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Zimmermann Wins Italian Gold

Felicia Zimmermann became the first American to win a gold medal in World Cup foil competition (Laurel Skillman won epee gold in 1992) with her 15-10 victory over Adeline Wuillame of France at the Junior "A" in Jesi, Italy, on December 10. Zimmermann, 19, overwhelmed Hungarian Andrea Tacacs 15-4 in her first bout in the finals, then defeated Daniella Colaiacomo of Italy 15-12 to earn the right to face Wuillame, who had won the Junior "A" in Bochum, Germany, the week before. This tournament marked Zimmermann's third appearance this season in Junior World Cup finals. On November 6 she placed sixth in the Waldkirch, Germany, Junior "A," and on December 4 she defeated Anna Rybicka of Poland to reach the finals at Bochum, finishing fifth. In November, she also made the finals of the Senior "B" in Mosbach, Germany, finishing seventh out of 140 competitors, and placed in the top 32 at a Senior "A" in Athens.

Zimmermann's string of successes has elevated her to 5th place in the Junior World Cup standings, behind #1-ranked Rita Koenig of Germany, Wuillame, Rybicka, and former Senior World Champion Aida Mohamed of Hungary. Not surprisingly, she is ranked #1 in Under-20 points in the US. She is also ranked 21st in the Senior World Cup standings and is among the top-ranked US senior women foil fencers. Zimmermann, the 1993 USFA National Champion in Women's Foil, is a freshman at the University of Rochester in upstate New York. She is coached by Buckie Leach, Weapon Coordinator for Women's Foil, and proudly represents the Rochester Fencing Center.

Finalists in Other Weapons

Felicia Zimmermann is not the only American to reach a Junior World Cup final this season. New Yorker **Cliff Bayer** took 5th place at the Men's Foil Junior "A" in Aix-en-Provence, France, on December 4. Bayer, 17, finished 25th at the Junior "A" in Como, Italy, last spring, and just missed the finals of the 1994 World Under-20 Championships in Mexico City, finishing 11th. He is coached by Yefim Litvan at Metropolis Fencing, Inc.

Eric Hansen, a 19-year-old from San Bruno, CA, joined the ranks of US finalists on November 13, placing sixth at the Men's Epée Junior "A" in Catania, Italy. Hansen, a member of the US team at the 1994 World Under-20 Championships, represents the Halberstadt Fencers Club in San Francisco, where he is coached by Women's Epée Weapon Coordinator Paul Soter.

The fourth US finalist this season is **Jennifer Dyer**, a past member of numerous Under-17 and Under-20 US teams in both foil and épée. Dyer, who will turn 18 on New Year's Day, placed 8th at the Women's Epée Junior "A" in Frascati, Italy, over Thanksgiving weekend. A resident of Aurora, CO, she represents the Northern Colorado Fencers. Her coaches are Gary Copeland and Andrea Lagan.

Reminder

The new USFA membership categories will become effective February 1, 1995. Memberships received by the National Headquarters before that date will be processed at the current rates.

Now is the chance to get that Life Membership you've been thinking about, and save yourself \$300! (The new membership categories and fees were detailed in the last issue of the National Newsletter and the Minutes of the October Board meeting.)

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Age Group Events

A "Junior" is any competitive member whose birthdate is 1/1/75 or later. Unless noted, events are MF, ME, MS, WF and WE.

A "Cadet" is any competitive member whose birthdate is 1/1/78 or later. Events are MF, ME, MS, WF and WE.

"Youth" comprises three categories. *Under-15* is any competitive member whose birthdate is 1/1/80 or later. Events are MF, ME, MS, WF and WE. *Under-13* is any competitive member whose birthdate is 1/1/82 or later. Events are MF, ME, MS, WF and WE. *Under-11* is any competitive member whose birthdate is 1/1/84 or later. Events are MF and WF.

Other Events

Open: Any competitive member whose birthdate is before 1/1/84 may compete by submitting a timely entry. Unless noted, events are MF, ME, MS, WF and WE.

Division II: Any competitive member with a rating of "C" or under and whose birthdate is before 1/1/84 may compete by submitting a timely entry. Events are MF, ME, MS, WF, WE & WS.

Division III: Any competitive member with a rating of "D" or under and whose birthdate is before 1/1/84 may compete by submitting a timely entry. Events are MF, ME, MS, WF, WE & WS.

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1995 USFA National Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Entry Due
1/6-8	Open NAC: M Sabre#, W Sabre; Jr: M Sabre	Kansas City, MO	12/1
1/13-16	Open & Jr NAC: M Foil, W Foil, M Epee, W Epee	San Francisco, CA	12/1
1/23	Division JO qualifying forms due	At USFA Headquarters	
1/27	Entry Deadline – JO Championships	At USFA Headquarters	
1/28	Scholastic Aptitude Test - HS students New Jersey High School Open	Morris Knolls HS Contact: 201/595-1471	
2/17-20	Junior Olympic Championships	San Jose, CA	1/27
2/25-26	Eastern Collegiate Championships	New York University, NYC	
3/4-5	Regional NCAA Qualifying Events		
3/10-12	Division II and Division III NAC	Evanston, IL	2/6
3/12-18	Pan American Games	Mar del Plata, ARG	
3/25-26	<i>Men's Sabre World Cup</i>	New York City, NY	3/11
3/25-29	NCAA Collegiate Championships	Notre Dame, IN	
4/1	Scholastic Aptitude Test – HS Students		
4/10-15	U20/U17 World Championships	Paris, FRA	
4/15-16	Passover – 15th; Easter – 16th		
4/22-23	Open NAC: M Foil, W Foil#, M Sabre	Morristown, NJ	3/1
4/28-30	Open NAC: M Epee*, W Epee#	Colorado Springs, CO	3/1
5/5	Division qualifying forms due	At USFA Headquarters	
5/6	Scholastic Aptitude Test – HS Students		
5/13-14	<i>Women's Foil World Cup</i>	Atlanta, GA	4/15
5/16	Section qualifying forms due	At USFA Headquarters	
5/18	Entry Deadline – National Championships	At USFA Headquarters	
6/3	Scholastic Aptitude Test – HS Students		
6/3-10	National Championships	Louisville, KY	5/18
7/10-16	World Championships	The Hague, NDL	
7/21-30	Olympic Festival	Boulder, CO	
8/26-9/2	World University Games	Fukuoka, JAP	

= second day of fencing relay team format for the top 24-27 fencers from the first day's competition

Entry Fees

Youth, Cadet and Junior NAC tournaments have a fee of \$40 per event entered. Other NAC tournaments have a fee of \$55 for each event entered. An entry form for Open and Age Group NACs was published in the last National Newsletter; this newsletter contains an entry form for the Division II and III NAC.

Formats

Fencers placing in the top 24 on the first day of the NAC Sabre Open in January will fence a round robin of 24 the next day. Other weapons will fence a team competition for their second day events. The format and point value for the round robin of 24 is published in the 1994-95 Athlete's Program handbook.

Event	Pools	Promoted	Repechage	DE Bout format
Youth NAC	2 rounds	100%	no	Best two of three 5-touch bouts
Youth JOs	1 round	100%	no	Best two of three 5-touch bouts
Cadet NAC	1 round	80%	no	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Cadet JOs				
Junior NAC	1 round	80%	no	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Junior JOs				
Open NAC	1 round	80%	from 32	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Div I Nat'ls				
U19 Nat'ls				
Div II/III NAC	1 round	100%	no	15 touches in three 3-minute segments
Div II Nat'ls	1 round	100%	no	15 touches in three 3-minute segments

1995 Division II and Division III North American Cup

March 10-12

Evanston, Illinois

Official Entry Form

Please type or print all information.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Current Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

"Competition Club" is the only club that you represent this season in USFA team and individual competition. Club and school information is used for *internal* use only in seeding each event. This will not adversely affect NCAA eligibility or playing dates or any other conference restrictions. This information is not used in publishing tournament results.

Competition Club _____

Current School _____

Division Name _____

Weapon Class/Year (e.g. Foil _____
C94)

Epée _____ Sabre _____

Division II (C & Under)	Division III (D & Under)
<i>Friday, March 10</i>	
Men's Epée	Men's Sabre
Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
<i>Saturday, March 11</i>	
Men's Foil	Men's Epée
Women's Sabre	Women's Epée
<i>Sunday, March 12</i>	
Men's Sabre	Men's Foil
Women's Epée	Women's Foil

Important

- > Please read and complete both sides of this form, and circle all events you are entering in the chart at the left.
- > You may compete in more than one event per day, but must be aware that you are responsible for reporting to the strip when called by the Referee.
- > Please note the equipment requirements for this tournament listed on the back of this entry form.
- > Entries must be received by **February 6, 1995**. Late entries will be accepted at the door for *triple the entry fee* (\$165).

Summary of Fees	
# of Events Entered	➤
	x \$55.00
TOTAL FEES	➤

Method of Payment

Check or Money Order Enclosed Payable to USFA

Credit Card: VISA Mastercard

Note: \$15 charge for returned checks

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

USFA Entries, One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5744
FAX: 719-632-5737

Summary of 12/20/94 Executive Committee Teleconference

Action Items

1. Approved the Minutes of the 9/30/94 meeting.
2. In response to a recent clarification from the FIE, rescinded the changes to Articles 209 and 309 of the *USFA Rules for Competition* concerning prohibition of the use of an attachment device interfering with the flexing of the wrist.
Background: These changes were approved at the 8/7/93 EC meeting and subsequently by the Board at the 10/2/93 Annual meeting. The USFA rule change was based on a specific rule change listed in a document distributed by the FIE at the Essen World Championships and identified as a summary of the actions of the 1993 FIE Congress. A subsequent document released by the FIE following the fall FIE EC meeting did not list this rule change, but neither did it state that the previously printed rule was not in effect.
 The USFA recently received written confirmation from FIE President Roch that the above rule was in fact *not* passed by the 1993 FIE Congress. Therefore, the FOC Chair requested that the EC rescind the rule change that had previously been approved.
3. Extended the policy currently in effect restricting participation in certain national events to fencers at least 11 years of age before January 1 of the fencing season to include the newly-created Division II and Division III NAC events. Competitors must reach their 11th birthday before 1/1/95 to be eligible to compete in Open NACs, Division II or III NACs, Division I or II National Championships, or non-age group National Team Championships in the 1994-95 fencing season. There is no minimum age restriction for age group (e.g. U20, U19, U17, etc.) NACs or National Championships, or for the U19 team events at the National Championships.
4. Created a Point Standings Task Force to investigate proposals for the creation of a new system for maintaining the USFA point standings, which have become too complex for the current system. Members of the Task Force are: Ann Ezzell (Chair), Irwin Bernstein, James Carpenter, George Masin, and Selden Fritschner (Staff Liaison).
5. Created an Olympic Festival Task Force to determine policies concerning the objectives of the Festival and how it should be structured to meet those objectives, as well as to improve communication to athletes, coaches and other participants. Members of the Task Force are: Michael Massic (Chair), Gerrie Baumgart, Terrence Gargiulo, Susie Paxton, Bob Largman, Buckie Leach, William Goering (Officer Liaison) and Selden Fritschner (Staff Liaison). An initial budget of \$500 was allotted, to be taken from the President's discretionary fund if necessary.
6. Upon the recommendation of Vice President William Goering, who has been working with the account representative for the USFA's insurance agency, agreed not to renew the insurance coverage on the USFA-owned scoring equipment and strips that are stored in Colorado Springs. The equipment is slated to be sold, and the premium of \$866 for one year would be due 1/1/95.
7. Agreed to increase the USFA's property insurance (comprehensive fire and theft) from \$25,000 to \$40,000 (at an estimated cost of \$200 per year) because of the increase in the amount of merchandise stored at the Headquarters.
8. Voted to delay implementation of the requirement for FIE-approved (i.e., bearing an official FIE label) uniforms at certain USFA selection events and the Olympic Festival until 10/1/95.
Note: The rule requiring a regulation plastron with *any* uniform, effective 3/1/95, remains in effect for all USFA competitions, regardless of level.
Background: This decision was made in response to feedback from coaches and fencers who will be affected by the requirement. Opposition has been expressed to changing the rules in the middle of the fencing season, and there also appears to have been some confusion as to the exact intent of the Board (full 800 Newton uniforms versus 800/350 Newton uniforms).
9. Scheduled future meetings:
 - a. Tuesday, January 17, 8 pm Eastern
EC teleconference to review Board agenda
 - b. Friday, February 17, 2 pm Pacific
EC meeting at San Jose JOs
 - c. Friday, February 17, following fencing (approx. 8 pm)
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
 - d. Saturday, February 18, following fencing (approx. 8 pm)
Parents' Forum.

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Print name _____ Birthdate if under 18 years of age _____

Read and Sign Each of the Following Statements
(for athletes under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign)

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Upon entering this tournament under the auspices of the USFA, I agree to abide by the rules of the USFA as currently published. I enter this competition at my own risk and release the USFA and their sponsors, referees, and event organizers from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the birthdate of the individual is as stated on the entry form and that the individual is a current competitive member of the USFA for the 1994-1995 fencing season.

Fencer's Signature _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor _____ Date _____

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT: This is to certify that on this date I, _____, give my consent to the USFA and its representatives to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above named athlete for any injury or illness that may arise during activities associated with the North American Cup Tournament.

Fencer's Signature _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor _____ Date _____

If said athlete is covered by any insurance company, please complete the following (type or print legibly):

Name of Carrier _____ Name of Policyholder _____

Address of Carrier _____ Policy number _____

Important: The entry deadline is February 6. Entries received after that date will be returned immediately, and the only way to enter will be at the door, with payment of triple the regular entry fee. MAIL EARLY. Postmarks are not considered – entries must arrive at the USFA National Headquarters by February 6.

Equipment Requirements

Please note that the following are the *minimum* requirements for fencers' equipment at the 1995 Division II and Division III North American Cup. Requirements may differ for other USFA competitions.

Names on uniforms

Required (see explanation at right)

Colored uniforms

White or a single pastel (light) color

Advertising on fencing uniforms

See FIE Publicity Code

Uniforms (jackets and pants)

Standard uniform (FIE label not required)

Plastrons (underarm protectors)

Standard plastron; required with *any* uniform, with or without official FIE label

Masks

12K punch test; sewn-in bib; bib is not target in foil

Blades

No requirements

Explanation concerning names on uniforms

The fencer's last name must be legibly printed in dark blue capital letters not more than 10 cm high: either on the back of the uniform or lamé between the shoulders; or on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or 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. **Names printed on tape are NOT acceptable.**

Method of Payment for Entry Fees: Make check or money order payable to the US Fencing Association. Entries may be faxed to 719-632-5737 if paying by VISA or Mastercard. Otherwise, the entry form and payment must be mailed to: USFA ENTRIES, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774.

Cadet and Youth NAC #2 – December 2-4, Carrollton, GA

With over 600 entries in 17 events, the Cadet and Youth NAC #2 demonstrated the growth of fencing in the US. The USFA's top fencers, aged 17 and under, proved themselves to be real competitors with impressive performances in every event.

The **Bionic Fencer Award** for this event goes to 12-year-old **Andrea Ament** from Gates Mills, OH, who advanced to the finals in five out of the six events she entered. Ament, who represents the Alcazar Fencing Club in Cleveland, won the gold medal in the U13 Women's Epée, the silver in the U13 Women's Foil and the bronze in the U17 Women's Epée. She also placed seventh in the U17 Women's Foil and the U15 Women's Epée, and just missed the final eight in U15 Women's Foil, finishing 11th. Several other fencers also excelled in more than one event, as can be seen from the top eight results for each of the events. Look for these and our other fine young athletes at the 1995 Junior Olympic Championships in San Jose, CA.

Finalists Cadet/Youth NAC#2

U11 Men's Foil (24 fencers)

- Burke, Jeremiah
- Witt, Josh
- Cavan, James
- Beski, John
- Bras, Alejandro
- Youdim, Anthony
- Alper, John
- Koop, Phillip

U11 Women's Foil (11 fencers)

- Leahy, Jacqueline
- Berry, Adrienne
- Delahanty, Amy
- Zagunis, Mariel
- Fisher, Jessica
- Howard, Lindsey
- Duvall, Carly
- Duerson, Lauren

U13 Men's Foil (41 fencers)

- Jablonowski, Andrew
- Mosca, Nicholas
- Poon, Andrew
- DesRoches, Christopher
- Deveny, Andrew
- DesRoches, Joshua
- Rando, R. Gian-Carlo
- Tsao, Larry

U13 Men's Epée (16 fencers)

- Younis, Ramsey
- Solomon, Benjamin
- Gerberman, Steven
- Redwine, Jake
- Dupree, Ethan
- Ward, Sean
- Guevara, Joshua
- French, Timothy

U13 Men's Sabre (18 fencers)

- Sokol, Denis
- Tepiak, Robert
- Parker, G. Colin
- Douglas, Camara
- Brown, Nathaniel
- DeMatteis, Jared
- Magee, Andrew
- Clement, Luther

U13 Women's Foil (32 fencers)

- Cavan, Kathryn
- Ament, Andrea
- Chin, Meredith
- Takagi, Melanie
- Thompson, Hannah
- Breden, Senta
- Berry, Adrienne
- Laperriere, Anne

U13 Women's Epée (8 fencers)

- Ament, Andrea
- Breden, Senta
- Delahanty, Katherine
- Park, Gaelyn
- Lindsay, Lavinia
- Castillo, Carmen
- Hunter, Sarah
- Breault-Charnau, Celine

U15 Men's Foil (66 fencers)

- Boudrias, Mathieu
- Merritt, Davis
- Pearson, John
- Breden, Roland
- Rabiega, Greer
- Mosca, Michael
- Fisher, Joseph
- Hiri, Kean

U15 Men's Epée (38 fencers)

- Greenhouse, Rashaan
- Viviani, Jan
- Peterson, Kraig
- Speights, Eric
- Hill, Cameron
- Clarke, Scott
- Breden, Roland
- Kelsey, Weston

U15 Men's Sabre (31 fencers)

- Lavalle, David
- Owens, Robert
- Hassoun, Marc-Oliver
- Loftin, Guy
- Pratt, Daniel
- Hoover, Joseph
- Tepiak, Robert
- Laman, Brian

U15 Women's Foil (31 fencers)

- Zimmermann, Iris
- Cavan, Kathryn
- Rudkin, Kate
- Prifrel, Megan
- Campbell, Lindsay
- Smart, Erinn
- Rostal, Mindy
- Osborn, Ellice

U15 Women's Epée (19 fencers)

- Moore, Debra
- Boyer, Roxanna
- Leprohon, Julie
- Hobstetter, Sarah
- Marchi, Estee
- Burke, Jessica
- Ament, Andrea
- Hall, Majken

U17 Men's Foil (89 fencers)

- Wood, Alexander
- Rosen, Peter
- Griffin, Ayo
- Chang, Timothy
- Siebert, Neal
- Bruckner, Raphael
- Reagan, Dustin
- Merritt, Davis

U17 Men's Epée (59 fencers)

- Rostal, Scott
- Slipher, Andrew
- Casas, A. Brian
- Wang, Steve
- Fisher, John
- Viviani, Jan
- Dahl, Emil
- McInturff, Kevin

U17 Men's Sabre (40 fencers)

- Golia, Michael
- Pina-Perez, Diego
- Crane, Robert
- Smart, Keith
- Durkan, Patrick
- Lavalle, David
- Hassoun, Marc-Oliver
- Cheung, Paul

U17 Women's Foil (56 fencers)

- Zimmermann, Iris
- Smart, Erinn
- Rudkin, Kate
- Mustilli, Nicole
- Sassine, Sandra
- Mahoney, Julie
- Ament, Andrea
- Korfanty, Alexandra

U17 Women's Epée (34 fencers)

- Korony, Julia
- Hobstetter, Sarah
- Ament, Andrea
- Burke, Jessica
- Coley, Kari
- Anderson, Whitney
- Christensen, Stephanie
- McGalliard, Amanda



USFA Merchandising Program

New USFA merchandise including shirts, pins, hats, and other items will be introduced at the 1995 Junior Olympic Championships. Quantity discounts are available and local organizers may purchase quantities at a discount for resale at their events.



USFA Online Sweepstakes

The winner of the USFA Online Sweepstakes is **Ellen Webster** of Austin, TX. Ms. Webster works as a file clerk/receptionist at an Austin law firm. A 1993 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she majored in anthropology, Ms. Webster learned to fence from National Champion and Olympian Vincent Bradford and was a member of the UT Fencing Club. Her favorite weapon was sabre.

Ms. Webster will receive one of the new USFA neon-on-black t-shirts. Congratulations, and thanks to all who entered!

Online Survey Results

A total of 108 entries were received. Of these, 65 people reported that they do not subscribe to a commercial online service. Of the 43 others, seven listed two services. The breakdown of membership in commercial online services is as follows:

America Online	25
CompuServe	18
Prodigy	5
GEne	1
MCI Mail	1

Of those listing two services, six subscribe to America Online plus another service (five CompuServe and one Prodigy), while one person subscribes to CompuServe and GEne.

A directory of e-mail addresses of respondents to this survey will be posted on the Internet; anyone wishing to be added to the list should send a message to amcbain@aol.com containing *only* the following information:

last name
first name
e-mail address
USFA division
commercial online service(s)

Equipment Requirements

Please note the following changes to the USFA rules concerning fencing equipment (for more information, see the summary of the Executive Committee teleconference, above left).

FIE-approved uniforms

Implementation of the requirement for FIE-approved uniforms at USFA selection events and the Olympic Festival has been postponed until 10/1/95. Please note, however, that the requirement for a regulation plastron (underarm protector) with *any* uniform will go into effect for *all* USFA competitions as of 3/1/95.

Bib as target in foil

The FIE has delayed implementation of this rule until the 1995-96 fencing season. (It was not slated for adoption at USFA competitions.)

Wrist strap

We have received official ruling from the FIE that a previously-announced FIE rule change prohibiting the use of a wrist strap with an Italian grip was in fact not passed by the Congress. Therefore, the relevant USFA rule change has been rescinded.

Note: A comprehensive article about fencing equipment requirements and safety issues is planned for the next issue of *American Fencing* magazine.

USFA World Cup Notes

Men's Sabre

The 1995 US Men's Sabre World Cup will be held at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. The preliminary rounds for the individual event are currently scheduled for Friday afternoon, March 24. The individual event will continue Saturday, March 25. A World Cup Team event is scheduled for Sunday, March 26. (*Note:* The schedule is subject to change.)

Women's Foil

The 1995 US Women's Foil World Cup will take place in Atlanta, GA, from May 12 to 14. The schedule of events will be similar to that for the Men's Sabre World Cup. Finalization of the site is expected by January 10.

New USFA Sponsors

Executive Director **Selden Fritschner** recently signed two new USFA sponsors: Coca-Cola and the Atlanta Centennial Organizing Group (ACOG). Coca-Cola will provide promotional assistance and various Coke products (Coke, Sprite, Diet Coke, Poweraide, juices, cups and coolers) at major USFA events. They will also offer public relations support and in-store sales for tickets for selected events.

The 1995 and 1996 Women's Foil World Cup events have been approved as pre-Olympic events by ACOG and will receive financial support as a result.

Under-19 Teams

Divisions are reminded that they must hold qualifying events for the Under-19 Team competitions that will be demonstration events at the 1995 National Championships. Under-19 Teams will compete in all six weapons: Men's and Women's Foil, Epée and Sabre. The qualification process is the same as that for the National Team Championship events (see Chapter V, Section 9 of the *Operations Manual* for details), except that there is no *minimum* age requirement.

The format for the demonstration events will be the same as that used in the National Team Championships: FIE relay teams of three fencers plus a substitute. (A description of the FIE relay team format was printed in the last issue of the National Newsletter.) Under-19 Team events will be held at the Nationals only if at least six teams are properly entered for that weapon.

USFA Rules Book

The long-awaited update to the *USFA Rules for Competition* should be available at a nominal cost from the National Headquarters by the time you read this. The update pages list all changes to the *Rules* since the 1991 printing (copies of the 1991 edition may be purchased from the National Headquarters and many fencing equipment suppliers). The text of the update will also be posted on the Internet; check your favorite ftp site or WWW page, or send an e-mail request to amcbain@aol.com.

A complete reprint of the *Rules* is in the works and should be completed by June 1. The *USFA Rules for Competition*, *Operations Manual* and *Bylaws* will also be available on the Internet and possibly on disk.

Division II and Division III North American Cup Northwestern University – Evanston, IL March 10-12, 1995

Would you like to earn a higher rating? Are you a referee who would like the opportunity to work at a national event under the guidance of highly-rated referees? Are you interested in improving your skills on the Bout Committee and in being included in the pool of talent for National USFA tournaments? Would you like to become a member of the national technical group of armourers? If your answer is "yes," come to the Division II and Division III North American Cup in March. This new event is designed not only to promote competition and competitive development for fencers rated C or below, but also to provide a means for talented persons to raise their level of competency as referees and bout committee and technical personnel. Anyone interested in furthering these skills by participating in this event should contact Ann McBain Ezzell, *USFA Secretary*, at 810-647-4968 (voice/fax; 9 am – 10 pm Eastern time) or via e-mail at amcbain@aol.com.

The 1995 Division II and Division III NAC will be held March 10-12 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. It is expected that the success of these tournaments will result in their becoming a regular part of the USFA National Calendar. Both Division II ("C" and under) and Division III ("D" and under) competitions will feature men's and women's foil, épée and sabre. The schedule of events is shown on the entry form printed

elsewhere in this newsletter. (*Note: Fencers will be able to work on developing their tournament skills on days when they are not competing.*)

Group II-A and Group III-A Competition Categories

As an added bonus, the Division II and III NAC events will provide a greater opportunity to earn classifications. Two new competition categories were approved by the Board of Directors at its 1994 Annual Meeting. Division II NACs will automatically be Group II-A competitions, and Division III NACs will be Group III-A competitions. (Divisional and Sectional events meeting the criteria listed in the last National Newsletter can also be Group II-A or Group III-A competitions.)

Ratings

Ratings will be awarded in these new competition categories as follows:

<i>Places</i>	<i>Group II-A</i>	<i>Group III-A</i>
1-4	B	C
5-8	C	D
9-16	D	E
17-32	E	-



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