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## PREFACE

This book is written to help athletes, coaches, and parents understand the programs of the United States Fencing Association (USFA). It contains information that will help the athlete progress in the sport of fencing towards the international level. Periodically, there will be changes and/or updates to the information in this book. These will be published in the quarterly USFA National Newsletter. (When there are additional changes to the information in this book, written notification from the Chair of the High Performance Committee and the Director of Technical Programs will be sent to affected athletes.) Keep this book in a loose-leaf notebook together with each issue of the National Newsletter and all other written notifications about USFA programs. Anyone desiring a printed copy of the book may purchase one 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 any other information 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 after receipt of an individual's entry. Each entry received for a National tournament will be sent a confirmation packet indicating the status of the entry, equipment rules, the local information on the tournament, and any updates to the fencing rules. 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 one week prior to the start of the tournament with payment of triple the fees due.

Appendix D contains forms for this competitive season: 2002-2003 membership application, NAC entry form; entry form for the 2003 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 e-mail address (es) as that has become the primary means of immediate communication with athletes and coaches regarding 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 IS TO BE CONSIDERED OVERRIDING THE RULES OF FENCING UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED AS SUCH. CHANGES IN SELECTION PROCEDURES WILL BE VALID ONLY IF IN WRITING EITHER IN THE NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OR BY DIRECT WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WITH ATHLETES IN THE TOP 24 IN SENIOR STANDINGS, AND/OR TOP 16 IN JUNIOR STANDINGS, AND/OR TOP 12 IN CADET 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 specific categories of fencers: Youth 10, Youth 12, Youth 14, Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veteran. For the three Youth categories, points are earned at national point competitions for one's own age category and the next older category. The point totals are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at national point competitions in the last 12 months. For example, for the Youth 10 point standings, the point total is the sum of the best four points earned at Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions at the North American Cup (NAC) tournaments and the Summer National Championships in the past season. The season for the Youth point standings starts in the Fall of each year and ends at the Summer National Championships in July. The point standings after the Summer Nationals are the final standings for the three Youth age categories. In August of each year the Youth National point standings reflect those eligible for those categories for the start of the new season.

Cadet fencers may compete and earn USFA National points in their age category and in the Junior category. If they meet criteria established for the Division I tournaments, they can earn points for National Senior, Junior and Cadet point standings. 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. 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 at the national point events at the Summer National Championships and is completed at the last NAC Division I tournament in the Spring. The Junior competitions at the Summer National Championships are known as the Under-19 National Championships to reflect the age required for athletes to be eligible for the following year's World Junior (Under-20) Championships. Similarly for the Cadet National Championships, otherwise known as the Under-16 National Championships. For both the World Junior and the World Cadet Championships, the international fencing federation, the FIE, requires that the fencers must be Under-20 and Under-17 respectively as of 1 January of the year in which those Championships will be held. So for 2002 Summer National Championships the fencers must be Under-20 or Under-17 as of 1 January 2003.

The USFA web site, [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) contains the National point standings for the start of the 2002-2003 season for each category. Table 1-1 specifies the age criteria for competing in USFA National point competitions during the 2002-2003 season.

USFA National domestic point tournaments are:

- a. *North American Cup (NAC).*
  - o Division I – points count for Senior, Junior, and Cadet categories
  - o Veteran – points count for the Veteran combined category (40 & older) and the Veteran age groups – 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and older
  - o Junior – points count for the Junior and Cadet categories
  - o Cadet – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 categories
  - o Youth 14 – points count for the Youth 14 and Youth 12 categories
  - o Youth 12 – points count for the Youth 12 and Youth 10 categories
  - o Youth 10 – points count for the Youth 10 category
- b. *Junior Olympic Championships.*
  - o Under-20 Championships – points count for the Junior and Cadet categories
  - o Under-17 Championships – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 categories



- c. *National Championships*
- o Division I National Championships – points count for the Senior, Junior, and Cadet categories
  - o Under-19 Championships – points count for the Junior and Cadet categories for the start of the next season
  - o Under-16 Championships – points count for the Cadet point standings for the start of the next season and Youth 14 standings for the end of the current season
  - o Youth 14 Championships – points count for the Youth 14 and Youth 12 national point standings for the end of the current season
  - o Youth 12 tournament – points count for the Youth 12 and Youth 10 point standings for the end of the current season
  - o Youth 10 tournament – points count for the Youth 10 point standings for the end of the current season
  - o Veterans Age Group Championships – points count for 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older national 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 Chapter 2);
- To determine group of athletes who can be considered for entry in World Cup competitions (see specific details in Chapter 3);
- To select athletes for international tournaments.

The National **Team** Point standings reflect the points that count for selection of athletes for certain international teams, primarily 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 may count for the National Team Point standings.

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 2002-2003 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. Examples are given below of the manner in which rolling point standings are calculated during the fencing season.

Points will be awarded for placement within the bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum place of 32<sup>nd</sup>. The usual brackets or round in Division I NAC for points for places are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-24, 25-32. The brackets for Junior and Cadet NAC with repêchage beginning at 32 are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-24, 25-32. For competitions with repêchage starting at 16, the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-32. For competitions without repêchage, the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-16, 17-32.

If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; 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. 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 vacated and no one receives the points for that place – i.e., no one is moved into 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. 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 meet those criteria by the entry deadline in addition to the age criteria.

As an example, a fencer born in 1992 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.

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

**A: AUGUST 1, 2002 -- APRIL 30, 2003**

**Division qualifying competitions for 2003 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	1989 or earlier	≤ 1962	1983-1989	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993	1992-1995

≤ - Less or equal

**B: MAY 1, 2003 -- JULY 31, 2003 For 2003 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	1989 or earlier	≤ 1962	1984-1990	1987-1990	1988-1991	1990-1993	1992-1995

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	OPEN TM	JR TEAM
CODE	DTM	OTM	JTM
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1989	≤ 1989	1984-1990

### 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*, 2000 Edition, t.4.

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

- b) Competitions are said to be by "direct elimination" when the competitors are eliminated in direct elimination round after their first defeat (or after their second defeat if the format of the competition specifies direct elimination with repêchage). A "pool round" occurs when a group of fencers is divided into equal or near equal sub-groups of 5, 6, 7 or more. The fencers in each sub-group fence all the other fencers in their sub-group. The results of the fencers in all the sub-groups in the pool round are ordered according to their performance from highest or best results to lowest to determine ranking of the fencers in that round.
- c) A Tournament consists of several competitions held at the same place at the same 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 NAC. Fencers in the following membership categories are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to compete in National tournaments: 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 possess FIE License valid for the 2002-2003 season or who show proof of current competitive membership from their Federation.
- e) The categories of NAC for the 2002-2003 season for which points will be awarded are: DIVISION I, VETERAN COMBINED, WHEELCHAIR, JUNIOR, CADET, YTH14, YTH12, and YTH10. 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 points or top 16 in the junior points 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 above. 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 2002-2003 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. Fencer's classification is considered at the entry deadline. 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 on President's weekend in February with Championship competitions for Junior and Cadet athletes in each of the six weapons. The schedule for the 2003 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 2003 will be held July 5-8. 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: Fencers qualify for these Championships at their Senior Section Championships or by winning the Under-19 Section Championships. See Chapter 2.2.

- k) The Division II and Division III National Championships: Fencers qualify for these Championships at the Division or Section qualifying competitions. See Chapter 2.2 for further details.
- l) The 2003 Under-19, Under-16, and Youth 14 National Championships: Fencers MUST QUALIFY to fence in these National Championship competitions, either through Section qualifying competitions (Under 19) or Division qualifying competitions (Under-16 and Youth 14). See Chapter 2.2.
- m) Youth 12 and Youth 10 competitions are open to fencers who meet the age criteria.
- n) Wheelchair Championships competitions are held in all weapons except women's sabre. These are open competitions in that there are no specific qualifying criteria.
- o) 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. The Veterans Combined will no longer be held as a Championships tournament, only the age categories. Fencers must qualify for the Veterans Summer Nationals by competing in one of the following during the 2002-2003 season:
  - o NAC Veterans OR
  - o NAC Division I OR
  - o Division's qualifying competition for Division II National Championships OR
  - o Section Championships.
- p) Automatic qualifiers (fencers who qualify through the point standings or results at prior National Championships) will be notified by mail: for the J.O. Championships by the first week in January; for Division I National Championships and for the Summer National Championships by the first week in May. The list of automatic qualifiers will be posted on the USFA web site, with periodic updates.
- q) FIE is the acronym for the international governing body of the Olympic sport of fencing, Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime otherwise known as the International Fencing Federation. Its main office is located in Lausanne, Switzerland with a web site at [www.fie.ch](http://www.fie.ch).
- r) "A" is the nomenclature for FIE World Cup competitions, Junior or Senior.
- s) HPC stands for the USFA High Performance Committee. This committee is responsible for determining selection criteria for all US international teams as well as selection of team staff. It is an oversight committee for the standards and criteria established for programs generated to meet the goal of enhancing US international stature in the world competitive ranks.
- t) NTD stands for National Training Director, instituted in 1998 as a volunteer position and expanded to a full time staff position September 1, 2000. Emmanuil Kaidanov served in this position as a volunteer in its first year of operation. Buckie Leach, National Women's Foil Coach and Olympic Team Coach (1996, 2000), was the full time NTD until Fall 2001. 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 stands for the USFA Athlete Advisory Group composed of two athlete representatives in 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. The elected members of the AAG serve for two years. The current members of this group are listed in Appendix C-5.

- v) AAC stands 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 member of the USOC AAC representing fencing is Felicia Zimmermann and the alternate is Cliff Bayer
- w) FOC stands for the USFA Fencing Officials Commission, the group charged with developing national rated referees, assigning 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 for the 2002-2003 season is Jeffrey Bukantz.
- 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 with recommendations from the HPC. The TC develops the schedule of competitions at the national tournaments. The chair of the TC is Kalle Weeks.
- y) 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 medal. For Age Group point winner, the athlete in each age group who has had the best two results in the national age group competitions in the current season is given a patch indicating that he or she is the Age Group point winner. The athlete who wins the age group competition at the Summer Nationals gets a patch as gold medal winner. This program was initiated by Andrea Lagan, member of the Youth Committee, from Boulder, CO. The Youth Committee has endorsed continuation of the program. The chair of the Youth Committee for the 2002-2003 season is Wendell Kubik.

## 1.5 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 included in the age point standings.

### A. YOUTH 14 (Y14) POINT STANDINGS

The Youth 14 point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships.

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|---|---|
| <p>1. <u>July 12, 2002 through Oct. 8, 2002</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. '01 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Nov. '01 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Jan. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• Feb. '02 J.O. CDT</li> <li>• Apr. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• July '02 Y14 SNC</li> <li>• July '02 CDT SNC</li> </ul> | <p>3. <u>Nov. 13, 2002 through Jan. 6, 2003</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• Oct. '02 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Nov. '02 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Feb. '02 J.O. CDT</li> <li>• Apr. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• July '02 Y14 SNC</li> <li>• July '02 CDT SNC</li> </ul> |
| <p>2. <u>Oct. 9, 2002 through Nov. 12, 2002</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. '02 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Nov. '01 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Jan. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• Feb. '02 J.O. CDT</li> <li>• Apr. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• July '02 Y14 SNC</li> <li>• July '02 CDT SNC</li> </ul> | <p>4. <u>Jan. 7, 2003 through Feb. 18, 2003</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. '02 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Nov. '02 NAC CDT</li> <li>• Jan. '03 NAC Y14</li> <li>• Feb. '02 J.O. CDT</li> <li>• Apr. '02 NAC Y14</li> <li>• July '02 Y14 SNC</li> <li>• July '02 CDT SNC</li> </ul> |

5. Feb. 19, 2003 through Apr. 28, 2003

- Oct. '02 NAC CDT
- Nov. '02 NAC CDT
- Jan. '03 NAC Y14
- Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
- Apr. '02 NAC Y14
- July '02 Y14 SNC
- July '02 CDT SNC

6. Apr. 29, 2003 through July 7, 2003

- Oct. '02 NAC CDT
- Nov. '02 NAC CDT
- Jan. '03 NAC Y14
- Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
- Apr. '03 NAC Y14
- July '02 Y14 SNC
- July '02 CDT SNC

7. July 8, 2003 through Fall 2003

- Oct. '02 NAC CDT
- Nov. '02 NAC CDT
- Jan. '03 NAC Y14
- Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
- Apr. '03 NAC Y14
- July '03 Y14 SNC
- July '03 CDT SNC

B. YOUTH 12 (Y12) POINT STANDINGS

The Youth 12 point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships. An exception is made for the Youth 12 points in retaining points from competitions held more than 12 months prior due to fluctuations in scheduling NAC Youth tournaments.

1. July 12, 2002 through Jan. 6, 2003

- Jan. '02 NAC Y12
- Jan. '02 NAC Y14
- Apr. '02 NAC Y12
- Apr. '02 NAC Y14
- July '02 Y12 SNC
- July '02 Y14 SNC

3. Apr. 29, 2003 through July 7, 2003

- Jan. '03 NAC Y12
- Jan. '03 NAC Y14
- Apr. '03 NAC Y12
- Apr. '03 NAC Y14
- July '02 Y12 SNC
- July '02 Y14 SNC

2. Jan. 7, 2003 through Apr. 28, 2003

- Jan. '03 NAC Y12
- Jan. '03 NAC Y14
- Apr. '02 NAC Y12
- Apr. '02 NAC Y14
- July '02 Y12 SNC
- July '02 Y14 SNC

4. July 8, 2003 through Fall 2003

- Jan. '03 NAC Y12
- Jan. '03 NAC Y14
- Apr. '03 NAC Y12
- Apr. '03 NAC Y14
- July '03 Y12 SNC
- July '03 Y14 SNC

C. YOUTH 10 (Y10) POINT STANDINGS

The Youth 10 point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships. An exception is made for the Youth 10 points in retaining points from competitions held more than 12 months prior due to fluctuations in scheduling NAC Youth tournaments.

1. July 12, 2002 through Jan. 6, 2003

- Jan. '02 NAC Y12
- Jan. '02 NAC Y10
- Apr. '02 NAC Y12
- Apr. '02 NAC Y10
- July '02 Y12 SNC
- July '02 Y10 SNC

2. Jan. 7, 2003 through Apr. 28, 2003

- Jan. '03 NAC Y12
- Jan. '03 NAC Y10
- Apr. '02 NAC Y12
- Apr. '02 NAC Y10
- July '02 Y12 SNC
- July '02 Y10 SNC

3. Apr. 29, 2003 through July 7, 2003
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y12
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y10
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y10
  - July '02 Y12 SNC
  - July '02 Y10 SNC
4. July 8, 2003 through Fall 2003
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y12
  - Jan. '03 NAC Y10
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y12
  - Apr. '03 NAC Y10
  - July '03 Y12 SNC
  - July '03 Y10 SNC

#### D. CADET POINT STANDINGS

The Cadet point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships. 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 12, 2002 through Oct. 8, 2002
  - Oct. '01 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '01 NAC JNR
  - Nov. '01 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '02 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '02 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - July '02 CDT SNC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
2. Oct. 9, 2002 through Nov. 12, 2002
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '01 NAC JNR
  - Nov. '01 NAC CDT
  - Jan. '02 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '02 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - July '02 CDT SNC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
3. Nov. 13, 2002 through Jan 21, 2003
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '02 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '02 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - July '02 CDT SNC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
4. Jan. 22, 2003- Feb. 19, 2003
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '02 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - July '02 CDT SNC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
5. Feb. 20, 2003- July 7, 2003
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - July '02 CDT SNC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
6. July 8, 2003 through Fall 2003
  - Oct. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC CDT
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Feb. '03 J.O. CDT
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - July '03 CDT SNC
  - July '03 JNR SNC

#### E. JUNIOR POINT STANDINGS

The Junior domestic points (Group I) are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships. 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 12, 2002 through Nov. 12, 2002
  - Nov. '01 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '01 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - July '02 JNR SNC
  - July '02 DIV. I SNC
2. Nov. 13, 2002 through Dec. 9, 2002
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '01 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - July '02 JNR SNC
  - July '02 DIV. I SNC
3. Dec. 10, 2002 through Jan. 21, 2003
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '02 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
4. Jan. 22, 2003- Feb. 18, 2003
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '02 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
5. Feb. 19, 2003 through Apr. 28, 2003
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC JNR
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
6. Apr. 29, 2003 through July 7, 2003
  - Nov. '02 NAC JNR
  - Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Feb. '03 J.O. JNR
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
  - July '02 JNR SNC
7. July 8, 2003 through Fall 2003
  - 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 DIV. I NC
  - July '03 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. See Chapter 4 on how international results are incorporated into the National points. NC is the abbreviations for National Championships.

1. Present through Dec. 10, 2002
  - Dec. '01 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
2. Dec. 11, 2002 through Jan. 21, 2003
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
3. Jan. 22, 2003- Apr. 28, 2003
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
4. April 29, 2003 through July 8, 2003
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '02 DIV. I NC
5. July 8, 2003 through Dec. 1, 2003
  - Dec. '02 NAC DIV. I
  - Jan. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - Apr. '03 NAC DIV. I
  - July '03 DIV. I NC



1.6 FORMATS FOR DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS

**TABLE 1-2: COMPETITION FORMATS**

EVENT	POOLS	PROMOTE D	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
Veterans – NAC & Natls.	1 round	100%	No	10 touches in two 3-minute segments
Wheelchair – NAC & Natls.	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 @ Natls.	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: The two-day format used last season in NAC Division I tournaments will be discontinued at the NAC Division I tournaments during the 2002-2003 season. There will be no byes. 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

1.7 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)

## 1.8 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

There are two athlete representatives for each of the six weapons who are the spokespersons for the athletes in their weapon, particularly at the meetings of the HPC. If any athlete has a concern, problem, protest, or question, the athlete should contact his/her athlete representative(s). See Appendix C-5 for list of athlete representatives who will continue through July 31, 2002 at which time an election will be held to elect for the 2002-2004 period.

1.9 SCHEDULE FOR 2002-2003

Tournament Dates	Entry Deadline	Tournament	Location
September 20 – 22	9/10	Junior "A", 6 weapons U.S. Fencer must be on Jr or Cdt Pt Standing to enter	Louisville, KY
October 11 – 14	9/13	NAC Division II, III, Cadet, Wheelchair	Orlando, FL
October 12		SAT I and SAT II	
October 21 – 26		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships	Santiago, Chile
November 2		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests	
November 6-7		Wheelchair Fencing Zonal Championships	Austin, TX
November 8-10		Wheelchair Fencing World Cup	Austin, TX
November 8 – 11	10/11	NAC Junior, NAC Cadet	Greenville, SC
December 6 – 8	11/8	NAC Division I, NAC Veterans	Columbus, OH
December 7		SAT I and SAT II	
<b>2003</b>			
January 3 – 5	12/6	NAC Youth	Saratoga Springs, NY
January 14		DEADLINE FOR DIVISION QUALIFIER REPORTS FOR JO CHAMPS.	
January 17 – 20	12/20	NAC Division I, NAC Junior, Wheelchair*	San Diego, CA
January 23		DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS	
January 25		SAT I, SAT II, and ELPT	
February 14 – 17	1/23	JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.	Colo. Springs, CO
March 7 – 9		<b>NCAA Qualifying rounds</b>	
March 14 – 17	2/14	NAC Division II, III, Veterans, Wheelchair Natls*	Arlington, TX
March 20 –23		NCAA Fencing Championships	Air Force Aca. Colo.
April 5		<b>SAT I only</b>	
April 4 – 13		World Junior & Cadet Championships	Trapani, Italy (Sicily)
April 25 – 28	3/28	NAC Division I, NAC Youth	Overland Park, KS
May 3		SAT I and SAT II	
May 20		DEADLINE FOR DIVISION & SECTION QUALIFIER REPORTS FOR NATLS.–	
May 22		DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR DIV. I & SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPS.	
June 7		SAT I and SAT II	
June 13 – 16	5/30	Senior "A", M. Sabre, W. Sabre, W. Foil U.S. Fencer must be on Sr. Point standings to enter	New York City, NY
June 27 – July 6	5/22	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	Austin, TX
July 3 – 6	5/22	<b>DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	Austin, TX
August 1 – 16		Pan American Games	Dominican Republic.
August 2-6		Fencing at the Pan American Games	
August 21 – 31		World University Games [Fencing 8/22-29]	Daegu, Korea
October 4-12		World Championships	Havana, Cuba

\* Wheelchair tournaments subject to change pending final Wheelchair World Cup schedule

\*\* For 2002 Pan Am Junior/Cadet Champs. Junior, Birth year = 1982-1988; Cadet, Birth Year = 1985-1988

## CHAPTER 2: QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

### 2.1 ENTRY RULES

To fence at any 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;
- Summer National Championships with 71 individual competitions for fencers seven years old and older and team competitions for junior age fencers and senior category fencers.

Each of these National Championship tournaments has a separate entry form, published in the *National Newsletter* – the Junior Olympic Championships and the Summer National Championships. The entry form for the Division I National Championships is mailed directly to those who have met the national (rolling) point standings qualification criteria. Entry forms for the Junior Olympic Championships and the Summer National will be available for downloading from the USFA Web site ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)).

Late entries for NAC tournaments will be accepted up to one week prior to the start of that NAC tournament with payment of the entry fee and the penalty fee. Late entries will be allowed for National Championships tournament up to 10 days prior to the start of the Championships with payment of the required fees and the associated penalty fee. All late entries must be accompanied by payment of triple the on-time registration and event fees. The timeliness of an entry is determined by when the entry is actually received at the USFA office; postmarks are NOT considered in determining timeliness.

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 four weeks prior to the first day of the tournament. If you have NOT received the *National Newsletter* 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 will be mailed between March 15 and May 10 to those who have met the qualification criteria. The entry deadlines for the 2003 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. The entry deadline is as of midnight (Mountain Time) of the stated date.

**WARNING: DO NOT SEND IN AN ENTRY FOR ANY NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BY FAX WITHIN THREE DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DEADLINE DATE.** The transmission lines become overloaded preventing receipt of entry forms at the USFA office.

- 2003 Junior Olympic Championships entry deadline = January 23, 2003
- 2003 Division I National Championships entry deadline = May 22, 2003
- 2003 Summer National Championships entry deadline = May 22, 2003

## 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 the Qualification Rules described in the next Section.

If you are not receiving 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 an optional path for Division II, Division III 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 who is classified as "C" or under at the time of qualification to the Under-19 Nationals will also qualify for Division II.

**TABLE 2-1: QUALIFYING PATHS TO KEY 2003 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 5/1/03			
Junior Points	All as of 1/1/03		Top 8 as of 5/1/03	All as of 5/1/03 Born '84-'90		
Cadet Points	Top 16 as of 1/1/03	All as of 1/1/03	Top 4 as of 5/1/03	Top 16 as of 5/1/03 Born '87-'90	All as of 5/1/03 Born '87-'90	
Youth 14 Points		Top 8 as of 1/6/03			Top 8 as of 5/01/03	All as of 5/01/03
2002 Summer National Champs.			Top 8 from 2002 Div. I-A Top 4 from 2002 Div. II			
Section U-19 Champs.				Top 30%		
Division Qualifying	Top 30%	Top 30%	Division I Team 2-6 teams (a)	6 from Host Division (b) U-19 Team: All (c)	Top 30%	Top 30%
Modern Pentathlon			3 in Men's Epee, 3 in Women's Epee			

**NOTES:**

- (a) USFA member clubs can qualify to enter a team in the 2003 Division I National Team Championships based on their placement in the Division's team qualifying competition and the number of eligible teams in that competition: The top four teams at the 2002 Division I Team Championships are automatic qualifiers for the 2003 Division I Team Championships and Open Team Championships.
  - 2 different clubs at the Division's team qualifying event = 2 qualifiers; 3 different clubs = 3 qualifiers, 4-5 different clubs = 4; 6-10 different clubs = 5; and more than 10 different clubs = 6 qualifiers.
  - Qualified clubs can each enter one team in that weapon in the Division I Team Championships and the Summer Nationals. Team members can be different from those in the qualifying round.
  - For the Open Team Championships at the Summer Nationals, any USFA member club that competed in their Division's (Division I) Team qualifying competition can enter a team.
- (b) The Division in which the Summer Nationals is held is eligible to qualify 6 Under-19 qualifiers (via the Division U-19 qualifying competition) in addition to those who qualify at the Section Under-19 Championships.
- (c) Any USFA member club that competed in the 2003 Division's Under-19 Team qualifying competition qualifies. The top four teams at the 2002 Under-19 Team Championships are automatic qualifiers.

2.3 QUALIFYING PATHS TO 2003 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be U.S. citizens OR permanent residents of the United States who meet qualification standards specified below to enter USFA 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 United States is not eligible for any USFA National Championship competition, individual or team, including Division and Section qualifying competitions. Fencers must be able to show a USFA "Competitive Member" card with an expiration date of 7/31/03 or later. Automatic qualifiers will be posted on the USFA Web site.

**TABLE 2-2: DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS BASED ON 30% RULE**

# 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

JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS [NRPS = National Rolling Point Standings]

UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born between 1986 and 1989\*\* **AND BE**

- on the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 1, 2003 **OR**
- in the top 8 of the Youth 14 NRPS on Jan. 6, 2003 **OR**
- in the top 30% in their Division's Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition.

UNDER-20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born between 1983 and 1989\*\* **AND BE**

- on the Junior NRPS on Jan. 1, 2003 **OR**
- in the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 1, 2003 **OR**
- in the top 30% in their Division's Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition

ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born no later than 1989\*\* **AND**

- Be on the National Senior NRPS on April 29, 2003 **OR**
- Be in the top 8 of the Junior (U-20) NRPS on April 29, 2003 **OR**
- Be in the top 4 of the Cadet (U-17) NRPS on April 29, 2003 **OR**
- Placed in the top 8 in the 2002 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Placed in the top 4 in the 2002 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Be one of three athletes named by the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association in either men's epee or women's epee.

DIVISION I TEAM:

Based on number of unique clubs represented at the 2003 Division's Team Championships qualifying competition **OR**

Be a USFA member club that placed in the top 4 at the 2002 Division I National Team Championships or 2002 Open Team Championships.

Members of the team must be born no later than 1989.

## SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### DIVISION I-A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born no later than 1989 **AND**

- Place in the top 30% (with a minimum of 10) at the 2003 Senior Section Championships **OR**
- Placed in top 8 at the 2002 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Placed in top 4 at the 2002 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Be the current 2003 Under-19 Section Champion

### 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** have been born no later than 1989 **AND** –

- Place in the top 30% of the 2003 Division Qualifying competition **OR**
- The top 6 at the 2003 Senior Section Championships who do not otherwise qualify **OR**
- Qualify for the 2003 Under-19 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Qualify for the 2003 Under-16 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Placed in the top 4 at the 2002 Division III National Championships

### 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 1989 **AND** –

- Fenced in the 2003 Division Qualifying competition for the 2003 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Qualify for 2003 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Fenced in the 2003 Senior Section Championships

### 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

### UNDER-19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencer's must have been born between 1984 and 1990\*\* **AND**

- Place in the top 30% at the 2003 Under-19 Section Championships **OR**
- Be on the Junior (Under-19) point standings as of May 1, 2003 **OR**
- Be in the top 16 of the Cadet (Under-16) point standings as of May 1, 2003.
- Host Division of Summer Nationals qualifies 6 in addition to those who qualify at the 2003 Under-19 Section Championships

### UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must have been born between 1987 and 1990\*\* **AND**

- Be on the Cadet (Under-16) point standings as of May 1, 2003 **OR**
- Place in the top 30% of the Division's U-16 qualifying competition [Host Division qualifies double the number of normal qualifiers] **OR**
- Be in the Top 8 of the Youth 14 point standings as of May 1, 2003

**\*\* Athletes can fence in their Division's qualifying competitions for Youth 14 or Cadet (U-16) 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 1990, can fence in Youth 10 and Youth 12 at the Summer Nationals without any special qualification requirements. A fencer born in 1990 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 the point standings at the time of the qualifying

competitions. Similar rule applies for qualifying competitions for the Under-19 Summer National Championships: if athlete is younger than age criteria, athlete must be on current Cadet standings.

**YOUTH 14  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

- Be on the Youth 14 NRPS as of May 1, 2003 **OR**
- Place in the top 30% of the Division's Youth 14 qualifying competition

**YOUTH-12 OPEN**

Fencers born between 1990 and 1993\*\* may enter the Youth 12 competitions at the 2003 Summer National Championships without meeting any special qualifying criteria.

Fencers must be current competitive members of the USFA.

**YOUTH-10 OPEN**

Fencers born between 1992 and 1995 may enter the Youth 10 competitions at the 2003 Summer National Championships without meeting any special qualifying criteria. Fencers must be current USFA competitive members.

**SUMMER OPEN  
TEAM CHAMPS.**

Discontinued by action of the Board of Directors, September 2002.

**UNDER-19 TEAM:**

Placed in the top 4 at the 2002 Under-19 National Team Championships and be a current USFA member club **OR**

Any current USFA member club that qualified at their Division's 2003 Under-19 Team Championships (qualifying competition) may enter one team in each weapon in which it qualified. The members of the team must be born between 1984 and 1990.

**VETERAN**

Any current competitive member born 1962 or earlier who has competed in

- 2003 Section Championships **OR**
- 2003 Division qualifying competition for Division II Championships **OR**
- any NAC during the 2002-2003 season.

For 2003, the Veterans Age Championships will be held in three age categories: "40-49" as of 1/1/03, "50-59", and "60 and older". 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 Championships are held. Therefore, the final age cut-off for 50-59 and 60 and older cannot be determined until it is known when the 2003 World Veterans Championships will be held. In the interim, the cut-off dates will be: 50-59: born between 1943 and 1952; 60 and older: born in 1942 or earlier. Once the dates have been determined, appropriate adjustments will be made to the Veterans point tables.



## 2.4 APPEAL PROCESS

Sometimes events in one's life 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 at least four opportunities for a person to earn points for qualification to Division I National Championships: 2002 Division I National Championships, NAC Division I in December 2002, January 2003 and April 2003.

Here are some examples of unacceptable appeals:

- 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 before November 1 without submitting an appeal. After that date you will need to document the reasons for such a change for consideration of the change request.
- 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 USFA PROVISIONS FOR 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 three** business days following the competition at which the petitioner could have qualified. In any case the petition needs to be submitted NO LATER than one week prior to the entry deadline for the Championships.

The appeal must be accompanied by:

- a) A non-refundable-filing fee of \$25.00, 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 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.
- e) 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.

The appropriate Division and/or Section Officer may be asked 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 one week prior to the entry deadline and will only be reviewed if accompanied by the \$25 non-refundable filing fee and the completed entry form with registration and entry fees.

*Reference: USFA Operations Manual, 1999 edition, Chapter III, Section 4.*

## CHAPTER 3: INTERNATIONAL POINTS

### 3.1 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

There are several levels 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.

#### 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 is defined by the FIE as one who is at least 13 years old and has not reached the age of 20 on 1 January of the year in which the World Junior Championships is held. Therefore, for the 2002-2003 fencing season a Junior fencer is one who was born between 1983 and 1989. By FIE rules a Cadet is one who is at least 13 and has not reached the age of 17 on January 1, 2003. Thus, for the 2002-2003 fencing season, the cadet fencer is one who was born between 1986 and 1989.

Fencers must be entered in an "A" (World Cup) by their national federation; for US fencers that means they must be entered by the USFA. Fencers cannot enter themselves. See 3.6 for details. For the Junior and Cadet World Championships, countries can enter up to three per individual event. For the Senior (Open) World Championships countries can enter up to four per individual event. Each country establishes its own criteria for selection of athletes that will represent the country at a World Championships..

For US fencers competing in Senior "A" competitions and World Championships, a specific design of US colors (pattern approved by the FIE) must be imprinted on the back leg of their knickers. Marx Enterprises has the pattern: 7825 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97219-4303, (503) 245-9271, [Suzmarx1@attbi.com](mailto:Suzmarx1@attbi.com).

**Designated "A"** individual competitions are "A" competitions selected by National Weapon Coaches as priority competitions in which U.S. fencers should compete. These competitions are categorized as Group II competitions (see Chapter 4). Points earned at a specified number of Group II competitions are added to one's point total. Other designated "A" competitions are considered as part of Group I competitions, except for Cadet Team points. An "A" may change its status from Group II to Group I if the FIE withdraws its sanction as an "A". Designated "A" competitions are listed in Tables 3-1 and 3-2.

#### b) "B" COMPETITIONS

A "**B**" competition is defined by the USFA as any European "Open" competition that is not a World Cup and not restricted to a certain age group. Points earned at a "B" is included in Group I for Senior point standings. For award of points for placement at a "B" complete results must be submitted by the fencer so that the strength factor can be determined. Any points earned at a "B" competition will only be considered for the Senior point standings and not for Junior or Cadet national point standings.

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>. For the 2002-2003 season, a fencer will earn 200 points for placing between 33 and 64 at a Senior "A" if it has a strength factor of 2.0 (see Section 3.5) and at least 82 competitors. "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 **Designated Cadet "B"** is a European competition for those who meet the age criteria for Cadet fencers and at which Cadet athletes can earn Group II points for team selection. The USFA limits the number of entries in accordance with the National Cadet Point standings as of

the entry deadline for that competition. Athletes below 12<sup>th</sup> in the standings must be recommended by the National weapon coach. In some instances the national weapon coach will plan a week of training in Europe in conjunction with the Cadet “B”. If there is more than one Designated Cadet “B”, points will only be considered for one – the one with the greater number of points earned. Partial funding may be available for the top Cadet fencers for one designated Cadet “B”. Notice will be sent to the group of athletes eligible for funding. At least one coach and a referee will accompany the delegation.

### c) SATELLITE COMPETITIONS

The FIE instituted another level of FIE sanctioned tournaments, several years ago, known as Satellite competitions at which FIE points can be awarded. The USFA will consider results obtained by a fencer at satellite competitions in the same way as is done for “B” competitions – using the strength factor to determine number of points and including them as shown in formulas given in Chapter 4.

A satellite series consists of between four and ten open tournaments in the same weapon, organized in at least three different countries adjacent or within the same geographical region. There can only be one satellite series for each weapon within a given set of countries. See Appendix A-5 for schedule of satellite competitions.

Satellite tournaments may in their organization deviate from the grade A standard by having more than one preliminary round without elimination, by having repêchage to the direct elimination, or by being organized as a round-robin. To qualify for the world ranking list and the world cup, a tournament must attract at least 32 fencers from at least 4 different countries.

In a satellite tournament the winner scores 4 points for the world ranking list, the runner-up scores 3 points, semifinalists score 2 points, and quarter finalists score 1 point each. For the world ranking list, a fencer can count results from a maximum of two satellite tournaments. For each grade A result for which a fencer earns FIE points, one less satellite result will be counted in the FIE standings.

## 3.2 WORLD CUP TEAM COMPETITIONS

The FIE expanded the World Cup competition program by adding a Team World Cup Series in the 2000-2001 season. In conjunction with this series, the FIE has established an official World Cup Team standings. The point totals for the standings are based on a combination of the results from four team competitions held in different regions of the world. These standings will be used to seed the teams at the World Championships.

Because performance in the team events is critical to qualifying for the Olympic Games, it is imperative that ways be found by which the National weapon coach can determine the best winning team combination.

To maximize the potential for the team events the National coaches and the National Training Director have been given flexibility in determining the composition of the team.

The National Training Director, in consultation with the National Weapon coach, will select the athletes for participation in each World Cup team competition based on 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 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 list for Seniors and Juniors based on results at Senior "A" (World Cup) competitions and Junior "A" (World Cup) competitions. The FIE Senior World rankings are calculated as the sum of the highest points earned at six Senior "A" competitions in which the fencer has participated, with a limit of no more than four 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 highest points earned at six Junior "A" competitions of which no more than five will be considered from one continent, including the World Championships.

The FIE point scale for any World Cup competition (Junior, Senior, team) 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.

##### i) Principle

The official team ranking of the F.I.E. calculates the sum of the team's best 4 results in the Team World Cup competitions, with a maximum of two results obtained in the same continental zone, plus the Open World Championships or the Olympic Games.

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 updated official team ranking is the deciding factor for all rankings, seedings, etc.

##### ii) 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 points earned by a fencer.

USFA points will be awarded for a designated **Junior** "A" competition when the FIE awards points for the FIE World Cup standings. USFA will award points for non-designated Junior "A" as long as it meets the following criteria:

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

"A" competitions designated 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 plan for the weapon development.

The United States hosted a *Candidature Junior "A"* tournament September 20-22 in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a designated Junior "A" with the proviso that 10 of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers had to participate as well as representation from at least five countries. Due to its early timing none of the competitions at this Junior "A" tournament met that criteria. Thus the fencers earned points equivalent to a NAC Junior tournament for inclusion in Group I calculations. Athletes did earn FIE points as can be seen on FIE standings posted on the FIE web site.

### 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" and European "B" competitions. The strength factor formula for Junior "A" competitions was implemented for the first time in the 2001-2002 season, but has been suspended for the 2002-2003 season while the effectiveness of the formula is evaluated. The SF takes into consideration the size (N) of the field and the number of World Cup Senior and Junior 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 SF is applied to Column N of the Point Table in Appendix B-1. The FIE World Cup standings used are the standings 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)

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

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

### 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. 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 in the team standings.

Athletes should not depend on others to submit results. The FIE website reports results of those fencers who are awarded FIE points for the FIE World Ranking list, usually places 1-64. If a fencer does not stay for the entire competition, the fencer should ask the Directoire Technique (equivalent to the US Bout Committee) for the results up to when they are leaving the competition. We are not always able to obtain the results from the organizer of the "A" competition. If you cannot obtain the results from the D.T., then request the seeding list with the names of all the fencers. For Senior "A", you need to get this on the second day, in case any of the fencers with a "Bye" do not show for the start of the second day. The USFA must rely 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!**

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

- a. Fencer placed in the 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 will earn 200 points..

A strength formula is used (see Section 3.5) for Senior "A" and European "B" competitions. The strength formula is not used in determining the number of points earned at Designated Cadet "B" competitions. If the resulting number of points is less than 200, 165, or 110 (the lowest number of points awarded in a Senior, Junior, or Cadet NAC, 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 24 in men and women's sabre since US is allowed 13 and 14 fencers respectively) of the USFA Senior Rolling Point standings prior to Feb. 1 and Senior Team Point standings beginning Feb. 1. 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 prior to December 1 and top 8 in the Junior Team Point standings beginning Dec. 1. Juniors will be accepted only if less than number allowed requested entry from the fencers on the Senior point standings.

A fencer will be considered for entry in a Junior "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 12 in the USFA Junior Rolling Point standings prior to Dec. 1 and top 12 in the Junior Team Point standings beginning Dec. 1. The group of eligible juniors will be expanded to the top 16 for those weapons in which the number of athletes which can be entered is greater than 8. Fencers will be considered for entry in Junior "A" competitions who are in the top 8 in the USFA Cadet Rolling Point standings up to Dec. 9 and the Cadet Team Point standings beginning Dec. 9. Cadet fencers are accepted only if the quota allowed was not filled by eligible junior fencers.

In referring to a specific group of fencers on the point standings only those eligible to represent the United States at a World Championships are included. If a fencer who is not eligible to represent the United States is listed on the point standings, that fencer is removed from that

group of fencers. Permanent residents who submit documentation reflecting anticipated attainment of US citizenship and who have not represented another country are exempted from this exclusion.

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. 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 the USFA Director of Technical Programs by the entry deadline depicted 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 2002-2003 FIE License, in addition to being a current competitive USFA member in order to compete in "A" competitions. There is an annual charge of \$25 for the FIE License, payable to the USFA. The FIE charges for each FIE License which can only be paid 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*"(see Appendix D-2) prior or with the "Request to Enter an "A" form (Appendix D-3).

### 3.8 ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE only allows each country to enter up to eight fencers in either a Senior or Junior "A" competition. 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; and
- 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, if a Junior or Cadet, prior to selection of athletes for the next World Junior Cadet 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. In addition, the athlete will be responsible for any financial penalties imposed on the USFA by the FIE.

For the 2002-2003 season, the number of fencers who can be entered by the United States in Junior and Senior "A" competitions in Europe is given in Tables 3-1 and 3-2. 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. 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 will pay an entry fee **AT** the "A" competition in 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 currency in effect at the time of the competition. Fencers should be prepared to pay a fee at the time they register at the competition. At official FIE competitions and in local competitions held in Germany and Canada, FIE approved equipment must be used: 800-newton jacket, knickers, and underarm, FIE foil and epee blades, and FIE mask. Some Grand Prix competitions will have an entry fee of \$60. See Weapon calendars in Appendix.



### 3.10 PENALTIES

A country entering five to nine fencers in a competition must provide one referee. If more than nine fencers are entered, the country must provide two referees. Because availability of referees must be determined, 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 the entry brings the number of entries such that an additional referee is required 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 of approximately \$1,500.

**TABLE 3-1: DESIGNATED JUNIOR "A" & DESIGNATED CADET COMPETITIONS**

<b>M. EPEE</b> 8 Fencers allowed	<b>M. FOIL</b> 8 Fencers allowed	<b>M. SABRE</b> 13 Fencers Allowed	<b>W. EPEE</b> 9 Fencers allowed	<b>W. FOIL</b> 8 Fencers allowed	<b>W. SABRE</b> 13 Fencers allowed
9/20, Louisville, KY **	9/21, Louisville, KY **	9/22, Louisville, KY**	9/21, Louisville, KY **	9/22, Louisville, KY **	9/20, Louisville, KY **
10/20, Bratislava, SVQ	10/19, Bratislava, SVQ	10/19, Godollo, HUN <b>CDT DES</b>	10/12, Warsaw	10/20, Bratislava, SVQ	11/23, Ariccia, ITA
11/16, Bonn, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	11/23, Madrid, ESP	11/24, Frascati, ITA* <b>CDT DES</b>	10/21, Bratislava, SVQ	10/27, Pistoia, ITA	1/3, Budapest, HUN
12/1, Catania, ITA	12/1, Aix-en-Provence, FRA	12/1, Dormagen, GER	11/16, Heidenheim, <b>CDT DES</b>	11/23-24, Tauber. <b>CDT DES</b>	1/12, Goppingen, GER
'1/4, Budapest, HUN	1/5, Budapest, HUN	'1/4, Budapest, HUN	11/24, Palermo, ITA* <b>CDT DES</b>	11/30, Jesi, ITA	2/1, Logrono, ESP
2/2, Tauber., GER	1/25-26, Osnabruck, GER <b>CDT</b>	1/11, Goppingen, GER	1/3, Budapest, HUN	1/5, Budapest, HUN	2/23, Dourdan * <b>CDT DES</b>
	2/2, Como, ITA	2/1, Logrono, ESP	2/1, Neuheim, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	1/25, Jena, GER* <b>CDT DES</b>	
		2/23, Dourdan, FRA	2/16, Modling, AUT	2/2, Waldkirch, GER	

\* Counts as a Designated A for Cadet ONLY Will NOT count for Junior standings

Only one Cadet Designated will count in Group II team selection points for the World Cadet Team. If more than one Cadet Designated has been listed for a weapon, the one where athlete earned the most points will be the one that is considered in Group II.

\*\* Louisville remains a Designated Junior "A" **ONLY IF** ten (10) of the top 32 in the FIE Junior World ranking are present and five (5) or more countries are represented with the US as one of the five countries. If NOT, then the results will be awarded points as a NAC Junior competition and considered a competition in Group I and not Group II.

**TABLE 3-2: DESIGNATED SENIOR "A" COMPETITIONS**

<b>M. EPEE</b> 9 Fencers Allowed	<b>M. FOIL</b> 8 Fencers Allowed	<b>M. SABRE</b> 9 Fencers Allowed	<b>W. EPEE</b> 8 Fencers Allowed	<b>W. FOIL</b> 8 Fencers Allowed	<b>W. SABRE</b> 14 Fencers Allowed
1/25, Tallin, EST	5/2, Heidenheim, GER	1/25, Paris, FRA	12/21, Moscow, RUS	1/24, Budapest, HUN	2/7, Turin, ITA
2/1, Lisbon, POR	5/10, Legnano, ITA	2/1, Cairo, EGY	1/31, Budapest, HUN	2/1, Prague, CZE	2/22, Seoul, KOR
2/8, Barcelona, Esp	5/24, Buenos Aires, ARG	2/14, La Coruna, ESP	2/15, Bonn, GER	2/22, Tauber., GER	3/29, Budapest, HUN
2/22, Budapest, HUN	5/31, Stockholm, SWE	3/1, Shanghai, CHN	3/8, Athens, GRE	3/21, St. Maur, FRA	5/2, Paris, FRA
3/1, London, GBR	6/7, Tunis, TUN	5/10, Bonn, GER	5/2, Padoue, ITA	5/16, Legnano, ITA	5/17, Leipzig, GER
3/8, Bratislava, SVK	6/14, Berne, SWI	5/16, Espinho, POR	5/9, Madrid, ESP	5/23, Malaga, ESP	6/13, New York City
3/15, Paris, FRA	6/23, Havana, CUB	6/21, Havana, CUB	6/14, New York City, US	5/31, Welkenraedt, BEL	6/20, Havana, CUB
3/21, Montreal, CAN	6/28, San Juan, PUR		6/24, Havana, CUB		
3/28, Bogota, COL					
<b>In Men's Epee only those with SF of 1.5 or greater will be considered for Group II. Best 5 of Group II count for Team selection.</b>					

**Table 3-3: FIE SENIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS**

<b>M. EPEE</b>	<b>M. FOIL</b>	<b>M. SABRE</b>	<b>W. EPEEE</b>	<b>W. FOIL</b>	<b>W. SABRE</b>
1/18, Tauber., GER	1/27, Paris, FRA	1/18-19, Paris, FRA #	1/26, Budapest, HUN	2/2, Tunis, TUN	12/23, Moscow, RUS
02/7, Barcleona, ESP	2/3, Cairo, EGY	02/2, Godollo, HUN	2/21, Tauber., GER	2/9, Turin, ITA	3/2, Nagykanizsa, HUN
03/23, Montreal, CAN	2/16, La Coruna, SPA	02/23, Eislengen, GER	3/23, St-Maur, FRA	2/24, Seoul, KOR	3/16, Foggia, ITA
5/12, Vercelli, ITA	3/3, Shanghai, CHN	5/4, Conegliano, ITA	5/25, Malaga, SPA	5/4, Paris, FRA	3/30, Orleans, FRA
6/1, Poitiers, FRA	5/18, Espinho, POR	05/11, Madrid, ESP	6/22, Havana, CUB	5/16, Leipzig, GER	5/18, Koblenz, GER
7/21, Sydney, AUS	6/23, Havana, CUB	06/16, New York City USA.	7/21, Sydney, AUS	6/15, New York City USA	6/16, New York City USA

## CHAPTER 4: 2002-2003 USFA TEAMS

### 4.1 2003 NATIONAL TEAMS

The members of the US teams to the Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Championships held in 2003 and their corresponding alternates will be identified as 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 USFA International Teams a team warm-up, issued once every two years, until a new model is received. Athletes must bring the official USFA 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 international 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.

### 4.3 NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

Athletes will be selected as a member of a 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 made 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 five 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 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 does 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, please keep the USFA office informed of your 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 will be used for seeding teams at the World Championships and selection of teams to the 2004 Olympic Games. In the 2002-2003 season it is anticipated that the National Weapon Coaches will enter a team in each of the World Cup team competitions.

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 determined by the National

Weapon Coach. The point standings that will be used will be the rolling point standings before Feb. 1 and the team point standings thereafter.

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. Funding of 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 in place for each team. Athletes who accept appointment to an international team must comply with the specific travel plans for that team.

In general, 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. 9, thereafter it will be based on the National Team Point standings. For senior fencers, the funding will be based on the National Rolling Point standings up to Feb. 1; thereafter, the funding will be based on the National Team Point standings. Athletes must be prepared to

participate in the team preparation programs, be they training camp or international competition, prior to the World Championships or other major international tournament.

#### 4.8 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their personal equipment complies with FIE standards (see Appendix C-7) and functions accordingly. Athletes should not travel to an international tournament intending to buy equipment or planning to have the team armorer 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 that is 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 meet all FIE specifications. The team armorer must have sufficient time to ensure that the equipment complies with the requisite FIE standards. Any fencer submitting equipment to the team armorer requiring extensive replacement parts will be charged accordingly.

The FIE now requires that fencers uniform has the country colors, approved for that country. For the US the country colors are a pattern placed on the back leg of the knickers. Since name and country must be on the back of the jacket or lame 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 that part of the equipment requirements will be with the athlete.

#### 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. However, the priority of the USFA is to field the strongest team in each team competition. This priority 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

Candidates for any USFA international team or athletes planning to compete in international World Cup 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 be quite costly to renew or obtain a new passport on short notice. Worse yet, you may not be able to get your passport before your travel date and, in some instances, you may need to apply for a visa for the country where you will be traveling. To obtain a visa, you must submit a valid passport.

**WARNING:** Any person traveling with a foreign passport **MUST** contact the Embassy or Consulate of the destination country and any country where there will be a stop to determine if a visa is required. Persons with foreign passports have been denied entry into a country due to the visa requirements for the country of their passport. Individuals with the foreign passports must find out about visa requirements.

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."

#### 4.11 2003 WORLD JUNIOR (UNDER-20) CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WHEN & WHERE:** April 4-13, 2003, Trapani, Italy [Sicily]

**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.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/2/83 and 12/31/89.

**SELECTION:** The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Junior (Under-20) Team Point standings no later than February 28, 2003 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 1-5  
[Division I National Championships removed due to timing in 2002]

1. 2002 Under-19 National Championships
2. NAC Junior (Under-20) [Nov. 2002, Jan. 2003]
3. NAC Division I [Dec. 2002, Jan. 2003]
4. 2003 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
5. Points earned at designated "A" competitions not included in Group II sum

GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 6-8

6. Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions [Sept. 1, '02 – Feb. 28, '03]<sup>2</sup>
7. Designated Senior "A"<sup>1</sup> World Cup competitions [Dec. 1, '02 – Feb. 28, '03]<sup>2</sup>
8. 2002 Junior (Under-20) World Championships

Designated "A" not counted in Group II will count in Group I.

Points awarded for placing 1-32 at the 2002 Senior World Championships will be used for ROLLING point standings only and not for team selection.

<sup>1</sup> Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table. In MEN'S EPEE Designated Senior "A" results will be considered for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater and the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior "A" competitions that do not meet these criteria will then be considered for Group I.

<sup>2</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 (Section 3.6).

**4.12****2003 WORLD CADET (UNDER-17) CHAMPIONSHIPS****WHEN & WHERE:** April 4-13, 2003, Trapani, Italy [Sicily]**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 1/1/86 and 12/31/89.**SELECTION** The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Cadet (Under-17) Team Point Standings no later than February 28, 2003 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. 2002 Under-16 National Championships
2. 2002 Under-19 National Championships
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17) [Oct. 2002, Nov. 2002]
4. NAC Junior (Under-20) [Nov. 2002, Jan. 2003]
5. 2003 Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships
6. 2003 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
7. Points earned at Designated "A" not included in Group II sum

**GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 8-12,**

8. NAC Division I [December 2002, Jan. 2003]
9. One Designated Cadet "B" competition
10. Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions [Sept. 2002-Feb. 25, 2003]<sup>2</sup>
11. Designated Senior "A"<sup>1</sup> World Cup competitions [Dec. 2002-Feb. 25, 2003]<sup>2</sup>
12. 2002 World Championships – Cadet, Junior

Designated "A" not counted in Group II will count in Group I.

Points awarded for placing 1-32 at the 2002 Senior World Championships will be used for ROLLING point standings only and not for team selection.

<sup>1</sup> Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table. In MEN'S EPEE Designated Senior "A" results will be considered for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater and the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior "A" competitions that do not meet these criteria will then be considered for Group I.

<sup>2</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 (Section 3.6).

**4.13****2003 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS****WHEN & WHERE:**

October 4-12, 2003, Havana, Cuba

**TOURNAMENT:**

Individual competitions for six weapons (Men's Epee, Foil, and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil, and Sabre). Team competitions are held in each of the six weapons using the relay team format.

**TEAM:**

The team is composed of four athletes in each of six weapons. The National Coach may decide to include the fifth athlete (on the senior team standings) to be available for the World Team competition.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is no later than 12/31/89.

**SELECTION**

The top four fencers in each of six weapons will be selected according to the Senior World Team Point Standings no later than July 8, 2003 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through June 29, 2003.

**SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II****GROUP I – SUM OF TWO HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5, Between Dec. 1, 2002 & July 8, 2003**

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2002, Jan. 2003, April 2003]
2. 2003 Division I National Championships [July, 2003]
3. European "B"<sup>1</sup> Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
4. Non Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> Competitions<sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
5. Designated "A"<sup>2</sup> competitions not included in Group II

**GROUP II – SUM OF THE FIVE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 6-7**

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2002 through June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
7. 2002 World Championships (Top 16 results only)

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Points Earned at the World Championships [17-32] will count for Rolling Point Standings 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 Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column for international competitions in the USFA Point Tables. In MEN'S EPEE Designated Senior "A" results will be considered for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater and the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior "A" competitions that do not meet these criteria will then be considered for Group I.

<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 (Section 3.6).



#### 4.14 2003 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

**WHEN & WHERE:** August 21-31, 2003, Daegu, Korea [Fencing competition Aug. 22-29]

**TOURNAMENT:** Individual competitions for six weapons (Men's Epee, Foil, and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil, and Sabre). There is a team competition in each of the six weapons.

**TEAM:** Four athletes in each of six weapons. Team is fielded under the auspices of the US Olympic Committee with funding possibilities unknown at this time. The USFA has the jurisdiction to decide not to field a team due to the limitations of funding as well as the timing of these Games.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at time of selection who is at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event. Athlete must meet academic regulations specified below.

**SELECTION** The top four fencers in each of six weapons will be selected according to the Senior World Team Point Standings no later than July 8, 2003 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through June 29, 2003.

##### SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

##### GROUP I – SUM OF TWO HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5, Between Dec. 1, 2002 & July 8, 2003

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2002, Jan. 2003, April 2003]
2. 2003 Division I National Championships [July 2003]
3. European "B"<sup>1</sup> Competitions<sup>1,2</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
4. Non Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> Competitions<sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
5. Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> competitions not included in Group II

##### GROUP II – SUM OF THE FIVE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
7. 2002 World Championships (Top 16 results only)

Points Earned at the World Championships [17-32] will count for Rolling Point Standings 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 points.

<sup>2</sup> Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column in the USFA Point Tables. In MEN'S\_EPEE Designated Senior "A" results will be considered for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater and the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior "A" competitions that do not meet these criteria will be considered for Group .

<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 date for selection of members of the team (Section 3.6).

##### ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

- a) *students who are officially registered for and pursuing a full time course of study at a university or similar institute whose status as a university is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;*
- b) *former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event.*
- c) *Be a high school graduate after January 1, 2003 and be entering a post secondary institution for the first time in August/September 2003*

"If you have questions regarding your opportunity to compete that are not answered by the USFA, 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).

**4.15 2003 PAN AMERICAN GAMES**

**WHEN & WHERE:** August 1-16, 2003, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Fencing – August 1-6

**TOURNAMENT:** Individual competitions for six weapons (Men’s Epee, Foil, and Sabre; Women’s Epee, Foil, and Sabre). Women’s Sabre is not confirmed for the program for 2003 Pan American Games though request has been submitted for such confirmation. There is a team competition in each weapon.

**TEAM:** Three athletes in each of six weapons; two fence in the individual competition in each weapon. This is a multi sport tournament under the auspices of the US Olympic Committee.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is no later than 12/31/89.

**SELECTION** The top three fencers in each of six weapons will be selected according to the Senior World Team Point Standings no later than July 8, 2003 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through June 29, 2003.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I – SUM OF TWO HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5. Between Dec. 1, 2002 & July 8, 2003

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2002, Jan. 2003, April 2003]
2. 2003 Division I National Championships [July 2003]
3. European “B”<sup>1</sup> Competitions<sup>1,2</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
4. Non Designated Senior “A”<sup>2</sup> Competitions<sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
5. Designated Senior “A”<sup>2</sup> competitions not included in Group II

GROUP II – SUM OF THE FIVE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT

6. Designated Senior “A” Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2002- June 29, 2003]<sup>3</sup>
7. 2002 World Championships (Top 16 results only)

Points Earned at the World Championships [17-32] will count for Rolling Point Standings 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 Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column for international competitions in the USFA Point Tables. . In MEN’S EPEE Designated Senior “A” results will count for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater and the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior “A” competitions that do not meet these criteria will be considered for Group I.

<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 (Section 3.6).

“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).

**4.16 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES, ATHENS, GREECE, AUGUST 14-19, 2004** [Fencing Dates]  
Opening Ceremonies on August 13 and Closing Ceremonies on August 29

The International Fencing Federation(FIE) has held several special meetings to decide what events would be included at the 2004 Olympic Games. The IOC had approved the addition of women's sabre but had also clearly stated that it would not approve the addition of events or medals. Thus the FIE had to determine how to incorporate the women's sabre and yet continue to hold only ten events. After several meetings of the representatives of the FIE member countries, 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). Though women's foil and women's sabre would only be represented in the individual events, the decision is only for the 2004 Olympic Games. The FIE will consider what events will be recommended to the IOC for the 2008 Olympic Games the end of 2003.

**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:**

The total number of fencers for each weapon that can have a team competition -, the 24 fencers of the team competition are selected by their national federations. Then there are 7 fencers from the C.O.A. (Adjusted Official Classification) of the F.I.E. (2 from Europe, 2 from Asia/Oceania, 2 from America, 1 from Africa), limited to one fencer per country, bringing the total to 31.

- 5 fencers by means of continental competitions (2 from Europe, 1 from Asia/Oceania, 1 from America, 1 from Africa), each country being allowed only one competitor in the continental competition. These competitions are only open to those countries having no fencers selected by means of the two preceding criteria, 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.

The continental competition is open to those countries (one fencer per country) who have not had a fencer selected through the C.O.A. or through the continental C.O.A.

**4.17 2003 WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEN & WHERE:** To Be Determined

**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.

**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 8 [based on the assumption that the tournament will be held at least 30 days later]. The Veterans Age Team standings is calculated as the best two of three national tournaments: the NAC Combined Veterans tournament in December 2002 and March 2003 and the Veterans Age Championships at the 2003 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 2002 World Veterans Championships. Changes can occur by the FIE which will be posted on the USFA web site and in the USFA National Newsletter.

#### 4.18 2002 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2002 Pan American Junior/Cadet Championships will be held October 20-26 in Santiago, Chile. Athletes will be selected according to the 2001-2002 National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings, after the 2002 World Junior/Cadet Championships (April 8, 2002). 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 2002 World Junior/Cadet Championships whereby Junior fencers must be born between 1982 and 1988; Cadet fencers must be born between 1985 and 1988. Athletes must be US citizens at the time of selection.

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

Athletes will be selected according to the 2002-2003 National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings, after the 2003 World Junior/Cadet Championships (April 12). 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 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 next Pan American Games will be held August 1-16, 2003 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. For the 1999 Pan American Games U.S. Fencing was allowed a team of 15 athletes, 3 per weapon. The composition of the team for the 2003 Games is not known at this time. The USOC is responsible for fielding teams in the sports on the schedule of the Pan American Games.
- 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 men's epee fencer, one men's foil fencer, two men's sabre fencers, one women's epee fencer, 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 20-26, 2002 in Santiago, Chile.
- e) 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). 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 WEAPON SQUAD FUNDING

Each of the weapon squads has a budget which 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 ranking of fencers. For Juniors and cadets, the National Rolling point standings will be used prior to December 9; after that the National Team point standings will be used. For Seniors the National Rolling point standings will be used prior to February 1; thereafter the National Team point standings will be used.

Fencers who compete in individual Senior "A" competitions followed by a World Cup team competition will each 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 and 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.

### 5.2 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 who have attained the following point totals on the Team Point standings at the time of selection will receive a per diem. The per diem amount will vary depending on the budget for the team with per diem expected to average \$25 a day.

- Cadet World team, minimum point total is 1600
- Junior World team, minimum point total is 2400
- Senior World team, minimum point total is 4000

### 5.3 FUNDING FOR 2003 WORLD CADET, JUNIOR & SENIOR WORLD TEAMS

The USFA will cover a percentage of the airfare costs (round trip from home to 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.

#### SENIOR WORLD TEAM:

550 Senior international points*	= 25% airfare
1100 Senior international points*	= 50% airfare
1650 Senior international points*	= 75% airfare
2200 Senior international points*	= 100% airfare

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Senior international points are those earned at competitions where the Strength Factor is **at least 1.5 and** points are **included** in athlete's Group II point total at the time of selection to the World team.

## JUNIOR AND CADET WORLD 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

## 5.4 ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Performance Award system for Senior World Cup competitions and Senior World Championships has been 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 of meeting the requirements for fielding 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 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 2002-2003 season the following athletes are eligible for training grants having met the criteria for their Level III status in the 2001-2002 season: Emily Jacobson, Sada Jacobson and Jon Tiomkin.

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

Christine Becker\*  
 Eric Hansen  
 Sada Jacobson  
 Nhi Lan Le  
 Nicole Mustilli  
 Carolyn Purcell

Keeth Smart\*  
 Akhi Spencer-EI  
 Justin Tausig  
 Jon Tiomkin  
 Mariel Zagunis\*  
 Iris Zimmermann\*

\*achieved Level II at end of 2000-2001 season



Table 5-3: INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT JUNIOR/CADET  
September 2002-April 2003 April 2003

PLACE	Designated Junior "A"# & World Championships	Cadet World Championships
1	\$1,880	\$ 1,000
2	\$1,580	\$ 600
3-4	\$1,350	\$ 500
5-8	\$1,125	\$ 400
9-16	\$ 600	\$ 250
17-32	\$ 300 ##	

# 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.2002 – Feb. 2003 Jan. 2003 – July 2003

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

#### 5.5 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 selects athletes for this program the end of May based strictly on team point standings. Three athletes are selected in each of the six weapons. If any of the top three athletes declines the grant, the athlete (s) next in those point standings are selected. 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.

The criteria approved by the HPC are:

- Salary cap of \$ 120,000; 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.
- 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.
- If an athlete in the top 3 declines the USOC grant or is unable to accept the grant, the next eligible athlete will be selected.
- By May 31, 2003 the top three athletes in each weapon will be selected based on the Senior Team Point standings calculated as the

The point standings to determine eligible athletes for the USOC Basic Grant program will be calculated as the

**SUM of GROUP I PLUS GROUP II.**

**GROUP I – SUM OF THE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT ANY TWO COMPETITIONS IN 1-4:**

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2002, Jan. 2003, April 2003]
2. European “B”<sup>1</sup> Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2002- May 26, 2003]
3. Non Designated “A”<sup>2</sup> Competitions<sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2002- May 26, 2003]
4. Designated “A”<sup>2</sup> competitions not in Group II [Dec. 2002 – May 26, 2003]

**GROUP II – SUM OF THE FIVE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 5-6**

5. Designated Senior “A” Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2002 – May 26, 2003]
6. 2002 Senior World Championships, results 1-16 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 Strength Factor applied to the appropriate column for international competitions in the USFA Point Tables. In MEN’S EPEE Designated Senior “A” results will be considered for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater and the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior “A” competitions that do not meet these criteria will be considered only for Group I.

<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 (Section 3.6).

## CHAPTER 6: DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

### 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. The USADA will be responsible for conducting the drug testing and will be the agency to adjudicate "positive" tests. The USADA will also be conducting "out of competition" 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.

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 when and if 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.

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 does 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 done by an agency for the FIE at FIE competitions.

**WARNING:** We have just been informed by the FIE 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. This is a new ruling for this season.

#### 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)



**UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY**  
**Restricted Substance Medical Notification Form**  
*(effective Sept. 1, 2001)*

- All appropriate areas must be printed legibly in order to process this form.
- Resubmit only if the prescription, diagnosis or other pertinent information has changed.
- Keep a copy to present at drug testing occasions.
- **Effective Sept. 1, 2001, all medical notification forms expire ONE YEAR after signed by the athlete's physician.**

_____	_____	_____
<b>Athlete's Last Name, First, Middle</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sport</b>
_____		
_____	_____	_____
<b>Street Address, City, State, ZIP</b>	<b>Day Phone</b>	<b>Evening Phone</b>

The purpose of the USADA medical notification form is to notify the relevant medical authorities of the prescribed medical use of prohibited substances that are permitted under certain circumstances. This form may be shared with the medical authorities of other relevant sporting bodies (for example, the applicable International Federation, the International Olympic Committee, or the World Anti-Doping Agency). It is understood that there is no physician/patient relationship between USADA and the athlete on whose behalf this form is submitted. It is also understood that nothing contained in this form is to be considered confidential medical information. Physicians completing this form should take care not to include specific information that their patients would expect to remain confidential. **NOTE:** Some IFs may require specific medical forms to be filed directly with them. This is the athlete's responsibility.

<b>BETA-2 INHALERS</b> - No others are permitted. Athlete must have diagnosis of Asthma, EIA, or EIB.		
DIAGNOSIS: _____		
<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>DOSE (SIG)</b>	<b>ROUTE</b>
Formoterol (Foradil)		
Salbutamol (Albuterol, Proventil, Ventolin)		
Salbutamol/Ipratropium (Combivent)		
Salmeterol (Serevent)		
Terbutaline (Brethaire)		

Notification is necessary for the following, only if required by the Responsible Authority: <b>LOCAL OR INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTIONS</b> (i.e., anesthetics, corticosteroids) and/or <b>INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS</b> .			
DIAGNOSIS: _____			
<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>DOSE</b>	<b>ROUTE</b>	<b>Date/Time of Administration</b>

<b>INSULIN</b> - Permitted only to treat insulin-dependent diabetes. Must have diagnosis of IDDM.			
DIAGNOSIS: _____			
<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>DOSE</b>	<b>ROUTE</b>	<b>Date/Time of Administration</b>

_____	_____	_____
<i>Print Physician Name (MD, DO)</i>	<i>Physician Signature (MD, DO, etc.)</i>	<i>Date</i>

_____	_____	_____
<i>Street Address, City, State, ZIP</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>FAX</i>

## 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

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.

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## NATIONAL CALENDAR – 2002-2003

Dates	Deadline	Tournament	Location
September 20 – 22	10-Sep	Junior "A", 6 weapons U.S. Fencer must be on Jr or Cdt Pt Standing	Louisville, KY
October 11 – 14	13-Sep	NAC Division II, III, Cadet, Wheelchair	Orlando, FL
12-Oct		SAT I and SAT II	
October 21 – 26		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships	Santiago, Chile
2-Nov		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests	
November 6-7		Wheelchair Fencing Zonal Championships	Austin, TX
November 8-10		Wheelchair Fencing World Cup	Austin, TX
November 8 – 11	11-Oct	NAC Junior, NAC Cadet	Greenville, SC
December 6 – 8	8-Nov	NAC Division I, NAC Veterans	Columbus, OH
7-Dec		SAT I and SAT II	
<b>2003</b>			
January 3 – 5	6-Dec	NAC Youth	Saratoga Springs, NY
14-Jan	<b>DEADLINE - DIVISION QUALIFIER REPORTS FOR JO CHAMPS.</b>		
January 17 – 20	20-Dec	NAC Division I, NAC Junior, Wheelchair*	San Diego, CA
23-Jan	<b>DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>		
25-Jan		SAT I, SAT II, and ELPT	
February 14 – 17	<b>23-Jan</b>	<b>JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.</b>	<b>Colo. Springs, CO</b>
March 7 – 9		NCAA Qualifying rounds	
March 14 – 17	14-Feb	NAC Division II, III, Veterans, Wheelchair Ntls*	Arlington, TX
March 20 –23		NCAA Fencing Championships	Air Force Aca. Colo.
5-Apr		<b>SAT I only</b>	
April 4 – 13		World Junior & Cadet Championships	Trapani, Italy (Sicily)
April 25 – 28	28-Mar	NAC Division I, NAC Youth	Overland Park, KS
3-May		SAT I and SAT II	
20-May	<b>DEADLINE FOR DIVISION &amp; SECTION QUALIFIER REPORTS FOR NATLS.–</b>		
22-May	<b>DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR DIV. I &amp; SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPS.</b>		
7-Jun		SAT I and SAT II	
June 13 – 16	30-May	Senior "A", M. Sabre, W. Sabre, W. Foil U.S. Fencer must be on Sr. Point standings to enter	New York City, NY
June 27 – July 6	<b>22-May</b>	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>
July 3 – 6	<b>22-May</b>	<b>DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>
August 1 – 16		Pan American Games [Aug. 2-6 = Fencing]	Dominican Republic.
August 21 – 31		World University Games [Fencing 8/22-29]	Daegu, Korea
October 4-12		World Championships	Havana, Cuba

SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & U.S. & CANADA WORLD CUPS

- NAC Division I:** Born 1988 or earlier AND have Classification of "C" or better at entry deadline OR Be in the top 32 in Senior standings, top 16 of Junior standings or top 8 in Cadet standings
- NAC Division II:** Classification "C" or lower when entry submitted AND Born 1988 or earlier
- NAC Division III:** Classification "D" or lower when entry submitted AND Born 1988 or earlier
- NAC Veteran:** Must be born no later than 1962.
- NAC Junior (U-20):** Fencers must be born between 1983-1989 unless on the current Cadet NPS.
- NAC Cadet (U-17):** Fencers must be born between 1986-1989 unless on the current Youth 14 NPS
- NAC Youth 14:** Fencers must be born between 1988-1991 unless on the current Youth12 NPS
- NAC Youth 12:** Fencers must be born between 1990-1993 unless on the current Youth 10 NPS.
- NAC Youth 10:** Fencers must be born between 1992-1995



## 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 given in "ENTRY DEADLINE" column. 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 DAY.**
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 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 National Championships up to one week prior to the start of the tournament 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 Individual National Championships published in the Spring issue of the National Newsletter
7. Entry Form for Division I National Championships mailed directly to each qualified fencer.
8. Entry Form for National Team Championships mailed to USFA member clubs.
9. All entry forms can be downloaded from the USFA Web site

## **AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS**

### **A: AUGUST 1, 2002 -- APRIL 30, 2003**

#### **Division qualifying competitions for 2003 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	1989 or earlier	≤ 1962	1983-1989	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993	1992-1995

≤ - Less or equal

### **B: MAY 1, 2003 -- JULY 31, 2003 For 2003 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	1989 or earlier	≤ 1962	1984-1990	1987-1990	1988-1991	1990-1993	1992-1995

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	OPEN TM	JR TEAM
CODE	DTM	OTM	JT M
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1989	≤ 1989	1984-1990

## APPENDIX A-2: INFORMATION NATIONAL EVENTS

### **NAC A – Division II/III/Cadet/Wheelchair – Orlando, FL – October 11-14, 2002 \***

	<b>ME</b>	<b>MF</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>WE</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>WS</b>
<b>11-Oct</b>	Cadet	Div 3		Div 3	Cadet	Cadet
		Wheelchair		Wheelchair		
<b>12-Oct</b>		Div 2	Div 3		Div 3	Div 2
			Wheelchair		Wheelchair	
<b>13-Oct</b>	Div 3	Cadet	Cadet	Div 2		Div 3
	Wheelchair					
<b>14-Oct</b>	Div 2		Div 2	Cadet	Div 2	

Venue: Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex's Milkhouse  
 Hotel: Disney's All Star Music Resort: Contact Disney Sports Travel at 407-939-7810 option 0

### **NAC B – Junior/Cadet – Greenville, SC – November 8-11, 2002 \***

	<b>ME</b>	<b>MF</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>WE</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>WS</b>
<b>8-Nov</b>		Cadet	Junior*	Cadet		
<b>9-Nov</b>		Junior	Cadet	Junior		
<b>10-Nov</b>	Junior				Cadet	Junior
<b>11-Nov</b>	Cadet				Junior	Cadet

Venue: Palmetto Expo Center  
 Hotel: Hyatt Regency Greenville: Reservations: 1-800-233-1234  
 Cut-Off Date: October 31, 2002: US Fencing Rate: \$99\*\*

### **NAC C – Division I/Veteran – Columbus, OH – December 6-8, 2002 \***

	Men's Épée	Men's Foil	Men's Saber	Women's Épée	Women's Foil	Women's Saber
Fri, Dec 6	Veteran	Division I		Veteran		Division I
Sat, Dec 7	Division I		Veteran		Division I	Veteran
Sun, Dec 8		Veteran	Division I	Division I	Veteran	

Venue: Greater Columbus Convention Center  
 Hotel: Hyatt on Capitol Square: Reservations: 1-800-233-1234 or 614-228-1234  
 Cut-Off Date: November 4, 2002: US Fencing Rate: \$99\*\*

### **NAC D – Youth – Saratoga Springs, NY – January 3-5, 2003**

	<b>ME</b>	<b>MF</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>WE</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>WS</b>
<b>3-Jan</b>	Youth 12	Youth 14	Youth 10	Youth 10	Youth 14	Youth 12
<b>4-Jan</b>	Youth 10	Youth 12	Youth 14	Youth 14	Youth 12	Youth 10
<b>5-Jan</b>	Youth 14	Youth 10	Youth 12	Youth 12	Youth 10	Youth 14

Venue: Saratoga Springs City Center  
 Hotel: Sheraton Saratoga Springs (soon to be called Prime Hotel & Conference Center)  
 Reservations: 518-584-4000  
 Cut-Off Date: December 2, 2002  
 US Fencing Rate: \$84\*\*

**NAC E – Division I/Junior/Wheelchair\*\*\* – San Diego, CA – January 17-20, 2003 \***

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
17 Jan		Junior		Div 1		Junior
18-Jan	Div 1		Junior		Junior	
19 Jan		Div 1		Junior		Div 1
20 Jan	Junior		Div 1		Div 1	

Venue: Del Mar Fairgrounds  
 Hotel: Hilton San Diego/Del Mar; Reservations: 800-833-7904  
 Cut-Off Date: December 17, 2002; US Fencing Rate: \$110\*\*

**Junior Olympics – Colorado Springs, CO – February 14-17, 2003**

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Fri. 14 Feb	Junior		Cadet		Junior	
Sat. 15 Feb		Junior		Cadet		Junior
Sun. 16 Feb	Cadet		Junior		Cadet	
Mon. 17 Feb		Cadet		Junior		Cadet

Venue: The Broadmoor  
 Hotel: The Broadmoor; Reservations: 800-634-7711  
 Cut-Off Date: January 13, 2003; US Fencing Rate: \$109\*\*

**NAC F – Div. II/III/Veteran/ Wheelchair Nat'ls\*\*\* – Arlington, TX – March 14-17, 2003**

Venue: Arlington Convention Center  
 Hotel: Wyndham Arlington; Reservations: 800-442-7275  
 Cut-Off Date: February 11, 2003; US Fencing Rate: \$95\*\*

**NAC G – Division I/Youth – Overland Park, KS – April 25-28, 2003**

Venue: Overland Park Convention Center  
 Hotel: Sheraton Overland Park Hotel; Reservations: 800-325-3535  
 (Reservations will NOT be accepted BEFORE November 1, 2002)  
 Cut-Off Date: April 10, 2003; US Fencing Rate: \$94\*\*

**Division I and Summer Nationals – June 27-July 6, 2003**

Venue: Austin Convention Center  
 Hotel: Hyatt Regency Austin; Reservations: 1-800-233-1234  
 Cut-Off Date: June 4, 2002; US Fencing Rate: \$109\*\*

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\* A shuttle between hotel and venue will be provided  
 \*\* plus applicable taxes and fees.  
 \*\*\* Wheelchair tournament subject to change pending final wheelchair world cup schedule

## 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 & Nationals	Top 8 in Youth 12 points
Youth 10 NAC & 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).

### 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.

## 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 A02 precede A01, those with B02 precede B01, 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.

### Other principles governing NAC Division I tournaments:

- No late entries will be accepted less than one week prior to the start of the NAC tournament.
- Fencers filing an entry after the entry deadline will have to 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.

## **USFA Regional Youth Circuit Schedule for 2002-2003**

Date	Location	Host	Internet Link
Oct 11-14 Div 2-3 CADET	Orlando, FL	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
October 26-27	Boston	Linda Merrit	<a href="mailto:merritt8@attbi.com">merritt8@attbi.com</a>
October 26-27	Santa Fe, NM	Lydia Mazorol and James Odom	<a href="http://www.santafenet.com/fencing">www.santafenet.com/fencing</a>
November 8-11 Junior Cadet	Greenville, SC	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
November 2-3	Chicago	Diane Dominguez	<a href="http://members.aol.com/fencing2k">members.aol.com/fencing2k</a>
November 16-17	Bryan Park, Greensboro, NC.	Niels Larsen	<a href="http://www.ncfencing.org">www.ncfencing.org</a>
November 16-17	Bay Area	Eric Dew	<a href="http://www.eskimo.com/~edew/ryc">www.eskimo.com/~edew/ryc</a>
November 2-3	Dallas	Brenda Waddoups	<a href="http://www.fenceintexas.org">www.fenceintexas.org</a>
December 6-8 Div 1 Veterans	Columbus, OH	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
			<a href="http://www.louisvillefencing.org">www.louisvillefencing.org</a>
December 14-15	Bay Area, CA	Eric Dew	<a href="http://www.eskimo.com/~edew/ryc">www.eskimo.com/~edew/ryc</a>
January 4-5, 2003 Youth NAC	Saratoga Springs	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
January 17-20 Junior Div 1	San Diego, CA	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
February 14-17 Jr. Olympics	Colorado Springs, CO	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
March 14-17 NAC Div 2, 3 Vets	Arlington, TX	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
March 15-16, 2003	Chicago	Diane Dominguez	<a href="http://members.aol.com/fencing2k">members.aol.com/fencing2k</a>
March 22-23, 2003	Boulder	Andrea Lagan	<a href="http://www.ncfencers.org">www.ncfencers.org</a>
March 22-23, 2003	Louisville	Patrick Kelley	<a href="http://www.louisvillefencing.org/">www.louisvillefencing.org/</a>
March 29-30, 2003	Houston	Mauro Hamza	<a href="http://www.sallemauro.com/">www.sallemauro.com/</a>
April 4-5 or April 11-12, 2003	New York City	Eric Rosenberg	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/nyfencing/">www.geocities.com/nyfencing/</a>
April 25-28, Div I & Youth NAC	Overland Park, KS	USFA	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
May	Salt Lake City	Mark Stasinis	
May 31- June 1, 2003	Bay Area, CA	Eric Dew	<a href="http://www.eskimo.com/~edew/ryc">www.eskimo.com/~edew/ryc</a>
May 31- June 1, 2003	Connecticut	Tom Ciccarone	
May 31- June 1, 2003	San Antonio	Mike Kline	<a href="http://www.southtexasdivision.org/">www.southtexasdivision.org/</a>
June	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="http://www.fencingclub.org">www.fencingclub.org</a>
June 7-8, 2003	Chicago	Diane Dominguez	<a href="http://members.aol.com/fencing2k/">//members.aol.com/fencing2k/</a>
Summer Nationals June 27-July 6	Austin, TX	Gary Murray	<a href="http://www.2003summernationals.org">www.2003summernationals.org</a>

YOUTH 14 (14 years old thru 11 years old as of Dec. 31, 2002), Born between 1988 & 1991

YOUTH 12 (12 years old thru 9 years old as of Dec. 31, 2002), Born between 1990 & 1993

YOUTH 10 (10 years old thru 7 years old as of Dec. 31, 2002), Born between 1992 and 1995

## DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL CALENDARS BY WEAPON

### ITEMS COMMON TO ALL WEAPON CALENDARS

PAN AMERICAN GAMES, Dominican Republic			8/1/2003	8/6/2003
WORLD UNIV GMS	Daegu	KOR	8/22/2003	8/29/2003
WORLD CHAMPS	Havana	CUB	10/4/2003	10/14/2003
OLYMPIC GAMES	Athens	GRE	8/14/2004	8/22/2004

### BOLD CITY & DATES SIGNIFY DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS

#### **OG04 = World Cup points earned will be included in FIE standings 3/31/04 for OG Qualifying Cut**

GP = Grand Prix, a special category for which the FIE points are 1.5 times the normal points. Starting this season the ENTRY FEE for a GP with a # sign will be \$60

*The Junior "A" tournament in Louisville in September was a Designated "A" for all weapons. In order to be awarded USFA international points the competition had to include ten of the top 32 from the FIE Junior World ranking with five or more countries represented including the US. These criteria were not met, thus the "A" competition was counted as a NAC Junior competition, with points awarded from that table and considered a competition in Group I and not in Group II.*

If more than one Cadet "B" designated for a weapon, only one result will count, that which has the most points.

### SATELLITE COMPETITIONS: 2002-2003

CITY	CTRY	WEAPON	START DATE	END DATE
<b>Arhus</b>	DEN	Women's Epee	<b>7 September 2002</b>	<b>8 September 2002</b>
<b>Arhus</b>	DEN	Men's Epee	<b>7 September 2002</b>	<b>8 September 2002</b>
<b>Amsterdam</b>	NED	Men's Sabre	<b>5 October 2002</b>	<b>6 October 2002</b>
<b>Turku</b>	FIN	Women's Epee	<b>12 October 2002</b>	<b>13 October 2002</b>
<b>Turku</b>	FIN	Men's Epee	<b>12 October 2002</b>	<b>13 October 2002</b>
<b>Oslo</b>	NOR	Women's Epee	<b>19 October 2002</b>	<b>20 October 2002</b>
<b>Oslo</b>	NOR	Men's Epee	<b>19 October 2002</b>	<b>20 October 2002</b>
<b>Copenhagen</b>	DEN	Women's Epee	<b>26 October 2002</b>	<b>27 October 2002</b>
<b>Copenhagen</b>	DEN	Men's Epee	<b>26 October 2002</b>	<b>27 October 2002</b>
<b>Copenhagen</b>	DEN	Men's Sabre	<b>23 November 2002</b>	<b>24 November 2002</b>
<b>Orebro</b>	SWE	Men's Sabre	<b>15 February 2003</b>	<b>16 February 2003</b>
<b>Edinburgh</b>	GBR	Men's Sabre	<b>15 March 2003</b>	<b>16 March 2003</b>
<b>Gand</b>	BEL	Men's Sabre	<b>3 May 2003</b>	<b>4 May 2003</b>
<b>Mannheim</b>	GER	Men's Sabre	<b>10 May 2003</b>	<b>11 May 2003</b>
<b>Helsinki</b>	FIN	Men's Sabre	<b>31 May 2003</b>	<b>1 June 2003</b>
<b>Reykjavik</b>	ISL	Men's Sabre	<b>14 June 2003</b>	<b>15 June 2003</b>
<b>Newcastle</b>	GBR	Men's Sabre	<b>21 June 2003</b>	<b>22 June 2003</b>

## MEN'S EPEE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2002-2003

WPN	CATEG	CITY		CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY	QUOTA
					DATES		DEADLINE	8 Jun, 9 Sen
JME	CAND	Louisville, KY		USA	9/20/2002		9/10/2002	
JME		Bratislava		SVK	10/20/2002		9/19/2002	
NAC	Cadet	Orlando, FL		USA	10/11/2002	10/14/2002	9/13/2002	
JME		Ponte de Sôr		POR	10/27/2002		9/19/2002	
JME		Luxembourg		LUX	11/10/2002		10/3/2002	
NAC	Cdt, Jun	Greenville, SC		USA	11/8/2002	11/11/2002	10/11/2002	
	<b>DESIG CDT B</b>	<b>Bonn</b>		<b>GER</b>	<b>11/16/2002</b>	<b>11/17/2002</b>	<b>10/15/2002</b>	<b>Plus one week</b>
JME		Laupheim		GER	11/24/2002		10/18/2002	training in Bonn
JME		Catania		ITA	12/1/2002		10/25/2002	
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH		USA	12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
JME		Tourcoing		FRA	12/8/2002		10/22/2002	
JME		Havana		CUB	12/14/2002		11/7/2002	
JME		Budapest		HUN	1/4/2003		12/2/2002	
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA		USA	1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
JME		Nîmes		FRA	1/19/2003		12/16/2002	
JME		Tauberbischofsheim		GER	2/2/2003		12/30/2002	
J.O. CHAMPIONSHMPS		Colo Sprngs, CO		USA	2/14/2003	2/17/2003	1/23/2003	
JME		Bâle		SUI	2/15/2003		1/8/2003	
JME		Cairo		EGY	2/23/2003		1/15/2003	
JME	CAND	Yazd		IRI	2/27/2003		1/15/2003	
JME		Burgos		ESP	3/1/2003		1/22/2003	
JME		Ashkelon		ISR	3/15/2003		2/5/2003	
WORLD JR CDT CH		Trapani		ITA	4/4/03	4/13/2003		
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH			12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA			1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
ME	TEAM	Tauberbischofsheim		GER	1/18/2003			QUOTA -9 Sen.
ME		Tallin		EST	1/25/2003	1/26/2003	12/20/2002	
ME	GP	Lisbonne		POR	2/1/2003	2/2/2003	12/20/2002	
ME	TEAM	Barcelona		ESP	2/7/2003			
ME	GP - #	Barcelona		ESP	2/8/2003	2/9/2003	12/20/2002	
ME		Budapest		HUN	2/22/2003	2/23/2003	1/15/2003	
ME		London		GBR	3/1/2003	3/2/2003	1/22/2003	
ME		Bratislava		SVK	3/8/2003	3/9/2003	1/29/2003	
ME		Paris	OG 04	FRA	3/15/2003	3/16/2003	2/5/2003	
ME	GP	Montréal	OG 04	CAN	3/21/2003	3/22/2003	2/12/2003	
ME	TEAM	Montréal	OG 04	CAN	3/23/2003			
ME	GP	Bogota	OG 04	COL	3/28/2003	3/29/2003	2/19/2003	
NAC	Div I	Overland Park, KS			4/25/2003	4/28/2003	3/28/2003	
ME		Heidenheim	OG 04	GER	5/2/2003	5/3/2003	3/27/2003	
ME		Legnano	OG 04	ITA	5/10/2003	5/11/2003	4/3/2003	
ME	TEAM	Vercelli	OG 04	ITA	5/12/2003			
ME		Innsbruck	OG 04	AUT	5/17/2003	5/18/2003	4/10/2003	
ME		Buenos Aires	OG 04	ARG	5/24/2003	5/25/2003	4/17/2003	
ME	GP	Stockholm	OG 04	SWE	5/31/2003	6/1/2003	4/24/2003	



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WPN	CATEG	CITY		CTRY	COMPETITION	ENTRY	QUOTA
ME	TEAM	Poitiers	OG 04	FRA	6/1/2003	To be chged	
ME	GP - #	Tunis	OG 04	TUN	6/7/2003	6/8/2003	4/29/2003
ME		Berne		SUI	6/14/2003	6/15/2003	5/7/2003 In 2004=March
ME		Havana	OG 04	CUB	6/23/2003	6/24/2003	4/29/2003
ME		Carolina	OG 04	PUR	6/28/2003	6/29/2003	5/14/2003
Div I Natl Champs		Austin, TX			7/3/2003	7/6/2003	5/22/2003
ME		Sydney		AUS	7/19/2003	7/20/2003	6/12/2003 In 2004=March
ME	TEAM	Sydney		AUS	7/21/2003		In 2004=March
ME		Ispahan	OG 04	IRI	<del>9/4/2003</del>	<del>9/5/2003</del>	5/29/03? Chg to Jul 5-6?

*Designated Senior "A" in Men's Epee results will be considered for Group II IF the SF is 1.5 or greater **and** the entry field size is at least 82 competitors. Designated Senior "A" competitions that do not meet these criteria will then be considered for Group I..*

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WPN	CATEG	CITY	CTRY		COMPETITION	ENTRY	QUOTA
					DATES	DEADLINE	8 Juniors, 8 Seniors
JMF	CAND	Louisville, KY	USA		9/21/2002	9/10/2002	
NAC	Cadet	Orlando, FL	USA		10/11/2002 2 10/14/2002	9/13/2002	
JMF		Bratislava	SVK		10/19/2002 2	9/19/2002	
NAC	Cdt, Jun	Greenville, SC	USA		11/8/2002	11/11/2002	10/11/2002
JMF		Burgsteinfurt	GER		11/3/2002		10/1/2002
JMF		Luxembourg	LUX		11/9/2002		10/3/2002
JMF		Madrid	ESP		11/23/2002 2	10/17/2002	Training cmp in France
JMF		Aix-en-Provence	FRA		12/1/2002	10/24/2002	after Madrid
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH	USA		12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002
JMF		Leszno	POL		12/8/2002		10/31/2002
JMF		Havana	CUB		12/15/2002 2		10/31/2002
JMF		Budapest	HUN		1/5/2003		12/2/2002
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA	USA		1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002
CDT	DESIGNTD	Osnabruck	GER		1/25/2003	1/26/2003	12/20/2002
JMF		Como	ITA		2/2/2003		12/27/2002
J.O. CHAMPIONSHMPS		Colo Sprngs, CO	USA		2/14/2003	2/17/2003	1/23/2003
JMF		Mödling	AUT		2/15/2003		1/10/2003
JMF		Cairo	EGY		2/22/2003		1/15/2003
JMF		Giengen	GER		3/2/2003		1/22/2003
JMF		Cfar Saba	ISR		3/9/2003		1/29/2003
JMF		Viana Do Castelo	POR		3/22/2003		2/12/2003
WORLD JR CDT CH		Trapani	ITA		4/4/03	4/13/2003	
MF		Copenhagen	DEN		11/23/2002 2	11/24/2002	10/18/2002
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH			12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002
MF		Vienna	AUT		12/7/2002	12/8/2002	10/31/2002
MF		St. Petersburg	RUS		12/14/2002 2	12/15/2002	11/5/2002
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA			1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002
MF	GP	Paris	FRA		1/25/2003	1/26/2003	12/20/2002
MF	TEAM	Paris	FRA		1/27/2003		Trning cmp after Paris and before Cairo
MF		Cairo	EGY	OG 04	2/1/2003	2/2/2003	12/27/2002
MF	TEAM	Cairo	EGY	OG 04	2/3/2003		Chgd in 2004 to July
MF		La Coruña	ESP		2/14/2003	2/15/2003	1/8/2003
MF	TEAM	La Coruña	ESP		2/16/2003		
MF		Seoul	KOR		2/22/2003	2/23/2003	1/15/2003
MF	GP-#	Shanghai	CHN		3/1/2003	3/2/2003	1/22/2003
MF	TEAM	Shanghai	CHN		3/3/2003		
MF		Venice	ITA		3/7/2003	3/8/2003	1/29/2003
MF		Zalaegerszeg	HUN		3/22/2003	3/23/2003	2/12/2003
NAC	Div I	Overland Park, KS			4/25/2003	4/28/2003	3/28/2003

<b>MF</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Bonn</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>5/10/2003</b>	<b>5/11/2003</b>	<b>4/2/2003</b>	<b>Trning cmp after Bonn</b>
<b>MF</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Espinho</b>	<b>POR</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>5/16/2003</b>	<b>5/17/2003</b>	<b>4/9/2003</b>	<b>and before Espinho</b>
<b>MF</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Espinho</b>	<b>POR</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>5/18/2003</b>			

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WPN	CATEG	CITY	CTRY		COMPETITION		ENTRY	QUOTA
					DATES		DEADLINE	8 Juniors, 8 Seniors
MF		Casablanca	MAR	<b>OG 04</b>	5/24/2003	5/25/2003	4/16/2003	
MF	CAND	Fukui, Sabae City	JPN		6/7/2003	6/8/2003	4/30/2003	Moves to March in 2004
MF	GP	Caracas	VEN	<b>OG 04</b>	6/14/2003	6/15/2003	5/7/2003	
<b>MF</b>		<b>Havana</b>	<b>CUB</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>6/21/2003</b>	<b>6/22/2003</b>	<b>5/14/2003</b>	
<b>MF</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Havana</b>	<b>CUB</b>	<b>OG 04</b>	<b>6/23/2003</b>			
<a href="#">Div I Natl Champs</a>		<a href="#">Austin, TX</a>			<a href="#">7/3/2003</a>	<a href="#">7/6/2003</a>	<a href="#">5/22/2003</a>	
MF		Persepolis/Shiraz	IRI	<b>OG 04</b>	7/19/2003	7/20/2003	6/12/2003	May chg to July 5-6

# MEN'S SABRE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2002-2003

WPN	CATEG	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY	QUOTA
				DATES		DEADLINE	13 Juns & 9 Sen
JMS	CAND	Louisville, KY	USA	9/22/2002		9/10/2002	
NAC	Cadet	Orlando, FL	USA	10/11/2002	10/14/2002	9/13/2002	
CADET	DES CDT B	Godollo	HUN	10/18/2002	10/19/2002	9/10/2002	Notice mailed to Cdts
NAC	Cdt, Jun	Greenville, SC	USA	11/8/2002	11/11/2002	10/22/2002	
JMS	DES CDT B	Frascati	ITA	11/24/2002		10/17/2002	Pts Only for CDTs
JMS		Dormagen	GER	12/1/2002		11/1/2002	
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH	USA	12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
JMS		Havana	CUB	12/13/2002		11/7/2002	
JMS		Budapest	HUN	1/4/2003		12/2/2002	
JMS		Göppingen	GER	1/11/2003		12/9/2002	
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA	USA	1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
JMS		Logrono	ESP	2/1/2003		12/30/2002	
J.O. CHAMPIONSHMPS		Colorado Springs, CO	USA	2/14/2003	2/17/2003	1/23/2003	
JMS		Dourdan	FRA	2/23/2003		1/20/2003	
JMS	CAND	Yazd	IRI	2/28/2003		1/22/2003	
JMS		Minsk	BLR	3/9/2003		1/28/2003	
WORLD JR CDT CHMPS		Trapani	ITA	4/4/03	4/13/2003		
<b>BOLD SIGNIFIES DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS</b>							
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH		12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
MS		Moscow	RUS	12/21/2002	12/22/2002	11/15/2002	
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA		1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
MS	TEAM	Paris	FRA	1/18/2003	1/19/2003		
MS		London	GBR	1/25/2003	1/26/2003	12/20/2002	
MS	GP	Budapest	HUN	1/31/2003	2/1/2003	12/27/2002	
MS	TEAM	Gödöllő	HUN	2/2/2003			
MS		Bonn	GER	2/15/2003	2/16/2003	1/9/2003	
MS	TEAM	Eislingen	GER	2/23/2003			
MS		Athens	GRE	3/8/2003	3/9/2003	1/23/2003	
MS		Nancy	FRA	OG 04	3/22/2003	3/23/2003	2/5/2003
MS	GP	Sofia	BUL	OG 04	3/29/2003	3/30/2003	2/12/2003
NAC	Div I	Overland Park, KS		4/25/2003	4/28/2003	3/28/2003	
MS	GP	Padua	ITA	OG 04	5/2/2003	5/3/2003	3/26/2003
MS	TEAM	Conegliano	ITA	OG 04	5/4/2003		
MS	GP	Madrid	ESP	OG 04	5/9/2003	5/10/2003	4/2/2003
MS	TEAM	Madrid	ESP	OG 04	5/11/2003		
MS		Warsaw	POL	OG 04	5/17/2003	5/18/2003	4/9/2003
MS	GP-#	New York City, NY	USA	OG 04	6/14/2003	6/15/2003	5/30/2003
MS	TEAM	New York City, NY	USA	OG 04	6/16/2003		
MS		Havana	CUB	OG 04	6/24/2003	6/25/2003	5/1/2003
Div I Natl Champs		Austin, TX			7/3/2003	7/6/2003	5/22/2003
MS	GP	Persepolis/Shiraz	IRI	OG 04	7/19/2003	7/20/2003	5/30/2003
MS	CAND	Bangkok	THA		8/9/2003	8/10/2003	7/1/2003

**BOLD SIGNIFIES DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS**

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WPN	CATEG	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY	QUOTA	
				DATES	DEADLINE	9 JUNRS	8 SENIORS	
JWE	CAND	Louisville, KY	USA	9/21/2002		9/10/2002		
NAC	Dv II, Dv III, CDT	Orlando, FL		10/11/2002	10/14/2002	9/13/2002		
JWE		Warsaw	POL	10/12/2002		9/19/2002		
JWE		Bratislava	SVK	10/19/2002		9/19/2002		
JWE		Ponte de Sôr	POR	10/26/2002		9/23/2002		
NAC	Cdt, Jun	Greenville, SC	USA	11/8/2002	11/11/2002	10/11/2002		
CDT	CADET DES	Heidenheim	GER	11/16/2002	11/17/2002	10/11/2002	1 wk training prior	
JWE	CDT DES ONLY	Palermo	ITA	11/24/2002		10/18/2002	Palermo @ Bonn Ctr	
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH	USA	12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002		
JWE		Osnabrück	GER	12/8/2002		10/22/2002		
JWE		Havana	CUB	12/13/2002		11/7/2002	One Cadet B counts	
JWE		Budapest	HUN	1/3/2003		12/2/2002		
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA	USA	1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002		
JWE		Dijon	FRA	1/19/2003		12/16/2002		
CDT	CADET DES	Neuheim	GER	2/1/2003	2/2/2003	12/30/2002		
J.O. CHAMPIONSHMPS		Colorado Springs, CO	USA	2/14/2003	2/17/2003	1/23/2003		
JWE		Mödling	AUT	2/16/2003		1/8/2003		
JWE		Burgos	ESP	3/1/2003		1/22/2003		
JWE		Tauberbischofsheim	GER	3/9/2003		1/29/2003		
JWE		Jerusalem	ISR	3/16/2003		2/5/2003		
WORLD JR CDT CHMPS		Trapani	ITA	4/4/03	4/13/2003			
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH	USA	12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002		
NAC	Div I/Junior	San Diego, CA	USA	1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002		
WE	GP	Budapest	HUN	1/24/2003	1/25/2003	12/20/2003		
WE	TEAM	Budapest	HUN	1/26/2003				
WE		Prague	CZE	2/1/2003	2/2/2003	12/27/2003		
WE		Ipswich	GBR	2/15/2003	2/16/2003	1/9/2003		
WE	TEAM	Tauberbischofsheim	GER	2/21/2003				
WE	GP	Tauberbischofsheim	GER	2/22/2003	2/23/2003	1/16/2003		
WE		Katowice	POL	3/1/2003	3/2/2003	1/23/2003		
WE	CAND	OG 04 Rio Maior	POR	3/8/2003	3/9/2003	1/30/2003		
WE		Luxembourg	LUX	3/15/2003	3/16/2003	2/6/2003		
WE		Saint Maur	FRA	3/21/2003	3/22/2003	2/13/2003		
WE	TEAM	St-Maur	FRA	3/23/2003				
WE		Göteborg	SWE	3/29/2003	3/30/2003	2/20/2003		
NAC	Div I	Overland Park, KS	USA	4/25/2003	4/28/2003	3/28/2003		
WE		OG 04 Modling	AUT	5/3/2003	5/4/2003	3/27/2003		
WE		OG 04 Zurich	SUI	5/9/2003	5/10/2003	4/3/2003		
WE		OG 04 Legnano	ITA	5/16/2003	5/17/2003	4/7/2003	Training bet. Legnano &	
WE	GP	OG 04 Malaga	ESP	5/23/2003	5/24/2003	4/14/2003	Malaga or bet. Malaga	
WE	TEAM	OG 04 Malaga	ESP	5/25/2003			t	
WE		OG 04 Welkenraedt	BEL	5/31/2003	6/1/2003	4/21/2003	& Welkenraed	
WE	GP	OG 04 Casablanca	MAR	6/7/2003	6/8/2003	4/28/2003		
WE		OG 04 Havana	CUB	6/20/2003	6/21/2003	4/29/2003		
WE	TEAM	OG 04 Havana	CUB	6/22/2003				
WE		OG 04 Carolina	PUR	6/28/2003	6/29/2003	5/8/2003		
Div I Natl Champs		Austin, TX	USA	7/3/2003	7/6/2003	5/22/2003		

WE	GP		Sydney	AUS	7/19/2003	7/20/2003	6/10/2003	Tentative for World Tm
WE	TEAM		Sydney	AUS	7/21/2003			Prep for World Champis

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WPN	CATEG	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY	QUOTA
				DATES		DEADLINE	8 Juns & 8 Sen
JWF	CAND	Louisville, KY	USA	9/22/2002		9/10/2002	
NAC	Cadet	Orlando, FL		10/11/2002	10/14/2002	9/13/2002	
JWF		Bratislava	SVK	10/20/2002		9/23/2002	
JWF		Pistoia	ITA	10/27/2002		9/23/2002	
NAC	Cdt, Jun	Greenville, SC		11/8/2002	11/11/2002	10/11/2002	
JWF		Bochum	GER	11/17/2002		10/14/2002	
CADET B	DESIG	Tauberbischofsheim	GER	11/23/2002	11/24/2002	10/21/2002	
JWF		Jesi	ITA	11/30/2002		10/28/2002	
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH		12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
JWF		Leszno	POL	12/7/2002		11/1/2002	
JWF		Havana	CUB	12/14/2002		11/1/2002	
JWF		Budapest	HUN	1/5/2003		12/2/2002	
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA		1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
CADET B	DESIG	Jena	GER	1/25/2003	1/26/2003	12/20/2002	
JWF		Waldkirch	GER	2/2/2003		12/30/2002	
J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS		Colorado Springs, CO		2/14/2003	2/17/2003	1/23/2002	
JWF		Limoges (ou autre lieu)	FRA	2/16/2003		1/13/2003	
JWF		Cfar Saba	ISR	3/8/2003		1/27/2003	
WORLD JR CDT CHMPS		Trapani	ITA	4/4/2003	4/13/2003		
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH		12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
WF		St. Petersburg	RUS	12/14/2002	12/15/2002	11/8/2002	
NAC	Div I	San Diego, CA		1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
WF		Tunis	TUN	1/31/2003	2/1/2003	12/27/2002	
WF	TEAM	Tunis	TUN	2/2/2003			
WF	GP-#	Turin	ITA	2/7/2003	2/8/2003	1/2/2003	
WF	TEAM	Turin	ITA	2/9/2003			
WF	GP	Seoul	KOR	2/22/2003	2/23/2003	1/16/2003	
WF	TEAM	Seoul	KOR	2/24/2003			
WF	GP-#	Shanghai	CHN	3/1/2003	3/2/2003	1/23/2003	
WF		Athens	GRE	3/8/2003	3/9/2003	1/30/2003	
WF		Salzbourg	AUT	3/15/2003	3/16/2003	2/6/2003	
WF		Budapest	HUN	OG04	3/29/2003	3/30/2003	2/20/2003
NAC	Div I	Overland Park, KS		4/25/2003	4/28/2003	3/28/2003	
WF	GP	Paris	FRA	OG04	5/2/2003	5/3/2003	3/27/2003
WF	TM-CAND	Paris	FRA	5/4/2003			
WF	TEAM	Leipzig	GER	5/16/2003			
WF	GP	Leipzig	GER	OG04	5/17/2003	5/18/2003	4/10/2003
WF		Buenos Aires	ARG	OG04	5/24/2003	5/25/2003	4/17/2003
WF	CAND	Fukui, Sabae City	JPN	6/7/2003	6/8/2003	4/30/2003	In 2004 will be in Mar.
WF	GP	New York City, NY	USA	OG04	6/13/2003	6/14/2003	5/30/2003
WF	TEAM	New York City, NY	USA	6/15/2003			
WF	GP	Havana	CUB	OG04	6/24/2003	6/25/2003	5/1/2003
Div I Natl Champs		Austin, TX		7/3/2003	7/6/2003	5/22/2003	



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WEAPON	CATEG	CITY	CTRY	OG	COMPETITION	ENTRY	QUOTA	
							13 Juniors	14 Seniors
				QUAL	DATES	DEADLINE		
JWS	CAND	Louisville, KY	USA		9/20/2002		9/10/2002	
NAC	Cadet	Orlando, FL			10/11/2002	10/14/2002	9/13/2002	
NAC	Cdt, Jun	Greenville, SC			11/8/2002	11/11/2002	10/11/2002	
JWS		Ariccia	ITA		11/23/2002		10/17/2002	
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH			12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
JWS		Havana	CUB		12/15/2002		11/7/2002	
JWS		Budapest	HUN		1/3/2003		12/2/2002	
JWS		Göppingen	GER		1/12/2003		12/9/2002	
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA			1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
JWS		Logrono	ESP		2/1/2003		12/30/2002	
J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS		Colorado Springs, CO			2/14/2003	2/17/2003	1/23/2002	
JWS	CDT DES	Dourdan	FRA		2/23/2003		1/20/2003	Designated Cadet only
WORLD JR	CDT CH	Trapani	ITA		4/4/2003	4/13/2003		
NAC	Div I	Columbus, OH			12/6/2002	12/8/2002	11/8/2002	
WS	GP	Moscow	RUS		12/21/2002	12/22/2002	11/15/2002	
WS	TEAM	Moscow	RUS		12/23/2002			
NAC	Div I/Jun	San Diego, CA			1/17/2003	1/20/2003	12/20/2002	
WS		Budapest	HUN		2/28/2003	3/1/2003	1/22/2003	
WS	TEAM	Nagykanizsa	HUN		3/2/2003			
WS	GP	Foggia	ITA		3/14/2003	3/15/2003	2/5/2003	
WS	TEAM	Foggia	ITA		3/16/2003			
WS	GP	Orléans	FRA	OG04	3/29/2003	3/30/2003	2/19/2003	
WS	TM-CAND	Orléans	FRA		3/30/2003			
NAC	Div I	Overland Park, KS			4/25/2003	4/28/2003	3/28/2003	
WS	TEAM	Koblenz	GER		5/18/2003			
WS	GP	Tauberbischofsheim	GER	OG04	5/31/2003	6/1/2003	4/28/2003	
WS	GP #	New York City, NY	USA	OG04	6/14/2003	6/15/2003	5/30/2003	
WS	TEAM	New York City, NY	USA		6/16/2003			
WS		Havana	CUB	OG04	6/20/2003	6/21/2003	5/1/2003	
Div I Natl Champs		Austin, TX			7/3/2003	7/6/2003	5/22/2003	

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DOMESTIC POINT TABLES FOR 2002-2003									
P L A C E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	P L A C E
	CATEGORY OF COMPETITION								
	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	
			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 200; on the Junior point standings = 165; on the cadet point standings = 110.

## 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						

## 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.			IN EFFECT FOR
				SR SF = 1.0	SR SF = 2.0		
1	700	800	1200	1200	2400	33	200
2	644	736	1104	1104	2208	34	200
3	595	680	1020	1020	2040	35	200
3	595	680	1020	1020	2040	36	200
5	490	560	840	840	1680	37	200
6	487	556	834	834	1668	38	200
7	483	552	828	828	1656	39	200
8	480	548	822	822	1644	40	200
9	375	428	642	642	1284	41	200
10	371	424	636	636	1272	42	200
11	368	420	630	630	1260	43	200
12	364	416	624	624	1248	44	200
13	361	412	618	618	1236	45	200
14	357	408	612	612	1224	46	200
15	354	404	606	606	1212	47	200
16	350	400	600	600	1200	48	200
17	245	280	420	420	840	49	200
18	242	276	414	414	828	50	200
19	238	272	408	408	816	51	200
20	235	268	402	402	804	52	200
21	231	264	396	396	792	53	200
22	228	260	390	390	780	54	200
23	224	256	384	384	768	55	200
24	221	252	378	378	756	56	200
25	217	248	372	350	700	57	200
26	214	244	366	346	692	58	200
27	210	240	360	342	684	59	200
28	207	236	354	338	676	60	200
29	203	232	348	334	668	61	200
30	200	228	342	330	660	62	200
31	196	224	336	326	652	63	200
32	193	220	330	322	644	64	200

## 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 better.
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.

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

#### 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.

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## APPENDIX C-1 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, especially outside the United States

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## APPENDIX C-2: CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
<b>GROUP E1</b>	<b>6</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → E
<b>GROUP D1</b>	<b>15</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → D 2-4 → E
<b>GROUP C1</b>	<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
<b>GROUP C2</b>	<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
<b>GROUP C3</b>	<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
<b>GROUP B1</b>	<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
<b>GROUP B2</b>	<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
<b>GROUP B3</b>	<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
<b>GROUP A1</b>	<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
<b>GROUP A2</b>	<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
<b>GROUP A3</b>	<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
<b>GROUP A4</b>	<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 any USFA sanctioned individual competition regardless of restrictions of category of fencers: e.g., age restricted, classification level, mixed, etc.

Table Revised and Approved by USFA Board of Directors, July 2002

# APPENDIX C-3

## 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 consequently is 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.)
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-4

## 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 not more than 10 cm high: either (1) on the back of the uniform or lame between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lame 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 Champions 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 morning of your competition.

Weapons control is normally very severe 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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REQUEST FOR FIE LICENSE 2002-2003 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_
Passport: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Passport not required to compete in World Cups located in the United States
\*\*The USFA can only fulfill license requests if you are representing the USA in competition.

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

ENCLOSE \$25 ANNUAL FEE FOR 2002-2003 FIE LICENSE, 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, ONE OLYMPIC PLAZA, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909-5774, FAX: 719/866-4270

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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.**

Fencer must pay a fee **AT** the “A” competition in local currency - the equivalent of 20 Euros for Senior “A” and 10 Euros for Junior “A”, approximately \$20 and \$10, respectively.

**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.**

<b>DATES OF COMPETITION</b>	<b>S = Senior J = Junior C = Cadet</b>	<b>WEAPON</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

**ELIGIBILITY**

A fencer will be considered for entry in a senior European “A” **IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 [1-16] at the entry deadline in senior rolling point standings up to May 1 and senior team point standings after May 1. Also considered for a senior European “A” are top 8 [1-8] at the entry deadline in junior rolling point standings up to Dec. 9 or junior team point standings after Dec. 9. A fencer will be considered for entry in a junior “A” **IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 12 [1-12] at the entry deadline in the Junior rolling point standings up to Dec. 9 or junior team point standings after Dec. 9. Also considered for Junior “A” competitions are the top 8 [1-8] at the entry deadline in the Cadet rolling point standings up to Dec. 9 or cadet team point standings after Dec. 9. With additional fencers allowed in some Junior “A” weapons (men’s sabre and women’s sabre) athletes in the top 16 in standings may apply to enter Junior “A” competitions.

## 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 separate from the USFA membership card. There is an annual fee of \$25, payable to the USFA, to cover the costs for the License requests to 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 card is received from the FIE. After the License request is processed by the FIE, the fencer will receive a one year 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 World Cup season; (see Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook) and 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".

## ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions outside of the United States, fencers must pay a fee AT the "A" competition in local currency - the equivalent of 100 French francs (approximately \$20) for a Senior "A" and 50 French francs (approximately \$10) for a Junior "A".

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 eight fencers must provide one referee, more than eight 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 FENCING

## 2002 – 2003 Membership Application

Please print or type the following:

**Membership year runs August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2003**

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

New Renewal Male Female

U.S. Citizen? Yes No If NO, Permanent Resident?

Yes, Issue Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Visa? Yes

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse for details.

Competition Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: School Club

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: School Club

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary mailing address: Home School Employer

Effective Dates: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Suite/Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School Employer

E-mail 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School Employer

Secondary address: Home School Employer

(members away at school please include home address)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Suite/Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP TYPE:** (\*see reverse for details)

See reverse to receive a confirmation of **RECEIPT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership includes subscription to magazine and newsletter

### Competitive

1 year 3 year 1 year 3 year  
Senior \$40 \$105 Junior\* \$40 \$105  
Coach \$40 \$105 Veteran\* \$40 \$105

Life \$1,000 (single payment)

### Non Competitive

Fence for Fun\* \$30 Parent Associate \$30

Associate \$30 Coach Associate \$30

**Family\*** \$60

One subscription per family membership

Maximum of 2 competitive members per family membership

**Attach separate application for each family member**

Please list the names of the family members below

Competitive Associate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE the number of the PERSON to RECEIVE the SUBSCRIPTION to *American Fencing* and the *USFA National Newsletter***

**Support Your Athletes on the Road to the 2004 Olympic Games**

**CONTRIBUTION:** \$100 \$50 \$25 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The USFA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**PAYMENT METHOD:** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

US Fencing memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable

Check(Make checks payable to USFA) Credit Card

\$25 fee for returned checks

VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Cardholder Signature

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### YOU MUST SIGN WAIVER OF LIABILITY OR

**MEMBERSHIP WILL BE NULL AND VOID.** Upon entering events sponsored by the USFA and/or its member Divisions, I agree to abide by the rules of the USFA, as currently published. I understand and appreciate that participation in a sport carries a risk to me of serious injury, including permanent paralysis or death. I voluntarily and knowingly recognize, accept and assume this risk and release the USFA, their sponsors, event organizers and officials from any liability.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Legal Guardian's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

(\*required for members under 18)

Date of application: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Renewal

USFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Membership Application Information Details

The United States Fencing Association is an organization which strives to broaden the base of fencing in the U.S., both in participation and public recognition. It currently supports over 17,500 members. US Fencing is responsible for training and fielding U.S. teams to the Junior, Cadet, and Senior World Championships, Pan American Games and Olympic Games.

### Determining Your Division

Your division is determined by your place of residence, or by the location of your school or competition club. Unless otherwise specified, you will be assigned to the division associated with the preferred mailing address. The division specified on the application or to which you are assigned **WILL BE THE ONLY DIVISION FROM WHICH YOU CAN QUALIFY** for the Junior Olympic Championships and Summer National Championships.

Division Names. Name in <b>BOLD</b> = state with several divisions.				
Alabama Alaska Ark-La-Miss <sup>1</sup> Arizona <b>California</b> <i>Central CA</i> <sup>2</sup> <i>Mountain Valley</i> <sup>3</sup> <i>Northern</i> <sup>4</sup> <i>Orange Coast</i> <sup>5</sup> <i>San Diego</i> <i>San Bernardino</i> <i>North Coast</i> <sup>6</sup> <i>Southern</i> <sup>7</sup> Capitol <sup>8</sup> Colorado	Connecticut <b>Florida</b> <i>Central FL</i> <sup>9</sup> <i>Gateway FL</i> <sup>10</sup> <i>Gold Coast FL</i> <sup>11</sup> Georgia Hawaii Illinois Indiana Inland Empire <sup>12</sup> Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana (Southern) Maryland	Michigan Minnesota National <sup>13</sup> Nebraska - S. Dakota Nevada New England <sup>14</sup> New Jersey South Jersey New Mexico <b>New York</b> <i>Hudson-Berkshire NY</i> <i>Long Island NY</i> <i>Metropolitan NYC</i> <i>Westchester-Rockland</i> <i>Western NY</i>	North Carolina Northeast <sup>15</sup> <b>Ohio</b> <i>Columbus</i> <i>Northern</i> <sup>16</sup> <i>Southwest</i> <sup>17</sup> Oklahoma Oregon <b>Pennsylvania</b> <i>Central PA</i> <sup>18</sup> <i>Harrisburg</i> <i>Philadelphia</i> <i>Western PA</i> <sup>19</sup> South Carolina St. Louis, Missouri	Tennessee <b>Texas</b> <i>Border Texas</i> <sup>20</sup> <i>Gulf Coast TX</i> <sup>21</sup> <i>Plains TX</i> <sup>22</sup> <i>North TX</i> <sup>23</sup> <i>South TX</i> <sup>24</sup> Utah- Southern Idaho Virginia Western WA Wisconsin Wyoming

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|---|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Arkansas, Mississippi, N. Louisiana      | 9. Orlando & Tampa   | 17. Cincinnati - Dayton     |
| 2. San Jose, Fresno & San Luis Obispo       | 10. Northern Florida   | 18. State College           |
| 3. Sacramento Area                          | 11. Southern Florida   | 19. Pittsburgh area         |
| 4. San Francisco & Oakland                  | 12. N. Idaho, Montana, E. Washington                                 | 20. El Paso & S. New Mexico |
| 5. Orange County & Long Beach               | 13. Those located outside the boundaries of the U.S. or any Division | 21. Houston area            |
| 6. Northernmost California                  | 14. Eastern Massachusetts & Rhode Island                             | 22. Lubbock & Amarillo      |
| 7. Los Angeles & Bakersfield                | 15. Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont                                   | 23. Dallas & Ft. Worth      |
| 8. DC, Montgomery & Prince Georges Counties | 16. Cleveland area   | 24. San Antonio & Austin    |

### Special Membership Types

- Fence For Fun:** Valid for local competition only. Not eligible for Section or National level tournaments or qualifying events thereto. May upgrade to Competitive Member for \$10; USFA classification is not applicable to membership type.
- Family:** Up to four individual memberships of which a maximum of two can be competitive members and others are associate (non competitive) members. Memberships are non-transferable among competitive and non competitive family members.
- Junior:** Must be under 20 as of January 1 of the membership year(s) being paid; e.g. for membership year ending July 31, 2003, a junior must be born 1983 or later.
- Veteran:** Fencer who is 40 or older as of January 1, 2003 or later (birthyear 1962 or earlier).

### Benefits of Membership

- Subscription to American Fencing Magazine - USFA Quarterly Publication
- Subscription to the USFA National Newsletter - USFA Quarterly Publication
- Athlete Accident Insurance: Covers USFA sanctioned activities (contact USFA National Office for policy specifics.)
- Voting Privileges: Members 18 and over, as of February 1st of the membership year, have the right to vote in USFA elections.
- Discounts on Travel and Fencing Equipment
- USFA Membership card: Recognition as a member of U.S. Fencing and passport to worldwide fencing.

#### Receipt of Membership

Include a self-addressed stamped postcard, or a fax return sheet with your membership application for confirmation of receipt of your membership. It may take from 2-6 weeks to receive a membership card once application is received by US Fencing office.

### How to Contact the USFA

One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 • TEL: (719) 866-4511 • FAX: (719) 866-4270  
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