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## PREFACE

This book is written so that athletes, coaches, and parents can gain a better understanding of the programs of the United States Fencing Association (USFA). It contains information that will allow athletes to progress in the sport of fencing to as high a level as they desire. When there are modifications to any of the programs described herein, such changes will be published in the quarterly USFA National Newsletter. Written notification from the Chair of the International Performance Committee and the Director of Athletic Programs will be sent to the top 24 senior athletes, top 16 junior athletes and top 12 cadet fencers on the national point standings and posted on the USFA web site. A bound copy of the book can be obtained from the USFA for \$15 (includes cost of mailing).

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 International Performance Committee and the Director of Athletic Programs should one consider information other than that contained in this hand book to be correct.

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

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

Appendix D contains forms for the 2004-2005 competitive season: membership application, NAC entry form; entry form for the 2005 Junior Olympic Championships, FIE License application and the international entry request form.

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

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

## THE MISSION OF THE USFA IS TO:

- Direct, administer and promote the sport of fencing in the US.
- Develop programs, services and opportunities that enable athletes from recreational to Olympian level to reach their maximum potential.
- Select athletes and cadre for international competition, including the Olympic Games, the Pan American Games 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.
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 EARNING NATIONAL POINTS

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

For the three Youth categories, points are earned at national point competitions for one's own age category and the next older category. Continuing this season is the system initiated in the 2003-2004 season whereby points were earned at "Super Regional Youth Tournaments" on the same scale as the corresponding national tournaments for Youth 10, Youth 12 and Youth 14 competitions. For this season, the title has been changed to Super Youth Circuit (SYC) and one result will count for a fencer, the one in which the fencer earns the most points for his or her age category and weapon in which the fencer competes. For example, for the Youth 10 point standings, the point total is the sum of the best four points earned at the combination of Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions at: the North American Cup (NAC) tournament, one SYC (per age group) and the Summer National Championships during the season. Youth fencers earn national points at their age category competitions. They can compete in the next older age category if they are on the point standings for their age category. The points earned at Super YC in 2003-2004 will be replaced by SYC points of this season as they occur. See Section 1.6 for the manner in which point totals will be calculated.

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

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

Cadet fencers may compete and earn USFA National points in their age category, in the Junior category and in Division I if they meet the entry criteria specified in Section 1.4 (f). Cadet fencers who have achieved high standings can also earn points for the Cadet standings at designated international Cadet competitions and may be able to compete and earn points at Junior "A" World Cup competitions. The restrictions on entering international competitions reflect the standards of performance expected of any athlete prior to advancing to international competition. See Chapter 3 for details.

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

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

The USFA web site, [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) contains the National point standings for the start of the 2004-2005 season for each category. Table 1-1 specifies the age criteria required to compete in USFA National and Regional Youth Circuit point competitions during the 2004-2005 season.

USFA National domestic point tournaments are:

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

## 1.2 POINT STANDINGS

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

- ## To seed USFA national competitions;
- ## To qualify to the National Championships and the Junior Olympic Championships. (See Chapter 2)
- ## To determine group of athletes who can be considered for entry in World Cup and designated Cadet “B” competitions. (See Chapter 3)
- ## To select athletes for international tournaments. (See Chapters 3 and 4)
- ## As a measure of the progress of the Youth fencer in his or her peer group.

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

A current competition result replaces the comparable competition result of the prior season or year unless such competition is not being held during the next season. In that case, points earned at a specific point competition will be valid for 12 months. Points earned at National Championships are retained until the next Championships. The point tables for National tournaments for the 2004-

2005 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.

The Super YC tournaments will award points to the top 40% of the field regardless of where the cut off occurs, within a pool round or a direct elimination bracket. Only the whole number of the value obtained when calculating 40% of the competitive field will be retained. Any fraction will be dropped.

For all other National point competitions, points will be awarded for placement within the direct elimination bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum place of 32<sup>nd</sup>. For competitions where there is direct elimination with repêchage beginning at 32 the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-24, 25-32. For competitions with repêchage starting at 16, the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-32. For competitions without repêchage, the brackets are: final 4, 5-8, 9-16, 17-32.

If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the final 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 equals 17.2; points are awarded for places of 1-24 if the competition format is repêchage, otherwise 1-32, if repêchage is not used. In the Super Youth competition, points would be awarded to 1-17 place. The places in any tie will share the points for those places. The points are averaged for each place involved (e.g., 3 tied for 25<sup>th</sup> receive the average of points for 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> place). If a fencer is excluded from a competition, that place is left vacant and no one receives the points for that place.

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

### 1.3 AGE CRITERIA FOR USFA COMPETITIONS

For a fencer to compete in a specific age category competition or any "Open" level of 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 a National age group point standing, the fencer may enter the next older age category of competition, even if that fencer is younger than allowed by the age bracket. For categories of competitions in which criteria besides age must be met, the fencer must also meet those criteria by the entry deadline.

As an example, a fencer born in 1994 may fence in Youth 12 and Youth 10. To fence in a Youth 14 competition, that fencer must be on the current<sup>1</sup> Youth 12 point standings. To fence in a Cadet competition, that fencer must be on the current<sup>1</sup> Youth 14 point standings.

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

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

**A: AUGUST 1, 2004 thru Division qualifying competitions for 2005 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	1991 or earlier	Ω1964	1985-1991	1988-1991	1990-1993	1992-1995	1994-1997

Ω- Less or Equal

**B: 2005 Summer Nationals & Associated Division & Section Qualifying Competitions**

CATEGORY	DIV. IA, II, III, I	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	D1A, DV1, 2, 3	VET	U19	U16	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1992 or earlier	Ω1964	1986-1992	1989-1992	1990-1993	1992-1995	1994-1997

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	SR TM	JR TEAM	Vet 40-49	Vet 50-59	Vet 60 &
CODE	DTM	OTM	JTM	V40	V50	V60
BIRTH YEARS	Ω1991	Ω1991	1986-1992	9/2/55-1964	9/2/45-9/1/55	Born before 9/2/45
				As of 1/1/05	Age Range as of 9/1/05	

1.4 DEFINITIONS: USFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- 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 gender, by age and by individual competition vs. team competition. *Fencing Rules*, 2001 Edition, t.4.
- b) Competitions are said to be by “direct elimination” when a competitor is eliminated in direct elimination tableau after the first defeat; repêchage when the fencer is eliminated after 2 defeats. A “pool round” describes a group of fencers divided into equal or near equal sub-groups of 5, 6, 7 or more fencers. The fencers in each sub-group or pool fence all the other fencers in their pool. The results of all the fencers in the pool round are ordered from highest or best results to lowest to determine the group of fencers promoted to the next round and seeding of the fencers for the next round.
- c) A Tournament consists of several competitions held at the same place in the same period of time.
- d) North American Cup (NAC): Series of National point tournaments conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Fencing Association. USFA competitive members (Senior, Junior, Coach Competitor, Veteran, Family Competitor and Life) are eligible to enter NAC tournaments if they meet the conditions of the category of that NAC. Fencers in the following membership categories are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to compete in National tournaments or qualifying tournaments for any National Championships: Coach Associate, Parent Associate or Associate. The NAC tournaments are open to foreign fencers who have a FIE License valid for the 2004-2005 season.
- e) Foreign Fencers: The top three fencers from a foreign federation in each weapon are given a fee waiver IF they are entered by their federation. Foreign fencers must meet the age criteria specified for each NAC category and submit results from the prior season so that their skill level can be assessed for the appropriate NAC.

- f) The categories of NAC for the 2004-2005 season for which points will be awarded are: DIVISION I, VETERAN COMBINED, WHEELCHAIR, JUNIOR, CADET, YOUTH 14, YOUTH 12, and YOUTH 10. Six weapon events are held in each of those categories: Men's Epee, Foil and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil and Sabre.
- g) Regional Youth Circuit: The USFA has initiated a series of regional youth tournaments for the Y14, Y12 and Y10 age categories to provide more competitive opportunities for the younger fencers without incurring long travel distances. There will be a few Super Regional Youth tournaments at which the athletes can earn national points. Points earned at one Super Regional Youth tournament will be considered in the national youth point standings. Youth 10 and Youth 12 fencers must fence in at least one regional youth or super regional youth competition in the current season to be eligible to enter the April 2005 or 2005 Summer Nationals competition in that age category for that weapon.
- h) For the NAC Division I tournaments 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 rolling point standings, top 16 in the junior or top 8 in the cadet rolling point standings at the entry deadline. Athletes must meet the age eligibility criteria described earlier. Fencers entered by a foreign federation will not need to show proof of comparable classification of "C" or better as long as they meet the age criteria and hold a FIE License for the 2004-2005 season. Foreign fencers who enter themselves in an NAC Division I competition must indicate their national ranking or previous results that are comparable to US "C" classification.
- i) Division II and Division III tournaments -- Fencers with classifications of "C", "D", "E" or unclassified are eligible for Division II. Fencers with classifications of "D", "E" or unclassified are eligible for Division III. A fencer's classification is considered when the entry is processed by the USFA. National points are not awarded for placements in the Division II or Division III competitions.
- j) The Junior Olympic (J.O.) Fencing Championships are held each year over President's weekend in February with Championship competitions for Junior and Cadet athletes in each of the six weapons. The schedule for the 2005 J.O. Championships is given in Appendix A-2. Fencers MUST QUALIFY by meeting criteria given in Chapter 2.2.
- k) The USFA Division I National Championship in 2005 will be held during the Summer Nationals in July in Sacramento, CA. 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 posted on the USFA web site.

- l) The Division I-A National Championships: These Championships represent the best fencers from each of the ten Sections of the US and the Under-19 Section Champions. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- m) The Division II and Division III National Championships: Division II and Division III Championships represent the best "C" and under and "D" and under, respectively, from the 66 Divisions of the USFA. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.

- n) The Under-19 National Championships represent the best Under-19 fencers from each of the ten Sections of the US as well as those fencers who meet specific national point standings criteria. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- o) The Under-16 and Youth 14 National Championships represent the best Under-16 and Youth 14 fencers, respectively, from the 66 divisions of the USFA as well as those fencers who meet specific national point standings criteria. See Chapter 2.2 for qualifying paths.
- p) Youth 12 and Youth 10 NAC and at Summer Nationals are competitions open to fencers who have participated in one or more Regional Youth Circuit (RYC) or Super YC tournament in the specific weapon and age category and who meet the age criteria. National Championships designations have not been awarded to these two age categories. Fencers must specify with their entry to NAC or Summer Nationals the date and place at which the requirement has been met. A National Championship category has not been approved for either the Youth 12 or Youth 10 age categories but competitions for those categories are held during the Summer National Championship tournament.
- q) Wheelchair Championships competitions are held in all weapons except women's sabre. These are competitions open to disabled athletes meeting specific attributes defined by the Paralympics Association for wheelchair athletes.
- r) The Veterans National Championships are composed of one competition in each of six weapons for each of three age categories: 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and older. Fencers must qualify for the Veterans Summer Nationals by competing in one of the following during the 2004-2005 season:
- o Any NAC during the 2004-2005 season OR
  - o Division's qualifying competition for Division II National Championships OR
  - o Section Championships.
- s) The list of automatic qualifiers (fencers who qualify through the point standings or through top results at prior National Championships) will be posted on the USFA web site starting in October and updated after each relevant point tournament. Divisions and Sections can request the list of automatic qualifiers for their qualifying tournaments from the National office.
- t) FIE is the acronym for the international governing body of the Olympic sport of fencing, Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime, the International Fencing Federation. It is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with its main office located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FIE web site is found at [www.fie.ch](http://www.fie.ch).
- u) "A" is the nomenclature for the FIE World Cup competitions, Junior or Senior.
- v) IPSC stands for the USFA International Performance Steering Committee (replaces the High Performance Committee). Among its responsibilities is determination of selection criteria for all US international teams, athletes and team staff. It is an oversight committee to ensure that the standards and criteria are met in programs established to achieve the goals of developing world-class athletes and enhancing US international stature in the world competitive ranks.
- w) The Director of Athletic Programs 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.

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

The FIE Statutes state that athletes be at least 13 years old on Jan. 1 in the year of each World Championships to participate in any FIE competition: World Cup, World Championships, Pan American Games, Olympic Games. (*FIE Statutes*, 1999)

## 1.6 DETERMINATION OF POINT STANDINGS

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

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

#### 1. July 7, '04 – Oct. 11, '04

€# Oct. '03 NAC CDT  
 €# Oct. '03 NAC Y14  
 €# Feb. '04 J.O. CDT  
 €# Apr. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# 1 '04 Super RYC Y14  
 €# July '04 Y14 SNC  
 €# July '04 CDT SNC

#### 4. April 19, '05 – July 10, '05

€# July '04 Y14 SNC  
 €# July '04 CDT SNC  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC CDT  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# Feb. '05 J.O. CDT  
 €# 1 '05 Super YC Y14

#### 2. Oct. 12, '04 – Feb 21, '05

€# Feb. '04 J.O. CDT  
 €# Apr. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC CDT  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# July '04 Y14 SNC  
 €# July '04 CDT SNC  
 €# 1 '04 Super RYC '05 SYC Y14

#### 5. July 11, '05

€# Oct. '04 NAC CDT  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# Feb. '05 J.O. CDT  
 €# Apr. '05 NAC Y14  
 €# 1 '05 Super YC Y14  
 €# July '05 Y14 SNC  
 €# July '05 CDT SNC

#### 3. Feb. 22, '05 – April 18, '05

€# Apr. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14  
 €# Oct. '04 NAC CDT  
 €# July '04 Y14 SNC  
 €# July '04 CDT SNC  
 €# Feb. '05 J.O. CDT  
 €# 1 '05 Super YC Y14

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

1. July 7, '04 – Oct. 11, '04

- €# Oct. '03 NAC Y14
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y14
- €# 1 03-04 Super RYC Y12, Y14
- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y14 SNC

4. April 19, '05 – July 10, '05

- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y14 SNC
- €# Oct., '04, NAC Y14
- €# 1 '05 Super YC Y12
- €# 1 '05 Super YC Y14
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y14

2. Oct. 12, '04 – Feb 21, '05

- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y14
- €# 1 03-04 Super RYC Y12, Y14
- €# OR 1 '05 Super YC Y12, Y14
- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y14 SNC
- €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14

5. July 11, '05

- €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14
- €# 1 Super YC Y12
- €# 1 Super YC Y14
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y14
- €# July '05 Y12 SNC
- €# July '05 Y14 SNC

3. Feb. 22, '05 – April 18, '05

- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y14
- €# 1 '05 Super YC Y12, Y14
- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y14 SNC
- €# Oct. '04 NAC Y14

C. YOUTH 10 (Y10) POINT STANDINGS: Sum = Four Highest Points

1. July 7, '04 – Feb 21, '05

- €# 1 03-04 Super RYC Y10, Y12
- €# OR 1 '05 Super YC Y10, Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y10
- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y10 SNC

3 Apr. 19, '05 – July 10, '05

- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y10 SNC
- €# 1 Super YC Y10
- €# 1 Super YC Y12
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y10

2. Feb 22, '05 – Apr 18, '05

- €# 1 Super YC Y10, Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '04 NAC Y10
- €# July '04 Y12 SNC
- €# July '04 Y10 SNC

4. July 11, '05

- €# 1 Super YC Y10
- €# 1 Super YC Y12
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y12
- €# Apr. '05 NAC Y10
- €# July '05 Y12 SNC
- €# July '05 Y10 SNC

D. CADET DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS FOR STANDINGS: Sum = Four Highest Points

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

1. July 7, '04 – Oct. 11, '04

- ☞ Oct. '03 NAC CDT
- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC JNR
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
- ☞ July '04 CDT SNC
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC

4. Feb. 22, '05 – July 10, '05

- ☞ July '04 CDT SNC
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Oct. '04 NAC CDT
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. CDT
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. JNR

2. Oct. 12, '04 – Jan. 17 '05

- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC JNR
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
- ☞ July '04 CDT SNC
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Oct. '04 NAC CDT
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*

5. July 11, '05

- ☞ Oct. '04 NAC CDT
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. CDT
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. JNR
- ☞ July '05 CDT SNC
- ☞ July '05 JNR SNC

3. Jan. 18, '05 – Feb. 21 '05

- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. CDT
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
- ☞ July '04 CDT SNC
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Oct. '04 NAC CDT
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR

\* If US Junior "A" criteria is not met, competition treated as NAC Junior.

## E. JUNIOR DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS FOR STANDINGS – Sum = Four Highest Points

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

### 1. July 7, '04 – Dec. 13, '04

- ☞ Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC JNR
- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NATLS
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*

### 4. Feb. 22, '05 – Apr. 18, '05

- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NATLS
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. JNR

### 2. Dec. 14, '04 – Jan. 17, '05

- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC JNR
- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NATLS
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I

### 5. Apr. 19, '05 – July 10, '05

- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NATLS
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. JNR
- ☞ Apr. '05 NAC DIV. I

### 3. Jan. 18, '05 – Feb. 21, '05

- ☞ Feb. '04 J.O. JNR
- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NATLS
- ☞ July '04 JNR SNC
- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I

### 6. July 11, '05

- ☞ Nov. '04 US JR "A"\*
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC JNR
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Feb. '05 J.O. JNR
- ☞ Apr. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ July '05 JNR SNC
- ☞ July '05 DIV. I NATLS

\* If US Junior "A" criteria is not met, competition treated as NAC Junior.

## F. SENIOR DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS FOR STANDINGS

The Senior domestic points (Group I) are calculated as the sum of the two highest points earned at the National point competitions. Pending IPSC review it is expected that beginning April 19, 2005, the domestic competitions will count as best three of four results. Chapter 4 describes the use of international results in the National points.

### 1. May 1, '04 – Dec. 13, '04

- ☞ Dec. '03 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NC

### 4. April 19, 2005 – July 10, '05

- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NC
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Apr. '05 NAC DIV. I

### 2. Dec. 14, '04 – Jan. 17, '05

- ☞ Jan. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NC
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I

### 5. July 11, 2005

- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Apr. '05 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ July '05 DIV. I NC

### 3. Jan. 18, '05 – Apr. 18, '05

- ☞ Apr. '04 DIV. I NC
- ☞ Dec. '04 NAC DIV. I
- ☞ Jan. '05 NAC DIV. I

## 1.7 FORMATS FOR DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS

TABLE 1-2: COMPETITION FORMATS

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

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

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

1.8 SCHEDULE FOR 2004-2005

Tournament Dates	Entry Deadline	Tournament	Location
<b>2004</b>			
<b>Sept. 3-5</b>		<b>Veterans World Championships</b>	<b>Krems, AUT</b>
October 8-11	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>NAC: Division II, Cadet, Youth 14</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
October 9		SAT I and SAT II	
October 11		Columbus Day	
October 27-Nov. 2		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships**	<i>Porto Algere, BRE</i>
<i>October 31</i>		Daylight Savings Ends	
<i>November 6</i>		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests incl. ELPT	
<b>November 5-7</b>	<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Junior "A": - Six weapons *</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>
* Fencers must be on Junior or Cadet Rolling Pt. Standings to be Eligible to Enter Jr "A"			
November 13-14		Penn State Collegiate Open	<i>Penn State, PA</i>
December 4		SAT I and SAT II	
December 4		FIE Congress	<i>Paris, FRA</i>
December 10-12	<i>Nov. 10</i>	NAC: Division I, Veteran, Wheelchair	<i>Richmond, VA</i>
<b>2005</b>			
<b>January 14-17</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>NAC: Div. I/Junior:</b>	<b>Overland Pk, KS</b>
January 22		SAT I, SAT II, and ELPT	
<b>January 13</b>	DIVISION UNDER-19 & UNDER-16 JO QUALIFYING RESULT FORMS DUE		
<b>February 11</b>	LAST DATE TO SUBMIT LATE ENTRY FOR J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS		
<b>February 18-21</b>	<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>
February 26		Collegiate Conference Championships	
March 4-6		NCAA Qualifying Round, Regionals	
<b>March 11-14</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>	NAC: Division II, III, Veterans	<b>Denver, CO</b>
March 12		SAT I only	
March 17-20		NCAA Fencing Championships	
<b>March 23-31</b>		<b>World Junior &amp; Cadet Championships</b>	<b>Linz, AUT</b>
March 27		Easter Sunday	
<i>April 3</i>		Daylight Savings Begins	
<i>April 23-May 1</i>		Passover	
<i>April 15-18</i>	<b>March 15</b>	<b>NAC Div. I/ Youth, NAC Wheelchair</b>	<b>Chattanooga, TN</b>
May 7		SAT I and SAT II	
May 17	<b>DEADLINE FOR FILING DIVISION QUALIFYING REPORTS @ NATL OFFICE: SENIOR &amp; U19 TEAM, DIV 2/3, U16, YTH 14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>		
May 24	<b>SECTION QUALIFYING REPORTS DUE FOR DIV IA &amp; U19 NATL CHAMPS</b>		
June 10-13	May 10	<i>Sr "A", Ind. &amp; Tm World Cup, WF, WS, MS **</i>	
** Fencers must be on Sr Rolling Pt. Standings or Top 8 U-19 or U-16 Standings to Enter Sr "A"			
June 17	LAST DATE TO SUBMIT LATE ENTRY FOR SUMMER NATL CHAMPS.		
<b>July 1 – 10</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPS.</b>	<b>Sacramento, CA</b>
July 17-20		Maccabiah Games – Fencing	Israel ( <a href="http://www.maccabiusa.com">www.maccabiusa.com</a> )
August 4-6		USOC Titan Games	Atlanta, GA
August 10-21		World University Games	Izmir, Turkey
Sept. 2-4		World Veterans Championships	Tampa, FL
Oct. 8-15		World Championships	Leipzig, GER
August 8-24, 2008		2008 Olympic Games	Beijing, CHINA
8/27-Sept. 7, '08		2008 Paralympic Games	Beijing, CHINA

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SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & WORLD CUPS HELD IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
"0" or "2" Blades required for Youth 10 Competitions.

## 1.9 USFA 2004-2005 Regional Youth Circuit Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Internet Link</u>
October 2-3	Cape Fear, NC		<a href="mailto:pclune@ec.rr.com">pclune@ec.rr.com</a> ??
<b>October 8 – 11</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA -NAC</b>	<b>USFA NAC Cadet/Y14/DivII</b>	<a href="http://www.USFencing.org">www.USFencing.org</a>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Madison Hts, WI</b>	<b>Renaissance Fencing Club</b>	<a href="mailto:lokibare@wideopenwest.com">lokibare@wideopenwest.com</a>
<b>October 23-24</b>	<b>Rocky River OH.</b>	<b>Sara Kass</b>	<a href="http://www.CyranosPlace.com">www.CyranosPlace.com</a>
<b>November 5-7</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>Junior "A", 6 weapons</b> U.S. Fencer must be on Jr or Cdt Pts
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Western WA foil and epee</b>	<b>Greg Jones</b>	<a href="http://www.wwdfencing.org/">http://www.wwdfencing.org/</a>
<b>November 13-14</b>	<b>Houston, TX</b>	<b>Louise Lepie</b>	<a href="mailto:deycohen@aol.com">deycohen@aol.com</a>
November 13-14	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="mailto:arias@hiwaay.net">arias@hiwaay.net</a>
<b>November 12-13</b>	<b>Orem, Utah</b>	<b>Julie Seal – Bethany Andrews</b>	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
<b>November 13-14</b>	<b>San Francisco,</b>	<b>Eric Dew and Greg Massialas</b>	<a href="http://fencingusa.com">fencingusa.com</a>
<b>November 20-21</b>	<b>Phila., PA</b>	<b>Mitch Berliner, Yuanchan MA</b>	<a href="mailto:mitchb@nycap.rr.com">mitchb@nycap.rr.com</a>
<b>December 4-5</b>	<b>Portland, OR</b>	<b>NW Fencing Center</b>	<a href="http://www.nwfencing.org/">http://www.nwfencing.org/</a> <a href="http://Askfred.net">Askfred.net</a>
<b>December 10– 12</b>	<b>Richmond, VA</b>	<b>USFA NAC Div. I/Veterans</b>	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
<b>December 11-12</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>Pat Kelly</b>	<a href="mailto:usfakydiv@insightbb.com">usfakydiv [usfakydiv@insightbb.com]</a>
<b>January 8-9, 2005</b>	<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>David Arias</b>	<a href="mailto:arias@hiwaay.net">arias@hiwaay.net</a>
<b>January 8-9, 2005</b>	<b>Saratoga Spr., NY</b>	<b>Mitch Berliner</b>	<a href="http://sabreoutreachnetwork.com">sabreoutreachnetwork.com</a>
<b>January 14 – 17</b>	<b>Overland Park KS</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>NAC Div. I/Junior:</b>
January 22-23	Sacramento	Eric Dew	<a href="http://www.pacific-ryc.org/">http://www.pacific-ryc.org/</a>
<b>February 18 – 21</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.</b>
<b>February 26-27</b>	<b>Lincoln, NE – Air Park West Rec Ctr</b>	<b>Lisa Franz, (816) 763-3259</b>	<a href="mailto:tournaments@lincolnfencing.com">tournaments@lincolnfencing.com</a>
<b>March 5-6, 2005</b>	<b>Charlotte, NC</b>	<b><a href="#">David Burns</a></b>	<a href="http://www.fencingincharlotte.com/marchrycinfo.htm">http://www.fencingincharlotte.com/marchrycinfo.htm</a>

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Internet Link</u>
March 4-5, 2005	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal – Bethany Andrews	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
March 5-6, 2005	Kansas City Foil & Sabre Only	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
<b>March 11– 14</b>	<b>Denver, CO</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>NAC Division II, III, Veterans, Wheelchair</b>
March 12-13, 2005	El Paso, TX	Margaret De Long	<a href="http://www.salledelong.com">www.salledelong.com</a> , <a href="http://www.askfred.net">www.askfred.net</a>
March 19-20, 2005	Roseville, MN	Kate Hanna	<a href="#">Details</a>
March 19-20,	San Francisco,	Eric Dew and Greg Massialas	<a href="http://fencingusa.com">fencingusa.com</a>
March 19-20,	Louisville, KY	Brian Barnes, 502-338-1338 Pat Kelly	<a href="mailto:logician@hyrusa.com">logician@hyrusa.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:usfakydiv@insightbb.com">usfakydiv@insightbb.com</a>
March 26-27	Lincoln, NE	Lisa Franz, (816) 763-3259	<a href="mailto:lisa.franz@hhss.state.ne.us">lisa.franz@hhss.state.ne.us</a>
April 2-3, 2005	New York City	Kathy Lee Zucker and Eric Rosenberg	<a href="http://fcevents.org">fcevents.org</a> .
April 9-10, 2005	Portland, OR	NW Fencing Center	<a href="http://AskFred.net">AskFred.net</a>
April 2005	Detroit/Dearborn	Barb Nemecek	<a href="http://www.michfencing.org/">http://www.michfencing.org/</a>
<b>April 15-18, 2005</b>	<b>Chatanooga, TN</b>	<b>USFAI</b>	<b>USFA NAC: Youth &amp; Division I</b>
May 7-8, 2005	Kansas City Foil & Sabre Only	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
May 7-8, 2005	Pittsburgh	<a href="#">Beth Bell</a>	<a href="http://www.westernpafencing.com">http://www.westernpafencing.com</a>
May 7-8, 2005	Lakeland, FL	Jim Campoli	<a href="http://www.centralffencing.com/">http://www.centralffencing.com/</a>
May 14-15, 2005	Houston	Mauro Hamza	<a href="http://sallemauro.com">sallemauro.com</a>
May 21-22, 2005	Sacred Heart U. CT	<a href="#">Tom Ciccarone</a>	<a href="http://candlewoodfencing.com">candlewoodfencing.com</a>
May 21-22, 2005	Los Angeles/Glendale	gcWgYWHUm4 gcWZybW"cf [	<a href="http://socalfence.org/">http://socalfence.org/</a>
<b>July 1 – 10, 2005</b>	<b>Sacramento, CA</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>

Tournaments in BOLD are confirmed dates and places. Tournaments in BLUE are confirmed dates and places of national tournaments. All other dates are pending confirmation by the regional coordinator and/or the local organizer.

There will be three Super Youth Tournaments at which points will be awarded. Bids are being submitted at this time for the new Youth Committee to review for final assignments. Only one Super Youth result in the weapon and age group will be considered for the relevant National point standings. Points are awarded at the Super Youth tournaments to those placing in the top 40% of the competitive field, regardless of where the cut occurs, with no rounding, using the National point tables for Youth 10, Youth 12, or Youth 14 as appropriate.

NOTES:– Preferred format is one or two rounds of pools with 100% promoted to a direct elimination ladder of 2 of 3 5-touch bouts. "0" or "2" blades are required of all fencers competing in Youth 10 competitions.

For the NAC Youth 10 or Youth 12 tournament in April 2005 athletes must compete in at least one Regional Youth or one Super Youth competition in the current season in the age category and the weapon in which the athlete intends to enter. For the Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions at Summer Nationals youth fencers must have competed in one RYC or one Super Youth tournament or NAC Youth in the current season in the age category and weapon in which the athlete plans to enter. For the Youth 14 National Championships at the Summer Nationals, Y14 fencers MUST either be on the Y14 National point standings on May 1, 2005 or place in the top 25% of their Division's Y14 qualifying competition. See Chapter 2 for more details on qualifying paths to the Summer National Championships.

## CHAPTER 2: QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

### 2.1 ENTRY RULES

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

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

Each National Championship tournament has a separate entry form. For the Junior Olympic Championships and the Summer National Championships the entry form is published in the *National Newsletter*, sent by Email to all current members and posted on the USFA web site ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)). The entry form for the Division I National Championships (Individual) is sent directly by e-mail to those who meet entry criteria. If there is no valid e-mail address, the entry form will be sent by post office mail. The team entry form for Division I Team, Senior Team and Under-19 Team Championships will be posted on the USFA web site, [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org).

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

The entry deadline for the Division I and Summer National Championships is approximately five weeks prior to the first day of the tournament. The entry deadline for the Junior Olympic Championships is approximately three weeks prior to the first day of the tournament. See the USFA National Calendar (Chapter 1 and Appendix A) for the exact entry deadline dates for each national tournament and national championships. If you have NOT received the *National Newsletter* according to the schedule below, CALL (719) 866-4511 or send an e-mail to the USFA Office at [info@usfencing.org](mailto:info@usfencing.org).

- ≠# The Fall issue of the *National Newsletter* will be sent by email by early November with the entry form for the Junior Olympic Championships.
- ≠# The Winter issue of the *National Newsletter* will be sent by email by the middle of March with the entry forms for the individual and for the team competitions at the Summer National Championships.
- ≠# The USFA is now utilizing an electronic distribution system whereby it is using mass secure e-mail distribution for the National Newsletters including the issues with the entry forms. Keep the USFA informed of your current e-mail addresses to ensure receipt of these materials.

The individual entry form for the Division I National Championships should be received by May 1 by those who have met the qualification criteria. The entry deadlines for the 2005 Championship tournaments are listed below. If you do not have an individual or team entry form at least two weeks before the entry deadline, CALL the USFA Office or print one from the USFA Web site.

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

- ≠# 2005 Junior Olympic Championships entry deadline = January 20, 2005
- ≠# 2005 Division I National Championships entry deadline = May 26, 2005
- ≠# 2005 Summer National Championships entry deadline = May 26, 2005

## 2.2 PATHS TO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Table 2-1 summarizes the ways in which an athlete may qualify for the Junior Olympic Championships, Division I National Championships and events at the Summer National Championships. See Qualification Rules Section.

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

**TABLE 2-1: QUALIFYING PATHS TO KEY 2005 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 5/1/05			
Junior Points a. U20 Pts b. U19 Pts	All (a) as of 1/18/05		Top 8 (b) as of 5/1/05	All (b) as of 5/1/05		
Cadet Points a. U17 Pts b. U16 Pts	Top 16 (a) as of 1/18/05	All (a) as of 1/18/05	Top 4 (b) as of 5/1/05	Top 16 (b) as of 5/1/05	All (b) as of 5/1/05	
Youth 14 Points		Top 8 as of 1/18/05			Top 8 as of 5/1/05	All as of 5/1/05
2004 Summer Nat'l Champs.			Top 8 – '04 Div. I-A Top 4 – '04 Div. II			
'05 Section U-19 Champs.				Top 25%		
Division Qualifying	Top 25%	Top 25%	Division I Tm, Sr Tm 50% (a)	U-19 Team: 50% (a)	Top 25%	Top 25%
Modern Pentathlon			3 M Epee Ind & 1 ME Sr & Div 1 Tm, 3 W.Epee Ind & 1 WE Sr & Div 1 Tm			

### NOTES:

Only USFA member clubs are eligible to compete in the Division's team qualifying competition that determine which clubs have qualified to enter a team in the 2005 Division I National Team Championships, the 2005 Senior Team National Championships and the Under-19 Team Championships. The number of qualifiers is based on the number of unique clubs that have entered a team or teams.

Each club that has met qualifying criteria can enter one team in that weapon in the corresponding Team Championships. Team members can be different from those on the team in the qualifying round and for each Team Championships.

## 2.3 QUALIFYING PATHS TO 2005 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Any fencer who is a citizen or permanent resident who has represented another country in the last three years and who has not yet been granted permission to represent the USA is not eligible for any USFA National Championship competition, individual or team, including Division and Section qualifying competitions. A foreign fencer who is in the US on a visa is NOT eligible to fence in any National Championships, individual or team, or associated Division or Section qualifying competitions.

Fencers must have a USFA "Competitive Member" card with an expiration date of 7/31/05 or later. Automatic qualifiers will be posted on the USFA Web site and updated periodically.

NRPS stands for National Rolling Point Standings, which can be viewed on the US Fencing website.

In determining the number of qualifiers, the number of competitors is the total number of fencers who competed in the qualifying competition who are eligible to fence in the Championships. Once the number of qualifiers is determined, those who have already qualified to the Championships in that weapon and category (be it age or classification) are skipped in determining those who have become qualifiers in that competition. For example, if there are 20 competitors in the qualifying competition, of which four have already qualified for that particular championships event, those four are skipped in determining the five qualifiers from that competition. So if the ones who have already qualified are 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>, then the qualifiers are those who have placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

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

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**UNDER-17  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born between 1988 and 1991\*\* **AND BE**

- ⊘ on the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 18, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ in the top 8 of the Youth 14 NRPS on Jan. 18, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ by Board action, any fencer who has qualified for the Under-20 JO Championships becomes an automatic qualifier for the Under-17 Championships
- ⊘ in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.2] in their Division's Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition.

**UNDER-20  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born between 1985 and 1991\*\* **AND BE**

- ⊘ on the Junior NRPS on Jan. 18, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ in the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 18, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.2] in their Division's Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition

**ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**DIVISION I  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born no later than 1991\*\* **AND**

- ⊘ Be on the National Senior NRPS on May 1, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ Be in the top 8 of the Junior (U-19) NRPS on May 1, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ Be in the top 4 of the Cadet (U-16) NRPS on May 1, 2005 **OR**
- ⊘ Placed in the top 8 in the 2004 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- ⊘ Placed in the top 4 in the 2004 Division II National Championships **OR**
- ⊘ In men's epee and women's epee be one of three athletes named by the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association.

**\*\* Athletes are permitted to fence in their Division or Section qualifying competitions for the Summer Nationals and Junior Olympic Championships**

**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 1994, can fence in Youth 10 and Youth 12 at the Summer Nationals without any special qualification requirements. A fencer born in 1994 is eligible to fence in the Youth 14 Division's qualifying competition **ONLY IF** the fencer is on the current Youth 12 point standings. For that same fencer to be eligible to fence in the Division's Cadet (U-16) qualifying competition, the fencer must be listed on the current Youth 14 point standings. Current is defined as the point standings at the time of the qualifying competitions. A similar rule applies for qualifying competitions for the Under-19 Summer National Championships: if the athlete is younger than specified in the age criteria, the athlete must be on current Cadet standings.

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

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

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

**QUALIFICATION FROM SECTION TOURNAMENTS**

**SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

**DIVISION I-A CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must be born no later than 1992 **AND**

- ⚡ Place in the top 25% (with a minimum of 8) at the 2005 Senior Section Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Placed in top 8 at the 2004 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Placed in top 4 at the 2004 Division II National Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Be the current 2005 Under-19 Section Champion

**UNDER-19 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencer's must have been born between 1986 and 1992\*\* **AND**

- ⚡ Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] at the 2005 Under-19 Section Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Be on the Junior (Under-19) point standings as of May 1, 2005 **OR**
- ⚡ Be in the top 16 of the Cadet (Under-16) point standings as of May 1, 2005.

**QUALIFICATION FROM DIVISION TOURNAMENTS**

**DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "C", "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** born no later than 1992 **AND** –

- ⚡ Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the 2005 Division Qualifying competition **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for the 2005 Under-19 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for the 2005 Under-16 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- ⚡ Placed in the top 4 at the 2004 Division III National Championships **OR**

**DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** have been born no later than 1992 **AND** –

- ⚡ Qualify for Division II
- ⚡ Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the total number of "D", "E" or "U" fencers competing in the 2005 Division's Division II Qualifying competition (when Division II and Division III qualifying competition held together)<sup>1</sup> **OR**
- ⚡ If separate Division III qualifying competition held by Division, then top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the field will qualify for Division III National Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for the 2005 Under-19 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for the 2005 Under-16 National Championships in that weapon

<sup>1</sup> If one qualifying competition is held to qualify individuals for both Division II and Division III National Championships then: For Division II the top 25% of the total field achieves qualification; for Division III deduct the number of fencers with a "C" classification from the total number of competitors and take 25% of that net number (N3) to determine number of qualifiers for Division III (NQ3). Then count that number from the first eligible (one who started as a "D", "E", or "U") competitor to the final eligible competitor (NQ3).

Example of how to determine qualifiers for Division III when the Division holds only one competition to determine qualifiers for both Division II and Division III.

A Division II/III qualifying competition has the following entries:

Number of C fencers = 8  
Number of D fencers = 12  
Number of E fencers = 11  
Number of U fencers = 15

Total Number of Fencers = 46

List the fencers in order of their finish.

The first 12 who have not already qualified to Division II by other paths are qualifiers from the Division's competition.

Then count the number of D, E, and U fencers. In this example there are 38 such fencers. 25% of that group equals 10, the number of fencers who can qualify for Division III Nationals.

The first Division III qualifier is the D, E, or U fencer who placed highest; the second Division III qualifier is the D, E, or U fencer who placed next highest, on to the 10<sup>th</sup> highest D, E, or U fencer, who has not already qualified by other paths.

**UNDER-16  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

- ⚡ Be on the Cadet (Under-16) point standings as of May 1, 2005 **OR**
- ⚡ Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the Division's U-16 qualifying competition **OR**
- ⚡ Qualify for U19 event **OR**
- ⚡ Be in the Top 8 of the Youth 14 point standings as of May 1, 2005

**YOUTH 14  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fencers must have been born between 1990 and 1993\*\* **AND**

- ⚡ Be on the Youth 14 NRPS as of April 20, 2005 **OR**
- ⚡ Place in the top 25% [refer to Table 2.3] of the Division's Youth 14 qualifying competition

**YOUTH-12 OPEN**

Fencers born between 1992 and 1995\*\* **AND**

- ⚡ Fenced in one Regional Youth Circuit or one Super Youth Circuit or NAC Youth in 2004-2005 season in the age and weapon category (categories) in which athlete requests entry acceptance **OR**
- ⚡ Be on the Youth 12 national point standings as of May 1, 2004
- ⚡ Fencer must state on entry the competition (s) at which he or she fulfilled the requirement for either the NAC or the Summer Nationals. Failure to do so will be basis for rejection of entry.

**YOUTH-10 OPEN**

Fencers born between 1994 and 1997 **AND**

- ⚡ Fenced in one Regional Youth Circuit or one Super Youth Circuit or NAC Youth in 2004-2005 season in the age and weapon category (categories) in which athlete requests entry acceptance **OR**
- ⚡ Be on the Youth 10 national point standings as of May 1, 2004
- ⚡ Fencer must state on entry the competition(s) at which he or she fulfilled the requirement for either the NAC or the Summer Nationals. Failure to do so will be basis for rejection of entry.

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\*\* Athletes are permitted to fence in their Division or Section qualifying competitions for the Summer Nationals IF: 1) the athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket **OR** 2) the athlete is on the national rolling point standings in the next younger age bracket. For example, a fencer born in 1994, can fence in Youth 10 and Youth 12 at the Summer Nationals. A fencer born in 1994 is eligible to fence in the Youth 14 Division's qualifying competition **ONLY IF** the fencer is on the current Youth 12 point standings. For that same fencer to be eligible to fence in the Division's Cadet (U-16) qualifying competition, the fencer must be listed on the current Youth 14 point standings. Current is defined as the point standings at the time of the qualifying competitions. A similar rule applies for qualifying competitions for the Under-19 Summer National Championships: if the athlete is younger than specified in the age criteria, the athlete must be on current Cadet standings.

TEAM  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Based on number of different USFA Member Clubs represented at each of the 2005 Division's Division I Team, Senior Team, under-19 Team qualifying competitions.

Same qualification requirements for each of the three categories of team Championships: Junior Team, Division I Team, Senior Team

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

**OR** Be a USFA member club that placed in the top 4 at the 2004 National Team Championships in that category of team championships.

Members of the Senior or Division I team must be born no later than 1991.  
Members of the Under-19 team must be born no later than 1992.

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

VETERAN

Any current competitive member born 1964 or earlier who has competed in

- ≠# 2005 Section Championships **OR**
- ≠# 2005 Division qualifying competition for Division II and/or Division III Championships in which only those with a "C" classification or lower (D, E, or U) may compete **OR**
- ≠# any NAC during the 2004-2005 season.
- ≠# Fencer must state on entry the competition by which he or she complied with qualification criteria. Failure to do so will be basis for rejection of entry.

For 2005, the Veterans Age Championships will be held in three age categories: "40-49" [9/2/55-1/1/65]; "50-59", [9/2/45-9/1/55] and "60 and older" [9/1/45 or earlier] as of Sept.1, 2005. The international fencing governing body (the FIE) has determined that age eligibility for the two age categories at the World Veterans Championships – 50-59 and 60 and older – will be as of the first of the month in which the Veterans World Championships are held. It is anticipated that women's sabre for each age category will be added to the 2005 World Veterans Championships, hosted by Tampa, FL.

## 2.4 APPEAL PROCESS

Sometimes events conspire to prevent one from competing in a qualifying competition. In such instances, one may petition to enter a Championship tournament by the "Appeal" process. There is no appeal for Division I Nationals, the person either meets the qualification standards or does not. There are several opportunities for a person to earn points for qualification to Division I National Championships: 2004 Division I National Championships, NAC Division I in December 2004, January 2005 and April 2005.

Here are some examples of appeals and their dispositions:

- a) If you are injured or become ill while competing in a qualifying competition and do not withdraw on a medical basis, your result stands and there is **NO** appeal. It is better not to fence and get medical documentation or to withdraw and ask the bout committee for a written statement verifying the medical withdrawal. That statement or medical documentation must be submitted with your appeal.
- b) Appeals will not be considered for the case in which fencer is attending school in another division. Division membership is determined by where you live, where you go to school or the location of the club that you represent in competition. When you renew your membership in the USFA, you must state the Division to which you wish to be assigned based on these criteria. That is your Division for the year and the one from which you must qualify to Championship tournaments. You can change your division by submitting documentation explaining the reasons for such a change to be considered.
- c) If the qualifying competition was not run in accordance with the USFA rules, you may submit a protest in writing specifying the rule infraction(s). This must be done within **THREE DAYS** of the qualifying competition; otherwise, no action can be taken by the USFA. Even if a timely protest is submitted, there is no guarantee that the protest will be upheld.
- d) The Division scheduled the qualifying competition on the same weekend as an NAC. (Divisions and Sections try to avoid such conflicts but it may not always be possible.) The athlete must decide in which competition (s)he wishes to compete. An appeal will **not** be approved if the athlete decides to fence in the NAC rather than the qualifying competition.

## 2.5 SUBMITTING AN APPEAL

In exceptional cases, subject to approval by the USFA Executive Committee, a member of the USFA in good standing may be permitted to qualify to the Junior Olympic Championships or Summer National Championships by appeal. No petition may contravene the results of a qualifying competition – a fencer who has fenced in the competition without withdrawing due to valid medical reasons cannot then petition to disregard or override those results.

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

- ## 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 National Events, USFA National Office, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774. Such appeals **should be filed within five** business days following the competition at which the petitioner could have qualified. Petitions **must be received** at the National Office no later than two weeks prior to the entry deadline for the Junior Olympic or Summer National Championships to which the petitioner seeks entry. Relief from this deadline will be granted only when the specific qualifying competition is held less than two weeks prior to the entry deadline. Under no circumstances will petitions be accepted if received after the entry deadline for the Championships.

The appeal must be accompanied by:

- a) A non-refundable-filing fee of \$30.00, payable to the USFA.
- b) A written statement that gives the specific details of the dates, reason for absence or withdrawal, and other pertinent facts. Written notice from the attending physician and/or statement from the Bout Committee must substantiate any medical reasons if the medical reason required withdrawal from the qualifying competition.
- c) A summary of the fencer's significant competitive results during the past year. In particular, results in previous National Championships and recent North American Cup competitions should be noted.
- d) Evidence that a copy of the petition has been submitted to the Chair or Secretary of the Division or Section that hosted the qualifying competition. If the basis for the petition does not correspond with information available to the Division or Section officer, then the USFA expects that officer to so notify the national office in writing.
- e) A completed entry form for the competition with the correct registration and entry fees. If the petition is not approved, these fees associated with the entry will be refunded.
- f) A self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply to the appeal if athlete does not have a current e-mail address; otherwise responses to the appeal will be made by e-mail.

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

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

The appropriate Division and/or Section Officer will be notified by the Director of National Events of submission of appeals from athletes from that Division or Section, depending on specific competition for which appeal is being filed. The Officer can then file a statement recommending denial of appeal and reasons thereto. Otherwise, it will be assumed the Officer has no objection to approval of appeal.

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.

*Reference: USFA Operations Manual, 2000 edition, Chapter III, Section 4 and subsequent Board actions.*

## CHAPTER 3: INTERNATIONAL POINTS

### 3.1 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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

#### a. "A" COMPETITIONS

An international competition specified as an "A" competition is a World Cup competition held under the auspices and rules of the international fencing federation, the FIE. There are two categories of individual "A" competitions: Senior and Junior (Under-20). A Junior fencer is defined by the FIE as one who is at least 13 years old and under 20 years old on 1 January of the year in which the World Junior Championships will be held. For the 2005 World Junior Championships, a Junior fencer is one who was born between 1985 and 1991. Similarly a Cadet fencer is one who is at least 13 years old and under 17 years old on January 1, 2005. For the 2005 World Cadet Championships, the cadet fencer is one who was born between 1988 and 1991. There are no exceptions to these age criteria for the Junior "A" or World Junior and Cadet Championships. For a Senior "A" the fencer must be at least 13 year old on January 1 of the year in which the World Championships or Olympic Games will be held.

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

*For individual World Cup competitions in Europe, for each weapon, each federation may enter 8 fencers plus a number equal to the number of its members ranked in the top 32 of the previous World Cup [See Tables 3-1 and 3-2 for USFA totals]. The organizing country may enter 24 fencers plus a number equal to that of its members ranked in the top 32 of the previous World Cup.*

*For individual World Cup competitions outside Europe:*

- *For countries of the same continent as the organizers, the organizers are free to set the number of entries.*
- *For other countries, the rules for competitions in Europe apply.*

*For Grand Prix competitions, participation is limited to a maximum of 8 fencers per country, and a maximum additional 12 for the organizing country.*

The FIE has initiated a new model for senior "A" competitions whereby there will be a *maximum of 14 events per weapon, divided into 9 World Cup events (4 Europe, 2 America, 2 Asia, 1 Africa) and 5 Grand Prix events (2 Europe, 1 America, 1 Asia, 1 Africa), where the Grand Prix must include a team event.*

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

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## 1. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

### UNIFORM

Any athlete competing in a FIE sponsored competition must have the 800 newton uniform – jacket, knickers and plastron (underarm garment) and mask with 1600 newton bib and FIE approved label on the back.

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

*Fencers must, in all FIE competitions and at all stages of these competitions, display their name and their nationality, in dark blue capital letters, on the back of their jacket. The letters must be between 10 cm, maximum, and 8 cm, minimum, high. The width of the letters will vary according to the length of the name.*

The FIE now requires that one’s country’s colors, approved by the FIE, are to be imprinted on the clothes. For US fencers the national colors for USA are the “shooting stars” and must be imprinted on the front of the back leg. Fencers who are in the round of 64 at individual Senior “A” and team “A” competitions and all fencers competing at a World Championships (Cadet, Junior or Senior) must have this national color imprint.

- *The designs of national colors worn on the arm and/or the leg of fencers are compulsory and must be identical for all the fencers of the same federation for the following competitions:*
  - a) *Open, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match.*
  - b) *Senior World Cup individual competitions, all DE bouts from the last 64 onwards.*
  - c) *World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every team match.*
- *The designs of national colors must be submitted to the FIE for homologation by the Executive Committee.*

*Should clothing not conform to the design sent to the FIE (national colors), or in the case of the absence of name or nationality on the back, the fencer concerned shall be penalized by a red card each time he comes on the piste during the competition.*

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

*If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a sponsorship contract with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner, maximum 125 cm<sup>2</sup> in size, may be affixed at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket, on the side of the breeches (left or right) or on the socks. At sabre a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.*

*A fencer may not display more than four such logos. The total surface area of all these logos added together must not exceed 500 cm<sup>2</sup>.*

### MASKS

*The FIE in its standard practices has established the possibility for fencers to use either traditional masks made with metallic trellis or transparent masks.*

*The transparent mask was mandatory for the Olympic Games 2004 for both men and women’s sabre and will be mandatory for the upcoming World Championships. [June 4, 2004]*

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*These transparent masks can be of two types:*

- a. *composite masks, made using traditional masks, of which a part of the front trellis has been replaced by a visor of transparent plastic;*
- b. *masks made entirely of plastic, of which the front part must be transparent.*

*Currently only composite masks have been accepted by the FIE.*

*All transparent visor masks must provide a high level of safety for fencers. They must therefore comply with very severe standards and in particular:*

- o *-The whole structure of the mask must be rigid and not be distorted as a result of violent shocks.*
- o *The metallic mesh and the bib must have the same strength characteristics as those of traditional masks.*
- o *-Because of the aging of the plastic material, the polycarbonate visor must only be used for two years after its manufacture and, therefore, the date of manufacture (year and month) must be indicated on it very clearly.*
- o *-To avoid degrading the polycarbonate, all contact with chemical agents that can damage the material must be prevented; in particular, any presence of PVC is unacceptable;*
- o *-The mask should be kept in a protective bag and it is desirable to avoid putting the mask in the fencing bag (i.e., aircraft hold) during airplane journeys, but rather to keep it in hand luggage.*

## FOIL AND SABRE TIMING

The FIE implemented on a provisional basis – at Junior and Senior World Cup competitions, new timing for both sabre and foil. The purpose of the change for foil is to reduce the utilization of the flick. For both foil and sabre the purpose of the change is to decrease the amount of time an opponent's hit will register after being hit. The USFA will implement the new timing on the scoring machines used at national tournaments – NAC and National Championships – and at the World Cup tournaments held in the United States. The USFA Board of Directors has mandated that qualifying competitions for National Championships must use machines with the new timing.

### **FOIL**

- o *The blocking time for the lights has been set at 300 milliseconds (formerly 550 milliseconds)*
- o *Increase of the impact time at foil to 15 milliseconds (formerly 2 milliseconds)*
- o *The maximum bend in the blade is reduced to 1 cm*
- o *Inversion of the line of the shoulders is no longer considered an offence*

### **SABRE**

- o *A shorter time for double hits now set at 120 milliseconds (formerly 350 milliseconds)*

## b. DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

**Designated "A"** individual competitions are "A" competitions selected by National Weapon Coaches as World Cup competitions that are most suited to the goals of the weapon to aide in developing world class US athletes. These competitions are categorized as Group II competitions and count towards team selection criteria (see Chapter 4). Points earned at a specified number of Group II competitions are considered in calculating a fencer's point total. Designated "A" competitions that are not counted in Group II for team point standings will be considered as part of Group I competitions. An "A" may change its status from Group II to Group I if the FIE withdraws its sanction as an "A". Designated Junior and Senior "A" competitions and Cadet "B" are listed in Tables 3-1 and 3-2.

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

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### c. "B" COMPETITIONS

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

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

### d. SATELLITE COMPETITIONS

The FIE has instituted another category of FIE sanctioned competitions entitled Satellite Competitions at which FIE points can be earned. Satellite competitions are treated as "B" – competitions – using the strength factor described in Section 3.5 to determine points that might have been earned.

See Appendix A-5 for schedule of Satellite Competitions.

In a satellite tournament the winner earns 4 FIE points; the person in second place earns 3 points, third place earns 2 points, and 5-8 places each count for 1 FIE point. In calculating the total points a fencer has on the FIE world ranking list a maximum of two satellite competitions will count. For each "A" competition at which a fencer earns FIE points, one less satellite result will be counted in the FIE standings. To qualify for the FIE points a satellite competition must have at least 32 fencers from at least four different countries.

## 3.2 WORLD CUP TEAM COMPETITONS

The FIE expanded the World Cup competition program by adding a Team World Cup Series in 2001 and has established an official World Cup Team standings. The standings are determined by calculating the sum of four team world cup competitions, two from European competitions and two from outside Europe. The FIE Team World Cup standings are used to seed teams at each Team World Cup competition and at Senior World Championships. For the 2004 Olympic Games the FIE Team World Cup standings were used to determine countries qualified to field teams.

With performance in the team events critical to qualifying for the Olympic Games the USFA will support the participation in World Cup team competition for each weapon to the extent possible within the constraints of the budget for each season. The National weapon coach will determine the best combination of four athletes who will compete in each Team "A" competition. The National Weapon coach in consultation with the Director of Athlete Programs, will determine the priority of criteria for selection of the athletes for each Team "A" competition:

- ## 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 team captain and/or the director of athlete programs of the future potential of an athlete in international team competition

### 3.3 FIE WORLD RANKINGS

#### a. Individual FIE Classification (changed for the 2004-2005 season)

The FIE maintains a World Ranking individual list for Seniors and Juniors based on results at Senior "A" (World Cup) competitions and Junior "A" (World Cup) competitions respectively. These FIE World rankings are calculated as the sum of points earned at six Senior "A" competitions in which the fencer has participated, with no more than three competitions from any one continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games. The FIE has modified the manner in which points are awarded such that Non Grand Prix "A" competitions use the scale shown below; those points are doubled for Grand Prix "A" competitions, and tripled for World Championships and Olympic Games. *At the Olympic Games, 4th place is awarded 54 points.*

Three US fencers have won the Junior World Cup Trophy – based on "A" competition results only: Mariel Zagunis in Junior women's sabre in 2002, 2003; and 2004 (the only fencer in the world to win this distinction three years in a row), Iris Zimmermann in women's foil in 1997 and Felicia Zimmermann in 1995. Sada Jacobson in women's sabre won the Senior World Cup trophy this past season, ending the season ranked number 1 in the world. Keeth Smart was ranked number 1 in the world at the beginning of 2004. The women's sabre team concluded the season ranked number two in the world, having been number 1 for most of the season.

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

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			

Double values for Grand Prix Senior "A" and triple values for World Championships & Olympics.

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

The official team ranking of the F.I.E. is based on the sum of the team's best 4 results in Team World Cup competitions, with a maximum of two results obtained in the same continental zone, plus the World Championships or the Olympic Games. The US women's sabre team won the Team World Cup Trophy this past season, a team that has forged firsts for US Fencing since it entered the international world cup scene.

The FIE World Cup ranking system 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.

TEAM SCALE OF POINTS (doubled for World Championships & Olympic Games)

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

Change at Dec. 2003 FIE Congress, effective Oct. 1, 2004

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

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

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

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

If the designated Junior “A” does not meet these criteria then the results are considered in calculation of Group I points.

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

The United States will host a six-weapon *Junior* “A” tournament November 5-7 2004, in Louisville, Kentucky. Each Junior “A” competition will be treated as a Designated Junior “A” IF 10 of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate AND there is representation from at least five countries, with USA as one of the five. For each weapon at that Junior “A” tournament for which those criteria are not met, the fencers will earn points equivalent to a NAC Junior competition for inclusion in Group I calculations. It is anticipated that athletes will earn FIE points.

### 3.5 STRENGTH FACTOR FOR USFA INTERNATIONAL POINTS

The Strength Factor (SF) is a multiplier used to determine the number of USFA points to be awarded for each place in Senior “A”, Junior “A”, European “B” and FIE Satellite competitions. The SF takes into consideration the size (N) of the field and the number of World Cup fencers in the competition. If an athlete is on both the Junior and Senior FIE ranking list, the better of the two values is used in the calculation of the Junior or Senior Strength Factor. The SSF is applied to Column N of the Point Table in Appendix B-3. The JSF is applied to Column L of the Point Table in Appendix B-3. The FIE World Cup standings used are those at the start of the competition. The maximum value of the SF is 2.0, even if the formula generates a higher value.

#### FORMULA FOR SENIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (SSF)

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

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

## FORMULA FOR JUNIOR STRENGTH FACTOR (JSF)

$$\text{JSF} = \left[ \frac{N}{3} + (10(\text{Jr8}) + 8(\text{Jr16}) + 6(\text{Jr32}) + 12(\text{Sr16})) \right] / 100$$

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

### 3.6 AWARD OF INTERNATIONAL POINTS

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

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

Athletes should not depend on others to submit results. If a fencer does not stay for the entire competition, the fencer should ask the Directoire Technique [D.T.] (equivalent to the US Bout Committee) for the results available at the time of departure. The USFA is not always able to obtain the results from the organizer of the "A" competition. If a fencer cannot obtain the results from the D.T., then the fencer should request the seeding list with the names of all the fencers. The USFA must rely on those present to obtain copies of the results of the competition. Changes to the rolling point standings for seeding a domestic point competition may be made if international results are submitted at least ten days prior to the domestic point tournament.

#### **NO RESULTS, NO POINTS, NO MONEY!**

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

- Fencer placed in the direct elimination bracket (4, 8, 16, 32, 64) in which top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum of 32<sup>nd</sup> place, or 64<sup>th</sup> as specified in b.
- If the strength factor is 2.0 and there are at least 82 fencers in the competition, fencers who finish between 33<sup>rd</sup> and 64<sup>th</sup> place may earn 200 points.

If the resulting number of points is less than 275, 165, or 110 (the lowest number of points awarded in Senior, Junior, or Cadet national point competitions, respectively) and the fencer has no other points, the fencer is not listed on the Senior, Junior, or Cadet point standings. A record is maintained for each fencer who has earned fewer than the minimum number of points until the total number of points earned by the fencer equals or is greater than the minimum required for that category of National point standings. The fencer will then be placed on the point standings and the points combined as appropriate with any future results.

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

### 3.7 ENTRY PROCEDURES

A fencer will be considered for entry in a Senior European "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 (top 20-24 for weapons where the US is allowed 10 or more fencers) of the USFA Senior Rolling Point standings. For Grand Prix Senior "A" only 8 fencers per country are now

allowed regardless of the quota established by the FIE. Thus fencers must be in the top 16 of the Rolling Point standings for consideration for entry in a Grand Prix (GP) Senior "A". Juniors will be considered for entry in a Senior European "A" if they are ranked in the top 8 in the USFA Junior Rolling Point standings. Juniors will be accepted for Senior "A" competition if space is available after the senior point fencers who have applied.

A fencer will be considered for entry in a Junior "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 in the USFA Junior Rolling Point standings (top 24 in Men's Sabre and Women's Sabre or top 20 for weapons where the US is allowed between 10 and 12 fencers). Fencers will be considered for entry in Junior "A" competitions who are in the top 12 in the USFA Cadet Rolling Point standings. Cadet fencers are accepted for Junior "A" only if the quota allowed was not filled by eligible junior fencers.

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

Exceptions may be granted on entry eligibility rules for a fencer with well-established international credentials, provided that such application is filed at least 60 days prior to the "A" competition. The National Weapon Coach may also recommend a fencer who does not meet the criteria on the basis of the following factors: recent top 8 results at National point competitions, recent top 8 results at "B" competitions with a SSF of at least 1.0, prior high national rankings.

Fencers who wish to enter one or more "A" competitions must file the Request to Enter an "A" form (see Appendix D-7) with USFA International Programs Department, by the entry deadline listed in Appendix A and given in Tables 3-1 and 3-2, 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 2004-2005 FIE License, in addition to being a current competitive USFA member, in order to compete in "A" or Satellite competitions. There is an annual charge of \$35 for the FIE License, payable to the USFA. The FIE imposes a fee for each FIE License that must be ordered by the fencer's National Federation. The USFA office receives the FIE licenses which are then sent to each individual. The FIE License includes a one year subscription to the FIE quarterly magazine. Payment for the FIE License must be submitted using the form "*FIE License Request*" prior to or with the "Request to Enter an "A" form (refer to Appendix D for the forms).

### 3.8 ENTRY LIMITATIONS

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

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

For the 2004-2005 season, the FIE instituted a new restriction whereby each country may enter no more than 8 fencers in any Grand Prix "A" competition, no matter what its quota is for a non Grand Prix "A". If a country hosts a Grand Prix it may enter an additional 12 fencers.

The National Point standings at the entry deadline determines 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 no later than one year prior to the next Olympic Games or the next World Junior, Cadet or Senior Championships. If such documentation cannot be provided, the request of the permanent resident is placed at the end of the requests.

U.S. fencers must be entered by the USFA to compete in a World Cup. Any U.S. athlete who competes in a World Cup without being entered by the USFA will not be awarded any points for

which the athlete might have been eligible and that athlete will be responsible for any financial penalties imposed on the USFA by the FIE.

For the 2004-2005 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 and in Appendix A-6. An additional restriction has been established for Grand Prix "A" whereby each country can only enter a maximum of 8 fencers. When a country is the host of a World Cup it may enter a greater number of fencers. The USFA restricts the entries to the World Cup competitions held in the US to those on the corresponding rolling point standings and for which a separate entry form is required for U.S. and Canadian fencers.

### 3.9 ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions held outside of the United States and Canada, fencers must pay an entry fee at the "A" competition in euros or local currency - the equivalent of 20 Euros (approximately \$25) for a Senior "A" and 10 Euros (approximately \$12) for a Junior "A". The actual amount for this entry fee will fluctuate with the local and/or European exchange in effect at the time of the competition. Grand Prix competitions will have an entry fee of 60 Euros (approximately \$75). Fencers must pay the entry fee when they register at the competition, preferably in Euros or the local currency. At official FIE competitions and in local competitions held in Germany and Canada, FIE regulation equipment must be used: 800-newton jacket, knickers, and underarm, FIE foil and epee blades, and FIE mask.

### 3.10 PENALTIES

A country entering 5 to 9 fencers in an "A" must provide one international rated referee. If more than 9 fencers are entered, the country must provide 2 referees. Because availability of referees must be determined well in advance of the competition, and economical travel must be arranged, US entries must be received by the stated entry deadline. Entries received after the entry deadline may not be accepted, especially if that extra entry creates the need for an additional referee beyond what was planned. Countries do not have to provide referees for any Grand Prix "A" competition; the FIE appoints the referees for Grand Prix, cost of which is borne by the organizer of the competition.

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

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

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

<b>WOMEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 16 Fencers	Entry Deadline
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 12 Cadets</b>	
9/18, Konin, POL CDT DES 9/19, Konin, POL CDT Team	8/20/2004
10/16 Sosnowiec, POL	9/8/2004
10/24, Godollo, HUN CDT DES 10/23, Godollo, CDT Team	9/17/2004
11/7, Louisville, KY **	10/15/2004
11/20, Ariccia, ITA	10/15/2004
1/7, Budapest, HUN	12/3/2004
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	
COUNT BEST (1) DES. CADET RESULT IN GROUP II	

<b>MEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 16	Entry Deadline
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
9/18, Konin, POL CDT DES 9/19, Konin, POL CDT Team	8/20/2004
10/23 Godollo, HUN CDT DES 10/24, Godollo, CDT Team	9/17/2004
10/17 Sosnowiec, POL	9/8/04
11/7, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2004
11/28 Dormagen, GER	10/22/2004
1/08, Budapest, HUN	12/3/2004
2/20, Dourdan, FRA	1/18/2004
COUNT BEST (1) DES. CADET RESULTS IN GROUP II	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

<b>WOMEN'S FOIL</b> 11 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17, Bratislava, SVQ	09/08/2004
10/23-24 Somorin, SVQ. <b>CDT DES</b>	09/25/2004
11/7, Louisville, KY **	09/30/2004
11/14, Bochum, GER	10/08/2004
11/20-21, Tauber, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	10/16/2004
11/27 Jesi, ITA	10/21/2004
1/9, Budapest, HUN	12/03/2004
2/5-6, Jena, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	12/17/2004
2/13, Lyon, FRA	01/06/2005
COUNT BEST 2 DES. CADET RESULTS IN GROUP II	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

<b>MEN'S FOIL</b> , 10 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17, Bratislava, SVQ	09/09/2004
11/6, Louisville, KY**	09/30/2004
11/20, Madrid, ESP	10/14/2004
11/28, Aix-en-Provence, FRA (CAMP)	10/21/2004
12/05, Leszno, POL (CAMP in POL)	10/28/2004
12/19, Burgsteinfurt, GER	11/11/2004
1/09/04, Budapest, HUN	12/02/2004
1/21-22, <b>DES CDT "B"</b> , Koblenz, GER	12/15/2004
2/6, Como, ITA (Possible Camp)	12/29/2004
FOR GROUP II COUNT DES. CADET RESULT	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST FOUR DES. JR	

<b>WOMEN'S EPEE</b> , 11 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17 Bratislava, SVQ	09/09/2004
11/6, Louisville, KY**	09/30/2004
11/13-14, Heidenheim, <b>CDT DES</b>	10/07/2004
12/5, Osnabruck, GER	10/28/2004
1/7, Budapest, HUN**	12/02/2004
1/23, Montreal, CAN	www.fencing.ca
2/13, Modling, AUT	01/06/2005
FOR GROUP II COUNT DES. CADET RESULT	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

<b>MEN'S EPEE</b> , 9 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17, Bratislava, SVQ	9/09/2004
11/5, Louisville, KY **	09/30/2004
11/28, Catania, ITA	10/21/2004
01/08, Budapest, HUN	12/02/2004
1/22, Montreal, CAN – <b>DES CADET</b>	www.fencing.ca
1/30, Tauber., GER	12/16/2004
FOR GROUP II COUNT DES. CADET RESULT	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

**DES CADET** counts for Cadet pts only. Points awarded on the basis of Cdt Internl, Table I, App B-3

**TABLE 3.2: SENIOR DESIGNATED 'A'**

<i>WOMEN'S FOIL Quota = 11</i>	Entry Deadline	MEN'S FOIL Quota = 8 Fencers	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 24 Senrs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>		<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs from top 8 Jrs</b>	
2/25-26, Seoul, KOR (GP) 2/27, TEAM, Seoul, KOR	01/20/2005	1/21-22, Paris, FRA (GP) 1/23, TEAM, Paris, FRA	12/16/2004
3/5-6, Shanghai, CHN	01/20/2005	2/4-5, La Coruna, SPA (GP) 2/6, TEAM, La Coruna, SPA	12/29/2004
3/25-26, St. Petersburg, RUS (GP) 3/27, TEAM, St. Petersburg	02/10/2005	3/4-5, Shanghai, CHN (GP) 3/6, TEAM, Shanghai, CHN	01/20/2005
4/29-30, Gdansk, POL (GP) 5/1, TEAM, Gdansk, POL	03/24/2005	3/18-19, Cairo, EGY (GP) 3/20, TEAM, Cairo, EGY	02/03/2005
6/17-18, New York, NY (GP) 6/19, TEAM, NYC	05/12/2005	3/25-26, St. Petersburg, RUS	02/10/2005
6/25-26, Havana, CUB	5/19/2005	05/07-08, Bonn, GER	03/31/2005
		05/14-15, Espinho, POR	04/07/2005
		6/4-5, Havana, CUB (GP)	05/19/2005
<b>BEST 3 RESULTS Count in Group II Tm Pts</b>		<b>BEST FIVE Ind. "A" for Group II Points</b>	

<b>WOMEN'S EPEE Quota = 9</b>	Entry Deadline	MEN'S SABRE Quota = 11 Fencers	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from top 16 Srs &amp; from top 8 Jrs</b>		<b>Entry Request from Top 24 Srs &amp; from top 8 Jrs.</b>	
1/21-22, Budapest, HUN (GP) 1/23, TEAM, Budapest, HUN	12/16/2005	2/4-5, Budapest, HUN (GP) 2/6, TEAM, Godollo, HUN	12/29/2004
1/29-30, Prague, CZE	12/16/2005	2/25-26, Seoul, KOR	01/20/2005
2/18-19, Tauber., GER (GP) 2/20, TEAM, Tauber, GER	01/13/2005	3/12-13, Athens, GRE	02/03/2005
3/5-6, Luxembourg, LUX	01/27/2005	5/13-14, Warsaw, POL (GP) 5/15, TEAM, Warsaw, POL	04/07/2005
3/12-13, Athens, GRE	02/03/2005	5/27-28, Dakar, SEN (GP) 5/29, TEAM, Dakar, SEN	04/21/2005
6/3-4, Barcelona, SPA (GP) 6/5, TEAM, Barcelona, SPA	04/28/2005	6/10-11, Caracas, VEN (GP) 6/12, TEAM, Caracas, VEN	05/05/2005
		6/25-26, Sofia, BUL	05/19/2005
<b>BEST FOUR Ind. "A" for Group II Points</b>		<b>BEST FIVE Ind "A" count in Grp II Team Selection</b>	

<b>MEN'S EPEE Quota = 10 Fencers</b>	Entry Deadline	<b>WOMEN'S SABRE Quota = 12</b>	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Srs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>		<b>Entry Request from Top 24 Srs &amp; top 8 Jrs</b>	
1/15-16, Doha, Qatar (GP) 1/17, TEAM, Doha, Qatar	12/02/2004		
3/11-12, Stockholm, SWE (GP) 3/13, TEAM, Stockholm, SWE	02/03/2005	2/12-13, Bangkok, THA	01/06/2005
3/18-19, Paris, FRA (GP) 3/20, TEAM, Paris, FRA	02/10/2005	05/7-8, Villach, AUT	03/31/2005
4/29-30, Heidenheim, GER (GP) 5/1, TM Tauberbischofsheim, GER	03/24/2005	5/14-15, Welkenraedt, BEL	04/07/2005
6/24-25, Bogota, COL (GP) 6/26, TEAM, Bogota, COL	05/19/2005	6/19-20, New York, NY (GP)	05/12/2005
7/8-9, Vancouver, CAN	www.fencing.ca	7/9-10, Vancouver, CAN	www.fencing.ca
<b>See Notes Below</b>			
<b>BEST FOUR Ind. "A" count in Grp II Team Selection</b>		<b>BEST FOUR Ind "A" count in Grp II Team Selection</b>	

- 1) A designated Sr "A" may be replaced by any other Sr. "A" with a strength factor of .75 or greater.
- 2) Category II points awarded for "A" competitions that have a strength factor of .75 or greater.

## CHAPTER 4: 2004-2005 USFA TEAMS

### 4.1 2005 NATIONAL TEAMS

The members of the US teams to the Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Championships in 2005 and the corresponding alternates are considered members of the USFA National Team. This designation is primarily for the benefit and promotion of the fencers with their schools and in local and national media.

### 4.2 TEAM WARM UPS

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

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

With more athletes participating in World Cup competitions and Cadet “B” competitions, the USFA has made available a delegation travel warm up which can be purchased for \$75. The warm up is a basic black warm-up with the USFA logo on the back of the jacket.

### 4.3 NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

Athletes will be selected as a member of a major international team based on the National Team Point Standings determined by the selection criteria for that team as described in Sections 4.11 through 4.18. Final selection of the athletes will be announced within five business days from the ending date specified in the team selection criteria for each team. This schedule permits international results to be submitted that may affect the final team point standings. International results that could affect the standings must be received no later than three business days after the last competition that could be included in the standings.

Only those fencers who are citizens and meet the age criteria, if any, at the time of selection can be members of US international teams. If a fencer is a US citizen but has represented another country, that athlete must have received permission from the FIE to change country representation to be selected for a US team. This written permission must be received before the team is selected.

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

#### 4.4 INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4.5 ALTERNATES FOR INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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

#### 4.6 TIES FOR SELECTION

Ties for selection will be resolved in the following priority:

1. Total number of points accumulated for designated "A" competitions used in calculating the sum of points in Group II of the selection criteria. See Sections 4.11-4.18 for specific details.
2. Highest points earned at a single designated "A" used in calculating the sum of points in Group II.
3. Next highest points earned at a single designated "A" until there is no tie.
4. Highest place at a single designated "A".
5. Next highest place at a single designated "A" until there is no tie.
6. Highest place in any U.S. national point competition
7. Next highest place in any U.S. national point competition until there is no tie.
8. If there is still a tie, then the IPC will resolve the tie.

#### 4.7 TEAM TRAVEL

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

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

#### 4.8 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their personal equipment meets FIE standards (see Appendix C-7). Athletes should not travel to an international tournament intending to buy equipment or expecting the team armorer will assemble such equipment on site. For Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships, World University Games, Pan American Games and the Olympic Games, athletes will need practice equipment separate from competition equipment. Competition equipment must be submitted to FIE "weapons control" at least 24 hours before the competition, an inspection to verify that fencers' equipment meets all FIE specifications. The team armorer must have sufficient time to ensure that the equipment conforms to FIE standards. Any fencer submitting equipment to the team armorer requiring extensive replacement parts will be charged accordingly.

The FIE requires that each fencer's uniform display the country colors, a specific pattern approved by the FIE for that country. It is mandatory for the tableau of 64 in a Senior "A" and any member of a World team. For the US the country colors are a star pattern placed on the back leg of the knickers. Since name and country must be on the back of the jacket or lamé and country colors on the knickers, it is recommended that fencers pack their uniform in their carry-on luggage so that if equipment is delayed or lost by an airline the athletes, at least, have their uniform.

#### 4.9 SELECTION IN MORE THAN ONE COMPETITION

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

#### 4.10 PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

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

#### 4.11 2005 WORLD JUNIOR (UNDER-20) CHAMPIONSHIPS [FINAL]

**WHEN & WHERE:** March 23-31, Linz, Austria

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

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

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/2/85 and 12/31/91.

**SELECTION:** The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Junior (Under-20) Team Point standings no later than February 28, 2005 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

1. 2004 Under-19 National Championships
2. NAC Junior (Under-20) Nov. 2005<sup>2</sup>, Jan. 2005
3. NAC Division I, Dec. 2004, Jan. 2005
4. 2005 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
5. Competitions specified in Group II and not included in Group II sum

GROUP II = SUM OF THE POINTS EARNED AT 6-9 & SPECIFIED IN TABLE 4-1

[Table 4-1 specifies for each weapon how many "A" competitions for each weapon will count in Group II]

6. 2004 World Junior Championships or 2004 Division I Championships<sup>1</sup> – [See Note 1 below]
7. Designated Junior "A" World Cup<sup>2,3</sup> competitions<sup>4</sup> [Sept. 1, '04 – Feb. 26, '05]
8. Designated Senior "A"<sup>3</sup> World Cup competitions<sup>4</sup> [Nov. 1, '04 – Feb. 26, '05]
9. 2004 Olympic Games [top 16 results only]

<sup>1</sup> Points normally given for placement of 1-16 for World Junior Championships or Division I National Championships will be cut in half. The higher value will be the only points retained for any point total computation.

<sup>2</sup> The six-weapon Junior "A" in November in Louisville is a designated Junior "A" **IF** 10 or more of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate and fencers represent at least five different countries (where United States is one of those countries); otherwise the competition will be considered a NAC Junior competition.

<sup>3</sup> Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table.

<sup>4</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 2005 WORLD CADET (UNDER-17) CHAMPIONSHIPS [FINAL]

**WHEN & WHERE:** March 23-31, Linz, Austria

**TOURNAMENT:** Individual competitions for six weapons. The six weapons are: Men's Epee, Foil and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil and Sabre.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/1/88 and 12/31/91.

**SELECTION** The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Cadet (Under-17) Team Point Standings no later than February 28, 2005 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. 2004 Under-16 National Championships
2. 2004 Under-19 National Championships
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17) Oct. 2004
4. NAC Junior (Under-20) Nov. 2004<sup>2</sup>, Jan. 2005
5. 2005 Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships
6. 2005 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
7. Competitions specified in Group II and not included in Group II sum

GROUP II = SUM OF THE POINTS EARNED AT 8-13 & SPECIFIED IN TABLE 4-1

[Table 4-1 specifies for each weapon how many "A" competitions for each weapon will count in Group II]

8. NAC Division I, December 2004, Jan. 2005
9. Designated Cadet "B" competition(s)<sup>3</sup>
10. Designated Junior "A" World Cup<sup>3</sup> competitions<sup>4</sup> [Sept. 04-Feb. 26, 05]
11. Designated Senior "A"<sup>3</sup> World Cup competitions<sup>4</sup> [Dec. 04-Feb. 26, 05]
12. 2004 World Junior Championships or World Cadet Championships or Division I Championships<sup>1</sup> – [See Note 1 below]
13. 2004 Olympic Games [top 16 results only]

<sup>1</sup> Points normally given for placement of 1-16 for World Junior Championships or World Cadet Championships or Division I National Championships will be cut in half. The highest value will be the only points retained for any point total computation.

<sup>2</sup> The six-weapon Junior "A" in November in Louisville is a designated Junior "A" **IF** 10 or more of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate and fencers represent at least five different countries (where United States is one of those countries); otherwise the competition will be considered a NAC Junior competition.

<sup>3</sup> Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table.

<sup>4</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).

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

<b>WOMEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 16 Fencers	Entry Deadline
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 12 Cadets</b>	
9/18, Konin, POL CDT DES 9/19, Konin, POL CDT Team	8/20/2004
10/16 Sosnowiec, POL	9/8/2004
10/24, Godollo, HUN CDT DES 10/23, Godollo, CDT Team	9/17/2004
11/7, Louisville, KY **	10/15/2004
11/20, Ariccia, ITA	10/15/2004
1/7, Budapest, HUN	12/3/2004
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	
COUNT BEST (1) DES. CADET RESULT IN GROUP II	

<b>MEN'S SABRE</b> Quota = 16	Entry Deadline
<b>US Entry Request from Top 24 Juniors, &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
9/18, Konin, POL CDT DES 9/19, Konin, POL CDT Team	8/20/2004
10/23 Godollo, HUN CDT DES 10/24, Godollo, CDT Team	9/17/2004
10/17 Sosnowiec, POL	9/8/04
11/7, Louisville, KY**	10/15/2004
11/28 Dormagen, GER	10/22/2004
1/08, Budapest, HUN	12/3/2004
2/20, Dourdan, FRA	1/18/2004
COUNT BEST (1) DES. CADET RESULTS IN GROUP II	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

<b>WOMEN'S FOIL</b> 11 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17, Bratislava, SVQ	09/08/2004
10/23-24 Somorin, SVQ. <b>CDT DES</b>	09/25/2004
11/7, Louisville, KY **	09/30/2004
11/14, Bochum, GER	10/08/2004
11/20-21, Tauber, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	10/16/2004
11/27 Jesi, ITA	10/21/2004
1/9, Budapest, HUN	12/03/2004
2/5-6, Jena, GER <b>CDT DES</b>	12/17/2004
2/13, Lyon, FRA	01/06/2005
COUNT BEST 2 DES. CADET RESULTS IN GROUP II	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

<b>MEN'S FOIL</b> , 10 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17, Bratislava, SVQ	09/09/2004
11/6, Louisville, KY**	09/30/2004
11/20, Madrid, ESP	10/14/2004
11/28, Aix-en-Provence, FRA (CAMP)	10/21/2004
12/05, Leszno, POL (CAMP in POL)	10/28/2004
12/19, Burgsteinfurt, GER	11/11/2004
1/09/04, Budapest, HUN	12/02/2004
1/21-22, <b>DES CDT "B"</b> , Koblenz, GER	12/15/2004
2/6, Como, ITA (Possible Camp)	12/29/2004
FOR GROUP II COUNT DES. CADET RESULT	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST FOUR DES. JR	

<b>WOMEN'S EPEE</b> , 11 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17 Bratislava, SVQ	09/09/2004
11/6, Louisville, KY**	09/30/2004
11/13-14, Heidenheim, <b>CDT DES</b>	10/07/2004
12/5, Osnabruck, GER	10/28/2004
1/7, Budapest, HUN**	12/02/2004
1/23, Montreal, CAN	www.fencing.ca
2/13, Modling, AUT	01/06/2005
FOR GROUP II COUNT DES. CADET RESULT	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

<b>MEN'S EPEE</b> , 9 Fencers allowed	Entry Deadline
<b>Entry Request from Top 16 Juniors &amp; Top 8 Cadets</b>	
10/17, Bratislava, SVQ	9/09/2004
11/5, Louisville, KY **	09/30/2004
11/28, Catania, ITA	10/21/2004
01/08, Budapest, HUN	12/02/2004
1/22, Montreal, CAN - <b>DES CADET</b>	www.fencing.ca
1/30, Tauber., GER	12/16/2004
FOR GROUP II COUNT DES. CADET RESULT	
FOR GROUP II COUNT BEST THREE DES. JR	

**DES CADET** counts for Cadet pts only. Points awarded on the basis of Cdt Interntl, Table I, App B-3

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## 2005 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WHEN & WHERE:** October 8-15, 2005, Leipzig, Germany

**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, with three fencers in a team match with one substitute.

**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 12/31/91.

**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 15, 2005 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through July 11, 2005.

### SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

#### GROUP I – SUM OF **THREE** HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5,

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2004, Jan. 2005, April 2005]
2. 2005 Division I National Championships [July 2005]
3. European "B" <sup>1</sup> Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2004- July 2005]
4. Non Designated "A" <sup>2</sup> Competitions <sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2004- July 2005]
5. Competitions specified in Group II and not included in Group II sum

#### GROUP II – SUM OF POINTS EARNED IN 6 & 7 & SPECIFIED IN TABLE 4-2

[Table 4-2 specifies for each weapon how many "A" competitions for each weapon will count in Group II]

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions <sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2004- July 2005] <sup>3</sup> See Table 4-2 for actual number of Designated considered for each weapon.
7. 2004 Olympic Games (top 16 results only)

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

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

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

**2005 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES**

- WHEN & WHERE:** August 10-21, Izmir, Turkey
- 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. There is no funding from the USOC for any of the individual teams including the fencing team and the USFA funding is expected to be severely limited. The USFA may decide that it cannot afford to field a team.
- ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. citizen at time of selection who is at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. 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 10, 2005 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through July 9, 2005.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP IIGROUP I – SUM OF THREE HIGHEST POINTS, 1-5.

1. NAC Division I competitions [Dec. 2004, Jan. 2005, April 2005]
2. 2005 Division I National Championships [July 2005]
3. European "B"<sup>1</sup> Competitions<sup>1,2</sup> [Dec. 2004- July 11, 2005]
4. Non Designated "A"<sup>2</sup> Competitions<sup>1</sup> [Dec. 2004- July 11, 2005]
5. Designated "A"<sup>2</sup> competitions not included in Group II sum of points

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

6. Designated Senior "A" Competitions<sup>2</sup> [Dec. 2004- July 2005]<sup>3</sup> See Table 4-2 for actual number of Designated counting for each weapon.
7. 2004 Olympic Games (Top 16 results only)

<sup>1</sup> Any European competition that is not restricted by age. Although satellite competitions are awarded FIE points for the FIE ranking list, the USFA considers them "B" competitions to which the strength factor will be applied for 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 "A" results will only count if the SF is .75 or greater. Designated "A" competitions that do not meet this 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 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 (2004).*
- c) *Be a high school graduate after January 1, 2005 and be entering a post secondary institution for the first time in August/September 2005*

"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).

**TABLE 4.2: SENIOR DESIGNATED 'A'**

WOMEN'S FOIL Quota = 11	Entry Deadline	MEN'S FOIL Quota = 8 Fencers	Entry Deadline
Entry Request from Top 24 Senrs & top 8 Jrs		Entry Request from Top 16 Srs from top 8 Jrs	
2/25-26, Seoul, KOR (GP) 2/27, TEAM, Seoul, KOR	01/20/2005	1/21-22, Paris, FRA (GP) 1/23, TEAM, Paris, FRA	12/16/2004
3/5-6, Shanghai, CHN	01/20/2005	2/4-5, La Coruna, SPA (GP) 2/6, TEAM, La Coruna, SPA	12/29/2004
3/25-26, St. Petersburg, RUS (GP) 3/27, TEAM, St. Petersburg	02/10/2005	3/4-5, Shanghai, CHN (GP) 3/6, TEAM, Shanghai, CHN	01/20/2005
4/29-30, Gdansk, POL (GP) 5/1, TEAM, Gdansk, POL	03/24/2005	3/18-19, Cairo, EGY (GP) 3/20, TEAM, Cairo, EGY	02/03/2005
6/17-18, New York, NY (GP) 6/19, TEAM, NYC	05/12/2005	3/25-26, St. Petersburg, RUS	02/10/2005
6/25-26, Havana, CUB	5/19/2005	05/07-08, Bonn, GER	03/31/2005
		05/14-15, Espinho, POR	04/07/2005
		6/4-5, Havana, CUB (GP)	05/19/2005
<b>BEST 3 RESULTS Count in Group II Tm Pts</b>		<b>BEST FIVE Ind. "A" for Group II Points</b>	

WOMEN'S EPEE Quota = 9	Entry Deadline	MEN'S SABRE Quota = 11 Fencers	Entry Deadline
Entry request from top 16 Srs & from top 8 Jrs		Entry Request from Top 24 Srs & from top 8 Jrs.	
1/21-22, Budapest, HUN (GP) 1/23, TEAM, Budapest, HUN	12/16/2005	2/4-5, Budapest, HUN (GP) 2/6, TEAM, Godollo, HUN	12/29/2004
1/29-30, Prague, CZE	12/16/2005	2/25-26, Seoul, KOR	01/20/2005
2/18-19, Tauber., GER (GP) 2/20, TEAM, Tauber, GER	01/13/2005	3/12-13, Athens, GRE	02/03/2005
3/5-6, Luxembourg, LUX	01/27/2005	5/13-14, Warsaw, POL (GP) 5/15, TEAM, Warsaw, POL	04/07/2005
3/12-13, Athens, GRE	02/03/2005	5/27-28, Dakar, SEN (GP) 5/29, TEAM, Dakar, SEN	04/21/2005
6/3-4, Barcelona, SPA (GP) 6/5, TEAM, Barcelona, SPA	04/28/2005	6/10-11, Caracas, VEN (GP) 6/12, TEAM, Caracas, VEN	05/05/2005
		6/25-26, Sofia, BUL	05/19/2005
<b>BEST FOUR Ind. "A" for Group II Points</b>		<b>BEST FIVE Ind "A" count in Grp II Team Selection</b>	

MEN'S EPEE Quota = 10 Fencers	Entry Deadline	WOMEN'S SABRE Quota = 12	Entry Deadline
Entry Request from Top 16 Srs & top 8 Jrs		Entry Request from Top 24 Srs & top 8 Jrs	
1/15-16, Doha, Qatar (GP) 1/17, TEAM, Doha, Qatar	12/02/2004		
3/11-12, Stockholm, SWE (GP) 3/13, TEAM, Stockholm, SWE	02/03/2005	2/12-13, Bangkok, THA	01/06/2005
3/18-19, Paris, FRA (GP) 3/20, TEAM, Paris, FRA	02/10/2005	05/7-8, Villach, AUT	03/31/2005
4/29-30, Heidenheim, GER (GP) 5/1, TM Tauberbischofsheim, GER	03/24/2005	5/14-15, Welkenraedt, BEL	04/07/2005
6/24-25, Bogota, COL (GP) 6/26, TEAM, Bogota, COL	05/19/2005	6/19-20, New York, NY (GP)	05/12/2005
7/8-9, Vancouver, CAN	www.fencing.ca	7/9-10, Vancouver, CAN	www.fencing.ca
See Notes Below			
<b>BEST FOUR Ind. "A" count in Grp II Team Selection</b>		<b>BEST FOUR Ind "A" count in Grp II Team Selection</b>	
<b>1) A designated Sr "A" may be replaced by any other Sr. "A" with a strength factor of .75 or greater.</b> <b>2) Category II points awarded for "A" competitions that have a strength factor of .75 or greater.</b>			

#### 4-15 PAN AMERICAN SENIOR FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS [Criteria used for 2001 team]

Although we do not know when these Championships will be held, it is stated in the Pan American Fencing Confederation Bylaws that they will be held the year after the Olympic Games. The IPSC decided that the team will be composed of one fencer per weapon among the top ten in the National Point Standings six weeks prior to the tournament. When the USFA is informed of the date and place of the tournament, the team selection criteria will be published on the web site and sent to the top 16 fencers on the senior point standings via e-mail.

#### 4.16 2004 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2004 Pan American Junior/Cadet will be held in October 25 – November 2. Athletes selected according to the 2003-2004 National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings, after the 2004 World Junior/Cadet Championships (April 2004). One athlete per weapon per age category will be selected from the top 8 in the point standings. The age criteria is the same as that for the 2004 World Junior/Cadet Championships whereby Junior fencers must be born between 1984 and 1990; Cadet fencers must be born between 1987 and 1990. Athletes must be US citizens at the time of selection.

The US delegation to this tournament performed very well – earning four gold medals [Caitlin Thompson – Cadet and Junior WS; Stanley Vaksman, Cadet ME; Holly Buechel, Junior WE; 1 Silver medal by Jonathan Kloepper, Cadet MS; and 2 Bronze Medals – Jonathan Kloepper, Junior MS; Kai Itameri-Kinter, Cadet MF. The other members of the team fenced well with the following results: on Kai Itameri-Kinter, 5th - Junior MF); Cassidy Luitjen, 15th - Junior WF, William Verigan – 7th Junior ME. Kelly Williams was appointed team manager and Bill Oliver, US Referee.

#### 4.17 2005 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes will be selected according to the 2004-2005 National Junior and Cadet Team Point standings, after the 2005 World Junior/Cadet Championships (April 2005). 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 2005 World Junior/Cadet Championships whereby Junior fencers must be born between 1985 and 1991; Cadet fencers must be born between 1988 and 1991. Athletes must be US citizens at the time of selection.

## **4.18**                      **2005 WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEN & WHERE:**        Sept. 2-4, 2005, Tampa, Florida

**TOURNAMENT:**            Individual competitions for six weapons (Men's Epee, Foil, and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil and Sabre (added for 2005)).

**TEAM:**                     Four athletes in each weapon in two age categories: 50-59 and 60 and older

**ELIGIBILITY:**            U.S. citizen at time of selection who is between 50 and 59 years of age on the first of September or 60 or older on the first of September. For 2005 eligibility for the 50-59 requires that fencer be born between Sept. 2, 1945 and Sept. 1, 1955; for the 60 and older birth date is no later than Sept. 1, 1945.

**SELECTION**                The top four fencers in weapon in each of the two age categories will be selected according to the Veterans Age Team Point standings no later than July 10. The Veterans Age Team standings is calculated as the best two of three national tournaments: the NAC Combined Veterans tournament in December 2004 and March 2005 and the Veterans Age Championships at the 2005 Summer Nationals. The Veterans Point Tables can be found in Appendix B. Points are 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 2004 World Veterans Championships. Changes can occur by the FIE and will be posted on the USFA web site.

## 4.19 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 teams to the World University Games are fielded under the auspices of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC). Beginning in 2001 the USOC limited its funding to USOC staff required for support of the US team. Due to funding demands for fielding a team to the World University Games in addition to other international teams supported by the USFA, the USFA may not be able to field a team to the World University Games. Self-funding by the eligible athletes will be considered but there will still need to be funding for USFA staff with such a team.]

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

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

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

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

- c) Olympic Games: A multi-sport tournament held every four years, the premier amateur sporting event of the world. For the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, the United States qualified 14 fencers: men's epee team with three fencers, men's foil team with three fencers, men's sabre team with three athletes, one in women's epee, one in women's foil, and three in women's sabre. Neither women's foil team nor women's sabre team were on the schedule for the 2004 Olympic Games since women's sabre individual had been added to the program. 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).

FENCING TWO MEDALS: GOLD – Mariel Zagunis, Women's Sabre; BRONZE – Sada Jacobson, WS

4<sup>th</sup>: Men's Foil Team (Simon Gershon), Men's Sabre Team (Yury Gelman)

6<sup>th</sup>: Men's Epee Team (Paul Soter)

MEN'S EPEE: Soren Thompson, 7<sup>th</sup>; Seth Kelsey, 19<sup>th</sup>, Cody Mattern, 22<sup>nd</sup>

MEN'S FOIL: Dan Kellner, 16<sup>th</sup>; Jon Tiomkin, 30<sup>th</sup>, Jed Dupree, 33<sup>rd</sup>

MEN'S SABRE: Ivan Lee, 12<sup>th</sup>, Keeth Smart, 15<sup>th</sup>, Jason Rogers, 25<sup>th</sup>

WOMEN'S EPEE: Kamara James, 25<sup>th</sup>

WOMEN'S FOIL: Erinn Smart, 17<sup>th</sup>

WOMEN'S SABRE: Mariel Zagunis, 1<sup>st</sup>; Sada Jacobson, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Emily Jacobson, 12<sup>th</sup>

STAFF: Bob Largman, Tm Leader; Jeff Bukantz, Captain; Aumorer – Ron Herman  
Coaches – Arkady Burdan, Yury Gelman

- d) Pan American Junior/Cadet Fencing Championships: This is an annual Fall tournament for six weapons with a maximum of three per country in each weapon for each age category. The age criteria is the same as for that year's World Junior/Cadet Championships. The next tournament will be held October 25-November 2 in Porto Algere, BRE.
- e) Pan American Senior Championships: This tournament is held every four years, in the year following the year in which the Olympic Games are held. There are three fencers per weapon for each of the six weapons. The next one will be held in 2005.
- f) World Veterans Championships: Started in 1998 as an annual summer tournament except when fencing is included in the Senior Games (held every four years). For the World Veterans each country can enter four fencers in each of six weapons (women's sabre added for 2005) in each of two age categories (50-59, 60 and older). The criteria for the age categories is based on the age of the fencer on the first of the month in which the Championships are held. The tournament is scheduled to be held the first weekend in September. Each bout in direct elimination is fenced to a maximum of 10 touches in 2 periods of 3 minutes each with a 1-minute rest in between.

## CHAPTER 5: ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAMS

### 5.1 ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR USFA PROGRAMS

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

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

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

The FIE Statutes state that athletes must be at least 13 years old on Jan. 1 in the year of each World Championships to participate in any FIE competition: World Cup, World Championships, Pan American Games, Olympic Games. (*FIE Statutes*, 1999). For the 2004-2005 season athlete must be born no later than 1991.

### 5.2 WEAPON SQUAD FUNDING

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

Fencers who compete in individual Senior "A" competitions followed by a World Cup team competition will be eligible for up to \$100 each for the extra day's stay. These funds will be available upon receipt of the team result book and submission of USFA Reimbursement request form. Attach to the reimbursement form the original hotel bill and any ground expense that may have been incurred. Team entry fee will be reimbursed by the USFA. It is recommended that one person pay the fee and obtain a receipt. If the organizer is unable to provide a receipt, write out a receipt that can be signed by the person receiving the entry fee. Make sure you date the receipt and include name and/or city of team competition.

### 5.3 BASE SUBSIDY – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

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

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

## 5.4 FUNDING FOR 2005 WORLD TEAMS

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

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

SENIOR WORLD TEAM: (applicable for 2003 World Team & subject to change prior to selection of 2005 team),

a)	100% airfare if Group II international points	=	2200
b)	75% airfare if Group II international points	=	1650
c)	50% airfare if Group II international points	=	1100
d)	25% airfare if Group II international points	=	550

Senior Group II 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.

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

JUNIOR WORLD TEAM (Best three results)

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

CADETS (Best two results)

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

## 5.5 ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAMS

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

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

When 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 is in effect while an athlete is competing at the international level. An athlete may be absent from international competitions for one or more seasons during such absences the athlete's period will be suspended 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 results of 32 or better at Senior "A" competitions (SF = 1.5 or greater) and 82 or more competitors in each of three prior seasons. See Table 5-1.

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

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

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

PLACE	LEVEL III	LEVEL II	LEVEL I	TEAM "A"*
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 x SSF	\$250 x SSF	
17-32	\$125 x SSF			

\*A team must win at least one team match for the team award. Those fencers who were named and present throughout the team competition are eligible for the grant – to a maximum of four. Team match score sheets for all team matches must be submitted to substantiate team members and to accumulate team statistics.

Table 5-2: TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM [Designated 'A' with Strength Factor  $\geq$  1.5 AND Total Entry  $\geq$  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 2004-2005 season the following athletes are eligible for training grants having met the criteria for their Level status in the 2003-2004 season: Emma Baratta, Jed Dupree, Kelley Hurley, Emily and Sada Jacobson, Kamara James, Alexis Jemal, Dan Kellner, Seth Kelsey, Ivan Lee, Cody Mattern, Jason Rogers, Soren Thompson, Jan Viviani, Mariel Zagunis. Felicia Zimmermann.

Table 5-3: INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT JUNIOR/CADET  
September 2004-April 2005 April 2005

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

# If retains status for USFA points; otherwise no grants

## Not applicable for Junior World Championships

Table 5-4: PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: CADET & YOUTH 14  
Oct. 2004 – Feb. 2005 Oct. 2004 – July 2005

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

#### 5.6 USOC ATHLETE BASIC GRANT PROGRAM

The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) has discontinued its special program of Basic Grants. The Elite Athlete Health Insurance program will be continued as a secondary insurance program. USFA will base selection of its athletes for the Elite Athlete Insurance with priority first to those who were selected for the Olympic Fencing team and replacement athlete for each team. In July 2005, the priority will be given to those who have been named to the Senior World Team. Each of the eligible athletes will be sent the Health Insurance forms by the USOC to whom the appropriate forms are returned.

5.7 RAY MILLER MEMORIAL OLYMPIC GRANTS

The Ray Miller Fund will be restarted two years prior to the next Olympic Games. At the beginning of the 2005-2006 season the criteria for these special Olympic funds will be publicized.

5.8 ATHLETE CONTRACT FOR RECEIPT OF USFA TRAINING GRANT

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER 6: DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS

### 6.1 DESCRIPTION

This section is an excerpt from the *USADA GUIDE to Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping, 2000*. USADA is the acronym for the United States Anti-Doping Agency established after the 2000 Olympic Games. It is independent of the USOC and the sport federations to ensure that the sports at the Olympic Games are represented by athletes who are not using illegal methods or substances to improve their performances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commitment and cooperation between the USADA and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) are required to implement a credible drug testing program. The US Anti-Doping Agency maintains a complete drug testing and education program, distributes this Guide and provides a confidential toll-free Drug Reference Line for clarification on relevant matters (1-800-233-0393). Information can also be obtained at the USADA web site – [www.usantidoping.org](http://www.usantidoping.org) as well as by sending an e-mail to [usada@usantidoping.org](mailto:usada@usantidoping.org).

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

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

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

It is impossible to list all types of cases in this Handbook and rather than attempt to do so the USFA recommends that persons contact the USADA Drug Hotline or web site for the USADA Guide. The FIE, the international governing body for the sport of fencing, has recently adopted the IOC ban on alcohol and cannabis (marijuana). You need to realize that certain medications internationally have the same name as one manufactured in the United States but actually may have different ingredients, any one or more of which could be a banned substance. Your best insurance is to bring medications you may need, especially over the counter cold medicines that approved by USADA when you travel for international competitions.

Many athletes need to take medications that contain prohibited substances. It is necessary for athletes to get permission to use prohibited substances for medical needs. There are medications for which the athlete can get an "exemption". The athlete must file a "Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)" form prior to being subject to testing. The process is explained in full at [www.antidoping.org](http://www.antidoping.org). The TUE form must be filed with USADA before any doping control test.

## 6.2 DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

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

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

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

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that no substance enters his/her body which is prohibited by the rules. Even if the substance taken by the athlete is one found in an "over-the-counter" medicine, it is still a banned substance and may result in a "positive" finding. Every athlete who enters a National tournament must sign a statement on the entry form acknowledging that he/she has been informed of the Drug Control procedure and of the USADA Drug Reference Line, **(800) 233-0393**, for questions on any medication the athlete may be taking.

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

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

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

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

The **USADA Hotline (800) 233-0393** may be called anonymously, or you can have your name and sport recorded when making the call. All inquiries are logged and the advice given is recorded. There is an advantage of giving your name and sport. You can list the medication you took when reporting to doping control, and the USADA records will prove that you were advised that the medication was not on the banned list.

#### FIE DRUG TESTING

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

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

#### References:

1. USADA Guide to Prohibited Substances and Methods, 2004
2. FIE Rules, 2003 found on FIE website, [www.fie.ch](http://www.fie.ch)

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

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

### 7.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

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

### 7.2 ATHLETES' RIGHTS

Athletes have the rights set forth herein and as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the USFA and the Constitution and Bylaws of the USOC. An excerpt from the USOC Constitution is set forth as Exhibit "A".

### 7.3 DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "**Disinterested**" shall mean a person who will not be personally affected by the outcome of a panel hearing and none of whose relatives, significant other, students, coaches, or club mates will be affected by the outcome of a panel hearing. If all athletes who might be affected by a panel hearing agree, the Disinterested requirements with respect to a club mate may be waived.
- (b) "**Executive Director**" shall mean the Executive Director of the USFA or his/her designee.
- (c) "**Other Affected Athlete**" shall mean any athlete who might be removed from a team or denied a place on a team if an athlete's grievance is upheld by a panel.
- (d) "**Team Leader**" shall mean the person designated by the USFA as the Team Leader for any team. The Team Leader may be captain, the chief of mission, the manager, a coach or any other party accompanying a team to a competition. The Team Leader may be different parties for different periods of time during a competition. If the Team Leader is not Disinterested, the remaining members of the cadre may select a person to act as Team Leader for the purposes described herein.

- (e) **"Team Panel"** shall mean all of the Disinterested cadre for the Team that are willing to serve and at least one disinterested athlete who is on the Team, provided, however, if there are more than four Disinterested cadre that are willing to serve, the Team Panel shall consist of three of the Disinterested cadre that are willing to serve who shall be chosen by lot.
- (f) **"Panel"** shall mean a panel consisting of not less than three (3) Disinterested USFA members (who may, but need not be, members of the USFA committee responsible for team selections). At least 20% of the membership of the Panel shall be USOC Athletes, provided however, no USOC Athlete shall be contending for a team in the same competition as the athlete initiating the grievance procedure or subject to potential discipline. The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the USFA committee responsible for team selections, provided, however, that if the Chair is not Disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- (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 USFA committee responsible for team selections may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the USFA (or the Executive Committee which is authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Directors between meetings.)

#### 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections, 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections.

- (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 USFA committee responsible for team selections within one week after receiving it.
  - (i) The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall not be effective or implemented unless approved by the USFA committee responsible for team selections.
  - (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 USOC CEO 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections. Such rights to appeal are subject to there being time available for the body to accept and 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 USFA committee responsible for team selections within one week after receiving it.
- (f) The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall be effective and implemented unless stayed by the USFA committee responsible for team selections or the Executive Committee.
- (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 his/her rights under any provision of the Bylaws of the USFA, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the USOC, including the right to seek the intervention of the USOC CEO or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

## 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 otherwise penalize, (1) any such athlete who participates in such competition, 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.
- 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.

## 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

- A. At the request of an officer or director of the USFA (including an officer of a Division or Section of the USFA), a Panel shall be appointed under these Procedures.
- B. If the person selecting the Panel deems it appropriate, or at the request of the Chair of the Panel, the person who selected the Panel shall designate a person to present evidence to the Panel on behalf of the USFA. In addition to presenting evidence, such person shall also be able, at his discretion, to request the type(s) of sanctions which he believes are appropriate for the infraction.
- C. The Executive Director shall inform the accused in writing of the charges which have been referred to the Panel, the names of the members of the Panel, the name of the person, if any, who will present evidence to the Panel, and the possible discipline or sanctions that could be imposed.
- D. If the accused objects to any member of the Panel being a member, the accused shall inform the person that named the Panel (President or the Executive Director), who shall have the discretion to replace the Panel member.
- E. The Panel shall conduct a Hearing at a time and place determined by the Chair of the Panel. The Chair of the Panel shall inform the accused of the date, time and place of the Hearing, and the manner in which the Hearing shall take place. The Hearing may be held in person, by teleconference, or as may otherwise be directed by the Chair of the Panel.
- F. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Chair of the Panel in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At, or prior to the

Hearing, if available, the accused shall receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.

- G. The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses, may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declarations or affidavits.

The accused shall have the rights:

- (a) to appear personally and be represented by counsel or other representative of his choosing at the Hearing and at any review by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
- (b) to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
- (c) to testify on his own behalf, or remain silent.
- (d) to address the Panel or otherwise make a statement of position personally or through his counsel or representative.

- H. As soon as practicable, but no later than two weeks after the close of the Hearing, the Panel shall prepare the Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Panel Report to the accused and each member of the Executive Committee within one week after receiving it.
- I. Any sanctions proposed or directed by the Panel shall be effective unless they are disapproved by the Executive Committee within 30 days, provided, however, any proposed sanction which provides for the suspension, denied continuation of membership to, or expelling of the member shall not be effective unless such recommendation is approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board as provided by the bylaws. The Executive Committee may stay the imposition of any sanction until the Board can vote to approve, disapprove, or modify the sanction.
- J. The Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee acting on the Board's behalf, may approve, disapprove, or modify the sanction proposed or directed by the Panel, provided, however, they may not take any action more detrimental to the accused than the sanction proposed or directed by the Panel.
- K. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of time limitations set forth herein, shall not be grounds to overturn or prohibit the imposition of sanctions.

## CHAPTER 9: USFA CODE OF CONDUCT

The USFA has instructed the International Performance Oversight Committee to review and modify the Code of Conduct for greater clarity and specification. The new Code will replace this chapter sometime during the current season and will be posted on the USFA web site. Until the new version of the Code of Conduct is released, the Code of Conduct described in this chapter will be in effect.

### 9.1 PRINCIPLES

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

Each person who becomes eligible in one of the categories described above will receive this Code of Conduct at least once each season. These persons will acknowledge receipt of the Code of Conduct and their agreement to abide by the provisions as stated in the Code of Conduct by signing an attached Certificate and returning it to the USFA Director of Athletic 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 Performance Steering 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 International Performance Steering 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 Athletic Programs. The USFA may request the report from the athlete's doctor and/or may request athlete to be examined by a doctor chosen by the USFA.

### 9.5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CADRE

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

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

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

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

#### 9.5.2 MANAGER

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

#### 9.5.3 COACH

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

#### 9.5.4 ARMORER

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

#### 9.5.5 ATHLETIC TRAINER

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

### 9.6 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CADRE

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

9.7 CERTIFICATE OF CODE AGREEMENT

Date Sent to Delegation Members

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

SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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**CERTIFICATE OF AGREEMENT**

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

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

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

**RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE**

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

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<b>Tournament Dates</b>	<b>Entry Deadline</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2004</b>			
<b>October 8-11</b>	<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>NAC: Division II, Cadet, Youth 14</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
October 9		SAT I and SAT II	
October 11		Columbus Day	
October 27-Nov. 2		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships**	Porto Algere, BRE
October 31		Daylight Savings Ends	
November 6		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests incl. ELPT	
<b>November 5-7</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>Junior "A": - Six weapons *</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>
* Fencers must be on Junior or Cadet Rolling Pt. Standings to be Eligible to Enter Jr "A"			
November 13-14		Penn State Collegiate Open	Penn State, PA
December 4		SAT I and SAT II	
December 4		FIE Congress	Paris, FRA
<b>December 10-12</b>	<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>NAC: Division I, Veteran, Wheelchair</b>	<b>Richmond, VA</b>
<b>2005</b>			
<b>January 14-17</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>NAC: Div. I/Junior:</b>	<b>Overland Pk, KS</b>
<b>January 20</b>	<b>ENTRY DEADLINE FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>		
January 22		SAT I, SAT II, and ELPT	
<b>January 13</b>	<b>DIVISION UNDER-20 &amp; UNDER-17 JO QUALIFYING RESULT FORMS DUE</b>		
<b>February 4</b>	<b>LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY FOR J.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>		
February 18-21	<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>
February 26		Collegiate Conference Championships	
March 4-6		NCAA Qualifying Round, Regionals	
<b>March 11-14</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>NAC: Division II, III, Veterans</b>	<b>Denver, CO</b>
March 12		<b>SAT I only</b>	
March 17-20		NCAA Fencing Championships	.Houston, TX
<b>March 23-31</b>		<b>World Junior &amp; Cadet Championships</b>	<b>Linz, AUT</b>
March 27		Easter Sunday	
April 3		Daylight Savings Begins	
April 23-May 1		Passover	
<i>April 15-18</i>	<b>March 15</b>	<b>NAC Div. I/ Youth, NAC Wheelchair</b>	<b>Chattanooga, TN</b>
May 7		SAT I and SAT II	
May 17	<i>DIVISION QUALIFYING REPORTS DUE @ NATL OFFICE: SENIOR &amp; U19 TEAM, DIV 2/3, U16, YTH 14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>		
May 24	<i>SECTION QUALIFYING REPORTS DUE FOR DIV IA &amp; U19 NATL CHAMPS</i>		
June 10-13	May 10	<i>Sr "A", Ind. &amp; Tm World Cup, WF, WS**</i>	New York, NY
** Fencers must be on Sr Rolling Pt. Standings or Top 8 U-19 or U-16 Standings to Enter Sr "A"			
<b>June 17</b>	<b>LAST DATE TO FILE LATE ENTRY FOR SUMMER NATL CHAMPS.</b>		
<b>July 1 – 10</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPS.</b>	<b>Sacramento, CA</b>
July 17-20		Maccabiah Games – Fencing	Israel (www.maccabiusa.com)
August 4-6		TITAN GAMES – USOC Special Tourney	Atlanta, GA
August 10-21		World University Games	Izmir, Turkey
Sept. 2-4		World Veterans Championships	Tampa, FL
Oct. 8-15		World Championships	Leipzig, GER
August 8-24, 2008		2008 Olympic Games	Beijing, CHINA
8/27-Sept. 7, 2008		2008 Paralympic Games	Beijing, CHINA

As of 10/18/04

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

## ENTERING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. **DEADLINE** FOR EACH NAC IS THE DATE BY WHEN AN ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE USFA OFFICE IN COLORADO SPRINGS BEFORE A PENALTY FEE WILL BE IMPOSED. FOR NAC TOURNAMENTS, THE ENTRY DEADLINE DATE IS **ONE MONTH PRIOR** TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE NAC TOURNAMENT. The Deadline date is shown on the entry form. Late entries will be accepted up to one week prior to the start of the NAC tournament with payment of triple the amount due for a timely entry. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.**
2. 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 all National Championships – Junior Olympics, Division I and Summer Nationals, up to two weeks prior to the start of that tournament with payment of triple the amount due for a timely entry.** Late entries will NOT be accepted less than two weeks prior to the start of a national championship tournament.
3. All NAC tournaments have 6 individual competitions, gender specific for Foil, Epee & Sabre. No mixed competitions are held at the National level and are not permitted at the Division or Section qualifying competitions for Junior Olympic and National Championships.
4. Entry Forms for NAC Tournaments and National Championships are published in the National Newsletter and posted on the USFA web site.
5. Entry Form for Division I National Championships mailed, postal or e-mail, directly to each qualified fencer.
6. The USFA National Newsletter is sent by e-mail to each current USFA member unless specifically requested by member for the Newsletter to be sent by postal mail.

### AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS: 2004-2005

#### A: AUGUST 1, 2004 thru Division qualifying competitions for 2005 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	1991 or earlier	Ω1964	1985-1991	1988-1991	1990-1993	1992-1995	1994-1997

Ω- Less or Equal

#### B: 2005 Summer Nationals & 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	1992 or earlier	Ω1964	1986-1992	1989-1992	1990-1993	1992-1995	1994-1997

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	SR TM	JR TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60 & Older
CODE	DTM	OTM	JTM	V40	V50	V60
BIRTH YEARS	Ω1991	Ω1991	1986-1992	9/2/55-1964	9/2/45-9/1/55	Born before 9/2/45
				As of 1/1/05	Age Range as of 9/1/05	

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

1. Youth 12 – A fencer born after 1995 can fence in Youth 12 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 10 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
2. Youth 14 – A fencer born after 1993 can fence in Youth 14 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 12 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
3. Cadet (U17) – A fencer born after 1991 can fence in Cadet (U17), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U17 Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
4. Junior (U20) – A fencer born after 1991 can fence in Junior (U20), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U20 Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U17) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
5. Cadet (U16) – A fencer born after 1992 can fence in Cadet (U16) qualifying competition for the 2005 Summer National Championships **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline.
6. Junior (U19) – A fencer born after 1992 can fence in Junior (U19) qualifying competition for the 2005 Summer National Championships **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U16) point standings at the time of the entry deadline.
7. Div. I, II, III – For NAC those born after 1991 **must be** on the National Junior point standings; for the 2005 Summer National Championships those born after 1992 **must be** on the National Junior point standings.

## APPENDIX A-2: INFORMATION NATIONAL EVENTS

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

### **NAC A – Division II/Cadet/Youth 14 – Atlanta, GA – October 8-11, 2004 \***

*The Board of Directors has instructed the USFA to indicate those competitions for which the close of registration is projected to be prior to 10:00 am. Those competitions are indicated by an asterisk (\*) on the schedule below.*

#### REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Date	M. Épée	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Épée	W. Foil	W. Sabre
<b>Friday,</b> Oct 8	Division II 12:00-1:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00			Youth 14 10:00-11:00	Division II 7:00-8:00
<b>Saturday,</b> Oct 9	Youth 14 12:00-1:00		Division II 7:00-8:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00	Division II 10:00-11:00	Youth 14 1:00-2:00
<b>Sunday,</b> Oct 10	Cadet 7:00-8:00	Division II 12:00-1:00	Youth 14 2:00-3:00	Division II 9:00-10:00		Cadet 7:00-8:00
<b>Monday,</b> Oct 11		Youth 14 8:00-9:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00	Youth 14 9:00-10:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00	

# **Fencers must check in within the indicated hours or they will be eliminated from the event.**

# **Fencers must check in each day they are competing. Fencers may enter only one event per day.**

**HOTEL:** Host Hotel: Marriott Marquis

**VENUE:** Georgia World Congress Center/ Exhibit Hall B1  
285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30313  
[www.gwcc.com](http://www.gwcc.com)

### **NAC B – Division I/Veteran/Wheelchair – Richmond, VA – December 10-12, 2004 \***

#### REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Date	M. Épée	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Épée	W. Foil	W. Sabre
<b>Friday,</b> Dec 10	Division I*	Wheelchair*	Veteran	Wheelchair	Division I	Veteran*
<b>Saturday,</b> Dec 11	Veteran	Division I*	Wheelchair*	Veteran*	Wheelchair	Division I
<b>Sunday,</b> Dec 12	Wheelchair*	Veteran	Division I*	Division I*	Veteran*	

### **NAC C: DIVISION I/JUNIOR – Overland Park, KS, January 14-17, 2005**

Friday, January 14	Junior Men's Foil; Junior Women's Epee; Division I Women's Sabre
Saturday, January 15	Division I Men's Epee; Division I Men's Sabre; Junior Women's Foil
Sunday, January 16	Division I Men's Foil; Division I Women's Epee; Junior Women's Sabre
Monday, January 17	Junior Men's Epee, Junior Men's Sabre, Division I Women's Foil

### **JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS (Under-17, Under-20) – February 18-21, 2005, Arlington, TX**

**Nearest Airport is Dallas-Fort Worth, TX;** Arlington Convention Center, Exhibit Halls 1-4,  
1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX 76011 [www.arlingtoncc.com](http://www.arlingtoncc.com)

Date	Events
<b>Fri,</b> Feb 18	Junior Men's Foil; Cadet Men's Sabre; Junior Women's Epee
<b>Sat,</b> Feb 19	Junior Men's Epee; Cadet Women's Foil; Junior Women's Sabre
<b>Sun,</b> Feb 20	Cadet Men's Foil, Junior Men's Sabre; Cadet Women's Epee
<b>Mon,</b> Feb 21	Cadet Men's Epee; Junior Women's Foil; Cadet Women's Sabre

## APPENDIX A-3: SEEDING OF NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

### **Individual Competitions**

In USFA non-World Cup competitions, fencers affiliated with the same club shall be separated as much as possible in the first round of the competition by applying the rules regarding the separation of fencers of the same nationality as specified by the FIE *Rules for Competition* for the particular format being used, treating different club affiliations as if they were different nationalities. The separation for nationality shall take precedence over separation for club affiliation. The seeding principles in the following paragraphs do not apply to NAC Division I tournaments. See the next Section.

### **Ranked fencers**

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

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

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

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

### **Classified fencers**

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

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

### **Teams**

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

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

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

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

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

### SEEDING

*Seeding Principle 1:* Fencers who have a minimum of 10 points on the FIE World Cup standings with at least two World Cup results, each of which is equal to four or more points, will be ranked by their standings on the FIE Classification (World Cup standings) as of ten days prior to the first day of the NAC Division I tournament.

*Seeding Principle 2:* Following the fencers who meet *Seeding Principle 1* will be fencers who are on the U.S. Fencing Senior Rolling Point Standings. Foreign fencers not included in the U.S. Senior Rolling Point Standings will be placed within the national standings according to the point total of their results in NAC competitions counted in the current U.S. Senior Rolling Point Standings.

*Seeding Principle 3:* Fencers who are not ranked according to *Principle 1* or *2* will be ranked by their classification and year (e.g., those with A03 precede A02, those with B03 precede B02, etc). Fencers in any one letter and year group will be ranked randomly within that group.

### FORMAT

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

### Entry principles governing National tournaments:

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

## APPENDIX A-5 – REGIONAL YOUTH CIRCUIT

### ***USFA 2004-2005 Regional Youth Circuit Schedule***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Internet Link</u>
October 2-3	Cape Fear, NC		<a href="mailto:pclune@ec.rr.com">pclune@ec.rr.com</a> ??
<b>October 8 – 11</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA -NAC</b>	<b>USFA NAC Cadet/Y14/DivII</b>	<a href="http://www.USFencing.org">www.USFencing.org</a>
October 16	Madison Hts, WI	Renaissance Fencing Club	<a href="mailto:lokibare@wideopenwest.com">lokibare@wideopenwest.com</a>
October 23-24	Rocky River OH.	Sara Kass	<a href="http://www.CyranosPlace.com">www.CyranosPlace.com</a>
<b>November 5-7</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>Junior "A", 6 weapons</b> U.S. Fencer must be on Jr or Cdt Pts
November 6	Western WA foil and epee	Greg Jones	<a href="http://www.wwdfencing.org/">http://www.wwdfencing.org/</a>
November 13-14	Houston, TX	Louise Lepie	<a href="mailto:deycohen@aol.com">deycohen@aol.com</a>
November 13-14	Birmingham, AL	David Arias	<a href="http://fencingclub.org">fencingclub.org</a>
November 12-13	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal – Bethany Andrews	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
November 13-14	San Francisco,	Eric Dew and Greg Massialas	<a href="http://fencingusa.com">fencingusa.com</a>
November 20-21	Phila., PA	Mitch Berliner, Yuanchan MA	<a href="mailto:mitchb@nycap.rr.com">mitchb@nycap.rr.com</a>
December 4-5	Portland, OR	NW Fencing Center	<a href="http://www.nwfencing.org/">http://www.nwfencing.org/</a>
<b>December 10– 12</b>	<b>Richmond, VA</b>	<b>USFA NAC Div. I/Veterans</b>	<a href="http://www.usfencing.org">www.usfencing.org</a>
December 11-12	Louisville, KY	Pat Kelly	<a href="mailto:usfakydiv@insightbb.com">usfakydiv [usfakydiv@insightbb.com]</a>
January 8-9, 2005	Atlanta, GA	David Arias	<a href="mailto:arias@hiwaay.net">arias@hiwaay.net</a>
January 8-9, 2005	Saratoga Spr., NY	Mitch Berliner	<a href="http://sabreoutreachnetwork.com">sabreoutreachnetwork.com</a>
<b>January 14 – 17</b>	<b>Overland Park KS</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>NAC Div. I/Junior:</b>
<b>February 18 – 21</b>	<b>Arlington, TX</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.</b>
February 26-27	Lincoln, NE	Lisa Franz, (816) 763-3259	<a href="mailto:tournaments@lincolnfencing.com">tournaments@lincolnfencing.com</a>
March 5-6, 2005	Charlotte, NC	<a href="#">David Burns</a>	<a href="http://www.fencingincharlotte.com/marchrycinfo.htm">http://www.fencingincharlotte.com/marchrycinfo.htm</a>
March 4-5, 2005	Orem, Utah	Julie Seal – Bethany Andrews	<a href="http://utahfencing.org">utahfencing.org</a>
March 5-6, 2005	Kansas City Foil & Sabre Only	Vicki Goellner	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Internet Link</u>

<b>March 11– 14</b>	<b>Denver, CO</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>NAC Division II, III, Veterans, Wheelchair Natls*</b>
<b>March 12-13, 2005</b>	<b>El Paso, TX</b>	<b>Margaret De Long</b>	<a href="http://www.salledelong.com">www.salledelong.com</a> , <a href="http://www.askfred.net">www.askfred.net</a>
March 19-20, 2005	Roseville, MN	Kate Hanna	<a href="#">Details</a>
<b>March 19-20,</b>	<b>San Francisco,</b>	<b>Eric Dew and Greg Massialas</b>	<a href="http://fencingusa.com">fencingusa.com</a>
<b>March 19-20,</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>Brian Barnes, 502-338-1338 Pat Kelly</b>	<a href="mailto:logician@hyrusa.com">logician@hyrusa.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:usfakydiv@insightbb.com">usfakydiv@insightbb.com</a>
<b>April 2-3, 2005</b>	<b>New York City</b>	<b>Kathy Lee Zucker and Eric Rosenberg</b>	<a href="http://fcevents.org">fcevents.org</a> .
<b>April 9-10, 2005</b>	<b>Portland, OR</b>	<b>NW Fencing Center</b>	<a href="http://AskFred.net">AskFred.net</a>
April 2005	Detroit/Dearborn	Barb Nemecek	<a href="http://www.michfencing.org/">http://www.michfencing.org/</a>
<b>April 15-18, 2005</b>	<b>Chattanooga, TN</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>USFA NAC: Youth &amp; Division I</b>
<b>May 7-8, 2005</b>	<b>Kansas City Foil &amp; Sabre Only</b>	<b>Vicki Goellner</b>	<a href="http://fac-kc.tripod.com">fac-kc.tripod.com</a>
<b>May 7-8, 2005</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<a href="#">Beth Bell</a>	<a href="http://www.westernpafencing.com">http://www.westernpafencing.com</a>
<b>May 7-8, 2005</b>	<b>Lakeland, FL</b>	<b>Jim Campoli</b>	<a href="http://www.centralffencing.com/">http://www.centralffencing.com/</a>
May 14-15, 2005	Houston, TX	Mauro Hamza	<a href="http://sallemauro.com">sallemauro.com</a>
<b>May 21-22, 2005</b>	<b>Sacred Heart U. CT</b>	<a href="#">Tom Ciccarone</a>	<a href="http://candlewoodfencing.com">candlewoodfencing.com</a>
<b>May 21-22, 2005</b>	<b>Los Angeles/Glendale</b>	<a href="mailto:Susan.Dollar@caltech.edu">Susan.Dollar@caltech.edu</a>	<a href="http://socalfence.org/">http://socalfence.org/</a>
<b>July 1 – 10, 2005</b>	<b>Sacramento, CA</b>	<b>USFA</b>	<b>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>

Tournaments in BOLD are confirmed dates and places. Tournaments in BLUE are confirmed dates and places of national tournaments. All other dates are pending confirmation by the regional coordinator and/or the local organizer.

There will be three Super Regional Tournaments at which points will be awarded. Bids are being submitted at this time for the new Youth Committee to review for final assignments. Only one Super Regional result in the weapon and age group will be considered for the relevant National point standings. Points are awarded at the Super Regional Youth tournaments to those placing in the top 40% of the competitive field, regardless of where the cut occurs, with no rounding, using the National point tables for Youth 10, Youth 12, or Youth 14 as appropriate.

NOTES:– Preferred format is one or two rounds of pools with 100% promoted to a direct elimination ladder of 2 of 3 5-touch bouts. “0” or “2” blades are required of all fencers competing in Youth 10 competitions.

For the NAC Youth tournament in April 2005 athletes must compete in at least one RYC or one Super Regional Youth competition in the current season in the age category and the weapon in which the athlete intends to enter. For the Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions at Summer Nationals youth fencers must have competed in one RYC or one Super Regional YC or NAC Youth in the current season in the age category and weapon in which the athlete plans to enter. For the Y14 National Championships at the Summer Nationals, Y14 fencers MUST either be on the Y14 National point standings on May 1, 2005 or place in the top 25% of their Division’s Y14 qualifying competition. See Chapter 2 for more details on qualifying paths to the Summer National Championships.

APPENDIX A-6: DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL CALENDARS BY WEAPON

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

World JR/CDT Champs	Lintz	AUT	23-Mar-05	23-31 Mar 2005	
World University Games	Izmir	TUR	10-Aug-05	10-21 August 2005	
World Vet Championships	Tampa, FL	USA	02-Sep-05	2-4 Sep 2005	
World Championships	Leipzig	GER	08-Oct-15	8-15 Oct 2005	

**LATEST NEWS:** The Junior “A” 6 weapon tournament scheduled for December 2004 in Havana, Cuba, has been cancelled due to damage from the hurricanes.

**BOLD CITY & DATES SIGNIFY DESIGNATED COMPETITIONS FOR GROUP II TEAM POINTS**

[SENIOR DESIGNATED SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GP-Arb = Grand Prix, a special category for which the FIE points are 2 times the normal FIE points FOR AN “A” competition. The ENTRY FEE for a GP-Arb is 60 euros. The FIE appoints the referees whose expenses are covered by the organizer of the competition. See Chapter 3 for how FIE points awarded for Satellite competitions.

TEAM –ENTRY FEE for World Cup Team events is 400 Euros

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

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

**SATELLITE COMPETITIONS: 2004-2005**

Weapon	Sex	City	Ctry	Start Date	End Date	Wpon	Sex	City	Ctry	Start Date	End Date
EPEE	FEM	Arhus	DEN	11-Sep-04	12-Sep-04	EPEE	MEN	Arhus	DEN	11-Sep-04	12-Sep-04
EPEE	FEM	Turku	FIN	09-Oct-04	10-Oct-04	EPEE	MEN	Turku	FIN	09-Oct-04	10-Oct-04
EPEE	FEM	Copenhagen	DEN	23-Oct-04	24-Oct-04	EPEE	MEN	Copenhagen	DEN	23-Oct-04	24-Oct-04
EPEE	FEM	Oslo	NOR	13-Nov-04	14-Nov-04	EPEE	MEN	Oslo	NOR	13-Nov-04	14-Nov-04
EPEE	FEM	Stockholm	SWE	12-Feb-05	13-Feb-05	EPEE	MEN	Stockholm	SWE	12-Feb-05	13-Feb-05
EPEE	FEM	Edinburgh	GBR	12-Mar-05	13-Mar-05	EPEE	MEN	Edinburgh	GBR	12-Mar-05	13-Mar-05
EPEE	FEM	Estoril	POR	28-May-05	29-May-05	FOIL	FEM	Copenhagen	DEN	19-Mar-05	20-Mar-05
EPEE	FEM	Newcastle	GBR	18-Jun-05	19-Jun-05	FOIL	MEN	Amsterdam	NED	02-Oct-04	03-Oct-04
SABRE	FEM	Edinburgh	GBR	12-Mar-05	13-Mar-05	FOIL	MEN	Londres	GBR	24-Oct-04	25-Oct-04
SABRE	FEM	Reykjavik	ISL	11-Jun-05	12-Jun-05	FOIL	MEN	Copenhagen	DEN	19-Mar-05	20-Mar-05
SABRE	FEM	Newcastle	GBR	18-Jun-05	19-Jun-05						
SABRE	MEN	Amsterdam	NED	02-Oct-04	03-Oct-04						
SABRE	MEN	Gand	BEL	23-Oct-04	24-Oct-04						
SABRE	MEN	Copenhagen	DEN	15-Jan-05	16-Jan-05						
SABRE	MEN	Orebro	SWE	19-Feb-05	20-Feb-05						
SABRE	MEN	Edinburgh	GBR	12-Mar-05	13-Mar-05						
SABRE	MEN	Bonn	GER	21-May-05	22-May-05						
SABRE	MEN	Helsinki	FIN	29-May-05	30-May-05						
SABRE	MEN	Reykjavik	ISL	11-Jun-05	12-Jun-05						
SABRE	MEN	Newcastle	GBR	18-Jun-05	19-Jun-05						

# MEN'S EPEE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2004-2005

QUOTA: 9 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 10 FOR SENIOR "A"

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY
MEN'S EPEE				Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
NAC Div II, Cdt, Y14		Atlanta, GA		08-Oct-04	11 Oct 2004	8-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>	<b>16-Oct-04</b>	<b>16 Oct 2004</b>	<b>09-Sep-04</b>
Junior A		Ponte De Sôr	POR	24-Oct-04	24 Oct 2004	16-Sep-04
Junior A		Helsinki	FIN	30-Oct-04	30 Oct 2004	23-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>05-Nov-04</b>	<b>5 Nov 2004</b>	<b>30-Sep-04</b>
Junior A		Luxembourg	LUX	14-Nov-04	14 Nov 2004	07-Oct-04
Junior A		Laupheim	GER	21-Nov-04	21 Nov 2004	14-Oct-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Catania</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>28-Nov-04</b>	<b>28 Nov 2004</b>	<b>21-Oct-04</b>
Junior A		Tourcoing	FRA	05-Dec-04	5 Dec 2004	28-Oct-04
NAC Div I, Veteran, Wheelchair		Richmond, VA		10-Dec-04	12 Dec 2004	10-Nov-04
Senior A		Koweit City	KUW	07-Jan-05	8 Jan 2005	18-Nov-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>08-Jan-05</b>	<b>8 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
NAC Div I, Junior		Overland Park, KS		14-Jan-05	17 Jan 2005	15-Dec-04
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Doha</b>	<b>QAT</b>	<b>15-Jan-05</b>	<b>16 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Doha</b>	<b>QAT</b>	<b>17-Jan-05</b>	<b>17 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
Junior A		Nîmes	FRA	16-Jan-05	16 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES CADET</b>	<b>Montréal</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>22-Jan-05</b>	<b>22 Jan 2005</b>	<b>www.fencing.ca</b>
<i>Montreal Jr "A" will only count for Cadet pts. with pts awarded on the basis of Cdt Interntl, Table I, App B-3</i>						
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Tauberbischofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>30-Jan-05</b>	<b>30 Jan 2005</b>	<b>16-Dec-04</b>
Junior A		Goteborg	SWE	05-Feb-05	5 Feb 2005	29-Dec-04
Junior A		Bâle	SUI	12-Feb-05	12 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
JO Championships		Arlington, TX		18-Feb-05	21 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Junior A		Cairo	EGY	20-Feb-05	20 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
Junior A		Yazd	IRI	24-Feb-05	24 Feb 2005	13-Jan-05
Junior A		Burgos	ESP	27-Feb-05	27 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Senior A		Berne	SUI	05-Mar-05	6 Mar 2005	27-Jan-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Stockholm</b>	<b>SWE</b>	<b>11-Mar-05</b>	<b>12 Mar 2005</b>	<b>03-Feb-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Stockholm</b>	<b>SWE</b>	<b>13-Mar-05</b>	<b>13 Mar 2005</b>	<b>03-Feb-05</b>
NAC Div II, III, Veteran		Denver, CO		11-Mar-05	14 Mar 2005	11-Feb-05
Junior A		Ashkelon	ISR	12-Mar-05	12 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
NCAA Collegiate Champs.		Houston, TX		17-Mar-05	20-Mar-2005	
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>18-Mar-05</b>	<b>19 Mar 2005</b>	<b>10-Feb-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>20-Mar-05</b>	<b>20 Mar 2005</b>	<b>10-Feb-05</b>
NAC Div I, Youth, Wheelchair		Chattanooga, TN		15-Apr-05	18 Apr 2005	15-Mar-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Heidenheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>29-Apr-05</b>	<b>30 Apr 2005</b>	<b>24-Mar-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Tauberbischofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>01-May-05</b>	<b>1 May 2005</b>	<b>24-Mar-05</b>
Senior A		Legnano	ITA	06-May-05	7 May 2005	31-Mar-05
Senior A		Tallin	EST	21-May-05	22 May 2005	14-Apr-05
Senior A		Lisbon	POR	03-Jun-05	4 Jun 2005	28-Apr-05
Senior A		Rio de Janeiro	BRA	17-Jun-05	18 Jun 2005	12-May-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>GP-Arb</b>	<b>Bogota</b>	<b>COL</b>	<b>24-Jun-05</b>	<b>25 Jun 2005</b>	<b>19-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Bogota</b>	<b>COL</b>	<b>26-Jun-05</b>	<b>26 Jun 2005</b>	<b>19-May-05</b>
Summer Nationals		Sacramento, CA		01-Jul-05	10 Jul 2005	26-May-05
Senior A		Carolina	PUR	03-Jul-05	4 Jul 2005	26-May-05
<b>Senior A</b>		<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>08-Jul-05</b>	<b>9 Jul 2005</b>	<b>www.fencing.ca</b>
Senior A		Téhéran	IRI	16-Jul-05	17 Jul 2005	02-Jun-05

- 1) A designated Sr "A" may be replaced by any other Sr. "A" with a factor of .75 or greater,
- 2) Category II points will be awarded only for "A" competitions that have a strength factor of .75 or greater.

# MEN'S FOIL NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2004-2005

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

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY
MEN'S FOIL				Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
NAC Div II, Cadet, Youth14		Atlanta, GA		08-Oct-04	11 Oct 2004	8-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>	<b>17-Oct-04</b>	<b>17 Oct 2004</b>	<b>09-Sep-04</b>
Junior A		London	GBR	23-Oct-04	23 Oct 2004	16-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>06-Nov-04</b>	<b>6 Nov 2004</b>	<b>30-Sep-04</b>
Junior A		Luxembourg	LUX	13-Nov-04	13 Nov 2004	07-Oct-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Madrid</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>20-Nov-04</b>	<b>20 Nov 2004</b>	<b>14-Oct-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Aix-en-Provence</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>28-Nov-04</b>	<b>28 Nov 2004</b>	<b>21-Oct-04</b>
<b>OFFICIAL JUNIOR/CADET TRAINING CAMP TO BE HELD IN POLAND AFTER Aix-en-Provence</b>						
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Leszno</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>05-Dec-04</b>	<b>5 Dec 2004</b>	<b>28-Oct-04</b>
NAC Div I, Veteran, Wheelchair		Richmond, VA		10-Dec-04	12 Dec 2004	10-Nov-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Burgsteinfurt</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>19-Dec-04</b>	<b>19 Dec 2004</b>	<b>11-Nov-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>09-Jan-05</b>	<b>9 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
NAC Div I, Junior		Overland Park, KS		14-Jan-05	17 Jan 2005	15-Dec-04
Senior A		Copenhagen	DEN	15-Jan-05	16 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
Junior A		Kfar Saba	ISR	16-Jan-05	16 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>21-Jan-05</b>	<b>22 Jan 2005</b>	<b>16-Dec-04</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>23-Jan-05</b>	<b>23 Jan 2005</b>	<b>16-Dec-04</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Koblenz</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>21-Jan-05</b>	<b>22 Jan 2005</b>	<b>12-Dec-04</b>
Junior A		Montréal	CAN	23-Jan-05	23 Jan 2005	www.fencing.ca
Senior A		Venice	ITA	28-Jan-05	29 Jan 2005	16-Dec-04
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>La Coruna</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>04-Feb-05</b>	<b>5 Feb 2005</b>	<b>29-Dec-04</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>La Coruna</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>06-Feb-05</b>	<b>6 Feb 2005</b>	<b>29-Dec-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Como</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>06-Feb-05</b>	<b>6 Feb 2005</b>	<b>29-Dec-04</b>
Junior A		Mödling	AUT	12-Feb-05	12 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
JO Championships		Arlington, TX		18-Feb-05	21 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Junior A		Cairo	EGY	19-Feb-05	19 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
Junior A		Yazd	IRI	23-Feb-05	23 Feb 2005	13-Jan-05
Senior A		Séoul	KOR	26-Feb-05	27 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Junior A		Giengen	GER	27-Feb-05	27 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>04-Mar-05</b>	<b>5 Mar 2005</b>	<b>20-Jan-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>06-Mar-05</b>	<b>6 Mar 2005</b>	<b>20-Jan-05</b>
NAC Div II, III, Veteran		Denver, CO		11-Mar-05	14 Mar 2005	11-Feb-05
Junior A		Viana do Castelo	POR	12-Mar-05	12 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
Senior A		Tokyo	JPN	12-Mar-05	13 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
NCAA Collegiate Champs.		Houston, TX		17-Mar-05	20-Mar-2005	
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Cairo</b>	<b>EGY</b>	<b>18-Mar-05</b>	<b>19 Mar 2005</b>	<b>03-Feb-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Cairo</b>	<b>EGY</b>	<b>20-Mar-05</b>	<b>20 Mar 2005</b>	<b>03-Feb-05</b>
World JR/CDT Champs		Lintz	AUT	23-Mar-05	31 Mar 2005	
<b>Senior A</b>		<b>St. Petersburg</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>25-Mar-05</b>	<b>26 Mar 2005</b>	<b>10-Feb-05</b>
NAC Div I, Youth, Wheelchair		Chattanooga, TN		15-Apr-05	18 Apr 2005	15-Mar-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bonn</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>07-May-05</b>	<b>8 May 2005</b>	<b>31-Mar-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Espinho</b>	<b>POR</b>	<b>14-May-05</b>	<b>15 May 2005</b>	<b>07-Apr-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Havana</b>	<b>CUB</b>	<b>24-Jun-05</b>	<b>25 Jun 2005</b>	<b>19-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Havana</b>	<b>CUB</b>	<b>26-Jun-05</b>	<b>26 Jun 2005</b>	<b>19-May-05</b>
Summer Nationals		Sacramento, CA		01-Jul-05	10 Jul 2005	26-May-05
Senior A		Caracas	VEN	02-Jul-05	2-3 Jul 2005	26-May-05

Competitions in Bold signify ones designated & Count towards Group II points

**MEN'S SABRE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2004-2005**  
**QUOTA: 16 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 11 FOR SENIOR "A"**

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY
MEN'S SABRE				Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Konin</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>18-Sep-04</b>	<b>18 Sep 2004</b>	<b>20-Aug-04</b>
NAC Div II, Cadet, Youth 14		Atlanta, GA		08-Oct-04	11 Oct 2004	8-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Sosnowiec</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>17-Oct-04</b>	<b>17 Oct 2004</b>	<b>09-Sep-04</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Godollo</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>24-Oct-04</b>	<b>24 Oct 2004</b>	<b>17-Sep-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>07-Nov-04</b>	<b>7 Nov 2004</b>	<b>30-Sep-04</b>
Junior A		Ariccia	ITA	21-Nov-04	21 Nov 2004	14-Oct-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Dormagen</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>28-Nov-04</b>	<b>28 Nov 2004</b>	<b>21-Oct-04</b>
Junior A	<i>Date chgd 10/27/04</i>	<i>Isla Margarita</i>	<i>VEN</i>	<i>12-Dec-04</i>	<i>12 Dec 2004</i>	<i>28-Oct-04</i>
NAC Div I, Veteran, Wheelchair		Richmond, VA		10-Dec-04	12 Dec 2004	10-Nov-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>08-Jan-05</b>	<b>8 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
NAC Div I, Junior		Overland Park, KS		14-Jan-05	17 Jan 2005	15-Dec-04
Junior A		Göppingen	GER	15-Jan-05	15 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
Junior A		Montréal	CAN	22-Jan-05	22 Jan 2005	www.fencing.ca
Junior A		Logrono	ESP	29-Jan-05	29 Jan 2005	16-Dec-04
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>04-Feb-05</b>	<b>4-5 Feb 2005</b>	<b>29-Dec-04</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Gödöllő</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>06-Feb-05</b>	<b>6 Feb 2005</b>	<b>29-Dec-04</b>
Senior A		Bangkok	THA	11-Feb-05	12 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
Senior A	GP-Arb	Téhéran	IRI	15-Feb-05	16 Feb 2005	29-Dec-04
Senior A	Team	Téhéran	IRI	17-Feb-05	17 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
JO Championships		Arlington, TX		18-Feb-05	21 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Dourdan</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>20-Feb-05</b>	<b>20 Feb 2005</b>	<b>13-Jan-05</b>
Junior A		Yazd	IRI	25-Feb-05	25 Feb 2005	13-Jan-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Séoul</b>	<b>KOR</b>	<b>25-Feb-05</b>	<b>26 Feb 2005</b>	<b>20-Jan-05</b>
NAC Div II, III, Veteran		Denver, CO		11-Mar-05	14 Mar 2005	11-Feb-05
Junior A		Minsk	BLR	12-Mar-05	12 Mar 2005	27-Jan-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>GRE</b>	<b>12-Mar-05</b>	<b>13 Mar 2005</b>	<b>03-Feb-05</b>
NCAA Collegiate Champs.		Houston, TX		17-Mar-05	20-Mar-2005	
Senior A		Moscow	RUS	19-Mar-05	20 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
World JR/CDT Champs		Lintz	AUT	23-Mar-05	31 Mar 2005	
NAC Div I, Youth, Wheelchair		Chattanooga, TN		15-Apr-05	18 Apr 2005	15-Mar-05
Senior A		Alger	ALG	30-Apr-05	1 May 2005	24-Mar-05
Senior A		Madrid	ESP	07-May-05	8 May 2005	31-Mar-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Varsovie</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>13-May-05</b>	<b>14 May 2005</b>	<b>07-Apr-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Varsovie</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>15-May-05</b>	<b>15 May 2005</b>	<b>07-Apr-05</b>
Senior A		Padoue	ITA	21-May-05	22 May 2005	14-Apr-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Dakar</b>	<b>SEN</b>	<b>27-May-05</b>	<b>28 May 2005</b>	<b>21-Apr-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Dakar</b>	<b>SEN</b>	<b>29-May-05</b>	<b>29 May 2005</b>	<b>21-Apr-05</b>
Senior A		Santiago	CHI	03-Jun-05	4 Jun 2005	28-Apr-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Caracas</b>	<b>VEN</b>	<b>10-Jun-05</b>	<b>11 Jun 2005</b>	<b>05-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Caracas</b>	<b>VEN</b>	<b>12-Jun-05</b>	<b>12 Jun 2005</b>	<b>05-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>BUL</b>	<b>25-Jun-05</b>	<b>26 Jun 2005</b>	<b>19-May-05</b>
Summer Nationals		Sacramento, CA		01-Jul-05	10 Jul 2005	26-May-05
World Championships		Leipzig	GER	08-Oct-15	15 Oct 2005	

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# WOMEN'S EPEE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2004-2005

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

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY
WOMEN'S EPEE				Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
NAC Div II, Cadet, Youth 14		Atlanta, GA		08-Oct-04	11 Oct 2004	8-Sep-04
Junior A		Warsaw	POL	09-Oct-04	9 Oct 2004	02-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>	<b>16-Oct-04</b>	<b>16 Oct 2004</b>	<b>09-Sep-04</b>
Junior A		Ponte De Sôr	POR	23-Oct-04	23 Oct 2004	16-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>06-Nov-04</b>	<b>6 Nov 2004</b>	<b>30-Sep-04</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Heidenheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>15-Nov-04</b>	<b>15-Nov-04</b>	<b>07-Oct-04</b>
Junior A		Palermo	ITA	21-Nov-04	21 Nov 2004	14-Oct-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Osnabrück</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>05-Dec-04</b>	<b>5 Dec 2004</b>	<b>28-Oct-04</b>
Junior A		Havana	CUB	10-Dec-04	10 Dec 2004	04-Nov-04
NAC Div I, Veteran, Wheelchair		Richmond, VA		10-Dec-04	12 Dec 2004	10-Nov-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>07-Jan-05</b>	<b>7 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
NAC Div I, Junior		Overland Park, KS		14-Jan-05	17 Jan 2005	15-Dec-04
Junior A		Dijon	FRA	16-Jan-05	16 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>21-Jan-05</b>	<b>22 Jan 2005</b>	<b>16-Dec-04</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>23-Jan-05</b>	<b>23 Jan 2005</b>	<b>16-Dec-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Montréal</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>23-Jan-05</b>	<b>23 Jan 2005</b>	www.fencing.ca
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Prague</b>	<b>CZE</b>	<b>29-Jan-05</b>	<b>30 Jan 2005</b>	<b>16-Dec-04</b>
Senior A		Saint Maur	FRA	05-Feb-05	6 Feb 2005	29-Dec-04
Junior A		Goteborg	SWE	06-Feb-05	6 Feb 2005	29-Dec-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Mödling</b>	<b>AUT</b>	<b>13-Feb-05</b>	<b>13 Feb 2005</b>	<b>06-Jan-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Tauberbischofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>18-Feb-05</b>	<b>19 Feb 2005</b>	<b>13-Jan-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Tauberbischofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>20-Feb-05</b>	<b>20 Feb 2005</b>	<b>13-Jan-05</b>
JO Championships		Arlington, TX		18-Feb-05	21 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Junior A		Petit-Bourg	FRA	20-Feb-05	20 Feb 2005	13-Jan-05
Junior A		Burgos	ESP	26-Feb-05	26 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>LUX</b>	<b>05-Mar-05</b>	<b>6 Mar 2005</b>	<b>27-Jan-05</b>
Junior A		Tauberbischofsheim	GER	06-Mar-05	6 Mar 2005	27-Jan-05
NAC Div II, III, Veteran		Denver, CO		11-Mar-05	14 Mar 2005	11-Feb-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>GRE</b>	<b>12-Mar-05</b>	<b>13 Mar 2005</b>	<b>03-Feb-05</b>
Junior A		Ashkelon	ISR	13-Mar-05	13 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
NCAA Collegiate Champs.		Houston, TX		17-Mar-05	20-Mar-2005	
World JR/CDT Champs		Lintz	AUT	23-Mar-05	31 Mar 2005	
NAC Div I, Youth, Wheelchair		Chattanooga, TN		15-Apr-05	18 Apr 2005	15-Mar-05
Senior A	GP-Arb	Taiwan	TPE	06-May-05	7 May 2005	31-Mar-05
Senior A	Team	Taiwan	TPE	08-May-05	8 May 2005	31-Mar-05
Senior A		Nankin	CHN	14-May-05	15 May 2005	03-Mar-05
Senior A		Sydney	AUS	21-May-05	22 May 2005	14-Apr-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>03-Jun-05</b>	<b>4 Jun 2005</b>	<b>28-Apr-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>ESP</b>	<b>05-Jun-05</b>	<b>5 Jun 2005</b>	<b>28-Apr-05</b>
Senior A		Le Cap	RSA	11-Jun-05	12 Jun 2005	05-May-05
Senior A	GP-Arb	Havana	CUB	17-Jun-05	18 Jun 2005	12-May-05
Senior A	Team	Havana	CUB	19-Jun-05	19 Jun 2005	12-May-05
Senior A		Buenos Aires	ARG	25-Jun-05	26 Jun 2005	19-May-05
Summer Nationals		Sacramento, CA		01-Jul-05	10 Jul 2005	26-May-05
Senior A		Vancouver	CAN	08-Jul-05	9 Jul 2005	www.fencing.ca

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**WOMEN'S FOIL NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, 2004-2005**  
**QUOTA: 11 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 11 FOR SENIOR "A"**

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY
WOMEN'S FOIL				Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
NAC Div II, Cdt, Y14		Atlanta, GA		08-Oct-04	11 Oct 2004	8-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bratislava</b>	<b>SVK</b>	<b>17-Oct-04</b>	<b>17 Oct 2004</b>	<b>13-Sep-04</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES CADET</b>	<b>Somorin</b>	<b>SVK</b>	<b>23-Oct-04</b>	<b>24-Oct 2004</b>	<b>25-Sep-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>07-Nov-04</b>	<b>7 Nov 2004</b>	<b>30-Sep-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bochum</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>14-Nov-04</b>	<b>14 Nov 2004</b>	<b>08-Oct-04</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES CADET</b>	<b>Tauberbischofsheim</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>20-Nov-04</b>	<b>21 Nov 2004</b>	<b>16-Oct-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Jesi</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>27-Nov-04</b>	<b>27 Nov 2004</b>	<b>21-Oct-04</b>
Junior A		Leszno	POL	04-Dec-04	4 Dec 2004	28-Oct-04
NAC Div I, Veteran, Wheelchair		Richmond, VA		10-Dec-04	12 Dec 2004	10-Nov-04
Junior A		Lucca	ITA	18-Dec-04	18 Dec 2004	11-Nov-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>09-Jan-05</b>	<b>9 Jan 2005</b>	<b>03-Dec-04</b>
NAC Div I, Junior		Overland Park, KS		14-Jan-05	17 Jan 2005	15-Dec-04
Junior A		Kfar Saba	ISR	16-Jan-05	16 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
Junior A		Montréal	CAN	22-Jan-05	22 Jan 2005	www.fencing.ca
Junior A		Waldkirch	GER	30-Jan-05	30 Jan 2005	16-Dec-04
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES CADET</b>	<b>Jena</b>	<b>GER</b>	<b>5-Feb-05</b>	<b>6 Feb 2005</b>	<b>17-Dec-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>FRA</b>	<b>13-Feb-05</b>	<b>13 Feb 2005</b>	<b>06-Jan-05</b>
JO Championships		Arlington, TX		18-Feb-05	21 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Séoul</b>	<b>KOR</b>	<b>25-Feb-05</b>	<b>26 Feb 2005</b>	<b>20-Jan-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Séoul</b>	<b>KOR</b>	<b>27-Feb-05</b>	<b>27 Feb 2005</b>	<b>20-Jan-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Shanghai</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>05-Mar-05</b>	<b>6 Mar 2005</b>	<b>20-Jan-05</b>
NAC Div II, III, Veteran		Denver, CO		11-Mar-05	14 Mar 2005	11-Feb-05
Senior A	GP-Arb	Tokyo	JPN	12-Mar-05	13 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
Senior A	Team	Tokyo	JPN	14-Mar-05	14-Mar-2005	
NCAA Collegiate Champs.		Houston, TX		17-Mar-05	20-Mar-2005	
Senior A		Cairo	EGY	18-Mar-05	19 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
Junior A		Zagreb	CRO	19-Mar-05	19 Mar 2005	10-Feb-05
World JR/CDT Champs		Lintz	AUT	23-Mar-05	31 Mar 2005	
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>St. Petersburg</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>25-Mar-05</b>	<b>26 Mar 2005</b>	<b>10-Feb-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>St. Petersburg</b>	<b>RUS</b>	<b>27-Mar-05</b>	<b>27 Mar 2005</b>	<b>10-Feb-05</b>
NAC Div I, Youth, Wheelchair		Chattanooga, TN		15-Apr-05	18 Apr 2005	15-Mar-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>Gdansk</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>29-Apr-05</b>	<b>30 Apr 2005</b>	<b>24-Mar-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Gdansk</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>01-May-05</b>	<b>1 May 2005</b>	<b>24-Mar-05</b>
Senior A		Salzbourg	AUT	07-May-05	8 May 2005	31-Mar-05
Senior A		Leipzig	GER	14-May-05	15 May 2005	07-Apr-05
Senior A		Budapest	HUN	28-May-05	29 May 2005	21-Apr-05
Senior A		Bucarest	ROM	04-Jun-05	5 Jun 2005	28-Apr-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>17-Jun-05</b>	<b>18 Jun 2005</b>	<b>12-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>19-Jun-05</b>	<b>19 Jun 2005</b>	<b>12-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Havana</b>	<b>CUB</b>	<b>25-Jun-05</b>	<b>26 Jun 2005</b>	<b>19-May-05</b>
Summer Nationals		Sacramento, CA		01-Jul-05	10 Jul 2005	26-May-05
Senior A		Buenos Aires	ARG	02-Jul-05	3 Jul 2005	26-May-05
World Championships		Leipzig	GER	08-Oct-15	15 Oct 2005	

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**QUOTA: 16 FOR JUNIOR "A"; 12 FOR SENIOR "A"**

CATEGORY	LEVEL	CITY	CTRY	COMPETITION		ENTRY
				Start Date	End Date	DEADLINE
<b>WOMEN'S SABRE</b>						
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Konin</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>18-Sep-04</b>	<b>18 Sep 2004</b>	<b>20-Aug-04</b>
NAC Div II, Cadet, Youth 14		Atlanta, GA		08-Oct-04	11 Oct 2004	8-Sep-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Sosnowiec</b>	<b>POL</b>	<b>16-Oct-04</b>	<b>16 Oct 2004</b>	<b>09-Sep-04</b>
<b>Cadet</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Godollo</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>24-Oct-04</b>	<b>24 Oct 2004</b>	<b>17-Sep-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Louisville, KY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>05-Nov-04</b>	<b>5 Nov 2004</b>	<b>30-Sep-04</b>
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Ariccia</b>	<b>ITA</b>	<b>20-Nov-04</b>	<b>20 Nov 2004</b>	<b>14-Oct-04</b>
<i>Junior A</i>	<i>Date chgd 10/27</i>	<i>Isla Margarita</i>	<i>VEN</i>	<i>10-Dec-04</i>	<i>10 Dec 2004</i>	<i>28-Oct-04</i>
NAC Div I, Veteran, Wheelchair		Richmond, VA		10-Dec-04	12 Dec 2004	10-Nov-04
<b>Junior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Budapest</b>	<b>HUN</b>	<b>07-Jan-05</b>	<b>7 Jan 2005</b>	<b>02-Dec-04</b>
NAC	Div I, Jr	Overland Park, KS	USA	14-Jan-05	17 Jan 2005	15-Dec-04
Junior A		Göppingen	GER	16-Jan-05	16 Jan 2005	09-Dec-04
Junior A		Montréal	CAN	23-Jan-05	23 Jan 2005	www.fencing.ca
Senior A		Hanoi	VIE	05-Feb-05	6 Feb 2005	16-Dec-04
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Bangkok</b>	<b>THA</b>	<b>12-Feb-05</b>	<b>13 Feb 2005</b>	<b>06-Jan-05</b>
Senior A	GP-Arb	Aqaba	JOR	18-Feb-05	19 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
Senior A	Team	Aqaba	JOR	20-Feb-05	20 Feb 2005	06-Jan-05
JO Championships		Arlington, TX		18-Feb-05	21 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Junior A		Dourdan	FRA	20-Feb-05	20 Feb 2005	13-Jan-05
Senior A		Budapest	HUN	26-Feb-05	27 Feb 2005	20-Jan-05
Junior A		Madrid	ESP	05-Mar-05	5 Mar 2005	27-Jan-05
Senior A		London	GBR	05-Mar-05	6 Mar 2005	27-Jan-05
Senior A	GP-Arb	Foggia	ITA	11-Mar-05	12 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
Senior A	Team	Foggia	ITA	13-Mar-05	13 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
NAC Div II, III, Veteran		Denver, CO		11-Mar-05	14 Mar 2005	11-Feb-05
NCAA Collegiate Champs.		Houston, TX		17-Mar-05	20-Mar-2005	
Senior A	GP-Arb	Moscow	RUS	18-Mar-05	19 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
Senior A	Team	Moscow	RUS	20-Mar-05	20 Mar 2005	03-Feb-05
World JR/CDT Champs		Lintz	AUT	23-Mar-05	31 Mar 2005	
Senior A		Orléans	FRA	25-Mar-05	26 Mar 2005	17-Feb-05
NAC Div I, Youth, Wheelchair		Chattanooga, TN		15-Apr-05	18 Apr 2005	15-Mar-05
Senior A	GP-Arb	Alger	ALG	30-Apr-05	1 May 2005	17-Mar-05
Senior A	Team	Alger	ALG	02-May-05	2 May 2005	17-Mar-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Villach</b>	<b>AUT</b>	<b>07-May-05</b>	<b>7-8 May 2005</b>	<b>31-Mar-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Welkenraedt</b>	<b>BEL</b>	<b>14-May-05</b>	<b>15 May 2005</b>	<b>07-Apr-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES GP-Arb</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>17-Jun-05</b>	<b>18 Jun 2005</b>	<b>12-May-05</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>19-Jun-05</b>	<b>19 Jun 2005</b>	<b>12-May-05</b>
Senior A		Havana	CUB	24-Jun-05	25 Jun 2005	19-May-05
Summer Nationals		Sacramento, CA		01-Jul-05	10 Jul 2005	26-May-05
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>DES</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>09-Jul-05</b>	<b>10 Jul 2005</b>	www.fencing.ca
World Championships		Leipzig	GER	08-Oct-15	15 Oct 2005	

Competitions in Bold signify ones designated & Count towards Group II points

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⚡ Point Standings are posted and updated regularly on USFA web site.

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<b>DOMESTIC POINT TABLES FOR 2004-2005</b>									
<b>P L A C E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>P L A C E</b>
	<b>CATEGORY OF COMPETITION</b>								
	DOMESTIC	DOMESTIC	CADET	CADET D.E.	JUNIOR	JUNIOR D.E.	DIVISION I	DIVISION I	
	YTH 12/10	YOUTH14	D.E. WITH	WITHOUT	DIRECT W/	WITHOUT	WITHOUT	WITH	
	Used for Super Regionals		REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	REPECHAGE	
1	100	200	400	400	600	600	1000	1000	1
2	92	184	368	368	552	552	920	920	2
3	85	170	340	340	510	510	850	850	3
3	85	170	340	340	510	510	850	850	3
5	70	140	280	280	420	420	700	700	5
6	69.5	139	278	278	417	417	695	695	6
7	69	138	276	276	414	414	690	690	7
8	68.5	137	274	274	411	411	685	685	8
9	53.5	107	214	214	321	321	535	535	9
10	53	106	213	212	320	318	530	533	10
11	52.5	105	212	210	319	315	525	531	11
12	52	104	211	208	318	312	520	529	12
13	51.5	103	203	206	303	309	515	506	13
14	51	102	202	204	302	306	510	504	14
15	50.5	101	201	202	301	303	505	502	15
16	50	100	200	200	300	300	500	500	16
17	35	70	140	140	210	210	350	350	17
18	34.5	69	139	138	209	207	345	348	18
19	34	68	138	136	208	204	340	346	19
20	33.5	67	137	134	207	201	335	344	20
21	33	66	136	132	206	198	330	342	21
22	32.5	65	135	130	205	195	325	340	22
23	32	64	134	128	204	192	320	338	23
24	31.5	63	133	126	203	189	315	336	24
25	31	62	117	124	172	186	310	289	25
26	30.5	61	116	122	171	183	305	287	26
27	30	60	115	120	170	180	300	285	27
28	29.5	59	114	118	169	177	295	283	28
29	29	58	113	116	168	174	290	281	29
30	28.5	57	112	114	167	171	285	279	30
31	28	56	111	112	166	168	280	277	31
32	27.5	55	110	110	165	165	275	275	32

The minimum number of points required for a fencer to be considered on the Senior point standings is 275; on the Junior point standings = 165; on the cadet point standings = 110.

## APPENDIX B-2: VETERANS POINT TABLES

PLACE	VETERAN COMBINED	PLACE	VETERAN COMBINED	PLACE	VETERAN AGE GROUP	PLACE	VETERAN AGE GROUP
1	600	33	100	1	400	33	70
2	552	34	99	2	368	34	69
3	510	35	98	3	340	35	68
3	510	36	97	3	340	36	67
5	420	37	96	5	280	37	66
6	417	38	95	6	278	38	65
7	414	39	94	7	276	39	64
8	411	40	93	8	274	40	63
9	321	41	92	9	214	41	62
10	318	42	91	10	212	42	61
11	315	43	90	11	210	43	60
12	312	44	89	12	208	44	59
13	309	45	88	13	206	45	58
14	306	46	87	14	204	46	57
15	303	47	86	15	202	47	56
16	300	48	85	16	200	48	55
17	210	49	84	17	140	49	54
18	207	50	83	18	138	50	53
19	204	51	82	19	136	51	52
20	201	52	81	20	134	52	51
21	198	53	80	21	132	53	50
22	195	54	79	22	130	54	49
23	192	55	78	23	128	55	48
24	189	56	77	24	126	56	47
25	186	57	76	25	124	57	46
26	183	58	75	26	122	58	45
27	180	59	74	27	120	59	44
28	177	60	73	28	118	60	43
29	174	61	72	29	116	61	42
30	171	62	71	30	114	62	41
31	168	63	70	31	112	63	40
32	165	64	69	32	110	64	39
<b>WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BONUS PTS</b>							
<b>FOR ROLLING STANDINGS ONLY</b>							
1	1000						
2	920						
3	850						
3	850						
5	700						
6	695						
7	690						
8	685						

## APPENDIX B-3

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

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

## APPENDIX B-4: INTERNATIONAL POINT DETERMINATION

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

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

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

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

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

#### Example:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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, 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, Northern LA, & MS], Gulf Coast Texas, Louisiana (Southern), North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas, Border Texas

### **National Division**

Those residing in a non-designated geographical area, assigned primarily for those in the military and those residing outside of the United States.

## **APPENDIX C-2: USFA COMMITTEES, 2004-2005**

Executive Committee: Nancy Anderson - Chair; Jane Carter, Sam Cheris, Derek Cotton, Linda Merritt, Sherry Posthumus, Ro Sobalvarro, Steve Sobel, Ed Wright  
Donald Alperstein, USFA Counsel; Michael Massik, Executive Director

Athlete Representatives to the USFA Board of Directors: Jessica Burke, Dan Kellner, Tim Morehouse, Alex Wood, Felicia Zimmermann

Coaching Development Committee: Chairs: Alex Beguinet

Collegiate Club Committee: Jim Vesper, Chair: Bruce Capin, Jon Moss  
Rotating Chair based on host of annual College Club Championships (Non NCAA program)

Divisions and Sections: Edwin (Buzz) Hurst -Chair, Gerrie Baumgart, Fernando Delgado

Fencing Officials Commission (FOC): Bill Oliver, Chair; Sharon Everson, Vice Chair:  
Gerrie Baumgart, Jeffrey Bukantz, Peter Burchard, Luis Casado, Sam Cheris, Derek Cotton, Iana Dakova, Greg Dilworth, George Kolombatovich, Francisco Martin, Gregory Massialas, Jon Moss, Atilio Tass, Charles Washburn, Russell Wilson

FIE Advisory Committee: Sam Cheris – Chair; Gerrie Baumgart, Jeffrey Bukantz, Dan DeChaine, Peter Harmer, Nancy Anderson, George Kolombatovich, Chaba Pallaghy, Ralph Zimmerman [Changes will occur after December FIE Congress when elections for each Commission will occur.]

International Performance Oversight Committee: Jane Carter, Sam Cheris, Jeff Cohen, Yves Auriol, Robert Largman, Jessie Burke

Media, Marketing & Promotions: Suzie Paxton -Chair, Cindy Bent Findlay, others pending

Parents Committee: Tina Jacobson -Chair, Sue Clinton, Tim Morehouse, Jonathan Zich

Schools/Club Committee: Barbara Lynch, Chair: Jerry Benson, Iana Dakova, Edwin Buzz Hurst, Alex Ripa, Alex Ryjik, Cathryn Zagunis,

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

Tournament Committee: K. Weeks - Chair, Gerrie Baumgart (FOC), Tanya Brown, Mark Courtney, Sheryl Eberhardt, Kate Hannah, Ron Herman, Jeff Salmon, Bart Weathington, Kelly Williams (Youth Comm. Chair), Alex Wood

Veterans Committee: Paul Levy - Chair; Gerrie Baumgart, Delia Turner, Robert Block, Ray Sexton, Bill Hall

USFA Representative to USOC Board: Michael Massik

USOC Athlete Advisory Council (AAC), 2000-2004: Felicia Zimmermann, Alternate Cliff Bayer [New election in process for 2004-2008]

Wheelchair Committee: Gerrie Baumgart, Jerry Benson, Marcella Denton, D.J. Martin, Mario Rodriguez, Leszek Stawicki

Youth Development Committee: Kelly Williams – Chair: David Arias, Jeremiah Joseph, Wendell Kubick, Andrea Lagan, George Platt,

## APPENDIX C-3: CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	<b>6</b>	NONE	N/A	1 ↓ E
GROUP D1	<b>15</b>	NONE	N/A	1 ↓ D 2-4 ↓ E
GROUP C1	<b>15</b>	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or higher)	2 C's & 2 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 ↓ C 2-4 ↓ D 5-8 ↓ E
GROUP C2	<b>25</b>	4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)	4 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 ↓ C 2-4 ↓ D 5-8 ↓ E
GROUP C3	<b>64</b>	24 D's & 12 E's (or higher)	4 D's in top 8 & 4 E's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 ↓ C 5-8 ↓ D 9-16 ↓ E
GROUP B1	<b>15</b>	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 ↓ B 2-4 ↓ C 5-6 ↓ D 7-8 ↓ E
GROUP B2	<b>25</b>	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 ↓ B 2-4 ↓ C 5-8 ↓ D 9-12 ↓ E
GROUP B3	<b>64</b>	24 C's & 12 D's (or higher)	4 C's in top 8 & 4 D's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 ↓ B 5-8 ↓ C 9-16 ↓ D 17-32 ↓ E
GROUP A1	<b>15</b>	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 ↓ A 2-4 ↓ B 5-6 ↓ C 7-8 ↓ D
GROUP A2	<b>25</b>	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 ↓ A 2-4 ↓ B 5-8 ↓ C 9-10 ↓ D 11-12 ↓ E
GROUP A3	<b>64</b>	24 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 B's in top 8 & 4 C's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 ↓ A 5-8 ↓ B 9-16 ↓ C 17-24 ↓ D 25-32 ↓ E
GROUP A4	<b>64</b>	12 A's & 12 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 A's in top 8 & 4 B's (or higher) in top 12	1-8 ↓ A 9-16 ↓ B 17-24 ↓ C 25-32 ↓ D 33-48 ↓ E

<sup>1/17/04</sup> Division I NAC and National Championships are always Group A4 competitions.

Division I-A National Championships are always at least Group A3 competitions.

Division II NAC and National Championships are always at least Group B3 competitions.

Division III NAC and National Championships are always at least Group C3 competitions.

Changes in classifications are allowed at USFA sanctioned individual competitions that are restricted to Veterans and to Junior fencers: Division, Section and Regional Youth and Cadet competitions must meet or exceed criteria for C1 to award any change in classification. (BOD, July '02, July 03). The USFA does permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.



## APPENDIX C-4

### TECHNICAL UPDATES FOR USFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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#### CHANGES TO SCORING EQUIPMENT

APPROVED BY USFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

- 1) All National events and National Qualifying Events will be run with the new timing boxes (as described below).
- 2) All Divisional and Sectional Competitions can be run using either the old or the new timing boxes, but the equipment must be the same for all fencers (with the possibility of using old equipment for the competition, and using the new timing boxes for the finals.) This information must be published prior to the event.
- 3) If the FIE decides to make a permanent change in the timing of the scoring apparatus then, from September 1, 2005 all National events and Qualifying Events WILL BE required to use the new timing boxes. Divisional and Sectional events will be allowed to use the old scoring equipment, but must make the fact clear on the entry forms. National team selection points will only be earned at events using the new timing boxes.

**Rationale:** The FIE has announced significant changes in timing for Foil and Sabre electrical scoring boxes, provisional for this season, 2004-2005, but very likely to be mandatory the following season. This includes Junior and Senior World Cup events and Cadet, Junior and Senior World Championships. Although the FIE earlier announced changes in the weight to be supported by the foil spring and the specific type of tip to be used in foil, those changes have been rescinded by the FIE.

The timing criteria for electronic scoring units has changed as follows:

- ⚡ The foil lockout time decreases from 350 milliseconds to 300 milliseconds. Lockout is the window of time in which the fencer may register a hit after his/her opponent has scored a hit.
- ⚡ The foil Contact Time for valid touches increases from 1-5 milliseconds to 15 milliseconds. Contact Time is the amount of time that the foil tip must remain depressed to register a touch.
- ⚡ The saber lockout time decreases from 350-400 milliseconds to 120 milliseconds.

# MODIFICATIONS TO USFA/FIE RULE CHANGES – AS OF AUGUST 1, 2004

The United States Fencing Association (USFA) Board of Directors approved the following rules changes at their meeting on July 5, 2004. These changes, except where specifically modified for the USFA, are the same as those adopted by the Fédération Internationale d'Escrime (FIE). These changes to the rules are especially important as they change the penalty for committing a number of faults, as well as what will happen if a fencer or team does not report to the assigned strip on time. Remember the first line in the Rules Book, "Ignorance of the Rules is no Excuse."

## **TECHNICAL RULES**

### **Article t.20**

In foil and saber, it is forbidden for a fencer to cause corps à corps (even without brutality or violence).

Should such an offence occur, the Referee will penalize the fencer at fault as specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120 *and any touch scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.*

**Explanation: Previously, if you committed this fault, you would receive a warning, but any touch you scored would be allowed. Now, if you commit this fault, you receive a warning, and the touch is annulled.**

### **Article t.22**

In foil and sabre, it is forbidden to protect the target area or to substitute another part of the body for the target area, either by covering or by an abnormal movement (cf. t.114, t.116, t.120): any touch scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

During the bout, the fencer must not, under any circumstances, take hold of any part of the electrical equipment with his/her non-sword hand (cf. t.114, t.116, t.120): *any touch scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.*

**Explanation: Previously, if you committed any of these faults, you would receive a warning, but any touch you scored would be allowed. Now, if you commit any of these faults, you receive a warning, and the touch is annulled.**

### **Article t.36**

*First paragraph, delete the words: reversal of the line of the shoulders in foil.*

*Last paragraph:*

The judges must change ends after each period in direct elimination bouts *and after each bout in team matches*, so as not to watch the same fencer the whole time.

**Explanation: Previously, you were not allowed to bring your rear shoulder in front of your front shoulder in reference to your opponent; that is now allowed. Previously, the rule about judges changing sides covered only individual bouts; now it also applies to team matches.**

### **Article t.43**

*Add a 6<sup>th</sup> item:*

- In all three weapons, that the fencer is not equipped with any electronic communication equipment which would allow a person off the strip to communicate with the fencer during the bout.

### **Article t.44**

*At the end of the 2nd paragraph (after "each time a weapon is changed"), add:*

In all three weapons, the referee will check that the fencer is not equipped with electronic communication equipment that would allow a person off the strip to communicate with the fencer during the bout.

### **Article t.45**

*Add a new paragraph (f):*

is equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting a person outside the strip to communicate with the fencer during the bout.

In cases (c), (d), (e) and (f), the referee must immediately confiscate the equipment concerned (weapon, body wire, if necessary conductive jacket, mask et cetera) and have it examined by the expert on duty.

- in cases e) and f), the Referee will penalize him as specified in Articles t.114, t.119, t.120.

**Explanation: While you are fencing, you may not have any electronic communication apparatus that would enable someone else to communicate with you.**

*At the end of the article add a new paragraph:*

If a fencer appears on the strip for a bout (whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match) with clothing not conforming to the rules in that he is:

- not correctly showing his name and nationality on his back (application – all official FIE competitions, all stages) and/or - not wearing his national colors; application as follows:

- a) open, junior and cadet World Championships, all bouts (whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match).
- b) Senior World Cup individual competitions, all DE bouts from the last 64 onwards.
- c) World Cup team competitions, all bouts in every team match. The referee shall penalize him with a red card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, second group). He shall however be allowed to remain on the strip and fence the bout concerned.

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Note USFA Application:

If a fencer appears on the strip for a bout (whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match) with clothing not conforming to the rules in that he is: - not correctly showing his name on his back or on his back leg (application – all National USFA competitions, all stages), the referee shall penalize him/her with a red card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, second group). He/she shall however be allowed to remain on the strip and fence the bout concerned.

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**Explanation: As has been the case for many years, if you fence in a USFA national event, your name must be on the back of your jacket/metallic jacket or on your back leg, in navy blue and in letters from eight to ten centimeters in height. Now, you will start each bout with a Red Card until you conform to this requirement.**

#### Article t.46

*Delete:*

At foil it is forbidden, during the course of fencing, to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword-arm (cf. t.36). Any touch scored by the fencer at fault while committing this offence will be annulled.

**Explanation: You may now bring the rear shoulder in front of the front shoulder.**

#### Article t.72

A touch that arrives on a non-valid part of the target is not counted as a touch; it does not stop the fencing phrase and does not annul any subsequent touches. If a fencer substitutes a non-valid part of his target for a valid part, either by covering it or by any abnormal movement, the Referee must penalize him/her by applying the penalties specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120, *and any touch scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.*

**Explanation: Please be aware that this rule is in the sabre section. THIS IS ONLY FOR SABRE! Previously, if you committed this fault, you would receive a warning, and you would score the touch. Now, if you commit this fault, you receive a warning, and the touch is annulled.**

#### Article t.86

For any fencer not present, or any team which does not have all its members present, when called for the first time by the Referee at the time published for the beginning of the pool, match or bouts of direct elimination, there will be two further calls *by the Referee*, at intervals of one minute, to be followed by exclusion from the competition if the fencer or the entire team has not presented themselves by the third call (cf. t.114, t.119, t.120).

In the course of the competition (individual or team), when a fencer has been warned that it is his/her turn to fence and does not present himself/herself when called by the Referee, *the Referee will similarly repeat the call twice*, at intervals of one minute, and will exclude the fencer concerned from the competition if he/she has not present by the third call (cf. t.114, t.119, t.120).

Should a fencer abandon a bout by leaving the strip (cf. t.18/3), he will be penalized as specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

During a team match, should there be a modification in the order of bouts in the match, either intentionally or unintentionally, the team that has made the modification loses the match (cf. t.120, o.44).

**Explanation: Previously, if you were not at your strip after the announcement to report to your strip, or if you were not at the strip after a pool or team match started, the Bout Committee would make an announcement advising you to go to your strip. (Example: "Mary Smith, please report to Strip 22. This is your second call.") Now such announcements will only be made by the referee at the strip.**

#### Article t.87

*Replace 2nd and 3rd paragraphs by the following texts:*

Before the beginning of each bout, the two fencers must perform a fencing salute to their opponent, to the referee and to the spectators. Equally, when the final touch has been scored, the bout has not ended until the two fencers have saluted each other, the referee and (to) the spectators - to this end, they must remain still while the referee is making his decision; when he has given his decision, they must again perform a fencing salute and must shake hands with their opponent, with the unarmed hand.

If either or both of the two fencers refuses to salute or shake hands in compliance with these rules, the referee will suspend him/them for the remainder of the competition taking place and from the following two FIE (USFA modification: USFA) competitions in the weapon concerned (cf. t.114, t.119, t.120). The points or titles obtained at the moment of the offence remain acquired.

During the first and second periods of a direct elimination bout and the first eight bouts of a team match, when both fencers make clear their desire to stop fencing or show evident passivity, the referee will immediately call 'Halt!' and the two fencers will in individual direct elimination take their regulation one minute rest, in team matches will proceed to the next bout.

In bouts in pools and in the third period of a direct elimination bout or the ninth bout in a team match, should there be passivity on the part of both fencers in the first two minutes and only in the first two, the referee will warn the fencers (but without imposing a yellow card). If there is obvious repetition, the referee will call 'Halt!' and proceed to the last minute of the time allowed for the bout. This minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

Should there be manifest passivity or unwillingness to fight during the third minute, the referee will neither give a warning nor stop the bout.

**Explanation: Fencers who do not salute will now be penalized by "suspension" rather than a Black Card. Points earned at a competition prior to such suspension will be kept.**

**Passivity is now controlled in a slightly different manner than before. It is important to remember that fencing for a long time without scoring a touch does not necessarily constitute passivity. Particularly in épée, a bout may be very active and exciting to watch, yet may end with a very low score (e.g., 3-2) when time runs out.**

#### **Article t.118**

Any person not on the strip who disturbs the order of the competition receives:

On the first infringement, a warning, indicated by a Yellow Card, valid for the whole of the competition, which must be noted on the bout score sheet and recorded by the Bout Committee;

At the second infringement during the same competition a Black Card (expulsion from the competition venue).

In the most serious cases concerning disturbance either on or off the strip, the Referee may exclude or expel the person at fault immediately.

**Explanation: A person disturbing order now receives a Yellow Card instead of a Red Card for the first infringement. The penalty for the second infringement remains the same (a Black Card).**

#### **Article t.120**

*a) Add an asterisk (\*) to each of the following in the Schedule of Offences and Penalties:*

Simple corps à corps (foil and sabre)\*

Touching/taking hold of electrical equipment \*

Covering/substitution of valid target \*

*b) 1st group, delete the following three items:*

Fencer not presenting himself at the first call of the referee during the competition, t.86

In foil, reversing the line of the shoulders (\*), t.46

Deliberate touch not on opponent, t.53, t.66

*c) 2nd group, add:*

Deliberate touch not on opponent t.53, t.66

Absence of name on back, absence of national colors where compulsory t.45

*d) 4th group,*

*- Add:*

Fencer equipped with electronic communication equipment permitting him/her to receive communications during the bout, t.45/3(f) (1) or (2).

- Replace the current text of the paragraph "Non-presentation ...." by:

Non presentation when called by the referee at the time indicated or when warned it is his turn to fence, after 3 calls at one minute intervals, t.85 (1)

e) below third group

For "Any person not on strip disturbing good order", the first offence warning should read "WARNING (YELLOW CARD) or (4)"

**Explanation:** These are all changes to the Penalty Chart to reflect the changes in the rules.

### **Matieral Rules**

In article m.8 replace the final paragraph with the following:

The blade should be as straight as possible. Any curve of the blade must be uniform and the maximum bend must in any case be less than 1cm; it is only permitted in the vertical plane and must be near the center of the blade.

**Explanation:** The FIE has reduced the maximum allowable bend for a foil blade.

## APPENDIX C-5: REFEREE HAND SIGNALS

### Hand Signals for USFA Referees



On Guard!



Ready?



Fence!



Halt!



Point in Line!



Attack!



Touch against Left!



Point for Right!



Off Target!



Parry!

## Hand Signals for USFA Referees



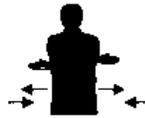
**Double Touch!**



**Point for Each Fencer!**



**Simultaneous Attack!**



**No Touch!**



**No!**



**Preparation!**



**Yellow Card: Warning**  
**Red Card: 1 Touch Against**  
**Black Card: Exclusion**

### Notes

- 1st The Referee calls the action and give the hand gestures at the same time.
- 2nd The Referee should refrain from excessive verbage; Use only the appropriate phrase with the gesture i.e. Attack from Left! Parry! Reposte! Touch against Right! Point for Left!
- 3rd After the action is called, the fencers may ask the referee to restate the analysis of the phrase.
- 4th Each gesture should last for 1-2 seconds; be expressive and correct in their execution.

## APPENDIX C-6: PENALTY CHART

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

OFFENSE	ARTICLE	PENALTIES		
		1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup> and add'l
<b>2nd group</b>				
Interruption of bout for claimed injury not confirmed by doctor	t.33	R	R	R
Absence of name on back, absence of national colors where compulsory	t.45			
Absence of equipment control mark(*)	t.45/3.a	E	E	E
Deliberate touch not on opponent	t.53, t.66			
Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	t.87	D	D	D
<b>3rd group</b>				
		1 <sup>st</sup> Offense		2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense
Falsified weapon inspection marks, intentional modification of equipment (*)	t.45/3.(c), (d)	R		B
Fencer equipped with electronic equipment permitting him/her to receive communications during the bout.	t.45/3(f) (1) or (2)			L
Fencer disturbing order on the strip (4)	t.82, t.83	E		A
Dishonest fencing:(*) refusal to salute before the beginning of the bout (only one fencer).	t.87	D		C
Offence against publicity code	Publicity Code			K
Any person not on strip disturbing order	t.82, t.83	1 <sup>st</sup> . Warning (YELLOW CARD) or (4) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Expulsion (3)		
Refusal of one fencer to salute the opponent after final touch scored	t.85	Winner: Annulment of Touch Scored Loser: Suspension (5)		
Changing the order of bouts in a team match, intentionally or unintentionally	t.86	Loss of Match		
<b>4th group</b>				
Manifest cheating with equipment (2)	t.45/3.e			B
Non-presentation when called by the Referee at the time indicated or when warned it is his turn to fence, after 3 calls at one minute intervals.	t.85 (1)			L
Offense against sportsmanship (1) or (2)	t.87			A
Deliberate brutality (1), refusal of both fencers to salute: before the bout (1); after the final touch scored (5)	t.87, t.105			C
Profiting from collusion, favoring an opponent (1)	t.88, t.105			K
Doping (2)	t.129			

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX C-7

### NOTES ON EQUIPMENT: DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

#### A. Domestic Tournaments

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

The fencer's last name must be legibly printed by hand or machine in dark blue capital letter between 8 cm and 10 cm high: either (1) on the back of the uniform or lamé between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lamé material that is firmly sewn to the uniform in such a way that it will not detach during fencing or catch the opponent's point. Fabric attached to the uniform must be the same color as the part of the uniform to which it is attached. Lamé materials must be attached in such a way as not to alter the conductivity of the metallic vest or jacket. *Names printed on tape are NOT acceptable*

#### International Competitions

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

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

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

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

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

You must bring additional spares (lame, blades, body cords, gloves, as well as extra tips, wires, etc.). Bring needles, thread, and dental floss to repair clothing and masks and tape and glue. Make sure your spare blades are cut for your handle and the threading in the tang fits the pommel. 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.

## APPENDIX C-8: ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

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## ELECTION OF FENCING REPRESENTATIVE – USOC ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## APPENDIX C-9: INTERNATIONAL FENCING CODE OF PUBLICITY

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

#### FENCERS' PUBLICITY CODE

#### CHAPTER I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

#### CHAPTER II. COLLECTIVE ADVERTISING CONTRACT

##### A. The parties

A collective advertising contract is agreed between:

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

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

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

##### B. Procedure

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

##### C. Position of the fencer

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

## CHAPTER III. INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

### A. Principle

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

### B. Restrictions

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

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

## CHAPTER IV. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

### A. Marks

#### (a) Definition

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

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

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

#### (b) Position and sizes

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### (a) Definition

This heading concerns advertising contracts which propose:

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

#### (b) Regulations

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

### **C. Advertising which is worn or carried**

#### **(a) Definition**

1. Advertising worn or carried refers to any name or badge other than the mark (cf. Chapter IV, section A) which appears on a fencer's main equipment or ancillary equipment and which comes from a firm other than the manufacturer or distributor of the equipment in question.
2. A mark which is larger than the sizes which are usual or laid down above (cf. Chapter IV, section A) constitutes advertising.
3. All advertisements for alcoholic drinks, tobacco and any others against the sporting ethos are forbidden.

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

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

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

If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a sponsorship contract with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner, maximum 50 cm<sup>2</sup> in size, may be affixed at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket, on the side of the breeches (left or right) or on the socks. At sabre a logo may not be worn on the sleeve.

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

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

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

- either one sign, not exceeding 10 cm in height;
- or one badge, not exceeding 15 cm x 15 cm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The organizers of a competition may identify the fencers by issuing them with a number on a leg-band or on a self-adhesive badge.
2. In such a case, the wearing of this band or badge is obligatory for the fencers.
3. The self-adhesive badge must be of a rough material which will not cause the point to slip.
4. The leg-band or self-adhesive badge may have on it advertising material within the limitations of the rules below.
5. The circular announcing the details of the competition must make clear what bands or badges the fencers are to wear, and what publicity will be on them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(c) General**

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

## CHAPTER V. PENALTIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(a) Penalties**

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

**(b) Offense**

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

**(c) Competence and procedure**

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

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

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

## APPENDIX D: FORMS

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# 2004-2005 North American Cup Official USFA Entry Form

Use a separate entry form for each NAC tournament

NAC Code see list below

(You MUST follow procedures on 2nd page for USFA Office to acknowledge receipt of entry.)  
Please type or print all information. Read and complete *both* pages of this form.

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Division or Country (Foreign Fencers) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address to Confirm Entry \_\_\_\_\_

check box if new address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

"Competition Club" is the club which you are representing this season in USFA competitions. Club and school information is for *internal* use in seeding each competition and will not adversely affect NCAA eligibility, playing dates or other conference restrictions.

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

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Classification(class/year, e.g., C02)\*: Epee \_\_\_\_\_ Foil \_\_\_\_\_ Saber \_\_\_\_\_ Male (M) \_\_\_\_\_ Female (W) \_\_\_\_\_

\*C, B OR A required for Division I NACs by entry deadline

\*C, D, E OR U for Division II NACs; D, E OR U for Division III NACs

### Fee Summary

Registration Fee: <i>Nonrefundable</i>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Event Fee(s): ___ x \$50 = (Number of events entered)	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	

ONE FORM PER NAC TOURNAMENT. NAC CODES SHOWN BELOW  
Do not send duplicates. Each copy received will be charged.

### Method of Payment

Check or Money Order Enclosed

*Payable to the USFA • \$25 charge for returned checks*

Credit Card (debit cards not accepted)

VISA  Mastercard  AMEX  Discover

Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

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

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR LATE ENTRIES TRIPLE THE AMOUNT DUE**

WRITE THE NAC CODE FOR EACH EVENT ENTERING

\*an athlete may enter only one event per day

Event*	Epee		Foil		Saber	
	M	W	M	W	M	W
DIV I						
DIV II						
DIV III						
Junior – JR						
Cadet – CDT						
Youth – Y14						
Youth – Y12						
Youth – Y10						
Wheelchair – WCH						
Veteran - VET						

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

CODE/CATEGORY	TOURNAMENT		LOCATION
	DEADLINE	DATES	
A DIV II/CDT/Y14	9/8	10/8-11	Atlanta, GA
B DIV I/VET	11/10	12/10-12	Richmond, VA
C JR/DIVI	12/15	1/14-17	Overland Park, KS
D DIV II/III/VET	2/11	3/11-14	TBA
E DIV I/Y14/Y12/Y10	TBA	April	TBA

See Reverse for Rules on Entering  
POSTMARKS NOT CONSIDERED, ONLY RECEIPT DATE



# 2005 Junior Olympic Championships

## Arlington, TX February 18-21, 2005

**ENTRY DEADLINE**  
**JANUARY 20, 2005**

(For acknowledgement of entry, see reverse for procedure to follow.)

Please type or print all information. Read and complete *both* sides of this form.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address to Confirm Entry \_\_\_\_\_

check box if new address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

US Citizen \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If no, Permanent Resident # \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete must be US Citizen or Permanent Resident

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

"Competition Club" is the club which you are representing this season in USFA team and individual competitions. Club and school information is for *internal* use in seeding each competition and not for publication. This will not adversely affect NCAA eligibility, playing dates or any other conference restrictions.

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Division Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male (M) \_\_\_ Female (W) \_\_\_

### Method of Payment

Check or Money Order Enclosed

*Payable to the USFA • \$25 charge for returned checks*

Credit Card

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

VISA  Mastercard  AMEX  Discover

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

Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: Foil \_\_\_\_\_ Epee \_\_\_\_\_ Saber \_\_\_\_\_  
(class/year, e.g., C02)

### Fee Summary

Registration Fee: <i>Nonrefundable</i>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Event Fee(s): ___ x \$50 = (# of events entered)	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b> Registration Fee + Event Fee(s)	

LATE ENTRIES (1/21-2/4): TRIPLE THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Specify Qualifying path for each event entered:

A= Automatic Qualifier

D= Division Qualifier

P= Written Petition sent to USFA.

\*An athlete may enter only one event per day

**MAIL EARLY: POSTMARK IS NOT CONSIDERED, ONLY RECEIPT AT USFA OFFICE. TRIPLE THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 20, 2005. NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 4, 2005.**

Event	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21
<b>U20 Women's Epee</b>				
<b>U20 Women's Foil</b>				
<b>U20 Women's Sabre</b>				
<b>U20 Men's Epee</b>				
<b>U20 Men's Foil</b>				
<b>U20 Men's Sabre</b>				
<b>U17 Women's Epee</b>				
<b>U17 Women's Foil</b>				
<b>U17 Women's Sabre</b>				
<b>U17 Men's Epee</b>				
<b>U17 Men's Foil</b>				
<b>U17 Men's Sabre</b>				

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** Upon entering this tournament under the auspices of the USFA, I agree to abide by the current rules of the USFA. I enter this tournament at my own risk and release the USFA and its sponsors, referees, and tournament organizers from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the birth date of the individual is as stated on the entry form and that the individual is a current competitive member of the USFA for the 2004-2005 fencing season.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

**CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:** This is to certify that on this date I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my consent to the USFA and its representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above named athlete for any injury or illness that may arise during activities associated with the USFA Junior Olympic Championships.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Carrier Name of Policy Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Carrier Policy Number

**Important:** MAIL EARLY. Postmarks are not considered - entry (fees and form) must arrive at the USFA National Office by the deadline date of Jan. 20, 2005. **Triple the total amount due** for entries received after January 20, 2005. No Entries accepted after Friday, Feb. 4, 2005. For refund of event fee(s), withdrawals must be reported in writing to the National Office by Monday, Feb.14, 2005. **Registration fees are nonrefundable.** Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after tournament.

**Method of Payment.** Make check or money order payable to the US Fencing Association. The entry form and payment must be mailed to: USFA JO ENTRIES, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774. If paying by credit card (see front of form), entry may be sent by fax to (719) 632-5737. Entry form and fees must be received by the stated deadline to be accepted. Entries received without payment will be returned. If you mail or fax multiple copies of an entry, you will be charged for each copy unless you specify "Duplicate".

**Entry Receipt:** You **MUST** include a self-addressed stamped postcard or a fax return sheet with your entry for confirmation of receipt of your entry. This will be the only acceptable proof of submission of timely entry (**PLEASE NOTE:** Fax machine transmission reports are not acceptable).

**Eligibility:** Every person competing in the Junior Olympic Championships must be a competitive USFA member with an expiration of 2005 or greater and be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident.

**Age Rules for Junior Olympic Championships**

Category/Code	Junior/U20	Cadet/U17
Birth years	1985-1991	1988-1991

Athlete can fence their Division's JO qualifying competitions IF: 1) the fencer meets the age criteria for that category OR 2) the athlete is on the point standings for the next younger age bracket. For example, a fencer born in 1992 is eligible to compete in the Division's JO cadet (U-17) qualifying competition IF the fencer is on the Youth 14 point standings; a fencer born in 1992 is eligible to compete in the Division's JO junior (U20) qualifying competition IF the fencer is on the Under-17 point standings.



# REQUEST FOR FIE LICENSE 2004-2005 SEASON

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION – COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM**

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

### Addresses

Mailing Address: _____	Permanent/Home Address: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### Phone Numbers

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

### Fax Numbers

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

### Email Addresses – Current

Home: _____	Other: _____
School: _____	Other: _____
Work: _____	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 Passport: _____	Country Representing in Competition**: <b>USA</b>
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*\*Passport not required to compete in World Cups located in the United States*

**\*\*The USFA can only fulfill Athlete license requests if athlete is eligible to represent the USA in competition and has paid USFA competitive membership dues through July 2005.**

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

**ENCLOSE \$35 LICENSE FEE FOR 2004-2005 SEASON, Check Made Payable to USFA OR**

Circle Card Type:	AMEX	Discover	Visa	MasterCard
Credit Card #	_____			Exp. Date _____
Name on Credit Card	_____			
Signature	_____			

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:**

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



**REQUEST FOR ENTRY IN WORLD CUP & DESIGNATED CADET  
"B" COMPETITION(S) 2004-2005 Season**

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

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

**Mail, do not send by fax, the picture page of your passport with the first entry request of the season. SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FIE LICENSE BEFORE OR WITH ENTRY FOR FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.**

A fee is paid AT each "A" competition in Euros - 20 Euros for Senior "A" and 10 Euros for Junior "A", approximately \$25 and \$12, respectively. Senior "A" individual Grand Prix require payment of 60 approximately \$72Euros and for Team "A" 400 Euros approximately \$500.

**SEE REVERSE FOR MORE DETAILS. THERE IS AN ENTRY DEADLINE FOR EACH 'A' & CADET "B".**  
A DIFFERENT ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR "A" COMPETITIONS IN THE U.S. OR CANADA

LIST THE COMPETITIONS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED.

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

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

Senior "A"		Junior "A"	
Top 16 [1-16]	on Senior point standings	Top 16 [1-16]	on Junior rolling point standings up to Dec 13
	on Senior point standings	(Top 24 [1-24] for sabre)	on Junior team point standings after Dec 13
Top 8 [1-8]	on Junior rolling point standings up to Dec 13	Top 12 [1-12]	on Cadet rolling point standings up to Dec 13
	on Junior team point standings after Dec 13		on Cadet team point standings after Dec 13
		Top 16 [1-16]	on Cadet standings for 12 to Designated Cdt

**FIE rules require that athletes must be 13 years or older on January 1 of the season (2005) to compete in Junior or Senior "A" competitions and to participate in World Championships.**

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 International Programs staff 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 a country requiring a visa 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 be a current competitive member of the USFA. The FIE License fee for the 2004-2005 season is \$35, payable to the USFA, so it can order the License from the FIE. This fee must be paid with the first "Request to Enter an 'A'" using the *FIE License Request Form*. The USFA office will send a letter verifying that the person's FIE License is paid and current to use until the License is received from the FIE. An additional benefit of the FIE License is a subscription to the FIE magazine, issued three times a year.

## ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE has placed a limit of eight fencers which each country can enter in an "A" competition, both Junior and Senior. There are two exceptions to this rule: (1) a country is allowed additional fencers equal to the number of its fencers in the top 32 in the FIE standings at the end of the most recent World Cup season; (see Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook or list of designated "A" competitions attached for the quota for each weapon) 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 the Senior "A" competitions and the Junior "A" competitions held in the United States using a separate and specific USFA entry form. Similarly, there is a separate entry form for the Montreal Senior "A" competitions, and the Montreal Junior 6-weapon "A".

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

## ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions outside of the United States, fencers must pay a fee AT the "A" competition of 20 Euros - the equivalent of (approximately \$25) for a Senior "A" and 10 Euros (approximately \$12) for a Junior "A". Senior "A" Grand Prix "A" events are approximately 60 Euros (approximately \$72) and Team "A" competitions require payment at the competition of \$400 Euros (approximately \$500).

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 application for citizenship status has been filed with the USFA National Office.

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

## PENALTIES

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

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

**An athlete must notify the USFA Office in writing of withdrawal from an "A" competition. If notification is received less than ten days prior to the competition or if an athlete is a "NO SHOW" at an "A" without prior notification, the athlete will be assessed a \$700 fine and will not be allowed to enter any other "A" competition until that fine is paid. This fee will cover the fines that will be imposed upon the USFA by the FIE for "NO SHOW" fencers at competitions. This fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds and not from the athlete's USFA account. Because "A NO SHOW" can make the difference in the need for one or more referees at a cost of \$1,100 - \$1,600 per referee, further fines may be imposed upon the athlete.**

**US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE  
SECURITY DIVISION**

**LARRY M. BUENDORF  
CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER**

**SECURITY TIPS**

The following are some security tips that may be useful:

- ⚡ Wear non-descript clothing when traveling.
- ⚡ Use the buddy system at airports / hotels / venues for watching personal items (luggage, equipment).
- ⚡ Keep valuable items in a hotel safety deposit box. Never leave items unattended, especially at practice sites.
- ⚡ Carry small amounts of currency, but consider carrying around \$10 for buying off muggers. Do not put up resistance against robbers who may resort to violence.
- ⚡ Be cautious in providing information to strangers (i.e. where you are staying, eating, time schedules, practices, etc.)
- ⚡ Be aware of suspicious persons and bring them to the attention of the Team Leader or Coach. Report thefts immediately to your Team Leader/Coach.
- ⚡ Do not post schedules, name lists, room assignments in places accessible to the public. This includes locker rooms at practice sites / venues or hotel in-house television that lists meetings, etc. Do not leave this information in your hotel room or locker room where it could be taken.
- ⚡ Use caution when discarding schedules, name lists, room assignments. Trash containers can be an excellent source of information. SHRED IT OR REGRET IT!
- ⚡ Lock your room when leaving, but leave the light / radio / television on.
- ⚡ Do not walk alone at night or venture into unknown areas. Wear non-descript clothing when in questionable areas. Do not display money, personal documents or luxury items such as cameras.
- ⚡ Do not consult maps in public; this makes you an obvious target for pickpockets and muggers.
- ⚡ Do not open unidentified or suspicious packages/letters. Notify your Team Leader or Coach. This includes any personal mail and unusual e-mails.
- ⚡ BE AWARE .....BE LOW-KEY.....BE UNPREDICTABLE.

June 4, 2003



2004 – 2005 Membership Application

Please print clearly or type the following:

Membership year runs August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2005

£ New Member £ Renewal

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ £ Male £ Female

U.S. Citizen? £ Yes £ No.

If NO, Permanent Resident? £ Yes, Issue Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If NO, Visa? £ Yes Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ See reverse for details.

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

Type: £ School £ Club

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

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

Type: £ School £ Club

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

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

Check here if you would not like to receive fencing information by e-mail.

Secondary address: £ Home £ School £ Employer

(Members away at school please include home address)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ 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 American Fencing

1 year memberships expire 7/31/05; 3 year memberships expire 7/31/07

Competitive

Table with membership fees for Competitive categories: Senior\*, Junior\*, Coach, Veteran\*, Life. Columns for 1 year and 3 year terms.

Non Competitive

Table with membership fees for Non Competitive categories: Parent Associate, Associate, Coach Associate. Columns for 1 year terms.

Family\* £ \$100

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

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: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ email

## Membership Application Information Details

The United States Fencing Association is an organization that strives to broaden the base of fencing in the U.S., both in participation and public recognition. It currently supports over 19,000 members. US Fencing is responsible for training and fielding U.S. teams to the Junior, Cadet, and Senior World Championships, Pan American Games and Olympic Games.

### Determining Your Division

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

Division Names. Name in **BOLD** = 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 Green Mountain <sup>12</sup> Hawaii Illinois Indiana Inland Empire <sup>13</sup> Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana (Southern) Maryland Michigan	Minnesota National <sup>14</sup> Nebraska - S. Dakota Nevada New England <sup>15</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>16</sup> <b>Ohio</b> <i>Columbus</i> <i>Northern</i> <sup>17</sup> <i>Southwest</i> <sup>18</sup> Oklahoma Oregon <b>Pennsylvania</b> <i>Central PA</i> <sup>19</sup> <i>Harrisburg</i> <i>Philadelphia</i> <i>Western PA</i> <sup>20</sup> South Carolina St. Louis, Missouri Tennessee	<b>Texas</b> <i>Border Texas</i> <sup>21</sup> <i>Gulf Coast TX</i> <sup>22</sup> <i>Plains TX</i> <sup>23</sup> <i>North TX</i> <sup>24</sup> <i>South TX</i> <sup>25</sup> Utah- Southern Idaho Virginia Western WA Wisconsin Wyoming
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1. Arkansas, Mississippi, N. Louisiana

2. San Jose & San Luis Obispo

3. Sacramento Area & Fresno

4. San Francisco & Oakland

5. Orange County & Long Beach

6. Northernmost California

7. Los Angeles & Bakersfield

8. DC, Montgomery & Prince Georges Counties

9. Orlando & Tampa

10. Northern Florida

11. Southern Florida

12. Vermont

13. N. Idaho, Montana, E. Washington

14. Those located outside the boundaries of the U.S. or any Division

15. Eastern Massachusetts & Rhode Island

16. Maine & New Hampshire

17. Cleveland area

18. Cincinnati - Dayton

19. State College

20. Pittsburgh area

21. El Paso & S. New Mexico

22. Houston area

23. Lubbock & Amarillo

24. Dallas & Ft. Worth

25. San Antonio & Austin

### Special Membership Types

**Family:** Up to four individual memberships of which a maximum of two can be competitive members and others are associate (non competitive) members. Memberships are non-transferable among competitive and non-competitive family members.

**Senior:** Fencer who was born between 1984-1965.

**Junior:** Must be under 20 as of January 1 of the membership year(s) being paid; e.g. for membership year ending July 31, 2005, a junior must be born 1985 or later. NOTE: membership type does not guarantee eligibility.

**Veteran:** Fencer who is 40 or older as of January 1, 2005 or later (birth year 1964 or earlier).

### Benefits of Membership

- ⚡ Subscription to American Fencing Magazine - USFA Quarterly Publication
- ⚡ [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) – access to tournament entry forms, rulebook, results, schedules, latest news and more.
- ⚡ 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

1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 ☎ TEL: (719) 866-4511 ☎ FAX: (719) 632-5737  
[www.USFencing.org](http://www.USFencing.org) ☎ [info@USFencing.org](mailto:info@USFencing.org)



One Olympic Plaza  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909  
Fax: 1-719-632-5737

# Fax/Mail Receipt Confirmation

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: USFA \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

Fencer: \_\_\_\_\_

Event (s): \_\_\_\_\_

USFA DATE STAMP

NEED TO RESUBMIT ENTRY:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*This is the only proof accepted by the USFA National Office that shows your entry has been received. It must include the USFA date stamp. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your confirmation mailed back to you.*