from seeking to enforce or protect this/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 Executive Director of the USOC or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

## EXHIBIT "A": EXCERPT FROM USOC CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE IX: RIGHT OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETE COMPETITIONS

Section 1. No member of the USOC may deny or threaten to deny any amateur athlete the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games, the Pan American Games, a World Championship competition, or other such protected competition as defined in Article 1, Section 2(G); nor may any member, subsequent to such competition, censure, or  
(2) any organization which the athlete represents. The USOC shall, by all lawful means at its disposal, protect the right of an amateur athlete to participate if selected or to attempt to qualify for selection to participate) as an athlete representing the United States in any of the aforesaid competitions.

otherwise

Section 2. Any amateur athlete who alleges that he/she has been denied by a USOC member a right established by Article IX, Section 1, shall immediately inform the Executive Director of the USOC, who shall cause an investigation to be made and steps to be taken to settle the controversy without delay. Without prejudice to any action that may be taken by the USOC, if the controversy is not settled to the athlete's satisfaction, the athlete may submit to any regional office of the American Arbitration Association for binding arbitration, a claim against such USOC member documenting the alleged denial not later than six (6) months after the date of denial. The Association, however, (upon request by the athlete in question) is authorized, upon forty-eight (48) hours' notice to the parties concerned, and to the USOC, to hear and decide the matter under such procedures as the Association deems appropriate, if the Association determines that it is necessary to expedite such arbitration in order to resolve a matter relating to a competition which is so scheduled that compliance with regular procedures would not be likely to produce a sufficiently early decision by the Association to do justice to the affected parties. By maintaining membership in the USOC, each USOC member agrees that any such aforesaid controversy may be submitted to binding arbitration as provided in this Section and furthermore agrees to be bound by the arbitrators' award as a result thereof.

Section 3. Any amateur athlete, who alleges that he/she has been denied (whether or not by a USOC member), an opportunity to compete in any international amateur athletic competition not protected by the terms of Section 1 of this Article, shall immediately inform the Executive Director, who will consult with legal counsel to determine whether the situation appears to be of sufficient seriousness and relevance to the obligation or responsibilities of the USOC under its Charter to warrant action by the USOC in support of the athlete's claim. In the event that action by the USOC appears to be warranted, the matter will be promptly referred to the Executive Committee, which will decide the nature and extent of the action to be taken in each case.

Section 4. The rights granted to athletes under Sections 1 through 3 of this Article shall equally apply to any coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or other official seeking to participate in the conduct of any of the international amateur athletic competitions designated, or referred to, in Section 1.

ARTICLE 1: Section 2. (G) "protected competition" means any amateur athletic competition between any athlete or athletes officially designated by the appropriate Olympic or Pan American Sport Organizations member as representing the United States, either individually or as part of a team, and any athlete or athletes representing any foreign country where

- (1) the terms of such competition require that the entrants therein be teams or individuals representing the respective nations; and
- (2) the athlete or group of athletes representing the United States is organized and sponsored by the appropriate Olympic or Pan American Sport Organizations member in accordance with a defined selection or tryout procedure that is open to all and publicly announced in advance, except for domestic amateur athletic competition, which, by its terms, requires that entrants therein be expressly restricted to members of a specific class of amateur athletes such as those referred to in Article VII, Section 4 of this Constitution.

The term "protected competition" shall also include any domestic amateur athletic competition or event organized and conducted by an Olympic or Pan American Sport Organization member in its selection procedure and publicly announced in advance as a competition or event directly qualifying each successful competitor therein as an athlete representing the United States in a protected competition as defined in the immediately preceding sentence of this Subsection.

ARTICLE VII. Section 4. Any amateur sports organization conducting amateur athletic competition in which participation is restricted to a specific class of amateur athletes (such as high school students, college students, members of the Armed Forces, or similar groups or categories) shall have exclusive jurisdiction over such competition. If such an amateur sports organization wishes to conduct international amateur athletic competition to be held in the United States, or sponsors international amateur athletic competition to be held outside the United States, it shall obtain a sanction from the appropriate National Governing Body.

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## CHAPTER 8: USFA DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

### 8.1 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:

- A. 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
- B. 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.

### 8.2 DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 1. **"Athlete"** 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.
- 2. **"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.
- 3. **"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.
- 4. **"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 Athletes, provided, however, no Athlete 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.

5. **"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).

### 8.3 PROCEDURES

- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.



- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. 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.
- K. 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.
- L. 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.
- M. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of time limitations set forth herein, shall not be grounds to overturn or prohibit the imposition of sanctions.

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## CHAPTER 9: USFA CODE OF CONDUCT

### 9.1 PRINCIPLES

This Code of Conduct applies to any recipient of a USFA Grant, to any participant of a weapon squad program, and to any member of a USFA team or delegation representing the United States at an international tournament. Members of a USFA team or delegation include athletes, cadre and accredited USFA referees and personal coaches accompanying the team.

Each person who becomes eligible in one of the categories described above will receive this Code of Conduct at least once each season. These persons will acknowledge receipt of the Code of Conduct and their agreement to abide by the provisions as stated in the Code of Conduct by signing an attached Certificate and returning it to the USFA Director of Technical Programs.

Failure to return this Certificate or to abide by the terms of this Code is cause for removal from the team, delegation, squad program and forfeiture of future USFA and USOC funding.

### 9.2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS

The USFA International Committee, which is responsible for selection of persons in programs described above, is the final authority on all matters dealing with these individuals. For any team trips this authority will be delegated to the Team Leader who assumes the administrative responsibilities for the team for the duration of the trip. The Team Leader may delegate this authority to other members of the cadre as deemed necessary and appropriate. All team members shall abide by the rules and guidelines established by the Team Leader.

All team members shall conduct themselves at all times for the best interest of the team in a courteous, honest, dignified and sportsmanlike manner worthy of their status as representatives of the United States. They shall obey the laws of the countries in which they travel.

The mission of all teams is to achieve the best result possible in the event. To attain this primary objective of the trip:

- All team members will travel to the tournament together, unless excused by the USFA High Performance Committee.
- All team members will live in team headquarters and eat together unless excused by the Team Leader.
- No team member will have any contact of an official nature with other delegations or officials of the competition except with the express authority of the Team Leader.
- Team members are advised there will be minimum opportunity for social activities during the tournament.

### 9.3 VIOLATIONS OR ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

In the event of gross violation of the rules set forth in these Guidelines or established by the Team Leader for a given event, the Team Leader and two additional cadre members (or all cadre members if less than three are available at the event) selected and announced by the Team Leader prior to the team's departure from the United States will convene to determine disciplinary action. Their authority and decision is final, including the authority to bar a fencer from participation in the competition and the authority to dismiss a team member from the team. The decision to bar a fencer from competition must be unanimous. Each of the cadre members shall file a written report with the USFA office detailing the nature of the infraction and the action taken, within fifteen (15) days of the return of the official delegation. If the fencer or cadre member against whom action is taken feels it unjustified, that person may request, in writing within fifteen (15) days of return from the event, that the President designate a committee to review the actions taken at the international event.

The USFA will not condone action by any member of the official delegation that involves the purchase of fencing equipment for the purpose of resale in the United States. Any member of a US team found to have taken advantage of a trip sponsored by the USFA to bring equipment into the United States for the express purpose of resale will be subject to disciplinary action by the USFA Board of Directors.

### 9.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FENCERS

When they are not fencing, the fencers shall maintain a training program under the supervision of the designated Coaches. They shall assist other fencers as needed and requested by the Team Leader.

They shall maintain their equipment in good condition and comply with the directives of the Armorer concerning the inspection and repair of the equipment as required.

They shall not use unauthorized devices or equipment, or any drugs, stimulants or other substances prohibited under the applicable doping regulations. If they require and/or take any medication, they must notify the Team Leader of this prior to departure. The Team Leader will then consult with the USFA Medical Commission.

They shall adhere to the regulations established by the Team Leader regarding curfew, room assignments, etc. Any absence from meals, training or any other scheduled activities must be cleared through the Team Leader.

An athlete selected to a team shall report any physical condition that may affect the performance of the athlete as soon as possible to the Chief of Mission, the Captain or the USFA Director of Technical Programs. The USFA may request the report from the athlete's doctor and/or may request athlete to be examined by a doctor chosen by the USFA.

### 9.5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CADRE

The cadre shall represent the fencing team and shall look after the interest and general welfare of all the members of the team, including training, housing, food, transportation, uniforms, laundry and recreation. They shall also aide in enforcing the rules of discipline established in this Code of Conduct.

All cadre members will be available to the fencers in order to most efficiently perform the following specific duties:

#### 9.5.1 TEAM LEADER (Chief of Mission, Chief of Delegation, Team Captain)

The Team Leader shall represent the fencers in all matters dealing with the Directoire Technique; shall make decisions, in consultation with the Coaches, as to the personnel competing in team events; provide direction, team discipline, cohesion and team strategy. The Team Leader will attend all required meetings and serve as the official liaison between the US delegation and other delegations at the tournament. The Team Leader shall determine when the best interests of the team require that the team be separated from others not on the official team and shall take appropriate action to achieve this when necessary. The Team Leader is responsible for seeing that a financial report is submitted to the USFA office within 30 days of return of the team.

#### 9.5.2 MANAGER

The Manager shall handle all details of organization (transportation, room and board, etc.) before and during the trip; will also provide necessary aid to the team during the competition; will make arrangements for training sites and distribute information relative to the competition.

#### 9.5.3 COACH

The Coach or Coaches shall provide training guidelines to the team for the competition; will help the fencers prepare for the competition. The Coach or Coaches will provide information to the Team Leader to assist in determining the composition of the team for each match.

#### 9.5.4 ARMORER

The Armorer shall be responsible for ensuring that each fencer's equipment meets the specifications set by the Directoire Technique; shall make sure that equipment is presented for inspection as requested by the organizers; shall be present at the tournament to assist the fencers in maintaining their equipment in optimum condition.

#### 9.5.5 ATHLETIC TRAINER

The Athletic Trainer shall be responsible for the care of the physical condition of the team and associated members. The trainer will be the liaison with the medical personnel provided by the local organizing committee and/or the FIE. The trainer, in consultation with an attending physician, Coaches and/or Team Leader, will determine the participation status of ill or injured team members.

### 9.6 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CADRE

Each member of the cadre must submit a written report to the USFA office within 30 days following the return of the official delegation. Official cadre reports are not appropriate for publication. Copies or extracts shall not be submitted to AMERICAN FENCING or any other publication without the express permission of the USFA President.

9.7 CERTIFICATE OF CODE AGREEMENT

Date Sent to Delegation Members

TO: MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO AN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT

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As a member of the U.S. delegation to an international tournament [*specific tournament is given here*], each member of the delegation must be willing to abide by the attached "USFA Code of Conduct" and certify in writing that the document has been read and delegation member accepts the conditions and responsibilities outlined for USFA athletes and cadre. This certificate must be signed by all members of USFA teams and delegations to international tournaments including personal coaches who accompany the team.

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**CERTIFICATE OF AGREEMENT**

I acknowledge receipt of the USFA Code of Conduct. I have read and understood the provisions stated therein and agree to abide by them. I also understand that I may not possess or consume any substance banned in the United States and/or by the U.S. Olympic Committee, including consumption of alcoholic beverages by athletes under the U.S. legal age. If I possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or banned substance, I will be immediately suspended and subject to further disciplinary action by the USFA, up to and including expulsion.

DATE\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE**

**KEEP THE "CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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**CALENDAR FOR 2003-2004(Subject to Change)**

<b>Tournament Dates</b>	<b>Entry Deadline</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2003</b>			
October 5-11		World Championships	Havana, Cuba
<b>October 10 – 13</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>NAC Division II, Cadet, Youth 14</b>	<b>Overland Park, KS</b>
October 11		SAT I and SAT II	
October 25-31		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships**	Guadeloupe
November 1		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests	
<i>November 7</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Junior "A": Men's Epee, Women's Sabre</i>	<i>Galt House, Louisville</i>
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Junior "A": Women's Epee, Men's Foil</i>	<i>Galt House, Louisville</i>
<i>November 9</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Junior "A": Women's Foil, Men's Sabre</i>	<i>Galt House, Louisville</i>
December 6		SAT I and SAT II	
<b>December 12 – 14</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>NAC Division I, NAC Veterans, Wheelchair</b>	<b>Palm Springs, CA</b>
<b>2004</b>			
January 8		DIVISION JO QUALIFYING RESULT FORMS DUE	
<b>January 10 – 12</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>NAC Div. I/Junior: M.Epee, M.Sabre, W. Sabre</b>	<b>San Jose, CA</b>
<b>January 16 – 18</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>NAC Div. I/Junior: M. Foil, W. Foil, W. Epee</b>	<b>San Jose, CA</b>
January 22		ENTRY DEADLINE J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS	
January 24		SAT I, SAT II, and ELPT	
<b>February 6</b>		LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY FOR J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS	
<b>February 13 – 16</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.</b>	<b>Cleveland, OH</b>
March 6 – 7		<u>Collegiate Conference Championships</u>	
March 13 – 14		<u>NCAA Qualifying rounds</u>	
<b>March 16</b>		<b>DIVISION I TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING RESULT FORM DUE</b>	
<b>March 12 –15</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>NAC Division II, III, Veterans</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>
March 23		ENTRY DEADLINE FOR DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
March 25 – 28		NCAA Fencing Championships	Brandeis Univ.
March 27		SAT I only	
April 16		LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY – DIV. I NATL CHMPS. & YTH NAC	
April 1 – 8		World Junior & Cadet Championships	Plovdiv, Bulgaria
<b>April</b>		<b>Zonal Olympic Qualifying Tournament, M Sabre, M Epee, W. Epee</b>	<b>Cancun, Mexico</b>
<b>April 23– 26</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>Div. I National Championships, NAC Youth, NAC Wheelchair</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>April 24-25</b>		<b>Zonal Olympic Qualifying Tournament: W. Foil, M. Foil, W Sabre</b>	<b>Santa Cruz, Bolivia</b>
May 1		SAT I and SAT II	
May 18-DUE DATE		DIVISION QUALIFYING REPORTS DIV 2/3, U16, YTH 14, TM NATL CHMPS	
May 25-DUE DATE		SECTION QUALIFYING REPORTS DUE FOR DIV IA & U19 NATL CHAMPS	
May 27		ENTRY DEADLINE FOR SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	
June 5		SAT I and SAT II	
June 11		Sr Individual World Cup, Women's Foil-GP	New York City, NY
June 12		Sr Ind. World Cup, WS-GP; MS-GP; Day 2 WF	NYC, NY
June 13		Senior Team World Cup, WF TM; Day 2 WS, MS	NYC, NY
June 14		Sr Team World Cup – WS, MS	NYC, NY
June 18		<b>LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY FOR SUMMER NATL CHAMPS.</b>	
July 3 – 11	<i>May 27</i>	<i>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>	<i>Charlotte, NC</i>
August 13 – 29		Olympic Games	Athens, GRE.
August 14 – 22		Fencing at the Olympic Games	Helliniko Olympic
Sept. 3-5		World Veterans Championships	Krems, Austria
Sept. 18 – 23		Paralympic Fencing Competitions	Helliniko Complex

SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & US WORLD CUPS Printed 11/14/2003  
 REMINDER: "0" Or "2" Blades Required For Those Competing In Youth 10 Competitions.

## ENTERING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. **DEADLINE** FOR EACH NAC REQUIRES RECEIPT OF ENTRY AT USFA OFFICE **ONE MONTH PRIOR** TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE NAC TOURNAMENT. Deadline date is shown on the entry form. Late entries will be accepted up to one week prior to the start of the NAC tournament with payment of triple the amount due for a timely entry. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.**
2. NAC Division I, Veteran Combined, Junior, Cadet and Youth have 6 individual competitions, separate for men and women – Foil, Epee & Sabre. No mixed competitions are held at the National level and are not permitted at the Division or Section qualifying competitions for Junior Olympic and National Championships.
3. ENTRY DEADLINE IS SPECIFIED IN “ENTRY DEADLINE” COLUMN FOR EACH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – Division I Nationals, J.O. Championships and Summer National Championships. **Late entries are accepted for Summer National Championships up to two weeks prior to the start of that tournament with payment of triple the amount due for a timely entry.** Late entries for Division I Nationals and J.O. Championships are accepted up to one week prior to the start of those tournaments with payment of triple the amount due for a timely entry.
4. Entry Form for NAC Tournaments published in the Summer issue of the National Newsletter
5. Entry Form for Junior Olympic Fencing Championships published in Fall issue of the National Newsletter
6. Entry Form for Summer National Championships published in the Spring issue of the National Newsletter
7. Entry Form for Division I National Championships mailed, postal and e-mail, directly to each qualified fencer.
8. Entry Form for National Team Championships mailed to USFA member clubs.
9. All entry forms will be posted on the USFA Web site in .PDF format.

### **AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS: 2003-2004**

#### **A: AUGUST 1, 2003 -- APRIL 30, 2004-NAC TOURNAMENTS & Division qualifying competitions for 2004 Junior Olympic Championships**

CATEGORY	DIV. I, DIV. II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
BIRTH YEARS	1990 or earlier	≤ 1963	1984-1990	1987-1990	1989-1992	1991-1994	1993-1996

≤ - Less or equal

#### **B: Qualifying Competitions For 2004 Summer National Championships and Associated Division & Section**

CATEGORY	DIV. IA	DIV. II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
BIRTH YEARS	1990 or older	1991 or earlier	≤ 1963	1985-1991	1988-1991	1989-1992	1991-1994	1993-1996

Veteran 50-59      No later than      9/1/54

Veteran 60 & Older      No later than      9/1/44

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	OPEN TM	JR TEAM
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1990	≤ 1990	1985-1991

#### EXCEPTION TO AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Youth 12 – A fencer can fence in Youth 12 if born after 1994 **IF** the fencer is on the Youth 10 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
2. Youth 14 – A fencer can fence in Youth 14 if born after 1992 **IF** the fencer is on the Youth 12 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
3. Cadet (U17) – A fencer can fence in Cadet (U17) if born after 1990 **IF** the fencer is on the Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
4. Junior (U20) – A fencer can fence in Junior (U20) if born after 1990 **IF** the fencer is on the Cadet (U17) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
5. Cadet (U16) – A fencer can fence in Cadet (U16) at the 2004 Summer National Championships if born after 1991 **IF** the fencer is on the Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline.
6. Junior (U19) – A fencer can fence in Junior (U19) at the 2004 Summer National Championships if born after 1991 **IF** the fencer is on the Cadet (U16) point standings at the time of the entry deadline.
7. Div. I, II, III – For NAC those born after 1990 **must be** on Junior standings; for the 2004 Summer National Championships those born after 1991 **must be** on Junior standings.

## APPENDIX A-2: INFORMATION NATIONAL EVENTS

HOTEL: For All USFA National Tournaments - Hotel Reservations will be made with the Tournament Housing Services (THS), The Official Housing Company of US Fencing  
Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM (8326); Reservations Online: [www.thsweb.com](http://www.thsweb.com)

### **NAC A – Division II/Cadet/Youth 14 – Overland Pk, KS – October 10-13, 2003 \***

Date	M. Épée	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Épée	W. Foil	W. Sabre
Fri, Oct 10		Y 14 10-11am		Division II 7-8 am	Cadet 7-8 am	Youth 14 7-8 am
Sat., Oct 11	Youth 14 7-8 am	Division II 7-8 am	Youth 14 10-11am		Youth 14 Noon-1pm	
Sun., Oct 12	Division II 1-2 pm	Cadet 7-8 am	Cadet 9-10 am	Cadet 7-8 am		Division II 11-12 pm
Mon., Oct 13	Cadet 7-8 am		Division II 11-12 pm	Youth 14 9-10 am	Division II 7-8 am	Cadet 7-8 am

Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66211

### **NAC B – Division I/Veteran/Wheelchair – Palm Springs, CA – December 12-14, 2003 \***

Date	M. Épée	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Épée	W. Foil	W. Sabre
Fri, Dec 12	Division I	Veteran	Wheelchair	Wheelchair	Division I	Veteran
Sat, Dec 13	Wheelchair	Division I	Veteran	Division I	Wheelchair Veteran	Division I
Sun, Dec 14	Veteran	Wheelchair	Division I	Veteran		

Palm Springs Convention Center, Oasis 3,4,5, 277 N. Avenida Caballeros, Palm Springs, CA 92262  
[www.palmspringscc.com](http://www.palmspringscc.com)

### **NAC C – Division I/Junior: Men’s Epee, Men’s Sabre, Women’s Sabre – San Jose, CA – Jan. 10-12, 2004**

	ME	MS	WS
Sat., 10-Jan	Division I		Division I
Sun., 11-Jan		Division I	Junior
Mon., 12-Jan	Junior	Junior	

San Jose McEnery Convention Center, Civic Auditorium & Parkside Hall (A/B), 150 W. San Carlos St.  
Between Almaden Boulevard and Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113 [www.sjcc.com](http://www.sjcc.com)

### **NAC D – Division I/Junior/ – Men’s Foil, Women’s Foil, Women’s Epee, San Jose, CA – January 16-18, 2004\***

	M. Foil	W. Epee	W. Foil
Fri., 16 Jan		Division I	Junior
Sat., 17-Jan	Junior		Division I
Sun., 18 Jan	Division I	Junior	

**Junior Olympic Championships (Under-17, Under-20) – Cleveland, OH – February 13-16, 2004**

Date	M. Épée	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Épée	W. Foil	W. Sabre
Fri, Feb 13	Cadet		Junior		Cadet	
Sat, Feb 14		Cadet		Cadet		Junior
Sun, Feb 15	Junior		Cadet		Junior	
Mon, Feb 16		Junior		Junior		Cadet

Cleveland Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 500 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

**NAC E – Div. II/III/Veteran — March 12-15, 2004, Arlington, TX**

	M. Epee	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Epee	W. Foil	W. Sabre
Fri. 12 Mar						
Sat. 13 Mar						
Sun. 14 Mar						
Mon. 15 Mar						

Arlington Convention Center, Exhibit Halls 1-4, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX 76011

[www.arlingtoncc.com](http://www.arlingtoncc.com)

**NAC F –Youth 10, 12, 14/Division I National Champs – Atlanta, GA – April 23-26, 2004**

Fri. 23 Apr						
Sat. 24 Apr						
Sun. 25 Apr						
Mon. 26 Apr						

REMINDER: "0" Or "2" Blades Required For Those Competing In Youth 10 Competitions.

Georgia World Congress Center, Hall C3, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

[www.gwcc.com](http://www.gwcc.com)

**Summer National Championships – Charlotte, NC, July 3-11, 2004**

Charlotte Merchandise Mart, Liberty Hall, 2500 East Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28205

[www.charlottemerchmart.com](http://www.charlottemerchmart.com)

## APPENDIX A-3: SEEDING OF NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

### **Individual Competitions**

In USFA non-World Cup competitions, fencers affiliated with the same club shall be separated as much as possible in the first round of the 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 affiliations as if they were different nationalities. The separation for nationality shall take precedence over separation for club affiliation. The seeding principles in the following paragraphs do not apply to NAC Division I tournaments. See the next Section.

### **Ranked fencers**

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 shall be subdivided into two classes:

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 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	Top 8 in Veteran Age points
Junior NAC, JO Chmps, Nationals	Top 24 in Junior points
Cadet NAC, JO Chmps, Nationals	Top 16 in Cadet points
Youth 14 NAC & Nationals	Top 12 in Youth 14 points
Youth 12 NAC & Open @ Nationals	Top 8 in Youth 12 points
Youth 10 NAC & Open @ Nationals	Top 4 in Youth 10 points

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.

### **Classified fencers**

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 classification (i.e., the year in which they last won that letter classification).

Division II Classification – by letter and year – C, D, E, U. Within the same class and year, random  
Division III Classification – by letter and year –D, E, U. Within the same class and year, random

### **Teams**

Seeding for team competitions will be based on the results of each member of a team at that National Championships in the specific category: Division I Team based on results in Division I National Championships; Under-19 team according to results of the team members in the Under-19 National Championships. The bout committee may assign quality points to a competitor who did not fence in the individual competition in accordance with its best judgment, with the proviso that the competitor cannot be deemed to have placed higher than 13<sup>th</sup>. However, in seeding Junior (U-19) National Championship team competitions, fencers who did not compete in the individual events shall be seeded using their national rankings as results. Seeding based on best results of three members of the team in Division IA, Division II or Division III competition. Seeding points = place in Division IA, place +10 in Division II, place +20 in Division III with lowest value = seed value.

There must be a minimum of six teams entered in a team competition for the competition to be held. The team captain will be notified if a team competition is cancelled. The team captain must register the team by 3 pm of the day before the team competition. At that time, the captain must submit at least 3, but no more than 4, names of fencers on that team. If the team is not registered by 3 pm on the day before the team competition, the team will be eliminated from the event.

## APPENDIX A-4 - NORTH AMERICAN CUP DIVISION I TOURNAMENTS

Fencers must have attained a classification of "C" or higher OR be ranked in the top 32 of the senior points or top 16 in the junior points or top 8 in the cadet point standings by the entry deadline to be eligible to compete in NAC Division I competitions. Fencers will be considered having a "C" classification or higher by submission of documentation from the Bout Committee Chair of the competition at which the fencer earned the classification. All such certified submissions must be received no later than one week prior to the first day of the tournament.

The competitions of the NAC Division I tournament are conducted as 1-day competitions. Bouts in all pool rounds are 5-touch bouts with 3-minute time limit.

### SEEDING

*Seeding Principle 1:* Fencers who have a minimum of 10 points on the FIE World Cup standings with at least two World Cup results, each of which is equal to four or more points, 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 not included in the U.S. Senior Rolling Point Standings 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.

*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 A03 precede A02, those with B03 precede B02, etc). Fencers in any one letter and year group will be ranked randomly within that group.

### FORMAT

- There will be two rounds of pools: pools in the first round will be maximized to 7-person pools. Approximately 60% will be promoted to ensure even pools in the second round of either 6-person pools or 7-person pools.
- 60% will be promoted from the second round of pools to direct elimination. Seeding into the initial direct elimination tableau will be based on the results of the last round of pools only.
- Direct elimination will continue without repêchage until there is a complete tableau of 32 or 16, whichever occurs first. Repêchage will then be conducted until there are 8 fencers remaining.
- The final 8 will fence direct elimination without a fence-off for third place, i.e., two fencers will be awarded third place honors.

### Entry principles governing National tournaments:

- No late entries will be accepted less than one week prior to the start of the National tournament. For Summer National Championships the late entry period will close two weeks prior to the starting date of the Championships.
- Fencers filing a late entry, arrives at the USFA office after the published entry deadline for that tournament, must pay three times the amount due for timely entries.
- Entries without payment of fees will be considered late if payment made after the entry deadline.
- Fencers will be notified by e-mail if there are problems processing their entry forms.
- The seeding list for each competition will be posted at the venue and/or host hotel the night prior to the start of that competition.

# APPENDIX A-5 – REGIONAL YOUTH CIRCUIT

## REGIONAL YOUTH CIRCUIT CALENDAR – 2003-2004

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Internet Link</u>
September 13-14, '03	Durham, NC	<a href="#">Charlotte Clark</a>	<a href="http://ncfdp.org">ncfdp.org</a>
October 25-26	Tacoma, WA	Greg Jones	<a href="http://www.wwdfencing.org/">http://www.wwdfencing.org/</a>
Nov 15-16 or Dec 6-7	Santa Fe, NM	Lydia Mazorol	<a href="http://santafenet.com/fencing/">santafenet.com/fencing/</a>
November 8, 2003	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="http://fencingclub.org">fencingclub.org</a>
November 15-16, 2003	Kansas City	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
November 1-2, 2003	Rocky River OH.	Sara Kass	<a href="http://www.cyranosplace.com/Escrime03.htm">http://www.cyranosplace.com/Escrime03.htm</a>
November 1-2, 2003	NYC	Kathy Lee Zucker and Eric Rosenberg	<a href="http://fcevents.org">fcevents.org</a> .
November 1-2, 2003	Chicago	Matt Morich	<a href="http://totheescrime.org/llinois/">http://totheescrime.org/llinois/</a>
November 14-15, 2003	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
November 15-16, 2003	TBD	Eric Dew	<a href="http://www.edew@thebaycup.org">http://www.edew@thebaycup.org</a>
December 6-7	Portland	NorthWest Fencing Center	<a href="http://www.nwfencing.org/">http://www.nwfencing.org/</a>
December 13-14, 2003	Grapevine Middle School	Attila Kocsardy and Valorie Pope	<a href="mailto:info@grapevinefencingcenter.com">info@grapevinefencingcenter.com</a>
December 14-15?	Louisville	Patrick Kelley	<a href="http://louisvillefencing.org">louisvillefencing.org</a>
January ?, 2004	Central Florida	?	?
<b>January 2-3, 2004 Super RYC #1</b>	Houston, TX	Mauro Hamza	
January 24-25, 2004	Sacramento	Eric Dew	<a href="mailto:edew@thebaycup.org">edew@thebaycup.org</a>
February 7-8, 2004	Saratoga Sprs, NY	Mitch Berliner	<a href="http://sabreoutreachnetwork.com">sabreoutreachnetwork.com</a>
March 12-13, 2003	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
March 20-21, 2004	Houston, TX	Mauro Hamza	<a href="http://sallemauro.com">sallemauro.com</a>
March ?	St Paul, MN	Kate Hanna	<a href="http://www.visi.com/~hue/fencing/index.html">http://www.visi.com/~hue/fencing/index.html</a>
March?	Louisville?	Patrick Kelley	<a href="http://louisvillefencing.org">louisvillefencing.org</a>
<b>March 27-28, 2004 Super RYC #2</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>	<b>Eric Dew and Greg Massialas</b>	<a href="http://fencingusa.com">fencingusa.com</a>
<b>March 27-28, 2004 Super RYC #3</b>	<b>NCAAs at Brandeis U.</b>	<a href="#">Linda Merritt</a>	<a href="mailto:merritt8@comcast.net">merritt8@comcast.net</a>
April	Portland, OR	Tentative	Tentative
May 29-30, 2004	El Paso, TX	Margaret Long	<a href="http://fencingelpasotx.org">fencingelpasotx.org</a>
May 22-23, 2004	Sacred Heart U, CT	<a href="#">Tom Ciccarone</a>	<a href="http://candlewoodfencing.com">candlewoodfencing.com</a>
May 29-30, 2004?	Los Angeles	Eric Dew	<a href="mailto:edew@thebaycup.org">edew@thebaycup.org</a>
June 5-6, 2004	Kansas City	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
June, 2004	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="http://fencingclub.org">fencingclub.org</a>

## APPENDIX A-6: DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL CALENDARS BY WEAPON

### BOLD CITY & DATES SIGNIFY DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS

#### **OG04 = World Cup points earned will be considered for the FIE standings 3/31/04 for OG Qualifying**

GP-Arb = Grand Prix, a special category for which the FIE points are 1.5 times the normal FIE points. The ENTRY FEE for a GP-Arb will be 60 euros. The FIE will appoint the referees whose expenses will be covered by the organizer of the competition. See Chapter 3 for how FIE points awarded for Satellite competitions.

TEAM – Starting this season, ENTRY FEE for World Cup Team events will be 400 Euros

*For any Louisville Junior “A” competition to be awarded USFA Group II international points the competition must include 10 of the top 32 from the FIE Junior World ranking prior to the start of the tournament with five or more countries represented including the US. If those criteria are not met, then that “A” competition will be counted as a NAC Junior competition, with points awarded accordingly and considered a competition in Group I only.*

See Chapter 3, Table 3-1 for specifics on each weapon and number of designated for team point standings.

It is recommended that persons going to international competitions verified date and place on the FIE web site as changes do occur during the season. The USFA will strive to keep everyone notified but as an added precaution it is wise to check – [www.fie.ch](http://www.fie.ch).

### SATELLITE COMPETITIONS: 2003-2004

Weapon	Sex	City	Country	Start Date	End Date
EPEE	FEM	Arhus	DEN	13 September 2003	14 September 2003
EPEE	FEM	Turku	FIN	11 October 2003	12 October 2003
EPEE	FEM	Copenhagen	DEN	25 October 2003	26 October 2003
EPEE	FEM	Oslo	NOR	13 December 2003	14 December 2003
EPEE	FEM	Stockholm	SWE	14 February 2004	15 February 2004
EPEE	FEM	Edinburgh	GBR	13 March 2004	14 March 2004
EPEE	MEN	Arhus	DEN	13 September 2003	14 September 2003
EPEE	MEN	Turku	FIN	11 October 2003	12 October 2003
EPEE	MEN	Copenhagen	DEN	25 October 2003	26 October 2003
EPEE	MEN	Oslo	NOR	13 December 2003	14 December 2003
EPEE	MEN	Stockholm	SWE	14 February 2004	15 February 2004
EPEE	MEN	Edinburgh	GBR	13 March 2004	14 March 2004
SABRE	MEN	Gand	BEL	25 October 2003	26 October 2003
SABRE	MEN	Amsterdam	NED	15 November 2003	16 November 2003
SABRE	MEN	Copenhagen	DEN	22 November 2003	23 November 2003
SABRE	MEN	Orebro	SWE	14 February 2004	15 February 2004
SABRE	MEN	Edinburgh	GBR	13 March 2004	14 March 2004
SABRE	MEN	Mannheim	GER	27 March 2004	28 March 2004
SABRE	MEN	Helsinki	FIN	29 May 2004	30 May 2004
SABRE	MEN	Reykjavik	ISL	14 June 2004	15 June 2004
SABRE	MEN	Newcastle	GBR	21 June 2004	22 June 2004
FOIL	MEN	London	GBR	26 October 2003	26 October 2003
FOIL	MEN	Amsterdam	NED	15 November 2003	16 November 2003
FOIL	MEN	Copenhagen	DEN	20 March 2004	21 March 2004
FOIL	FEM	Copenhagen	DEN	20 March 2004	21 March 2004



# MEN'S EPEE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2003-2004

QUOTA: 9 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 8 FOR SENIOR "A"

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	OG QU	COMPETITION		Entry
					Start Date	End Date	Deadline
<b>MEN'S EPEE</b>							
NAC	Div II, Cadet, Y14	Overland Park, KS	USA		10/10/03	10/13/03	09/10/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>		<b>10/19/03</b>	<b>10/19/03</b>	<b>09/18/03</b>
JUNIOR		Ponte de Sôr	POR		10/26/03	10/26/03	09/18/03
JUNIOR		Helsinki	FIN		11/01/03	11/01/03	09/25/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>USA</b>		<b>11/07/03</b>	<b>11/07/03</b>	<b>10/17/03</b>
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bonn</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>11/15/03</b>	<b>11/16/03</b>	<b>10/15/03</b>
JUNIOR		Luxembourg	LUX		11/16/03	11/16/03	10/09/03
JUNIOR		Laupheim	GER		11/23/03	11/23/03	10/16/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Catania</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>11/30/03</b>	<b>11/30/03</b>	<b>10/23/03</b>
SENIOR	<i>GROUP I??</i>	Kuwait City	KUW	OG 04	12/05/03	12/06/03	10/23/03
JUNIOR		Tourcoing	FRA		12/07/03	12/07/03	10/30/03
NAC	Div 1, Vet, WCH	Palm Springs, CA	USA		12/12/03	12/14/03	11/12/03
<del>JUNIOR</del>	Cancelled	<del>Havana</del>	<del>CUB</del>		<del>12/13/03</del>	<del>12/13/03</del>	<del>10/30/03</del>
<del>SENIOR</del>	Cancelled	<del>Baghdad</del>	<del>IRQ</del>	<del>OG 04</del>	<del>12/13/03</del>	<del>12/14/03</del>	<del>10/30/03</del>
NACME	Div 1, Junior	San Jose, CA	USA		01/10/04	01/12/04	12/10/03
SENIOR		Doha	QAT	OG 04	01/10/04	01/11/04	11/12/03
JUNIOR		Budapest	HUN		01/11/04	01/11/04	12/04/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Tauberbishofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	01/17/04	01/17/04	12/09/03
JUNIOR		Nîmes	FRA		01/18/04	01/18/04	12/09/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Tallin</b>	<b>EST</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/24/04</b>	<b>01/25/04</b>	<b>12/18/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES CADET</b>	<b>Montreal</b>	<b>CAN</b>		<b>01/25/04</b>	<b>01/25/04</b>	<b>12/18/03</b>
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Lisbon	POR	OG 04	01/31/04	02/01/04	12/22/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Tauberbishofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>02/01/04</b>	<b>02/01/04</b>	<b>12/22/03</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	02/06/04		
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Barcelona	ESP	OG 04	02/07/04	02/08/04	12/29/03
JUNIOR		Bâle	SUI		02/14/04	02/14/04	01/06/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/14/04</b>	<b>02/15/04</b>	<b>01/06/04</b>
JO CHAMPIONSHIPS		Cleveland, OH	USA		02/13/04	02/16/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/21/04</b>	<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>01/14/04</b>
JUNIOR		Cairo	EGY		02/22/04	02/22/04	01/06/04
JUNIOR		Yazd	IRI		02/26/04	02/26/04	01/14/04
JUNIOR		Burgos	ESP		02/28/04	02/28/04	01/22/04
SENIOR		London	GBR	OG 04	02/28/04	02/29/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Berne</b>	<b>SUI</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/06/04</b>	<b>03/07/04</b>	<b>01/29/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Poitiers</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	03/12/04		
SENIOR	<i>DOES NOT CT FOR GRP I or II</i>	Paris	FRA	OG 04	03/13/04	03/14/04	02/05/04
JUNIOR		Ashkelon	ISR		03/13/04	03/13/04	01/29/04
NAC	Div II, III, Vets	Arlington, TX	USA		03/19/04	03/22/04	02/19/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Montreal</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/20/04</b>	<b>03/21/04</b>	<b>02/10/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Montreal</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	03/22/04		
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Bogota	COL	OG 04	03/27/04	03/28/04	02/19/04

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# MEN'S EPEE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2003-2004

QUOTA: 9 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 8 FOR SENIOR "A"

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY		COMPETITION		Entry
MEN'S EPEE					Start Date	End Date	Deadline
WORLD JR CDT CHAMPS		Plovdiv	BUL		04/01/04	04/08/04	
NAC YTH	Div I Champs	Atlanta, GA	USA		04/23/04	04/26/04	03/23/04
SENIOR		Heidenehim	GER		04/30/04	05/01/04	03/25/04
SENIOR		Legnano	ITA		05/08/04	05/09/04	04/01/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Vercilli	ITA		05/10/04		
SENIOR		Innsbruck	AUT		05/15/04	05/16/04	04/08/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Stockholm	SWE		05/29/04	05/30/04	04/20/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Tunis	TUN		06/04/04	06/05/04	04/29/04
SENIOR		Havana	CUB		06/21/04	06/22/04	05/13/04
SENIOR		Carolina	PUR		06/26/04	06/27/04	05/20/04
SUMMER NATIONALS		Charlotte, NC	USA		07/03/04	07/11/04	05/27/04
SENIOR		Buenos Aires	ARG		07/04/04	07/05/04	05/27/04
SENIOR		Sydney	AUS		07/09/04	07/10/04	06/03/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Sydney	AUS		07/11/04		
SENIOR		Téhéran	IRI		07/17/04	07/18/04	06/03/04
OLYMPIC GAMES		Athens	GRE		08/14/04	08/22/04	

# MEN'S FOIL NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2003-2004

QUOTA: 11 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 9 FOR SENIOR "A"

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CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	OG QUA	COMPETITION DATES	ENTRY DEADLINE
NAC	Div II, Cdt, Y14	Overland Park, KS	USA		10/10/03 10/13/03	09/10/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>		<b>10/18/03 10/18/03</b>	<b>09/18/03</b>
JUNIOR		London	GBR		10/25/03 10/25/03	09/18/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>USA</b>		<b>11/08/03 11/08/03</b>	<b>10/17/03</b>
JUNIOR		Luxembourg	LUX		11/15/03 11/15/03	10/09/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Madrid-Camp after</b>	<b>ESP</b>		<b>11/22/03 11/22/03</b>	<b>10/16/03</b>
SENIOR		Copenhagen	DEN	OG 04	11/22/03 11/23/03	10/16/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Aix-en-Provence</b>	<b>FRA</b>		<b>11/30/03 11/30/03</b>	<b>10/23/03</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Vienna</b>	<b>AUT</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>12/06/03 12/07/03</b>	<b>10/30/03</b>
JUNIOR		Leszno	POL		12/07/03 12/07/03	10/30/03
NAC	Div 1, Vet, WCH	Palm Springs, CA	USA		12/12/03 12/14/03	11/12/03
JUNIOR		Havana	CUB		12/13/03 12/13/03	10/30/03
JUNIOR		Burgsteinfurt	GER		12/21/03 12/21/03	11/13/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>01/12/04 01/12/04</b>	<b>12/04/03</b>
SENIOR		Auaba	JOR	OG 04	01/15/04 01/16/04	12/04/03
NACMF	Div 1, Junior	San Jose, CA	USA		01/16/04 01/18/04	12/16/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/24/04 01/25/04</b>	<b>12/18/03</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/26/04</b>	
JUNIOR		Montreal	CAN		01/26/04 01/26/04	12/18/03
SENIOR	DES	Venice	ITA	OG 04	01/31/04 02/01/04	12/22/03
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>St. Petersburg followed by 1 wk cmp</b>	<b>RUS</b>		<b>02/01/04</b>	<b>12/22/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Cômo</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>02/08/04 02/08/04</b>	<b>12/22/03</b>
SENIOR		Zalaegerszeg	HUN	OG 04	02/07/04 02/08/04	12/29/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>La Coruña</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/13/04 02/14/04</b>	<b>01/06/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>La Coruña</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/15/04</b>	
JO CHAMPIONSHIPS		Cleveland, OH	USA		02/13/04 02/16/04	01/22/04
JUNIOR		Mödling	AUT		02/14/04 02/14/04	01/06/04
JUNIOR		Cairo	EGY		02/21/04 02/21/04	01/06/04
SENIOR		Inchon	KOR	OG 04	02/28/04 02/29/04	01/22/04
JUNIOR		Giengen	GER		02/29/04 02/29/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/06/04 03/07/04</b>	<b>01/29/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/08/04</b>	
JUNIOR		Cfar Saba	ISR		03/07/04 03/07/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Cairo</b>	<b>EGY</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/13/04 03/14/04</b>	<b>01/29/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Cairo</b>	<b>EGY</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/15/04</b>	
NAC	Div II, III, Vets	Arlington, TX	USA		03/19/04 03/22/04	02/19/04
SENIOR		Fukui	JPN	OG 04	03/20/04 03/21/04	02/10/04
JUNIOR		Viana Do Castelo	POR		03/20/04 03/20/04	02/10/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>St. Petersburg</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/27/04 03/28/04</b>	<b>02/10/04</b>
WORLD JR CDT CHAMPS		Plovdiv	BUL		04/01/04 04/08/04	
NAC YTH	Div I Champs	Atlanta, GA	USA		04/23/04 04/26/04	03/23/04
SENIOR		Bonn	GER		05/08/04 05/09/04	04/01/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Espinho	POR		05/14/04 05/15/04	04/08/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Espinho	POR		05/16/04	
SENIOR		Casablanca	MAR		05/22/04 05/23/04	04/08/04
SENIOR		Havana	CUB		06/19/04 06/20/04	05/13/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Havana	CUB		06/21/04	
SENIOR		Caracas	VEN		07/03/04 07/04/04	05/27/04
SENIOR		Téhéran	IRI		07/17/04 07/18/04	06/03/04

# MEN'S SABRE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2003-2004

**QUOTA: 16 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 10 FOR SENIOR "A"**

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	OG QUA	COMPETITION		ENTRY
MEN'S SABRE					Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Konin</b>	<b>POL</b>		<b>09/20/03</b>	<b>09/21/03</b>	<b>08/21/03</b>
2003 Senior Worlds		Havana	CUB	OG 04	10/05/03	10/11/03	
NAC	Div II, Cadet, Y14	Overland Park, KS	USA		10/10/03	10/13/03	09/10/03
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Gödöllő</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>10/18/03</b>	<b>10/19/03</b>	<b>09/11/03</b>
JR CDT PAN AM CHAMPS		Petit-bourg	GUA		10/24/03	10/31/03	
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>USA</b>		<b>11/09/03</b>	<b>11/09/03</b>	<b>10/17/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Frascati</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>11/23/03</b>	<b>11/23/03</b>	<b>10/16/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Dormagen</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>11/30/03</b>	<b>11/30/03</b>	<b>10/23/03</b>
JUNIOR		Caracas	VEN		12/07/03	12/07/03	10/30/03
NAC	Div 1, Vet. WCH	Palm Springs, CA	USA		12/12/03	12/14/03	11/12/03
JUNIOR		Havana	CUB		12/12/03	12/12/03	10/30/03
NACMS	Div 1, Junior	San Jose, CA	USA		01/10/04	01/12/04	12/10/03
JUNIOR		Budapest	HUN		01/11/04	01/11/04	12/04/03
JUNIOR		Göppingen	GER		01/17/04	01/17/04	12/09/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/17/04</b>	<b>01/17/04</b>	<b>12/09/03</b>
JUNIOR		Montreal	CAN		01/24/04	01/24/01	12/18/03
SENIOR	DES	London	GBR	OG 04	01/24/04	01/25/04	12/18/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Gödöllő</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/30/04</b>		
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/31/04</b>	<b>02/01/04</b>	<b>12/22/03</b>
JUNIOR		Logrono	ESP		01/31/04	01/31/04	12/22/03
JO CHAMPIONSHIPS		Cleveland, OH	USA		02/13/04	02/16/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bonn</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/14/04</b>	<b>02/15/04</b>	<b>01/06/04</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Dourdan</b>	<b>FRA</b>		<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>01/14/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Eislingen</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>01/14/04</b>
JUNIOR		Yazd	IRI		02/27/04	02/27/04	01/14/04
SENIOR		Bangkok	THA	OG 04	03/06/04	03/07/04	01/29/04
JUNIOR		Minski	BLR		03/07/04	03/07/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>GRE</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/12/04</b>	<b>03/13/04</b>	<b>02/05/04</b>
NAC	Div II, III, Vet	Arlington, TX	USA		03/19/04	03/22/04	02/19/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Moscow</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/20/04</b>	<b>03/21/04</b>	<b>02/05/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Plovdiv</b>	<b>BUL</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/27/04</b>	<b>03/28/04</b>	<b>02/19/04</b>
WORLD JR CDT CHAMPS		Plovdiv	BUL		04/01/04	04/08/04	
NAC YTH	Div I Champs	Atlanta, GA	USA		04/23/04	04/26/04	03/23/04
SENIOR		Madrid	ESP		05/07/04	05/08/04	04/01/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Madrid	ESP		05/09/04		
SENIOR		Warsaw	POL		05/15/04	05/16/04	04/08/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Padua	ITA		05/21/04	05/22/04	04/15/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Conegliano	ITA		05/23/04		
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Nancy	FRA		05/29/04	05/30/04	04/20/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	New York	USA		06/12/04	06/13/04	05/13/04
SENIOR	TEAM	New York	USA		06/14/04		
SENIOR		Havana	CUB		06/22/04	06/23/04	05/13/04
SUMMER NATIONALS		Charlotte, NC	USA		07/03/04	07/11/04	05/27/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Téhéran	IRI		07/17/04	07/18/04	06/03/04
OLYMPIC GAMES		Athens	GRE		08/14/04	08/22/04	

# WOMEN'S EPEE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2003-2004

QUOTA: 10 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 8 FOR SENIOR "A"

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	OG QU	COMPETITION DATES		ENTRY DEADLINE
NAC	Div II, Cadet, Y14	Overland Park, KS	USA		10/10/03	10/13/03	09/10/03
JUNIOR		Warsaw	POL		10/11/03	10/11/03	09/11/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>		<b>10/19/03</b>	<b>10/19/03</b>	<b>09/18/03</b>
JUNIOR		Ponte de Sôr	POR		10/25/03	10/25/03	09/18/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>USA</b>		<b>11/08/03</b>	<b>11/08/03</b>	<b>10/17/03</b>
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Heidenheim</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>11/15/03</b>		<b>10/15/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Palermo</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>11/23/03</b>	<b>11/23/03</b>	<b>10/16/03</b>
JUNIOR		Osnabrück	GER		12/07/03	12/07/03	10/30/03
NAC	Div 1, Vet, WCH	Palm Springs, CA	USA		12/12/03	12/14/03	11/12/03
JUNIOR		Havana	CUB		12/12/03	12/12/03	10/30/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>01/10/04</b>	<b>01/10/04</b>	<b>12/04/03</b>
NAC	Div 1, JWE	San Jose, CA	USA		01/16/04	01/18/04	12/16/03
SENIOR		Göteborg	GER	OG 04	01/17/04	01/18/04	12/09/03
JUNIOR		Dijon	FRA		01/18/04	01/18/04	12/09/03
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/23/04</b>	<b>CHANGED 9/9/03</b>	
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>01/24/04</b>	<b>01/25/04</b>	<b>12/18/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Montreal</b>	<b>CAN</b>		<b>01/24/04</b>	<b>01/24/04</b>	<b>12/18/03</b>
SENIOR		Prague	CZE	OG 04	01/31/04	02/01/04	12/22/03
<b>CADET</b>		<b>Neuheim</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>02/02/04</b>		<b>12/18/03</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Saint Maur</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/06/04</b>		
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Saint Maur</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/07/04</b>	<b>02/08/04</b>	<b>12/29/03</b>
JO CHAMPIONSHIPS		Cleveland, OH	USA		02/13/04	02/16/04	01/22/04
SENIOR		Ipswich	GBR	OG 04	02/14/04	02/15/04	01/06/04
JUNIOR		Mödling	AUT		02/15/04	02/15/04	01/06/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Tauber.</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/20/04</b>		
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Tauber.</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/21/04</b>	<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>01/14/04</b>
SENIOR		Katowice	POL	OG 04	02/28/04	02/29/04	01/22/04
JUNIOR		Burgos	ESP		02/29/04	02/29/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>LUX</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/06/04</b>	<b>03/07/04</b>	<b>01/29/04</b>
JUNIOR		Tauberbishofsheim	GER		03/07/04	03/07/04	01/29/04
JUNIOR		Ashkelon	ISR		03/14/04	03/14/04	01/29/04
NAC	Div II, III, Vet	Arlington, TX	USA		03/19/04	03/22/04	02/19/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Estoril</b>	<b>POR</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/27/04</b>	<b>03/28/04</b>	<b>02/19/04</b>
WORLD JR CDT CHAMPS		Plovdiv	BUL		04/01/04	04/08/04	
NAC YTH	Div I Champs	Atlanta, GA	USA		04/23/04	04/26/04	03/23/04
SENIOR		Mödling	AUT		05/01/04	05/02/04	03/25/04
SENIOR		Zürich	SUI		05/07/04	05/08/04	04/01/04
SENIOR		Legnano	ITA		05/14/04	05/15/04	04/08/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Malaga	ESP		05/21/04	05/22/04	04/15/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Malaga	ESP		05/23/04		
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Tunis	TUN		06/04/04	06/05/04	04/29/04
SENIOR		Welkenraedt	BEL		06/12/04	06/13/04	05/06/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Havana	CUB		06/18/04	06/19/04	05/13/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Havana	CUB		06/20/04		
SENIOR		Carolina	PUR		06/26/04	06/27/04	05/20/04
SUMMER NATIONALS		Charlotte, NC	USA		07/03/04	07/11/04	05/27/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Sydney	AUS		07/09/04	07/10/04	06/03/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Sydney	AUS		07/11/04		

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**QUOTA: 11 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 8 FOR SENIOR "A"**

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	OG QUA	COMPETITION		ENTRY
WOMEN'S FOIL					Start Date	End Date	Deadline
NAC	Div II, Cadet, Y14	Overland Park, KS	USA		10/10/03	10/13/03	09/10/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>		<b>10/18/03</b>	<b>10/18/03</b>	<b>09/18/03</b>
JR CDT PAN AM CHAMPS		Petit-bourg	GUA		10/24/03	10/31/03	
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Somorin</b>	<b>SVQ</b>		<b>11/01/03</b>	<b>11/02/03</b>	<b>09/25/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>USA</b>		<b>11/09/03</b>	<b>11/09/03</b>	<b>10/17/03</b>
JUNIOR		Bochum	GER		11/16/03	11/16/03	10/09/03
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Tauber.</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>11/22/03</b>	<b>11/23/03</b>	<b>10/16/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Jesi</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>11/29/03</b>	<b>11/29/03</b>	<b>10/23/03</b>
JUNIOR		Leszno	POL		12/06/03	12/06/03	10/30/03
NAC	Div 1, Vet, WCH	Palm Springs, CA	USA		12/12/03	12/14/03	11/12/03
JUNIOR		Havana	CUB		12/13/03	12/13/03	10/30/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Lucca</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>12/20/03</b>	<b>12/20/03</b>	<b>11/13/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>01/12/04</b>	<b>01/12/04</b>	<b>12/04/03</b>
NACWF	Div 1, Junior	San Jose, CA	USA		01/16/04	01/18/04	12/16/03
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Aqaba	JOR	OG 04	01/17/04	01/18/04	12/04/03
SENIOR	TEAM	Aqaba	JOR		01/19/04		
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Jena</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>01/24/04</b>	<b>01/25/04</b>	<b>12/17/03</b>
JUNIOR		Montreal	CAN		01/25/04	01/25/04	12/18/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Waldkirch</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>02/01/04</b>	<b>02/01/04</b>	<b>12/22/03</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Turin</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/06/04</b>	<b>02/07/04</b>	<b>12/29/03</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Turin</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>02/08/04</b>		
JO CHAMPIONSHIPS		Cleveland, OH	USA		02/13/04	02/16/04	01/22/04
JUNIOR		Lyon	FRA		02/15/04	02/15/04	01/06/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Salzburg</b>	<b>AUT</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/21/04</b>	<b>02/22/04</b>	<b>01/14/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Incheon</b>	<b>KOR</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/28/04</b>	<b>02/29/04</b>	<b>01/22/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Incheon</b>	<b>KOR</b>		<b>03/01/04</b>		
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>GP-Arb</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/06/04</b>	<b>03/07/04</b>	<b>01/29/04</b>
JUNIOR		Cfar Saba	ISR		03/07/04	03/07/04	01/22/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>GRE</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/13/04</b>	<b>03/14/04</b>	<b>02/05/04</b>
NAC	Div II, III, Vet	Arlintgon, TX	USA		03/19/04	03/22/04	02/19/04
SENIOR		Fukui	JPN	OG 04	03/20/04	03/21/04	02/10/04
SENIOR		St. Petersburg	RUS	OG 04	03/27/04	03/28/04	02/10/04
WORLD JR CDT CHAMPS		Plovdiv	BUL		04/01/04	04/08/04	
NAC YTH	Div I Champs	Atlanta, GA	USA		04/23/04	04/26/04	03/23/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Paris Marseilles	FRA		04/30/04	05/01/04	03/25/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Paris Marseilles	FRA		05/02/04	City Chgd 9/9/03	
SENIOR	TEAM	Leipzig	GER		05/14/04		
SENIOR		Leipzig	GER		05/15/04	05/16/04	04/08/04
SENIOR		Budapest	HUN		05/29/04	05/30/04	04/20/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	New York	USA		06/11/04	06/12/04	05/13/04
SENIOR	TEAM	New York	USA		06/13/04		
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Havana	CUB		06/22/04	06/23/04	05/13/04
SUMMER NATIONALS		Charlotte, NC	USA		07/03/04	07/11/04	05/27/04
SENIOR		Buenos Aires	ARG		07/04/04	07/05/04	05/27/04
OLYMPIC GAMES		Athens	GRE		08/14/04	08/22/04	

**WOMEN'S SABRE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2003-2004**  
**QUOTA: 18 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 12 FOR SENIOR "A"**

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	OG QU	COMPETITION		ENTRY
WOMEN'S SABRE					Start Date	End Date	Deadline
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Konin</b>	<b>POL</b>		<b>09/20/03</b>	<b>09/21/03</b>	<b>08/21/03</b>
2003 Senior Worlds		Havana	CUB	OG 04	10/05/03	10/11/03	
NAC	Div II, Cadet, Y14	Overland Park, KS	USA		10/10/03	10/13/03	09/10/03
<b>CADET</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Gödöllő</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>10/18/03</b>	<b>10/19/03</b>	<b>09/11/03</b>
JR CDT PAN AM CHAMPS		Petit-bourg	GUA		10/24/03	10/31/03	
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>USA</b>		<b>11/07/03</b>	<b>11/07/03</b>	<b>10/17/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Ariccia</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>11/22/03</b>	<b>11/22/03</b>	<b>10/16/03</b>
JUNIOR		Caracas	VEN		12/06/03	12/06/03	10/30/03
NAC	Div 1, Vet, WCH	Palm Springs, CA	USA		12/12/03	12/14/03	11/12/03
JUNIOR		Havana	CUB		12/14/03	12/14/03	10/30/03
NACWS	Div 1, Junior	San Jose, CA	USA		01/10/04	01/12/04	12/10/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>01/10/04</b>	<b>01/10/04</b>	<b>12/04/03</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Göppingen</b>	<b>GER</b>		<b>01/18/04</b>	<b>01/18/04</b>	<b>12/09/03</b>
JUNIOR		Montreal	CAN		01/26/04	01/26/04	12/18/03
<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Logrono</b>	<b>ESP</b>		<b>01/31/04</b>	<b>01/31/04</b>	<b>12/22/03</b>
JO CHAMPIONSHIPS		Cleveland, OH	USA		02/13/04	02/16/04	01/22/04
JUNIOR		Dourdan	FRA		02/22/04	02/22/04	01/14/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Nagykanizsa</b>	<b>HUN</b>		<b>02/27/04</b>		
<b>SENIOR</b>		<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>02/26/04</b>	<b>02/29/04</b>	<b>01/22/04</b>
NAC	Div II, III, Vet	Arlington, TX	USA		03/19/04	03/22/04	02/19/04
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>GP-Arb</b>	<b>Moscow</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/20/04</b>	<b>03/21/04</b>	<b>02/05/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Moscow</b>	<b>RUS</b>		<b>03/22/04</b>		
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>GP-Arb</b>	<b>Lamezia Terme</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>03/26/04</b>	<b>03/27/04</b>	<b>02/19/04</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Lamezia Terme</b>	<b>ITA</b>		<b>03/28/04</b>		
WORLD JR CDT CHAMPS		Plovdiv	BUL		04/01/04	04/08/04	
NAC YTH	Div I Champs	Atlanta, GA	USA		04/23/04	04/26/04	03/23/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Koblenz	GER		05/16/04	05/16/04	04/08/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	Orléans	FRA		05/21/04	05/22/04	04/15/04
SENIOR	TEAM	Orléans	FRA		05/23/04		
SENIOR		Tauberbishopsheim	GER		06/05/04	06/06/04	04/29/04
SENIOR	GP-Arb	New York	USA		06/12/04	06/13/04	05/13/04
SENIOR	TEAM	New York	USA		06/14/04		
SENIOR		Havana	CUB		06/19/04	06/20/04	05/13/04
SUMMER NATIONALS		Charlotte, NC	USA		07/03/04	07/11/04	05/27/04
OLYMPIC GAMES		Athens	GRE		08/14/04	08/22/04	

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DOMESTIC POINT TABLES FOR 2003-2004										
P L A C E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	P L A C E	
	<b>CATEGORY OF COMPETITION</b>									
	DOMESTIC	DOMESTIC	CADET	CADET D.E.	JUNIOR	JUNIOR D.E.	DIVISION I	DIVISION I		
	YTH 12/10	YOUTH14	D.E. WITH	WITHOUT	DIRECT W/	WITHOUT	WITHOUT	WITH		
	Used for Super Regionals		REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE		
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	530	533	10	
11	52.5	105	212	210	319	315	525	531	11	
12	52	104	211	208	318	312	520	529	12	
13	51.5	103	203	206	303	309	515	506	13	
14	51	102	202	204	302	306	510	504	14	
15	50.5	101	201	202	301	303	505	502	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	345	348	18	
19	34	68	138	136	208	204	340	346	19	
20	33.5	67	137	134	207	201	335	344	20	
21	33	66	136	132	206	198	330	342	21	
22	32.5	65	135	130	205	195	325	340	22	
23	32	64	134	128	204	192	320	338	23	
24	31.5	63	133	126	203	189	315	336	24	
25	31	62	117	124	172	186	310	289	25	
26	30.5	61	116	122	171	183	305	287	26	
27	30	60	115	120	170	180	300	285	27	
28	29.5	59	114	118	169	177	295	283	28	
29	29	58	113	116	168	174	290	281	29	
30	28.5	57	112	114	167	171	285	279	30	
31	28	56	111	112	166	168	280	277	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 = 165; on the cadet point standings = 110.

## APPENDIX B-2: VETERANS POINT TABLES

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
<b>WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BONUS PTS</b>							
<b>FOR ROLLING STANDINGS ONLY</b>							
1	1000						
2	920						
3	850						
3	850						
5	700						
6	695						
7	690						
8	685						

## APPENDIX B-3

### INTERNATIONAL POINT TABLES FOR CADET, JUNIOR & SENIOR

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.			ENTRY GE 82	
			JR SF = 1.0	SR SF = 1.0	SR SF = 2.0			
1	700	800	600	1200	2400	33	200	
2	644	736	552	1104	2208	34	200	
3	595	680	510	1020	2040	35	200	
3	595	680	510	1020	2040	36	200	
5	490	560	420	840	1680	37	200	
6	487	556	417	834	1668	38	200	
7	483	552	414	828	1656	39	200	
8	480	548	411	822	1644	40	200	
9	375	428	321	642	1284	41	200	
10	371	424	318	636	1272	42	200	
11	368	420	315	630	1260	43	200	
12	364	416	312	624	1248	44	200	
13	361	412	309	618	1236	45	200	
14	357	408	306	612	1224	46	200	
15	354	404	303	606	1212	47	200	
16	350	400	300	600	1200	48	200	
17	245	280	210	420	840	49	200	
18	242	276	207	414	828	50	200	
19	238	272	204	408	816	51	200	
20	235	268	201	402	804	52	200	
21	231	264	198	396	792	53	200	
22	228	260	195	390	780	54	200	
23	224	256	192	384	768	55	200	
24	221	252	189	378	756	56	200	
25	217	248	186	350	700	57	200	
26	214	244	183	346	692	58	200	
27	210	240	180	342	684	59	200	
28	207	236	177	338	676	60	200	
29	203	232	174	334	668	61	200	
30	200	228	171	330	660	62	200	
31	196	224	168	326	652	63	200	
32	193	220	165	322	644	64	200	

## APPENDIX B-4: INTERNATIONAL POINT DETERMINATION

1. Maximum place to which points will be awarded at international events is 32nd place OR 40% of the field, whichever is the smallest numbered place. However points will be awarded for all places in the quadrant where 40% falls, if it is 32nd place or higher.
2. Total points for each fencer will be rounded to nearest whole integer.
3. Points for senior international results will be determined using the calculated Strength Factor to multiply value for placement in Column M. The maximum value for 1st place for a SF of 2.0 is 2,400.
4. If a Junior is on both the Junior and Senior FIE ranking list, the better of the two values is used in the Calculation of the Junior or Senior Strength Factor.

### SENIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (SSF): maximum of 2.0

$$SSF = [N/10 + (7(Sr8) + 6(Sr16) + 5(Sr32) + 4(Sr64) + 3(Jr16) + 2(Sr100))]/100$$

Strength Factor, SF, equals the number of fencers in the competition divided by ten plus sum of multipliers of number of fencers who are 1-8, 9-16, 17-32, 33-64, 65-100 in FIE Senior standings, and number of fencers who are 1-16 in FIE Junior standings.

For European "B" competitions, Column M is always used in calculating points to be awarded.

#### Example:

There are 95 fencers in a Senior "A" competition with 2 in the top 8, 5 in the top 16, 8 in the top 32, 4 in the top 64, 6 in the top 100, plus 4 athletes in the top 16 in Junior standings

$$SF = [95/10 + 7(2) + 6(5) + 5(8) + 4(4) + 3(6) + 2(4)]/100$$

$$SF = [9.5 + 14 + 30 + 40 + 18 + 8]/100$$

$$SF = [119.5]/100 = \underline{1.195}$$

A fencer places 16th in this "A" competition and thus earns 600 pts. x 1.195 = 717 pts.

### JUNIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (JSF): maximum of 2.0

$$JSF = [N/3 + (10(Jr8) + 8(Jr16) + 6(Jr32) + 12(Sr16) ) ]/100$$

Strength Factor, SF, equals the number of fencers in the competition divided by three plus sum of multipliers of number of fencers who are 1-8, 9-16, 17-32 in FIE Junior standings and number of fencers who are 1-16 in FIE Senior standings.

For European Designated Cadet "B" Column I is used for determination of points.

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## SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE USFA

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, Philadelphia [PA], South Jersey, Western Pennsylvania

### **Midwest Section**

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, St. Louis [MO], Wisconsin

### **North Atlantic Section**

Connecticut, Hudson [NY]-Berkshire [MA], 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, Border Texas, 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], 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 C-2: USFA COMMITTEES, 2003-2004**

### Executive Committee

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Sport Science, Safety & Technology Committee: John Heil – Chair

Youth Development Committee: Wendell Kubik – Chair

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Wheelchair Committee: Mrs. Vicki Bullard – Chair

Parents Committee: Linda Merritt & Catherine Marchand – Co-Chairs

## APPENDIX C-3: CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	<b>6</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1	<b>15</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>15</b>	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 5-6 → C 7-8 → D
GROUP A2	<b>25</b>	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
GROUP A3	<b>64</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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 competition restricted to Veterans and to Junior fencers: Division, Section and Regional Youth and Cadet competitions must meet criteria for C1 or better to award changes in classification. (BOD, July '02, July 03).

# APPENDIX C-4

## TECHNICAL UPDATES FOR USFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

### REMINDER OF PRIOR MODIFICATIONS OF THE RULES

**\*Coin flip** to determine priority is used if the score is tied at the end of regulation time. If the score is tied at the end of regulation time (three minutes for 5-touch bouts, nine minutes for 15-touch bouts, there is a coin flip to assign priority to one of the fencers. One additional minute of fencing time is added, and the fencers are replaced on guard at the “on guard” lines, as this is a new time. Double touches are ignored during this additional minute, and the fencers remain at the same position on the strip. The bout ends when a decisive (i.e. single) touch is scored, or when the additional minute is expired.

**\*No “one minute warning”** is given to indicate the start of the final minute of fencing time, whether or not there is a visible clock. At any interruption in the bout, the fencers may ask the Referee how much time remains. However, fencers may not interrupt the bout to determine the time remaining.

**\*10-minute rest between direct elimination bouts**

### USFA RULES CHANGES – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2002

1. The regulation time for each bout in both pools and team matches is three minutes.
2. An immediate warning (1<sup>st</sup> group) will be given against the competitor whose blade is bent more than the rules allow (1 cm for épée, 2 cm for foil, 4 cm for sabre) at the moment the fencer indicates that she or he is ready to fence.
3. Falling is no longer an offense and is consequently no longer penalized. (It is understood that an offensive action that is launched in such a way that the fencer is not in control and, thereby, falls is disorderly fencing and does require a warning and the annulling of any touch scored.) The penalty for “Falling While Scoring A Touch” in Rule T.87, the touch is annulled and the fencer subject to appropriate penalty as defined in Article T.120 (The Penalty Chart) effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.
4. In pools and during the first and second periods of a direct elimination bout, if the fencers show themselves obviously unwilling to fight, the referee will call “Halt!” and warn the fencers; should they continue to be unwilling to fight, the referee will call “Halt!” In a direct elimination bout, the fencers will go straight into the next period of fencing, without the minute break and without the possibility of consulting with their coaches. Should they be unwilling to fight during the third period of fencing in a direct elimination bout or in a pool bout, the referee will call “Halt!” and the fencers will start a final minute of fencing preceded by drawing lots to decide the winner should the score be equal at the end of the minute.
5. During team events, if adequate space is available, the organizer shall reserve a zone for the team members. Only the team captain and one additional person (coach, medical, et cetera) have the right to stay with the team fencers inside this zone. The team zone must be well delimited, with a line on the floor or some other system. If possible, it should be sufficiently sized to seat six people and be located at each end of, and separate from, the strip zone. During team matches, the members of the team must remain within the zone reserved for their team.
6. During team events, no member of either team may enter inside the limits of the strip zone without the permission of the referee. Should such an offense occur, the referee will apply the penalty provided for by articles t.114, t.116, and t.120 against the team at fault. The warning will be awarded against the team, and will be valid for all the bouts of the match. Each time any fencer commits another offense of the 1<sup>st</sup> group, in the same match, the referee is to penalize the fencer at fault with a red card.
7. Direct elimination bouts are for 15 touches, or end when three periods of three minutes, with a one-minute period of rest between each period, have passed. In sabre only, the first period will end either when the three minutes have passed or when the score of one of the fencers has reached eight.

8. Crossing a lateral boundary without having passed one's opponent with one foot or both feet results in the command "Halt!" and the opponent advances one meter from where she or he was at the "Halt!"
9. A touch scored by the fencer who has crossed the lateral boundary of the strip with one foot remains valid, if the action was launched before the "Halt!"
10. If one of the fencers is off the strip with both feet, that fencer may not score. Only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the strip with at least one foot is counted, even in the case of a double touch, if the action by the fencer who is on the strip was started before the "Halt!"
11. The surface area for advertising is increased to 75 cm<sup>2</sup> per logo (four logos, in total 300 cm<sup>2</sup>); allowable area is extended to the collar of the fencing suit. A diagram will be provided showing the authorized locations and dimensions.
12. The life cycle of five years for the use of FIE blades is canceled, provided that the manufacturer has conducted periodic controls.

## General

**Salute:** Both fencers are required to salute before and at the end of each bout (a handshake will satisfy this requirement at the end of the bout.) Article t.87

**Undressing on strip:** It is prohibited for fencers to remove any article of clothing on the strip, even to change the body cord. Article t.87

**Signing the Score Sheet:** Immediately after the end of a pool or a direct elimination bout, the fencers must sign the pool or bout score sheet, under the observation of the Referee.

## Operations

If the score of a pool bout is not tied at the end of time, the score is written down on the score sheet with the actual number of touches that were scored. i.e. V3-D2

The seeding into subsequent rounds calculates the final indicator based on who scored the most touches. The three indicators, in order of importance, to seed someone into the next round are:

1. The number of victories divided by the number of bouts fenced.
2. The number of touches scored minus the number of touches received.
3. The number of touches scored.

If the score is tied when time runs out, priority is randomly assigned, and the bout continues (without any break) for an additional minute, until a single touch is scored or time runs out. If the score of the bout was 0-0 when the four minutes were over and no touch was scored after the assignment of priority, then the score is written down on the score sheet as V0-D0. If a touch was scored in the additional minute, the score would be V1-D0.

For épée, double touches still count until the score reaches 4-4. If double touches arrive when the score is 4-4, the touches are annulled, nothing is written on the score sheet, and the score remains 4-4. The fencers retain their ground (i.e. do not return to the on guard lines.)

In all cases, the final score of any given bout must be written in V-D format: V5-D3 or V1-D0, etc.

# APPENDIX C-5

## NOTES ON EQUIPMENT: DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### A. Domestic Tournaments

<i>Uniforms (jackets and pants):</i>	Standard uniforms (FIE label not required)
<i>Plastrons (underarm protectors):</i>	Standard plastron; required with any uniform, with or without official FIE label
<i>Masks:</i>	12K punch test; sewn-in bib; bib is not target in foil
<i>Names on uniforms:</i>	Required at national competitions

The fencer's last name must be legibly printed by hand or machine in dark blue capital letter between 8 cm 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. Lamé materials must be attached in such a way as not to alter the conductivity of the metallic vest or jacket. *Names printed on tape are NOT acceptable*

### International Competitions

Each fencer should have AT LEAST ONE complete FIE uniform and at least TWO gloves in GOOD CONDITION. If you perspire heavily during competition, another FIE jacket. Also, make sure your shoes are in good condition.

Don't count on being able to BUY cheap (or even affordable) equipment - BRING everything you need. That also includes any special medications, food items, or other sundries you can't live without.

At World Championships competition equipment must be submitted to weapons control at least 24 hours prior to the day when you compete in the individual event – weapons, body cords, FIE mask, lamé, and mask cords for sabre. Equipment that is submitted to weapons control is not available until the evening before competition.

Jacket and knickers will be included in the weapons inspection to ensure that fencer's name and country code are on the back of the jacket (epee) or the lamé (foil and sabre) and that the country colors are as approved for the country. For the United States the approved country colors must be on the front of the back leg and is the shooting stars pattern.

Weapons control is normally very strict at the World Championships - dimensions, flexibility, electrical resistance, etc. For example, NO DIRTY BIBS will be allowed on masks. Weapons control at World Cup competitions varies and is not as stringent as at a World Championships. Be prepared to present your mask and body cords. Sabre blades may be tested to ensure they meet latest requirements.

It is strongly advised that you bring additional spares (blades, body cords, gloves, as well as extra tips, wires, etc., especially if you have exotic equipment.) Also, bring needles, thread, and dental floss to repair clothing and masks. Don't forget tape and glue. Make sure your spare blades are cut for your handle and the threading in the tang fits the pommel of your handle. The team armorer(s) will do everything possible to make sure all of your equipment works well, will pass weapon control, and will work for you during the competition. The USFA normally includes an armorer with teams to World Championships – cadet, junior and senior. An armorer may also be included with the team to the Pan American Games, World University Games and Olympic Games depending on the amount of funding available for the team.

Your responsibilities in regards to the armorer(s) are:

Be responsive. When it is time to prepare your equipment for weapon control, give it to the armorer, and have enough practice equipment so that you can continue to train without your competition gear.

At the end of each bout, and/or before each bout, take your weapons and body cords to the armorer for testing and thus avoid equipment warnings on the strip.

When repairs are necessary, have enough backup equipment to allow you to function well, and give the armorer sufficient time to make the necessary repairs.

If, as a member of an official U.S. fencing team, you present equipment to the team armorer that must be repaired before submission to Weapons Control, you will be responsible for the cost of any replacement parts. If the armorer declares the equipment beyond repair, you will have to purchase the replacement equipment at the tournament (assuming a vendor is present) - that is why it is critical that you bring enough additional equipment.

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## ELECTION OF FENCING REPRESENTATIVE – USOC ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Not less than three months prior to the first meeting of the new AAC, the United States Fencing Association conducts the election of the representative and alternate to the USOC Athlete Advisory Council. The timing may be changed after the reorganization of the USOC is complete. These procedures follow the guidelines specified in the memo from Courtney JOHNSON, Chair AAC Election Subcommittee [August 11, 2003] and will be incorporated in the annual USFA Athlete Handbook.

The following steps are followed to ensure a fair and equitable election of these representatives.

1. A list is compiled of all the athletes who meet the ten-year rule of the USOC to determine the pool of eligible athletes for consideration.

An athlete must have represented the United States in Olympic, Pan American, or Operation Gold competition [for USFA, the Senior World Championships] within the preceding ten years as measured from the first AAC meeting of the Quadrennium. [USOC]

2. The athletes who are eligible to be elected to the AAC are sent a mailing to solicit nominations. This mailing enables the USFA to establish a list of names for the ballot of those recommended by the athletes. In this mailing to the athletes a description is given of the AAC – its purpose, its structure and the need for the sport to be represented.

An athlete may serve as the USOC AAC representative from an NGB for a maximum of two terms.

3. The athletes are given two weeks to return the ballot. At this time we are planning to do the mailing mid-June when most of the athletes will be in country for approximately one month.
4. The top 10 names are then placed on a ballot sent to each of the top 24 athletes in each weapon. The athletes are instructed that there is no distinction made by weapon and that the majority of the votes cast will elect the athlete representative. The next highest in votes of the opposite sex will be named the alternate to the AAC.
5. Not less than three months prior to the first meeting for the new AAC representatives, the ballots will be sent by e-mail and by mail with a deadline of three weeks for return of the ballot.
6. The mailing of the ballot is done in a manner which will protect the integrity of the voting method. The athletes are instructed to complete the ballot, insert the ballot in an envelope provided which is signed by the athlete and then inserted into a number 10 mailing envelope.
7. The nominee vote and the election votes are sent to the USFA office and opened by two staff members. One person checks the names off the master list according to the signature on the ballot envelope and places the envelope unopened in the ballot box. A second person then opens all the ballot envelopes and empties the contents into a box.
8. The two staff persons then tally all the ballots. If there is a tie for either the representative or the alternate, another ballot will be mailed to the same group of athletes with the names of those who are tied in votes.
9. The mailing and return of the ballot for the run off election is treated in the same fashion as 6-8.
10. Prior to the election, the USFA Athletes Advisory Group shall select an elections committee consisting of three athletes who are not candidates for the AAC. The election committee shall review the election procedures with the staff, and resolve any questions or disputes that might arise concerning the election.



# APPENDIX C-7: INTERNATIONAL FENCING CODE OF PUBLICITY

## EXCERPTS FROM THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE FIE RULES OF FENCING

### *FENCERS' PUBLICITY CODE*

#### CHAPTER I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. For all Olympic and pre-Olympic competitions, only the rules of the Olympic Charter are applicable, particularly Rules 26 and 53.
2. This present code applies, under the terms of the IOC rules, to all fencing competitions, whoever is responsible for the organising of them (FIE, national federation, region or club).
3. Advertising in the places where fencing takes place is the responsibility of the organisers. It is permitted to the extent that, in the opinion of the Directoire Technique, it does not inconvenience the fencers, the judges or the public.  
Television requirements must be respected.
4. This code has nothing to do with the naming of a tournament.
5. The IOC has reiterated that, according to the rules of the EEC, no penalties can be imposed on a fencer who refuses to take part in an advertising contract entered into by his national federation.

#### CHAPTER II. COLLECTIVE ADVERTISING CONTRACT

##### **A. The parties**

A collective advertising contract is agreed between:

1. The *sponsor*, a commercial, industrial or philanthropic concern which proposes to support, under certain conditions, a team, a group of fencers, a club, a regional organisation, a federation or the organiser of a tournament.
2. A group of *sportsmen* officially recognized according to the norms laid down by the FIE or a national federation.
  - (a) A contract for the exploitation of an image (cf. Chapter IV, section B, below) may only be entered into by the FIE, the national Olympic Committee or the national federation of the team concerned (cf. Rule 26 of the IOC).
  - (b) A contract for publicity materials to be worn (cf. Chapter IV, section C, below) may only be entered into by the FIE, the national Olympic Committee, the national federation, the regional organization or the club of the team concerned.
  - (c) An organization may only enter into a contract within its own competence.

In any case of conflict between different contracts, the order of priority is as follows: FIE, national federation, region, club, group or team. In the context of the Olympic Games and their preparation, arrangements made by a national Olympic Committee take priority over those made by a national federation, a region or a club.

3. A *fencer* may only enter into an individual advertising contract or receive payment relating to advertising if this is done with the agreement of his national federation, in accordance with the arrangements laid down in Chapter III, below.

##### **B. Procedure**

1. The contract must be drawn up in writing and signed by the parties, and accepted by the fencers concerned.
2. National federations are responsible to their national Olympic Committees and to the FIE for seeing that contracts entered into by regions and by clubs are within the Rules, and may lay down procedures for checking or approving these contracts.
3. In any case of litigation or breaking of the Rules, the FIE, or its Central Office on its behalf, may demand from the national federation, region or club all relevant details, including the contract itself with the exception of the economic and financial clauses.

##### **C. Position of the fencer**

1. No fencer may receive personally any remuneration relating to an advertising contract entered into by a group of which he is a member.
2. No fencer may be made to take part, against his will, in an advertising contract, even one in which there is an exclusivity clause.
3. No fencer may be omitted from selection or from a sporting activity solely because he does not wish to take part in any advertising activity.
4. A fencer may be refused a share in a grant (for travel, maintenance, equipment, etc.) which is financed by an advertising contract to which he does not wish to be party.
  4. A fencer who has been selected may not refuse to wear and use uniform or equipment as laid down by his national federation for the whole of a national team for a particular competition.

## CHAPTER III. INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

### A. Principle

A fencer may bind himself contractually to a firm or an institution capable of helping him — including financially — in his preparation, but only with the specific written agreement of his federation.

### B. Restrictions

The contract may only relate to the use of the image of a fencer. In particular, it may not contain any provision relating to the method of training of a fencer or to the choice of competitions in which he fences. To be approved by the national federation concerned, the contract must expressly mention that the demands of the federation or of the club take priority systematically and in all circumstances over those of the firm or the institution with whom he has signed the contract.

It is obligatory that any sums of money intended for the fencer must pass through the hands of the national federation.

## CHAPTER IV. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

### A. Marks

#### (a) Definition

The mark is the name or badge which identifies the origin, the manufacturer or the seller of a particular piece of the fencer's equipment.

As soon as the mark exceeds the normal or authorized dimensions, it becomes an advertisement and comes under the jurisdiction of the regulation below (cf. Chapter IV, section C).

Marks may assume non-rectangular shapes but their areas may not exceed those equivalent to the dimensions below.

#### (b) Position and sizes

1. The articles of the fencers' equipment may carry the following visible marks:

Mask	One mark, maximum size 6.0 cm x 5.5 cm, on the rear of the spring
Jacket	One mark at the bottom of the jacket on the hip on the side of the non-sword arm, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm
Breeches	One mark at the bottom of the leg of the breeches, on one side only, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm
Stockings	One mark on each stocking, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm
Shoes	The name of the brand on each shoe, maximum size 4.5 cm x 2 cm <i>or</i> the normal badge or insignia (e.g. bands)
Gloves	No mark
Weapon	No mark visible from any distance

The article of equipment may not have any distinctive mark (band, design, border, etc.) other than those authorized above.

2. Ancillary equipment may carry the following manufacturer's marks:

Tracksuit	The normal non-verbal mark as it appears on all articles by the same manufacturer (e.g. bands for Adidas) and one badge, maximum size 10 cm x 10 cm, on the left-hand side of the chest <i>or</i> the name, maximum size 10 cm x 4 cm, on the left-hand side of the chest
Fencing bag	No limitation
Sports bag	No limitation

### B. Exploitation of the fencer's image

#### (a) Definition

This heading concerns advertising contracts which propose:

- exploitation of the presence of a fencer;
- exploitation of the name of a fencer;
- exploitation of the picture of a fencer;
- exploitation of things said by a fencer;
- exploitation of a fencer's performance;
- any other exploitation of the image or fame of a fencer for publicity purposes.

#### (b) Regulations

The measures outlined above (in Chapter II) are alone applicable, as are Article 8.1.1 of the FIE Statutes and Rule 26 of the IOC.

### C. Advertising which is worn or carried

#### (a) Definition

1. Advertising worn or carried refers to any name or badge other than the mark (cf. Chapter IV, section A) which appears on a fencer's main equipment or ancillary equipment and which comes from a firm other than the manufacturer or distributor of the equipment in question.

2. A mark which is larger than the sizes which are usual or laid down above (cf. Chapter IV, section A) constitutes advertising.

3. All advertisements for alcoholic drinks, tobacco and any others against the sporting ethos are forbidden.

#### **(b) Fencing clothing and equipment**

No advertising is permitted either on the clothing or the equipment of a fencer (weapon, mask, etc.) nor any other display (badge, name, etc.), other than as authorized above (cf. Chapter IV, section A), except on the mask, where the self-adhesive badge of the competition taking place must be worn, if the organizers so require (see below).

Nevertheless, on condition that the fencers precisely observe the regulations relating to electrical material and the equipment of fencers, they must display their name and their nationality, in dark blue capital letters, on the back of their jacket. The letters must be between 10 cm, maximum, and 8 cm, minimum, high. The width of the letters will vary according to the length of the name.

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 50 cm<sup>2</sup> 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 sabre a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.

A fencer may not display more than four such logos (which may be identical). The total surface area of all these logos added together must not exceed 200 cm<sup>2</sup>.

#### **(c) Tracksuits and clothing**

1. On national federation tracksuits one advertisement is allowed, on the back between the shoulders:

— either one sign, not exceeding 10 cm in height;

— or one badge, not exceeding 15 cm x 15 cm.

Furthermore the logo of the sponsorship partner chosen by the federation or by the weapon concerned may be affixed horizontally on the front right-hand side of the tracksuit. The surface area of this logo may not exceed 50 cm<sup>2</sup>.

In addition, if a fencer has signed a sponsorship contract with a commercial or other company, the official tracksuit may display the same logos as the fencing clothing.

2. At the World Championships, only national federation tracksuits may be worn (cf. point 1 above).

At other competitions (except on the podium at World Cup competitions), advertising on tracksuits, bath robes and any other clothing is unrestricted and is only limited by the consent of the national federation to which the fencer belongs.

3. At the World Championships and World Cup competitions, when the fencers are presented and when the prizes are awarded, the fencers must present themselves on the podium wearing either fencing clothing or their countries' complete official tracksuit (jacket and trousers) (cf. point 1 above). The jacket must be kept closed throughout the official ceremony.

On the strip, the fencer must present himself exclusively in fencing clothing, complete and done up.

#### **(d) Fencing bags and sports bags**

Advertising on fencing bags and sports bags is allowed without limitation.

#### **(e) Television**

When a competition is being televised, the requirements of the television company are paramount, and the organisers must make clear, if appropriate, in the conditions of entry for the competition, the way in which advertising material worn or carried by the fencers will be permitted.

### **D. Leg-band or self-adhesive notice**

#### **(a) Principles**

1. The organizers of a competition may identify the fencers by issuing them with a number on a leg-band or on a self-adhesive badge.

2. In such a case, the wearing of this band or badge is obligatory for the fencers.

3. The self-adhesive badge must be of a rough material which will not cause the point to slip.

4. The leg-band or self-adhesive badge may have on it advertising material within the limitations of the rules below.

5. The circular announcing the details of the competition must make clear what bands or badges the fencers are to wear, and what publicity will be on them.

Entering the competition implies an acceptance by the fencer of the obligation to wear the band or badge in question.

#### **(b) Position and size**

1. The leg-band must be fixed to the thigh on the side of the non-sword arm.

The maximum size of the leg-band is 20 cm x 20 cm. The fencer's number must be at least 10 cm high and 15 cm in width.

2. The self-adhesive badges must be fixed to both sides of the mask, on the side mesh. The maximum size of the badges must be 10 cm wide by 15 cm high. The fencer's number must be at least 8 cm high by 8 cm wide. At foil and épée only the self-adhesive badge of the competition taking place must be worn.

3. In both cases, the advertising, words or badge, must be placed below the number and must not exceed 35 mm in height.

#### **(c) General**

The self-adhesive badge on the mask or the leg-band does not need to include a number and may be used only for advertising.

## CHAPTER V. PENALTIES

### **A. Individual contract (cf. Chapter III, sections A and B)**

In the case of failure to observe the rules relating to an individual contract the penalty is the suspension of the fencer concerned according to Chapter VII of the FIE Statutes. Should the fencer, at the end of the period of suspension, once again break these rules, he loses his amateur status and his license is withdrawn.

### **B. Mark not conforming to the regulations (cf. Chapter IV, section A (b)1)**

- Obligation to change immediately the article of equipment; and
- application of penalties as provided for in Articles t.114, t.118, t.120/3rd group.

### **C. Advertising on clothing (cf. Chapter IV, section C (b))**

- Obligation to change immediately the article of equipment; and
- application of penalties as provided for in Articles t.114, t.118, t.120/3rd group or t.108.

### **D. Advertising not conforming to the Rules or not authorised (cf. Chapter IV, section C (c))**

- Obligation to remove the offending article from view and application of penalties as provided for in Articles t.114, t.118, t.120, third group.

### **E. Leg-bands and self-adhesive badges (cf. Chapter IV, section D)**

1. A fencer who refuses to wear the leg-band or badge, when its wearing has been duly announced beforehand, will be excluded from the competition and will not appear in the overall classification of the event.

2. If the leg-bands or badges do not conform with the rules, the organizers must withdraw them; if they fail to do so, they are liable to a fine of \$500, payable to the national federation. If it is a competition which counts towards the World Cup (Category A), the fine is US \$1500 to the FIE and the competition automatically loses its Category A status for the following year.

In the case of a repetition of the offense within the following five years, the fine is doubled and the competition will not appear on the International Calendar for three years.

### **F. Image advertising (cf. Chapter IV, section B)**

#### **(a) Penalties**

1. The first offense concerning exploitation of the fencer's image other than by a properly drawn up contract is penalized by a warning from the national federation or the FIE.
2. The first repetition is penalized by a suspension of six months.
3. The second repetition is penalized by a suspension of one year.
4. Any subsequent repetitions are penalized by a suspension of two years for each offense.

#### **(b) Offense**

1. The fencer concerned is assumed to be at fault.
2. If the fencer denies his responsibility for the offense, he must give the FIE every authority to proceed with the necessary investigations and must cede to the FIE his rights to act against the party guilty of misuse of his image. If he does not, point 1 above automatically applies.

#### **(c) Competence and procedure**

1. The Central Office of the FIE is the body of the FIE competent to deal with these matters.
2. The parties concerned have a period of 30 days, dating from reception of confirmation of the decision, during which they may appeal to the Executive Committee. There can be no appeal against a decision by the Executive Committee (cf. Article t.95, paragraph a).

Parties do have the right to an ultimate appeal to the Congress, but this does not suspend the decision (cf. Article t.95, paragraphs b–d).

3. The suspension is effective from the time the decision is made definitive.
4. The FIE has the right to look into and punish any offense on its own initiative.
5. The FIE will notify the national federations of all decisions which have become definitive.

## APPENDIX C-8: REFEREE HAND SIGNALS

### Hand Signals for USFA Referees



On Guard!



Ready?



Fence!



Halt!



Point in Line!



Attack!



Touch against Left!



Point for Right!



Off Target!



Parry!

## 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.

## APPENDIX C-8: PENALTY CHART

OFFENSE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
		1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup> and add'l
<b>1st group</b>				
Leaving the strip without permission	t.18/3			
Simple Corps à corps (foil and sabre)	t.20			
Corps à corps to avoid a touch (*)	t.20, t.63			
Turning the back to the opponent(*)	t.21			
Using the non-weapon arm or hand(*)	t.22	Y	R	R
Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment	t.22	E	E	E
Covering/Substitution of valid target	t.22, t.49, t.72	L	D	D
Crossing the side of the strip to avoid being touched	t.28	L		
Delaying the Bout	t.31	O	C	C
Straightening weapon on conductive strip	t.46, t.61, t.70/d	W	A	A
Clothing/equipment not working or not conforming; absence of second regulation weapon or bodycord	t.45/1 et 3.b		R	R
Reversing the line of the shoulders (F)(*)	t.46	C	D	D
Bending/dragging weapon point on conductive strip (F,E)	t.46, t.61	A		
Grounding the weapon on the metallic vest (F) (*)	t.53	R		
Deliberate touch not on the opponent	t.53, t.66	D		
In Sabre, touch scored with the guard;(*) any forward movement crossing the legs or feet (*)	t.70, t.75/3			
Refusal to obey the Referee	t.82, t.84			
Fencer not present at the first call of the Referee during the competition	t.86			
Jostling, disorderly fencing (*) ; taking off mask before the Referee calls 'Halt'; undressing on the strip	t.87			
Unjustified appeal	t.122			
Abnormal fencing action(*)				
Hits with brutality or while falling(*)				

OFFENSE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
<b>2nd group</b>				
Interruption of bout for claimed injury not confirmed by doctor	t.33	R	R	R
Absence of equipment control mark(*)	t.45/3.a	E	E	E
Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.87	D	D	D
<b>3rd group</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Offense		2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment (*)	t.45/3.(c), (d)	R		B
Fencer disturbing order on the strip (4)	t.82, t.83	E		L
Dishonest fencing;(*) refusal to salute before the beginning of the bout (only one fencer).	t.87	D		A C
Offence against publicity code	Publicity Code			K (1)
Any person not on strip disturbing order	t.82, t.83	1 <sup>st</sup> . Warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> Expulsion (3) or (4)		
Refusal of one fencer to salute the opponent after final touch scored	t.85	Winner: Annulment of Touch Scored Loser: Suspension (5)		
Changing the order of bouts in a team match, intentionally or unintentionally	t.86	Loss of Match		
<b>4th group</b>				
Manifest cheating with equipment (2)	t.45/3.e	B		
Non-presentation when called by the Referee at the start of the competition/round/direct elimination bout/match after three calls at one minute intervals (1)	t.86	L		
Offense against sportsmanship (1) or (2)	t.87	A		
Deliberate brutality (1), refusal of both fencers to salute: before the bout (1); after the final touch scored (5)	t.87, t.105	C		
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent (1)	t.88, t.105	K		
Doping (2)	t.129			

\* Annulment of any touch scored by the fencer at fault.

Yellow Card = Warning (valid for bout, whether one or several encounters). Red Card = Penalty touch. Black Card = Exclusion or expulsion.

(1) Exclusion from competition. (2) Exclusion from whole tournament. (3) Expulsion from competition venue. (4) In serious cases, Referee may exclude/expel immediately. (5) Suspension for two competitions. (6) Disqualification.

If a fencer commits an offence in the First Group after having been penalized with a Red Card, for whatever reason, he or she receives a further Red Card. A fencer only receives a Black Card in the Third Group if he or she previously committed an offence in this Third Group (demonstrated by a Red Card).



## APPENDIX D: FORMS

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# ENTRY FORM FOR 2004 JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

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REQUEST FOR FIE LICENSE 2003-2004 SEASON

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION – COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent/Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers

Fax Numbers

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses – Current

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Because email addresses change so often, please list all your working email addresses (mark with a \* the one you check most often). We will update our records to reflect only the e-mail addresses you list here.

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSE A COPY OF PICTURE PAGE OF PASSPORT\*  
(Do not fax a copy of picture page of passport; send it by mail to USFA)

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Country Issuing \_\_\_\_\_ Country Representing in Competition\*\*: **USA**

\*Passport not required to compete in World Cups located in the United States  
\*\*The USFA can only fulfill Athlete license requests if athlete is eligible to represent the USA in competition and has paid USFA competitive membership dues through July 2004.

License Type (Circle One): Athlete Referee FIE Commission Member

ENCLOSE \$30 LICENSE FEE FOR 2003-2004 SEASON, Check Made Payable to USFA OR

Circle Card Type: AMEX Discover Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

U.S. FENCING, 1 OLYMPIC PLAZA, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909-5774, FAX: 719/632-5737



**REQUEST FOR ENTRY IN WORLD CUP & DESIGNATED CADET "B" COMPETITION(S)**

The USFA Office must be notified in writing of withdrawal at least 10 days prior to the competition.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Area Code) (Area Code)

E-mail address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail, do not send by fax, the picture page of your passport with the first entry request of the season.*

**SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FIE LICENSE BEFORE OR WITH ENTRY FOR FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.**

A fee is paid AT each "A" competition in Euros - 20 Euros for Senior "A" and 10 Euros for Junior "A", approximately \$20 and \$10, respectively. Senior "A" individual Grand Prix require payment of 60 Euros and for Team "A" 400 Euros.

**SEE REVERSE FOR MORE DETAILS. THERE IS AN ENTRY DEADLINE FOR EACH 'A' & CADET "B".**

A DIFFERENT ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR "A" COMPETITIONS IN THE U.S. OR CANADA

LIST THE COMPETITIONS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED.

DATES OF COMPETITION	S = Senior J = Junior C = Cadet	WEAPON	CITY	COUNTRY
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

**ELIGIBILITY – A Fencer will be considered for entry in European "A" IF**

Senior "A"		Junior "A"	
Top 16 [1-16]	on Senior point standings on Senior point standings	Top 16 [1-16] (Top 24 [1-24] for sabre)	on Junior rolling point standings up to Dec 14 on Junior team point standings after Dec 14
Top 8 [1-8]	on Junior rolling point standings until Dec 14 on Junior team point standings after Dec 14	Top 16 (1-16) Top 12 [1-12]	on Cadet standings for 12 to Designated Cdt on Cadet rolling point standings up to Dec 14 on Cadet team point standings after Dec 14



## ENTRY ELIGIBILITY (Continued)

The High Performance Committee (HPC) may grant exceptions on who may enter an "A" competition for a fencer with established international credentials, providing that such application is filed at least 60 days prior to the World Cup. The National Weapon Coach may recommend to the HPC that an exception be made for an up and coming fencer.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Fencers who wish to enter one or more "A" competitions must file this *Request to Enter an 'A'* form with the USFA Director of Technical Programs by the entry deadline given in the "A" schedule in Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook and published on the web site. **Generally** the entry deadline for an "A" competition is 35 days prior to the competition. **For any "A" held in Cuba or Russia the entry deadline can be 45 days prior to the first day of the tournament.**

Athletes must have a current FIE license, issued each season and in addition to the USFA membership card. The fee for the 2003-2004 season is \$30, payable to the USFA, to order the License from the FIE. This fee must be paid with the first *"Request to Enter an 'A' using the FIE License Request Form*. The USFA office will send a letter verifying that the person's FIE License is paid and current to use until the License is received from the FIE. An additional benefit of the FIE License is a subscription to the FIE magazine, issued three times a year.

## ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE has placed a limit of eight fencers which each country can enter in an "A" competition, both Junior and Senior. There are two exceptions to this rule: (1) a country is allowed additional fencers equal to the number of its fencers in the top 32 in the FIE standings at the end of the previous World Cup season; (see Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook or list of designated "A" competitions attached) and (2) exceptions may be made for World Cup competitions held outside of Europe.

When a country is the host of a World Cup, a greater number of fencers can enter. That practice is generally followed for "A" competitions held outside of Europe. Thus, U.S. fencers can enter three Senior "A" competitions and the Junior "A" tournament held in the United States using a separate and specific USFA entry form. Similarly, there is a separate entry form for the Montreal Men's Epee Senior "A", and the Montreal Junior 6 weapon "A"

Alternates are listed in the order in which they will be accepted for the "A" IF any fencer accepted for the "A" informs the USFA that he or she will not be able to attend the competition. Alternates will be notified when there are withdrawals. If an alternate decides to travel to the "A" in anticipation of fencing, the alternate does so at his or her own risk. The USFA will be explicit in submitting the entries to the organizer of an "A" of who is permitted to compete and who are the ones who may compete if any of those entered do not show at the competition. The USFA will award points for results of those duly entered by the USFA. Points will not be awarded to any fencer who is allowed by the organizer to compete even though there are the maximum number of fencers allowed by the FIE present at the "A". Fencers who compete who exceed the number allowed will not be considered for any international points or funding.

## ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions outside of the United States, fencers must pay a fee AT the "A" competition of 20 Euros - the equivalent of (approximately \$20) for a Senior "A" and 10 Euros (approximately \$10) for a Junior "A". Senior "A" Grand Prix "A" events are approximately 60 Euros and Team "A" competitions require payment at the competition of \$400 Euros.

The National point standings at the entry deadline will determine entry priority. No athlete can displace another athlete if the entry application arrives after the deadline. Permanent residents of the United States will be allowed to enter if the appropriate documentation on citizenship status has been filed with the USFA National Office.

U.S. fencers must be entered by the USFA to compete in a World Cup. Any U.S. athlete who competes in a World Cup without being entered by the USFA will not be awarded points for which the athlete might have been eligible and will be responsible for any financial penalties imposed on the USFA by the FIE if the presence of that fencer created a need for a referee.

## PENALTIES

A country that enters five to nine fencers must provide one referee, more than nine fencers, two referees. Since time and travel must be arranged for referees, entries must be received by the time specified.

An athlete who submits an entry for an "A" less than 21 days prior to the competition **MUST PAY** the USFA \$150 late fee **IMMEDIATELY**. Such fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds and not from the individual's USFA training funds.

An athlete must notify the USFA Office in writing of withdrawal from an "A" competition. If notification is received less than ten days prior to the competition or if an athlete is a **"NO SHOW"** at an "A" without prior notification, the athlete will be assessed a \$500 fine and will **not** be allowed to enter any other "A" competition until that fine is paid. This fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds and not from the athlete's USFA account. **"A NO SHOW"** can make the difference in the need for an additional referee at a cost of \$1,100 - \$1,600 per referee.

**US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
SECURITY DIVISION**

**LARRY M. BUENDORF  
CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER**

**SECURITY TIPS**

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 AWARE .....BE LOW-KEY.....BE UNPREDICTABLE.

June 4, 2003

USFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –  
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