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PREFACE

This book is written to help athletes, coaches, and parents understand the programs of the United States Fencing Association (USFA). It contains information that will help the athlete progress in the sport of fencing towards the international level. Periodically, there will be changes and/or updates to the information in this book. These will be published in the quarterly USFA National Newsletter. (When there are additional changes to the information in this book, written notification from the Chair of the International Committee and the Director of Technical Programs will be sent to all affected athletes.) Keep this book in a loose-leaf notebook together with each issue of the National Newsletter and all other written notifications about USFA programs. Anyone desiring a copy of the book may purchase one from the USFA for \$10 (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 High Performance Committee and the Director of Technical Programs should one consider any other information correct.

Appendix A contains the calendar of national tournaments and relevant information for some of the USFA National tournaments (site, hotel, local transportation, et cetera). Some of this information may change after the Handbook is published. Check the entry confirmation materials sent from the National Office. Each entry received for a National tournament will be sent a confirmation packet indicating the status of the entry, the latest equipment rules, the local information on the tournament, and rules applicable to that tournament. Entries for the North American Cup (NAC) tournaments are due 30 days prior to the first day of the tournament. Any entry for an NAC arriving after that date may be accepted with payment of triple the fee. For Championship tournaments (Junior Olympic Fencing Championships, Division I National Championships and the Summer National Championships) NO LATE ENTRIES are accepted. Any late entry will be returned.

Appendix D contains forms for this competitive season: 2000-2001 membership application, NAC entry form; Entry Form for the 2001 Junior Olympic Championships, FIE License application and the international entry request form.

Periodically, the USFA and the National Weapon Coaches will send special mailings to fencers on the national point standings. Fencers must keep the USFA national office informed of their current mailing address to ensure receipt of information mailed by the USFA and the National Weapon Coaches. The USFA will post the latest information on the USFA Web site: <http://www.usfencing.org>. Besides the telephone and fax one can communicate with the USFA by e-mail: "info@usfencing.org".

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

THE MISSION OF THE USFA IS TO:

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

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

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

GOALS OF THE USFA

To expand membership and increase revenues

To increase public interest in fencing.

To make the USFA an efficient and effective organization.

To develop a coherent coaching structure.

To establish the United States as a recognized international force in the World Fencing Community.

- Utilize professional and key committee expertise to create and implement a High Performance Plan
- Qualify teams and individuals to the 2004 Olympic Games
- Enhance political influence in the FIE and capitalize on FIE opportunities
- Expand competitive opportunities for Youth (14, 12, 10)

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

1.1 DOMESTIC NATIONAL POINT TOURNAMENTS

The USFA maintains national point standings for specific categories of fencers: Youth 10, Youth 12, Youth 14, Cadet, Junior, Senior and Veteran. For the three Youth categories, points are earned at national point competitions for one's own age category and the next older category. The point totals are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at national point competitions in the last 12 months. For example, for the Youth 10 point standings, the point total is the sum of the best four points earned at Youth 10 and Youth 12 competitions at the North American Cup (NAC) tournaments and the Summer National Championships in the past year. See Section 1.4 for more precise descriptions for each category.

Cadet fencers may compete and earn points in their age category, in the Junior category, and in the Division I category of point competitions. Cadet fencers can also earn points for the Cadet standings at a designated international Cadet competition. Junior and Cadet point fencers can earn points at Junior "A" World Cup competitions. Cadet, Junior, and Senior fencers can earn points at Senior "A" World Cup competitions. See Section 1.4 for more precise descriptions for each category.

Appendix B normally contains the National point standings for the start of the 2000-2001 season for each category. In this edition those tables are available upon request to reduce size of book. Table 1 specifies the age criteria for competing in USFA National point competitions. -

USFA National domestic point tournaments are:

- a. *North American Cup (NAC).*
 - o Division I (formerly known as "Open") – points count for Senior, Junior, and Cadet categories
 - o Veteran – points count for the Veteran combined category (40 & older) and the Veteran age groups – 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and older
 - o Junior – points count for the Junior and Cadet categories
 - o Cadet – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 categories
 - o Youth 14 – points count for the Youth 14 and Youth 12 categories
 - o Youth 12 – points count for the Youth 12 and Youth 10 categories
 - o Youth 10 – points count for the Youth 10 category
- b. *Junior Olympic Championships.*
 - o Under-20 Championships – points count for the Junior and Cadet categories
 - o Under-17 Championships – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 categories
- c. *National Championships*
 - o Division I National Championships – points count for the Senior, Junior, and Cadet categories
 - o Under-19 Championships – points count for the Junior and Cadet categories
 - o Under-16 Championships – points count for the Cadet and Youth 14 categories
 - o Youth 14 Championships – points count for the Youth 14 and Youth 12 categories
 - o Youth 12 tournament – points count for the Youth 12 and Youth 10 categories
 - o Youth 10 tournament – points count for the Youth 10 category
 - o Veterans Championships – points count for the Veterans Combined category
 - o Veterans Age Group Championships – points count for 50-59 and 60 and older categories

1.2 POINT STANDINGS

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

- seeding USFA national competitions;
- qualifying to National Championships and Junior Olympic Championships (described in Chapter 2);
- determining eligibility to enter World Cup competitions;
- selecting athletes for international training trips.

The National **Team** Point Standings reflect the points that count for selection of certain international teams, primarily World Championships, as described in Chapter 4. In addition, the National Team Point Standings may be used for selection of athletes for specific USFA or USOC funding programs. Such programs will be described in Chapter 5. Not all tournaments at which points are awarded may count for the National Team Point Standings

A current point competition result replaces the comparable point competition in the prior season or year unless such competition is not being held the next calendar year. In that case points earned at a specific point competition will only be valid for 12 months, except for points earned at National Championships which are retained until the next Championships. The 2000-2001 point tables are found in Appendix B-1 showing the number of points earned for placement in each category of point competition. Examples are given below of the manner in which rolling point standings are calculated during the fencing season.

Points will be awarded for placement within the bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum place of 32nd. The value is rounded down when calculating 40% of the field. If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number less than 32, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the placement for points.

EXAMPLES -

If there are 43 fencers in a competition, 40% of 43 is 17.2; points are awarded for places of 1-24 if the competition format is repêchage, otherwise 1-32, if repêchage is not used. The places in the tie will share the points for that place. The points are averaged for each place involved (3 tied for 25th receive the average of points for 25th, 26th, and 27th place). If a fencer is excluded from a competition, that place is vacated and no one receives the points for that place – no one is moved into that place.

There are 60 fencers in an NAC; points are awarded through 24th place. If there is a 3-way tie for 24th place, the sum of points for 24th, 25th, and 26th places is divided by 3 to determine the points awarded to each fencer involved in the tie. For a Division I competition, the point value for 24th is 315, for 25th it is 310, and for 26th it is 305. The average value equals 310, so each of the three fencers tied for 24th place will receive 310 points for that competition.

1.3 AGE CRITERIA FOR USFA COMPETITIONS

For a fencer to compete in a specific age category the following criteria must be met.

- ♦ The fencer's birth year falls within that age bracket **OR** ---
- ♦ For each age group point standing in which a fencer is currently¹ listed, the fencer may enter¹ the next older age category of competition, even if that fencer is younger than allowed by the

¹ "Currently" refers to the point standings as of the entry deadline for the National tournament.

age bracket. For categories of tournament in which criteria besides age must be met, the fencer must meet those criteria in addition to the age criteria.

As an example, a fencer born in 1990 may fence in Youth 12 and Youth 10. To fence in a Youth 14 competition, the fencer must be on the current¹ Youth 12 point standings. To fence in a Cadet competition, the fencer must be on the current¹ Youth 14 point standings.

- ♦ A fencer must have been born 1993 or earlier to compete in any national competition or Division or Section qualifying competition.

TABLE 1: AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS

A: AUGUST 1, 2000 – APRIL 30, 2001

[Age criteria for Division qualifying competitions for 2001 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	1987 or earlier	≤ 1960	1981-1987	1984-1987	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993

≤ - Less or equal

B: MAY 1, 2001 – JULY 31, 2001

[Age criteria for Division & Section Qualifying Competitions for Summer National Championships]

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	1987 or earlier	≤ 1960	1982-1988	1985-1988	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	OPEN TM	JR TEAM
CODE	DTM	OTM	T19
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1987	≤ 1987	1982-1988

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- a) A competition (or event) is the aggregate of the bouts (individual competitions) or of the matches (team competitions) required to determine the winner of the event. Competitions are distinguished by weapons; by the gender, by age and by the fact that they are for individuals or for teams.
Fencing Rules, 2000 Edition, t.4.
- b) Competitions are said to be by “direct elimination” when the competitors are eliminated in direct elimination round after their first defeat (or after their second defeat if the format of the competition specifies direct elimination with rep~~o~~chage). A “pool round” occurs when a group of fencers are divided into equal or near equal sub-groups of 5, 6, 7 or more. The fencers in each sub-group fence all the other fencers in their sub-group. The results of the fencers in all the sub-groups in the pool round are ordered according to their performance from highest or best results to lowest to determine ranking of the fencers in that round.
- c) A Tournament consists of several competitions held at the same place, during the same period of time.
- d) North American Cup (NAC) is the title of the series of National point tournaments conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Fencing Association. USFA competitive members (Senior, Junior, Coach Competitor, Veteran, Family Competitor and Life) are eligible to enter NAC tournaments if they meet the conditions of the category of NAC. Fencers in the following membership categories are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to compete in National tournaments: Fence for Fun (local competitions only w/o earning classification), Learn to Fence, Coach Associate, Parent Associate or Associate. The NAC tournaments are open to foreign fencers who possess FIE

License valid for the 2000-2001 season or show proof of current competitive membership from their Federation.

- e) The categories of NAC for the 2000-2001 season for which points will be awarded are: DIVISION I, VETERAN, JUNIOR, CADET, YTH14, YTH12, and YTH10. Six weapon events are held in each of those categories: Men's Epee, Foil and Sabre; Women's Epee, Foil and Sabre.
- f) Division II and Division III tournaments -- for fencers with classifications of C and lower for Division II and classifications of D and lower for Division III at the entry deadline. National points are not awarded for placements in the Division II or Division III competitions.
- g) The Junior Olympic (J.O.) Fencing Championships are held each year on President's weekend in February with Championship competitions for Junior and Cadet athletes in each of the six weapons. The schedule for the 2001 J.O. Championships is shown in Appendix A-2. Fencers MUST QUALIFY to fence at the J.O. Championships. See Chapter 2.2.
- h) The USFA Division I National Championship in 2001 will be held during the Summer National Championships (July 3-11) in Sacramento, California. The competition schedule for the Summer National Championships will be published in the Fall National Newsletter and posted on the USFA web site. Only fencers who meet the specific qualification criteria described in Chapter 2.2 are eligible to fence at the Division I National Championships. Starting in 2002, the USFA Division I National Championships will be held the last weekend of April (e.g., for 2002, April 26-28) separated from the Summer National Championships.
- i) The Division IA National Championships are held at the Summer National Championships. Fencers qualify for these Championships by placing in the top ten at their Section Championships or winning the Under-19 Section Championships. Other qualification paths are described in Chapter 2.2.
- j) The Division II and Division III National Championships are held at the Summer National Championships. Fencers qualify for these Championships at the Division or Section qualifying competitions. See Chapter 2.2. for further details.
- l) The 2001 Under-19, Under-16, and Youth 14 National Championships are held at the Summer National Championships. Fencers MUST QUALIFY to fence in these National Championship competitions. See Chapter 2.2.
- m) Youth 12 and Youth 10 competitions are held at the Summer National Championships and are open to any fencer who meets the age criteria.
- n) The Veterans National Championships are held at the Summer National Championships and are composed of two aspects: one competition for each of six weapons for fencers 40 and over as of January 1 of the year of the Championships; and one competition in each of six weapons for each of the following two age categories: 50-59 and 60 and older. Fencers must qualify for the Summer Nationals by competing in any one of the following during the current season:
 - o NAC Veterans,
 - o NAC Division I,
 - o Division's qualifying competition for Division II National Championships or the
 - o Section Championships.
- o) Automatic qualifiers (fencers who qualify through the point standings or results at prior National Championships) will be notified by mail: for the J.O. Championships by the first week in January; for Division I National Championships and the Summer National Championships by the first week in May. The list of automatic qualifiers will be posted on the USFA web site, with periodic updates.

- p) FIE is the acronym for the international governing body of the Olympic sport of fencing, Fédération Internationale d'Escrime otherwise known as the International Fencing Federation. Its main office is located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The address of its web site is www.fie.ch.
- q) "A" is the nomenclature for FIE World Cup competitions, Junior or Senior.
- r) IC stands for the USFA International Committee which was responsible for determining selection criteria for all US international teams as well as selection of team staff. As of September 1 the High Performance Committee has replaced this committee.
- s) HPC stands for the USFA High Performance Committee instituted by the incoming administration of President Stacey Johnson. It is an oversight committee for the standards and criteria established for programs generated to meet the goal of enhancing US international stature in the world competitive ranks.
- t) NTD stands for National Training Director, instituted two years ago as a volunteer position and expanded to a full time staff position as of September 1. Emmanuel Kaidanov served in this position as a volunteer in its first year of operation. Buckie Leach, National Women's Foil Coach and Olympic Team Coach (1996, 2000), has been hired for this position. He will coordinate all weapon squad programs and develop short term and long term programs towards achieving the goal of enhancing US international competitive performance.
- u) AAG stands for the USFA Athlete Advisory Group composed of two athlete representatives in each of the six weapons. The top 24 fencers in the National Senior Point Standings in each weapon elect the athlete representatives for their weapon. The Reps serve for two years. The newly elected members of this group are listed in Appendix C-5.
- v) AAC stands for the USOC Athlete Advisory Council. Athletes from each sport on the program of the Olympic and Pan American Games elect one athlete and one alternate of the opposite gender from their sport. The athletes must meet USOC athlete definition: athlete who has been a member of a World Championship team, Olympic Games team or a Pan American Games team in the past ten years. The current member of the USOC from fencing is Peter Westbrook who has now served two terms, the maximum allowed, and alternate Kathy Carpenter. After the Olympic Game the USFA will be conducting an election for a new representative and alternate to serve for the next four years.
- w) FOC stands for the USFA Fencing Officials Commission, the group charged with developing national rated referees, assigning FOC reps for national tournaments, assigning referees for all national tournaments and international competitions as needed. There are sixteen members of the FOC who are divided into groups responsible for rules clarification, issuing current Rules Book, recommending adoption of changes in the international rules, etc.
- x) TC stands for the USFA Tournament Committee, the group charged with the conduct of all national tournaments, the composition of the Bout Committee, and the schedule of national tournaments based on the recommendations of the IC and determining schedule of competitions at the national tournaments.

1.5 DETERMINATION OF POINT STANDINGS

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

A. YOUTH 14 POINT STANDINGS

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

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| <p>1. <u>July 10, 2000 through Oct. 16, 2000</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '99 NAC Y14• Oct. '99 NAC CDT• Nov. '99 NAC CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• May '00 NAC Y14• July '00 Y14 SNC• July '00 CDT SNC | <p>4. <u>Feb. 20, 2001-Apr. 1, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Feb. '01 J.O. CDT• May '00 NAC Y14• July '00 Y14 SNC• July '00 CDT SNC |
| <p>2. <u>Oct. 17, 2000 through Nov. 6, 2000</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '99 NAC Y14• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '99 NAC CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• May '00 NAC Y14• July '00 Y14 SNC• July '00 CDT SNC | <p>5. <u>Apr. 2, 2001 through July 11, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Feb. '01 J.O. CDT• Apr. '01 NAC Y14• July '00 Y14 SNC• July '00 CDT SNC |
| <p>3. <u>Nov. 7, 2000 through Feb. 19, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• May '00 NAC Y14• July '00 Y14 SNC• July '00 CDT SNC | <p>6. <u>July 12, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Feb. '01 J.O. CDT• Apr. '01 NAC Y14• July '01 Y14 SNC• July '01 CDT SNC |

B. YOUTH 12 POINT STANDINGS

The Youth 12 point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships.

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| <p>1. <u>July 10, 2000 through Nov. 6, 2000</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '99 NAC Y12• Oct. '99 NAC Y14• May '00 NAC Y12• May '00 NAC Y14• July '00 Y12 SNC• July '00 Y14 SNC | <p>3. <u>Apr. 2, 2001-July 11, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. '00 NAC Y12• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• Apr. '01 NAC Y12• Apr. '01 NAC Y14• July '00 Y12 SNC• July '00 Y14 SNC |
| <p>2. <u>Nov. 7, 2000 through Apr. 1, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. '00 NAC Y12• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• May '00 NAC Y12• May '00 NAC Y14• July '00 Y12 SNC• July '00 Y14 SNC | <p>4. <u>July 12, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. '00 NAC Y12• Nov. '00 NAC Y14• Apr. '01 NAC Y12• Apr. '01 NAC Y14• July '01 Y12 SNC• July '01 Y14 SNC |

C. YOUTH 10 POINT STANDINGS

The Youth 10 point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships.

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| <p>1. <u>July 10, 2000 through Nov. 6, 2000</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '99 NAC Y12• Oct. '99 NAC Y10• May '00 NAC Y12• May '00 NAC Y10• July '00 Y12 SNC• July '00 Y10 SNC | <p>3. <u>Apr. 2, 2001-July 11, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. '00 NAC Y12• Nov. '00 NAC Y10• Apr. '01 NAC Y12• Apr. '01NAC Y10• July '00 Y12 SNC• July '00 Y10 SNC |
| <p>2. <u>Nov. 7, 2000 through Apr. 1, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. '00 NAC Y12• Nov. '00 NAC Y10• May '00 NAC Y12• May '00 NAC Y10• July '00 Y12 SNC• July '00 Y10 SNC | <p>4. <u>July 12, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. '00 NAC Y12• Nov. '00 NAC Y10• Apr '01 NAC Y12• Apr '01NAC Y10• July '01 Y12 SNC• July '01 Y10 SNC |

D. CADET POINT STANDINGS

The Cadet point standings are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships. 1999-2000 NAC Open, 2000-2001 NAC Division I competitions and 2000 Division I National Championships count as Group II points or bonus points, see Chapter 4. Changes in the standings can occur between each period with points earned at World Cup competitions.

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| <p>1. <u>July 10, 2000 through Oct. 16, 2000</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '99 NAC CDT• Nov. '99 NAC JUN• Nov. '99 NAC CDT• Jan. '00 NAC JUN• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. JUN• July '00 CDT SNC• July '00 JUN SNC | <p>4. <u>Jan. 16, 2001- Feb. 16, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC JNR• Jan. '01 NAC JNR• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. JNR• July '00 CDT SNC• July '00 JNR SNC |
| <p>2. <u>Oct. 17, 2000 through Nov. 6, 2000</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. 99 NAC JUN• Nov. '99 NAC CDT• Jan. '00 NAC JUN• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. JNR• July '00 CDT SNC• July '00 JNR SNC | <p>5. <u>Feb. 17, 2001- July 11, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC JNR• Jan. '01 NAC JNR• Feb. '01 J.O. CDT• Feb. '01 J.O. JNR• July '00 CDT SNC• July '00 JNR SNC |
| <p>3. <u>Nov. 7, 2000 through Jan 15, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC JNR• Jan. '00 NAC JNR• Feb. '00 J.O. CDT• Feb. '00 J.O. JNR• July '00 CDT SNC• July '00 JNR SNC | <p>6. <u>July 12, 2001</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC CDT• Nov. '00 NAC JNR• Jan. '01 NAC JNR• Feb. '01 J.O. CDT• Feb. '01 J.O. JNR• July '01 CDT SNC• July '01 JNR SNC |

E. JUNIOR POINT STANDINGS

The Junior domestic points (Group I) are calculated as the sum of the four highest points earned at the competitions specified for each period of time below. SNC is an abbreviation for Summer National Championships. See Chapter 4 on how international results are incorporated into the National standings.

1. July 10, 2000 through Nov. 6, 2000
 - Nov. '99 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 99 NAC OPEN
 - Jan. '00 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '00 NAC OPEN
 - Feb. '00 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 JNR @ SNC
 - July '00 DIV. I @ SNC
2. Nov. 7, 2000 through Dec. 10, 2000
 - Nov. '00 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 99 NAC OPEN
 - Jan. '00 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '00 NAC OPEN
 - Feb. '00 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 JNR @ SNC
 - July '00 DIV. I @ SNC
3. Dec. 11, 2000 through Jan. 15, 2001
 - Nov. '00 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '00 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '00 NAC OPEN
 - Feb. '00 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 JNR @ SNC
 - July '00 DIV. I @ SNC
4. Jan. 16, 2001- Feb. 16, 2001
 - Nov. '00 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Feb. '00 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 JNR @ SNC
 - July '00 DIV. I @ SNC
5. Feb. 17, 2001- Apr. 27, 2001
 - Nov. '00 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Feb. '01 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 JNR @ SNC
 - July '00 DIV. I @ SNC
6. Apr. 30, 2001- July 3, 2001
 - Nov. '00 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Feb. '01 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - July '00 JNR @ SNC
 - July '00 DIV. I @ SNC
7. July 12, 2001
 - Nov. '00 NAC JNR
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC JNR
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Feb. '01 J.O. JUN
 - Apr. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - July '01 JNR @ SNC
 - July '01 DIV. I @ SNC

F. SENIOR POINT STANDINGS

The Senior domestic points (Group I) are calculated as the sum of the three highest points earned at the competitions specified below for each period of time. NC is an abbreviation for National Championships. See Chapter 4 on how international results are incorporated into the National points.

1. Nov. 7, 2000 through Dec. 10, 2000
 - Dec. 99 NAC OPEN
 - Jan. '00 NAC OPEN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 DIVISION I NC
2. Dec. 11, 2000 through Jan. 15, 2001
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '00 NAC OPEN
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 DIVISION I NC
3. Jan. 16, 2001- Apr. 27, 2001
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Apr. '00 NAC OPEN
 - July '00 DIVISION I NC
4. Apr. 30, 2001- July 11, 2001
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Apr. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - July '00 DIVISION I NC
5. July 12, 2001
 - Dec. 00 NAC DIVISION I
 - Jan. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - Apr. '01 NAC DIVISION I
 - July '01 DIVISION I NC

1.6 FORMATS FOR DOMESTIC POINT COMPETITIONS

TABLE 2: COMPETITION FORMATS

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

For Youth 10 competitions, fencers are required to use “0” or “1” size blades for all weapons.

- 1.6.1 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 4 minutes. 3rd place is not fenced off.
- 1.6.2 NAC DIVISION I TOURNAMENTS: The two-day format used last season in NAC Open tournaments will be continued this season at the NAC Division I tournaments. The number of competitive bouts has been shown to be one of the most significant factors in the development of strong international fencers. An abridged description of this new format is given here with the details provided in Appendix A-3.
- byes to 16 top seeded fencers
 - one pool round for remaining fencers with 80% promoted to a simple direct elimination (no repêchage)
 - field reduced to 32 for second day of competition when fencers with a bye added to the field for a total of 48 fencers; fencers with a bye seeded 1-16
 - two rounds of pools -- first round of 8 pools of 6 fencers with 24 fencers promoted to second round of 4 pools of 6 fencers
 - 16 fencers are promoted to direct elimination with repêchage. Indicators from the last two rounds of pools determine seeding into the direct elimination table

1.6 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, World Veteran Championships, and World Youth Games;
- b) USOC or USFA Athlete Grant programs;
- c) National team funding when points will be counted 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. Beyond the documentation, 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, such as World Championships, Junior or Senior, or Olympic Games.

The FIE Statutes state that athletes be at least 13 years old on Jan. 1 in the year of each World Junior Championships to participate in any FIE competition. Thus an athlete on the World Junior team must be born between Jan. 2, 1981 and Dec. 31, 1987; for the World Cadet team, the athlete must be born between Jan. 1, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1987.

(*FIE Statutes*, 1999)

1.7 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

There are two athlete representatives for each of the six weapons who are the spokespersons for the athletes in their weapon, particularly at the meetings of the HPC. If any athlete has a concern, problem, protest, or question, the athlete should contact his/her athlete representative(s). See Appendix C-5 for list of athlete representatives recently elected.

CHAPTER 2: QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

2.1 ENTRY RULES

To fence at the National Championship tournaments, athletes must meet specific qualification standards, shown in Table 4. There are three types of National Championships:

- Junior Olympic Championships for Junior and Cadet categories;
- Division I National Championships for fencers meeting specific qualification criteria;
- Summer National Championships with 66 individual competitions for all ages, the youngest allowed is seven and no upper age limit, and 12 team competitions.

Each of these National Championship tournaments has its own entry form, two of which are published in the *National Newsletter* – the Junior Olympic Championships and the Summer National Championships. The entry form for the Division I National Championships is mailed directly to those who have met the national point standings qualification criteria. Entry forms are also available for downloading from the USFA Web site (www.usfencing.org).

Although entry into the North American Cup tournaments allow for a late entry with payment of penalty fees, late entries **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at any Championship tournament. If an entry for a Championship tournament arrives **after the entry deadline, it will be rejected and returned immediately**. Postmarks are NOT a consideration in receipt of entries; only when the entry is received at the USFA office.

The entry deadline for 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 five weeks prior to the first day of the tournament. If you have NOT received the *National Newsletter* according to the schedule below, CALL the USFA Office promptly or access the USFA Web site.

- November issue of the *National Newsletter* should arrive in early December with the entry form for the Junior Olympic Championships.
- February issue of the *National Newsletter* should arrive the middle of March with the entry form for the Summer National Championships -- individual and team competitions.

The entry form for Division I will be mailed in March to those who have already qualified. As additional are determined, an entry form will be mailed to those individuals. The entry deadlines for the 2001 Championship tournaments are listed below. If you do not have an entry form at least a week before the entry deadline, CALL the USFA Office or check the USFA Web site. The entry deadline is as of midnight of the stated date.

AVOID SENDING YOUR ENTRY FOR ANY NATIONAL TOURNAMENT BY FAX ON THE DAY OF THE DEADLINE. The lines can become overloaded preventing transmission of your entry.

- 2001 Junior Olympic Championships entry deadline = JAN. 11, 2001
- 2001 Division I National Championships entry deadline = MAY 23, 2001
- 2001 Summer National Championships entry deadline = MAY 23, 2001

2.2 PATHS TO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Table 4 summarizes the ways in which an athlete may qualify for the Junior Olympic, Under-19, Under-16, Youth 14 and Division I National Championships. See Qualification Rules described in the next Section.

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

TABLE 3: PATHS FOR 2001 JUNIOR OLYMPIC & DIVISION I 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 5/1/01			
Junior Points	All as of 1/1/01		Top 8 as of 5/1/01	All as of 5/1/01		
Cadet Points	Top 16 as of 1/1/01	All as of 1/1/01	Top 4 as of 5/1/01	Top 16 as of 5/1/01	All as of 5/1/01	
Youth Points		Top 8 as of 1/1/01			Top 8 as of 4/2/01	All as of 4/2/01
Previous Summer National Champs.			Top 8 from 2000 Div 1A Top 4 from 2000 Div. II			
Section U-19 Champs.				Top 30%		
Division Qualifying	Top 30%	Top 30%	Division I Team 2-6 teams (a)	6 from Host Division (b) U-19 Team: All (c)	Top 30%	Top 30%
Modern Pentathlon			3:Men's Epee, 3 Women's Epee			

NOTES:

- (a) USFA member clubs qualify teams to the 2001 Division I National Team Championships based on the number of eligible teams which compete in their Division's 2001 Team qualifying competition: Top four teams at 2000 Division I Team Championships are automatic qualifiers for 2001 Division I Team Championships and Open Team Championships.
- 2 different clubs = 2 qualifiers; 3 different clubs = 3 qualifiers, 4-5 different clubs = 4; 6-10 different clubs = 5; and more than 10 different clubs = 6 qualifiers.
 - Qualified clubs can each enter one team in that weapon in the Division I Team Championships and the Summer Nationals. Team members can be different from those in qualifying round.
 - For the Open Team Championships at the Summer Nationals, any USFA member club that competed in their Division's (Division I) Team qualifying competition qualifies.
- (b) Division in which Summer Nationals held is eligible to qualify 6 additional qualifiers (via a Division U-19 qualifying competition) besides those who qualify at the Section qualifying competition.
- (c) Any USFA member club that competed in the 2001 Division's Under-19 Team qualifying competition qualifies. The top four teams at the 2000 Under-19 Team Championships are automatic qualifiers.

2.3 QUALIFYING PATHS TO 2001 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be U.S. citizens OR permanent residents of the United States who meet qualification standards specified below to enter USFA National Championships. Any fencer who is a citizen or permanent resident who has represented another country in the last three years and who has not yet been granted permission to represent the United States is not eligible for any USFA National Championships, individual or team competition, including Division and Section qualifying competitions. Fencers must be able to show a USFA "Competitive Member" card with an expiration date of 7/31/01 or later. Automatic qualifiers will be posted on the USFA Web site.

TABLE 4: DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS BASED ON 30% RULE

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

JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS [NRPS = National Rolling Point Standings]

UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born between 1984 and 1987** **AND BE**

- on the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 1, 2001 **OR**
- in the top 8 of the Youth 14 NRPS on Jan. 1, 2001 **OR**
- among the top 30% in their Division's Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition.

UNDER-20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born between 1981 and 1987** **AND BE**

- on the Junior NRPS on Jan. 1, 2001 **OR**
- in the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS on Jan. 1, 2001 **OR**
- among the top 30% in their Division's Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition

ELITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born no later than 1987** **AND**

- Be on the National Senior NRPS on May 1, 2001 **OR**
- Be in the top 8 of the Junior NRPS on May 1, 2001 **OR**
- Be in the top 4 of the Cadet NRPS on May 1, 2001 **OR**
- Placed in the top 8 in the 2000 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Placed in the top 4 in the 2000 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Be one of three athletes named by the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association in either men's epee or women's epee.

DIVISION I TEAM:

Based on number of unique clubs represented at the 2001 Division's Team Championships qualifying competition **OR**

Be a member club that placed in the top 4 at the 2000 Division I National Team Championships.

Members of the team must be born no later than 1987.

SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISION I-A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born no later than 1987 **AND**

- Place in the top 10 at the 2001 Senior Section Championships **OR**
- Placed in top 8 at the 2000 Division I-A National Championships **OR**
- Placed in top 4 at the 2000 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Be the current 2001 Under-19 Section Champion

DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "C", "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** have been born no later than 1987 **AND** –

- Place in the top 30% of the 2001 Division Qualifying competition **OR**
- The top 6 at the 2001 Senior Section Championships who do not otherwise qualify **OR**
- Qualify for the 2001 Under-19 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Qualify for the 2001 Under-16 National Championships in that weapon **OR**
- Placed in the top 4 at the 2000 Division III National Championships

DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "D", "E" or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** have been born no later than 1987 **AND** –

- Fenced in the 2001 Division Qualifying competition for the 2001 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Qualify for 2001 Division II National Championships **OR**
- Fenced in the 2001 Senior Section Championships

SECTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

UNDER-19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencer's must have been born between 1982 and 1988** **AND**

- Place in the top 30% at the 2001 Under-19 Section Championships **OR**
- Be on the Junior point standings as of May 1, 2001 **OR**
- Be in the top 16 of the Cadet point standings as of May 1, 2001.
- Host Division of Summer Nationals qualifies 6 in addition to those who qualify at the 2001 Under-19 Section Championships

UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must have been born between 1985 and 1988** **AND**

- Be on the Cadet point standings as of May 1, 2001 **OR**
- Place in the top 30% of the Division's U-16 qualifying competition [Host Division qualifies double the number of normal qualifiers] **OR**
- Be in the Top 8 of the Youth 14 point standings as of April 2, 2001

**** Athlete can fence in an age category IF:** 1) the athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket **OR** 2) the athlete is on the national point standings in the next younger age bracket. For example, if a fencer was born in 1989, he/she can fence in Youth 10 and Youth 12 but can fence in the Youth 14 **ONLY IF** he/she has earned points in Youth 12 and is listed on the current Youth 12 point standings. For that same fencer to be eligible to fence in a Cadet event, the fencer must have earned points at a Youth 14 competition and be listed on the current Youth 14 point standings.

YOUTH 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS	<p>Fencers must have been born between 1986 and 1989** AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be on the Youth 14 NRPS as of April 2, 2001 OR • Place in the top 30% of the Division's Youth 14 qualifying competition
YOUTH-12 OPEN	<p>Fencers born between 1988 and 1991** may enter the Youth 12 competitions at the 2001 Summer National Championships without meeting any special qualifying criteria.</p> <p>Fencers must be current competitive members of the USFA.</p>
YOUTH-10 OPEN	<p>Fencers born between 1990 and 1993 may enter the Youth 10 competitions at the 2001 Summer National Championships without meeting any special qualifying criteria. Fencers must be current USFA competitive members.</p>
SUMMER OPEN TEAM CHAMPS.	<p>Placed in the top 4 in the 2000 Summer National Open Team Championships and be a current USFA member club OR</p> <p>Any current USFA member club that competed in the 2001 Division Team Championships (qualifying competition) may enter one team in each weapon in which it competed.</p> <p>Division Composites are allowed - one per weapon if no other club or school will enter a team in that weapon.</p> <p>There must be a minimum of six teams entered in a team competition at the National Championships for the competition to be held.</p> <p>The members of the team must be born 1987 or earlier.</p>
UNDER-19 TEAM:	<p>Placed in the top 4 at the 2000 Under-19 National Team Championships and be a current USFA member club OR</p> <p>Any current USFA member club that qualified at their Division's 2001 Under-19 Team Championships (qualifying competition) may enter one team in each weapon in which it qualified. The members of the team must be born between 1982 and 1987.</p>
VETERAN	<p>Any current competitive member born 1960 or earlier who has competed in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2001 Section Championships OR • 2001 Division qualifying competition for Division II Championships OR • any NAC during the 2000-2001 season. <p>For 2001, the Veteran Age Championships will be held separate from the Veterans Combined Championships due to the timing of the Veterans World Championships. [Subject to change if dates for World Championships change.] The Veterans Age Championships are held in two age categories: 50-59 and 60 and older. <i>The age is as of a specific date, to be announced by the FIE by January 1, 2001.</i></p> <p>At the 2001 Summer National Championships the Veterans Combined Championships will be held for which the age criteria is that the person must be 40 years or older as of January 1, 2001.</p>

2.4 APPEAL PROCESS

Sometimes events in one's life conspire to prevent one from competing in a qualifying competition. In such instances, one may petition to enter a Championship tournament by the "Appeal" process. There is no appeal for Division I Nationals, either the person meets the qualification standards or not. There are at least four opportunities for a person to earn points for qualification to Division I National Championships. Here are some other examples of instances when an appeal does **not** apply.

- a) If you are injured or ill while competing in a qualifying competition and do not withdraw on a medical basis, your result stands and there is **NO** appeal. It is better not to fence and get medical documentation or to withdraw and ask the bout committee for a written statement verifying the medical withdrawal. That statement or medical documentation must be submitted with your appeal.
- b) Division membership is determined by where you live, where you go to school or the location of the club that you represent in competition. When you renew your membership in the USFA, you must state the Division to which you wish to be assigned based on these criteria. That is your Division for the year and the one from which you must qualify to Championship tournaments. Appeals will not be considered for the case in which fencer is attending school in another division. You can change your division by November 1 without submitting an appeal. After that date you will need to document the reasons for such a change for consideration of the change request.
- c) If the qualifying competition was not run in accordance with the USFA rules, you may submit a protest in writing specifying the 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 said 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 in this instance

2.5 USFA PROVISIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN APPEAL

In exceptional cases, subject to approval by the USFA Executive Committee, a member of the USFA in good standing may be permitted to qualify to the Junior Olympic Championships or Summer National Championships by appeal. The following criteria and procedures are applicable.

- An appeal may be filed by a fencer who qualified (by means of competition or appeal) to that same competition in the prior season or whose competitive record during the current fencing season indicates a strong possibility that (s)he would have qualified had (s)he been able to compete in the qualifying competition but:
 - a) was unable to compete in the qualifying competitions this season, **OR**
 - b) did compete and had to withdraw because of a disabling injury or illness.

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

- All appeals must be made in writing to the Director of Tournament Services, USFA National Office, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774. Such appeals

should be filed within three business days following the competition at which the petitioner could have qualified. In any case the petition needs to be submitted NO LATER than one week prior to the entry deadline for the Championships.

The appeal must be accompanied by:

- a) A non-refundable-filing fee of \$25.00, payable to the USFA.
- b) A written statement that gives the specific details of the dates, reason for absence, and other pertinent facts. Written notice from the attending physician and/or statement from the Bout Committee must substantiate any medical reasons if the medical reason required withdrawal from the qualifying competition.
- c) A summary of the fencer's significant competitive results during the past year. In particular, results in previous National Championships and recent North American Cup competitions should be noted.
- d) A completed entry form for the competition with the correct registration and entry fees. If the petition is not approved, these fees associated with the entry will be refunded.
- e) A self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply to the appeal.

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

The appropriate Division and/or Section Officer may be asked to validate the basis of a petition by the fencer.

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

Note: Petitions must be received at the National Office no later than one week prior to the entry deadline and will only be reviewed if accompanied by the \$25 non-refundable filing fee and the completed entry form with registration and entry fees..

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

CHAPTER 3: INTERNATIONAL POINTS

3.1 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

At international competitions at which USFA points may be earned, the **maximum place** to which points may be awarded is 32nd. At the Olympic Games the **maximum place** to which points may be awarded is 16th. Points are awarded to places in the top 40% of the competitive field to the nearest bracket to a maximum place of 32nd for "A" competitions that meet the criteria described in Section 3.

An "A" competition is the FIE nomenclature for a World Cup tournament. There are two categories of "A" competitions: Senior and Junior (Under-20). A Junior is defined by the FIE as one who is less than 20 years of age on 1 January of the year in which the World Junior Championships is held. For the 2001 World Junior Championships a Junior's birth date must be between Jan. 2, 1981 and Dec. 31, 1987. To fence in any FIE sponsored competitions fencers must be at least 13 years of age on Jan. 1, 2001, birth date no later than Dec. 31, 1987. Fencers must be entered in an "A" (World Cup) by their national federation; for US fencers that means they must be entered by the USFA. See 3.6 for details.

Designated "A" competitions are "A" competitions selected by National Weapon Coaches as priority competitions in which U.S. fencers should compete. These competitions are categorized as Group II competitions (see Chapter 4). Points earned at Group II competitions are added to one's point total and thus are also known as "bonus" points. All other "A" competitions are Group I competitions. An "A" may change its status from Group II to Group I if the FIE withdraws its sanction as an "A" and/or the competition does not meet the criteria described in Section 3.3. Designated "A" competitions are listed in Table 5.

The National Weapon Coaches are reviewing the impact of the requirement to compete in the World Cup team competitions. Once that review is complete, there may be changes to the list of designated "A" competitions. Notification of any changes will be mailed to the top 24 in senior standings and the top 12 in junior standings as well as posted on the USFA Web site.

A "B" competition is an European "Open" competition that is neither a World Cup nor one restricted by age. Each "B" is treated as a Group I competition for Senior and Junior point standings and as a Group II for Cadet point standings.

A Designated Cadet "B" is a European competition with entries restricted to those of Cadet age and selected by the National Coach. Athlete must meet the age criteria and be among the top 12 in the National Cadet Point Standings as of the entry deadline for that competition. It is expected that each weapon will plan a week of training in Germany with Cadet "B" on one weekend and, if possible, a Junior "A" on the other weekend. Notice will be sent to top 16 Cadet fencers with the plan for the Cadet's weapon. Limited funding will be available for the top three Cadet fencers. At least one coach, a referee and one other staff person, depending on number of fencers who will be going, will accompany the delegation.

3.2 FIE WORLD RANKINGS

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

The FIE Junior World rankings are calculated as the sum of points earned at all the Junior "A" competitions in which the fencer has participated, plus the Junior World Championships.

The FIE point scale for all World Cup competitions (Junior and Senior) are:

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

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

3.3 CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF POINTS AT “A” COMPETITIONS

USFA points will be awarded for results at any European **Senior** “A” competition if it meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) Competitors represent at least eight different countries;
- (b) at least ten fencers, representing at least five different countries, are ranked in the top 32 of the FIE Senior World Cup standings at the start of the competition;
- (c) FIE awards points for the competition for FIE World Cup standings.

USFA points will be awarded if the **Junior** “A” competition meets the following criteria:

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

USFA points will be awarded for results at a **Senior** “A” competition held **outside Europe** if it meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) competitors represent at least five different countries;
- (b) FIE awards points for the competition for World Cup standings.

“A” competitions designated by the FIE as *Candidature “A”* are those held for the first time as an “A”. The USFA does not normally include a *Candidature “A”* as a Group II since 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 location of a *Candidature “A”* is integral to the plan of the weapon development.

3.4 STRENGTH FACTOR FOR USFA SENIOR INTERNATIONAL POINTS

The Strength Factor (SF) is a multiplier used by the USFA to determine the number of points for each place in Senior “A” and European “B” competitions. The SF takes into consideration the size (N) of the field and the number of World Cup Senior and Junior fencers in the competition. The SF is applied to Column X of the Points Table in Appendix B-1. The FIE World Cup standings used are the standings at the start of the competition. The maximum value of the SF is 2.0, even if the formula generates a higher value.

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

where	SF	=	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

If a fencer is in both the top 16 of the FIE Junior standings and in the top 100 of the FIE Senior standings, that fencer will be counted in both categories.

The FIE standings are those at the start of the competition for which the SF is calculated.

3.5 AWARD OF INTERNATIONAL POINTS

Points for USFA national point standings and any related training grants **WILL ONLY BE AWARDED** if the complete official results have been submitted to the Director of Technical Programs within 30 days of an international competition at which points may have been earned. When an international competition occurs close to or at the same time as the last competition specified in the criteria in Chapter 4 for selection of a team, then the **results must be** submitted **no later than three days** after that official competition.

Athletes should not depend on others to submit results. The FIE website only displays results of those fencers who earn points towards the FIE World Rankings (typically only the top 64 or 32 finishers). Accordingly, fencers must not rely on the USFA to obtain the complete results of any World Cup competition. Changes to 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**

For the 2000-2001 season points will be awarded for Senior "A" competitions in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. Fencer placed in the bracket (8, 16, 32) in which top 40% of the competitive field falls to a maximum of 32nd place, **AND**
- b. Fencer has won at least one bout in direct elimination or was in the top 16 at the beginning of the competition or in the top 16 after the pool round.

A strength formula is used (see Section 3.5) for Senior "A" and European "B" competitions. The strength formula is not used in determining the number of points earned at Junior "A" or Designated Cadet "B" competitions. If the resulting number of points is less than 275 (the equivalent of 32nd in a NAC Division I) and the fencer has no other points, the fencer is not listed on the point standings. A record is maintained for each fencer who has earned less than 275 points until the total number of points earned by the fencer equals at least 275. 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.

TABLE 5a: DESIGNATED SENIOR “A” COMPETITIONS

W.ÉPÉE	W. FOIL	W. SABRE
1/27, Budapest, HUN		
2/3, Prague, POL		
3/10, Tauber., GER		
3/17, Luxembourg		
3/24, St. Maur, FRA		
5/12, Zurich, SWI		
5/18, Legnano, ITA		
5/26, Seville, SPA		
6/2, Welkenraedt, BEL		

M. ÉPÉE	M. ÉPÉE	M. FOIL	M. SABRE
2/3-4, Tallin, EST	4/20-21, Heidenheim	12/16-17, Haifa, ISR	
2/10-11, Barcelona	4/28-29, Berne	1/27-28, Paris, FRA	
2/24-25, Budapest	5/12-13, Legnano	2/17-18, La Coruna,	
3/3-4, Glasgow	5/19-20, Innsbruck	2/24-25, Seoul, KOR	
3/17-18, Paris, FRA	5/26-27, Taiwan	3/3-4, Nanjing, CHN	
3/24-25, Montreal	6/9-10, Stockholm	3/9-10, Venice, ITA	
3/30-31, Bogota, COL	6/23-24, Havana	4/28-29, Bonn, GER	
4/7-8, Rio de Janiero	7/14-15, Sydney	5/19-20, Espinho, POR	
4/14-15, Buenos Aires	Six best results =	6/2-3, Vienna, AUT	
Group II points of which 3 = European “A”		6/23-24, Havana, CUB	

TABLE 5b: DESIGNATED JUNIOR “A” & DESIGNATED CADET COMPETITIONS

W.ÉPÉE	W. FOIL	W. SABRE
10/21, Warsaw, POL	10/14, Pistoia, ITA	
11/18, CADET Germany	11/12, Bochum, GER	
11/26, Osnabruck, GER	12/02, Jesi, ITA	
12/03, Dijon, FRA	12/10, Leszno, POL	
01/05, Budapest, HUN	01/07, Budapest, HUN	
02/11, Modling, AUT	01/27, CADET, GER	
02/17 Tauber., GER	02/04, Waldkirch, GER	
	02/18, Limoges, FRA	

M. ÉPÉE	M. ÉPÉE	M. FOIL	M. SABRE
10/22, Bratislava	1/27, Santiago Cuba	10/15, Burgsteinfurt	
11/12, Luxembourg	2/4, Tauber., GER	10/21-22, CADET, GER	
11/19, Catania, ITA	2/17, Bale, SWI	10/21, Bratislava, SVK	
11/26, Laupheim	3/3, Burgos, ESP	11/18, London, GBR	
12/10, Tourcoing		11/25, Madrid, ESP	
1/6, Budapest	No designated Cadet	12/3, Aix-en-Provence	
1/14, Nimes	“B” for M. Epee	1/8, Budapest, HUN	
For Men’s Epee Jr, best 5 count for Grp II		2/4, Como, ITA	
		2/10, Modling, AUT	
		Mar 4, Giengen, GER	

3.6 ENTRY PROCEDURES

A fencer will be considered for entry in a Senior European “A” **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 [1-16] of the USFA Senior Rolling Point Standings or top 8 [1-8] in the USFA Junior Rolling Point Standings at the entry deadline of the “A” competition. A fencer will be considered for entry in a Junior “A” **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 12 [1-12] in the USFA Junior Rolling Point Standings or the top 8 [1-8] in the USFA Cadet Rolling Point Standings at the entry deadline of the “A” competition. In referring to the top “x” of the point standings only those eligible to represent the United States at a World Championships are included. If a foreign fencer is listed on the point standings, that fencer is not considered as among the top “x” in the standings.

The HPC may grant exceptions to this rule entry eligibility for an “A” competition 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 make a recommendation that an exception to be made. The recommendation of the National Coach is reviewed by a subcommittee of the HPC for approval.

Fencers who wish to enter one or more “A” competitions must file the Request to Enter an 'A' form (see Appendix D-7) with the USFA Director of Technical Programs by the entry deadline given in the “A” schedule in Appendix A, generally 35 days prior to the competition. **For any “A” held in Cuba or Russia the entry deadline is at least 45 days prior to the first day of the “A” competition.**

Athletes must have a 2000-2001 FIE License, in addition to being a current competitive USFA member. There is an annual charge of \$25, payable to the USFA. The FIE charges for each FIE License which can only be paid by the fencer's National Federation. The FIE sends the licenses to the fencers' National Federation which then sends the License to the individuals. The FIE License includes a one year subscription to the FIE magazine. Payment for the FIE License must be submitted using the form “*FIE License Request*”(see Appendix D-5) no later than the first *Request to Enter an 'A'* form of the season.

3.7 ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE has placed a limit of eight fencers who can be entered by a country in either a Senior or Junior “A” competition. There are two exceptions to this rule:

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

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

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

For the 2000-2001 season, the number of fencers (quota) who can be entered by the United States in Junior and Senior “A” competitions in Europe is shown with the schedule of World Cups for each weapon in Appendix A-4. When a country is the host of a World Cup it may enter a greater number of fencers. Currently there is no limit to the number of U.S. fencers who can enter

the Peabody Men's Sabre "A" or Women's Sabre "A" and the Rochester Women's Foil "A". There is, however, a separate entry form and the entry fee for U.S. and Canadian fencers is \$60.

3.8 ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions held outside of the United States and Canada, fencers will pay an entry fee **at** the "A" competition in local currency - the equivalent of 100 French francs (approximately \$20) for a Senior "A" and 50 French francs (approximately \$10) for a Junior "A". At official FIE competitions and in competitions held in Germany, FIE approved equipment must be used: 800 newton jacket, knickers, and underarm, foil and epee blades, and mask.

3.9 PENALTIES

A country which enters five to eight fencers must provide one referee, more than eight fencers, two referees. Since economical travel must be arranged for referees as well as availability, US entries must be received by the stated entry deadline. Entries received after the entry deadline may not be accepted especially if the entry brings the number of entries greater than four.

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 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 and not from the athlete's USFA account. A "NO SHOW" can make the difference in the need for a referee at a cost of approximately \$1,500.

CHAPTER 4: 2000-2001 USFA TEAMS

4.1 2001 NATIONAL TEAMS

The members of the US teams to the Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Championships held in 2001 and their corresponding alternates will be identified as members of the USFA National Team. This designation is primarily for promotion of the fencers with their schools and in local and national media.

4.2 TEAM WARM UPS

Members of USFA International Teams will be given a warm up from the USFA, issued only every two years. Athletes receiving the official USFA warm up 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 Youth Games, 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 which provides the generous apparel packages for the USFA international teams. If an athlete misplaces the official USFA warm up within the two years in which it was awarded, the athlete must pay \$100 for a replacement warm up. Athletes must bring the official USFA warm up issued when a member of any official USFA team.

4.3 NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

Athletes will be selected to teams based on the National Team Point Standings for each team's selection criteria, see Sections 4.11 through 4.18 for the details. Final naming of the athletes will be done within five days after the last official competition specified in the team selection criteria for each team. This will allow for international results to be submitted that may affect the final standings. Allowance of three days after the final official competition for team selection is given for submission of international results that could affect 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 World teams. If a fencer is a US citizen but has represented another country must have received permission of the FIE to change country representation to be selected for a US team.

When selection is completed for any USFA team, a set of documents will be mailed 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 cannot 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 will not be available for that team**.

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.

4.4 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 (usually no more than twice the number of team members in 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.

4.5 TIES FOR SELECTION

Ties for selection will be resolved in the following priority:

1. Total number of points accumulated for designated "A" competitions.
2. Highest points earned at a single designated "A".
3. Next highest points earned at a single designated "A" until there is no tie.
4. Highest place at a single designated "A".
5. Next highest place at a single designated "A" until there is no tie.
6. Highest place in any U.S. national point competition
7. Next highest place in any U.S. national point competition until there is no tie.
8. If there is still a tie, then the HPC will resolve the tie.

4.6 TEAM TRAVEL

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

In general, funding for athletes for planned weapon training trips will be based on the National Rolling Point Standings approximately 35 days prior to the start of the trip. Athletes must be prepared to attend training camps and training trips prior to a World Championships or other major international tournament.

4.7 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

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

4.8 SELECTION IN MORE THAN ONE COMPETITION

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

4.9 PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

Any candidate for any USFA international team must have a U.S. passport with an expiration date that is at least six (6) months after the scheduled return date for that team. **WARNING** – if you have a passport that needs to be renewed or do not have a passport, **DO NOT WAIT** to renew your current passport or to apply for a passport. It can be quite costly to renew or obtain a new passport on short notice. Worse yet, you may not be able to get your passport before your travel date.

CAUTIONARY NOTE: Any member of a team or persons accompanying a team who are traveling with a foreign passport **MUST** contact the Embassy or Consulate of the destination country and any country where there will be a stop to determine if a Visa is required. Persons with foreign passports have been denied entry into a country due to the specific Visa requirements for the country of their passport. Do not assume what is true one year will be true the next year. The individuals with the foreign passports must contact the responsible agencies whenever traveling abroad.

4.10 INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

The FIE is proposing a system for World Cup Team standings based on a series of World Cup Team competitions. These standings will then be used for seeding teams at the World Championships. If we assume that this proposal will be approved, then the National Weapon Coaches will determine how it will affect the weapons' plans and the impact for fencers. The top 24 fencers in each weapon will be notified of modifications to weapon squad plans

For Junior World Team Championships competition there is separate team competition for each weapon. The team is composed of three fencers and one substitute. The fencers on the U.S. teams will be the three fencers selected for the Under-20 World Championship individual competitions with the fourth fencer chosen by the weapon coach and team leader considering the following factors (not in any order):

- Junior ranking of Cadet fencer
- Results at Cadet World Championships
- Better international fencer

Current policy of the USFA, established by the IC, states that the fourth fencer is chosen from the members of the Cadet team who were selected according to published criteria.

4.11 2001 WORLD JUNIORS (UNDER-20) CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN & WHERE: April 9-16, 2001, Gdansk, Poland

TOURNAMENT: Individual competitions for six weapons and a 3-person team championship in each of six weapons. The 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: Three athletes in each of six weapons

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/2/81 and 12/31/87.

SELECTION: The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Junior (Under-20) Team Point Standings no later than March 5, 2001 for each of the six weapons. The National Junior Team Point Standings will be calculated as:

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I = SUM OF BEST FOUR POINTS EARNED AT 1-6
WITH 1-5 BETWEEN APRIL 28, 2000 AND MARCH 4, 2001:

1. Junior (Under-19) National Championships
2. Division I National Championships
3. NAC Junior (Under-20)
4. NAC Division I
5. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
6. European "B" ¹, Non Designated Junior "A" and Senior "A" ² competitions: Oct. 5, 2000-March 4, 2001 ³

GROUP II = SUM OF ALL POINTS EARNED AT 7-11 HELD BETWEEN
OCT 5, 2000 AND MARCH 4, 2001 EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

7. Designated Junior "A" World Cup competitions [Best 5 in Men's Epee]
8. Designated Senior "A" ² World Cup competitions [Best 6 in Men's Epee, with three European "A"]
9. Junior (Under-20) World Championships April 2000
10. Women's Sabre Senior World Championships July 2000
11. Olympic Games, Sept. 2000 (top 16 result only counts for points)

¹ Any European competition that is not restricted by age.

² Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to Col. X of the USFA Point Table.

³ International results must be received within 30 days of the competition but no later than three days after the last official selection competition for inclusion in the team point standings. See Section 3.5.

4.12

2001 WORLD CADET (UNDER-17) CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN & WHERE: April 9-16, 2001, Gdansk, Poland

TOURNAMENT: Individual competitions for six weapons. There is no separate cadet team competition though at least one cadet fencer may be a member of the junior team.

TEAM: Three athletes in each of six weapons

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. citizen at the time of selection whose birth date is between 1/1/84 and 12/31/87.

SELECTION The top three fencers will be selected according to the National Cadet (Under-17) Team Point Standings no later than March 5, 2001 for each of the six weapons. The National Cadet Team Point Standings will be calculated as:

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I = SUM OF BEST FOUR POINTS EARNED AT 1-6 BETWEEN APRIL 29, 2000 AND MARCH 4, 2001:

1. Cadet (Under-16) National Championships
2. Junior (Under-19) National Championships
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17)
4. NAC Junior (Under-20)
5. Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships
6. Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships

GROUP II = SUM OF ALL POINTS EARNED AT 7-14

7. Division I National Championships, April 2000, July 2000
8. NAC Division I: Dec. 2000, Jan. 2001
9. European "B" ¹, Junior and Senior "A" ² competitions ³:
Oct. 1, 2000-March 5, 2001
10. One Designated European Cadet "B":
11. Cadet (Under-17) World Championships April 2000
12. Junior (Under-20) World Championships April 2000
13. Women's Sabre Senior World Championships, July 2000
14. Olympic Games, Sept. 2000 (top 16 result only considered for points)

¹ Any European competition that is not restricted by age.

² Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to Col. X of the USFA Point Table.

³ International results must be received within 30 days of the competition but no later than three days after the last official selection competition for inclusion in the team point standings. See Section 3.5.

4.13

2001 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN & WHERE: October 26 – November 1, 2001, Nîmes, France

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

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is no later than 12/31/87.

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 18 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through July 15, 2001.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I – Sum of Two Highest Points, 1-4, Between Dec. 2000 & July 15 2001

1. NAC Division I competitions
2. Division I National Championships
3. Non Designated "A"² Competitions¹
4. European "B"³ Competitions¹

GROUP II – Sum of Points Earned at 5-7

5. Designated "A" Competitions² Between December 2000 and July 15, 2001¹
[Best 6 in Men's Epee, with three European "A"]
6. 2000 Women's Sabre World Championships
7. 2000 Olympic Games [points are awarded for places 1-16]

¹ International results must be received within 30 days of the competition but no later than three days after the last official selection competition for inclusion in the team point standings. See Section 3.5.

² Points awarded according to the SF applied to Col. X of the USFA Point Table (see Appendix B-3).

³ Any European competition that is not restricted by age.

4.14 2001 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

. [Note of caution: A number of changes are occurring within the U.S. Olympic Committee including re-evaluation of the sponsorship of teams to the World University Games.]

WHEN & WHERE: August 22-Sept 9, 2001, Beijing, China

TOURNAMENT: Individual competitions for six weapons (MF, ME, MS, WE, WF, WS).
Team competitions in each of the six weapons.

TEAM: Four athletes in each of six weapons

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. citizen at time of selection whose birth date is between 1/2/73 and 1/1/84.
Athlete must meet academic regulations specified below.

SELECTION The top four fencers in each weapon will be selected according to the Senior World Team Point Standings as of July 11 - allowing for inclusion of international points earned through July 11.¹

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I – Sum of Two Highest Points, 1-4, Between Dec. 2000 & July 11, 2001

1. NAC Division I competitions
2. 2001 Division I National Championships
3. Non Designated "A"² Competitions¹
4. European "B"³ Competitions¹

GROUP II – Sum of Points Earned at 5-7

5. Designated "A" Competitions² Between December 2000 and July 11, 2001¹
[Best 6 in Men's Epee, with three European "A"]
6. 2000 Women's Sabre World Championships
7. 2000 Olympic Games [points are awarded for top places 1-16]

¹ International results must be received within 30 days of the competition but no later than three days after the last official selection competition for inclusion in the team point standings. See Section 3.5.

² Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to Col. X of the USFA Point Table.

³ Any European competition that is not restricted by age.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

- Be a student who is officially registered for and pursuing a full time course of study at a post secondary institution. Post secondary institutions include Junior College, Community College, professional school, college, and university in the United States or outside the United States. **OR**
- Be a former student who has graduated from a post secondary institution after Jan. 1, 2000. **OR**
- Be a high school graduate after January 1, 2001 and be entering a post secondary institution for the first time in August/September 2001.

4.15 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR/CADET FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Pan American Junior/Cadet Championships will be held Nov. 19-24, 2000 in Puebla, Mexico. George Kolombatovich is Chief of Mission for the delegation. Arrival is expected to be Nov. 19 with the Best Western Real de Puebla the headquarters hotel and the competition venue. Individual competitions are scheduled for Nov. 20, 21, and 22 and team competitions for Nov. 23. The daily schedule is not known at this time. Transportation has been arranged between Mexico City airport and Puebla at a cost of \$7 each way. Athletes who have responded to the summer mailing inquiry will be contacted in early September.

Athletes will be selected according to the 1999-2000 final National Junior and Cadet Rolling Point Standings, after the 2000 World Junior/Cadet Championships. 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 2000 World Junior/Cadet Championships whereby Junior fencers must be born between 1980 and 1986; Cadet fencers must be born between 1983 and 1986.

4.16 PAN AMERICAN SENIOR FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 IC 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.

4.17 WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The FIE established a World Veterans Championships in 1998 with changes in format and criteria each year as the tournament evolves to the satisfaction of the group it seeks to attract. For the 2000 World Veterans Championships each country may enter up to four fencers in each of five weapons (ME, MF, MS, WE, WF) in two age categories: 50-59 and 60 and older as of August 1 (a late change from the original Jan. 1, 2000 cut-off).

The USFA is developing an equitable point system for selection of the best veteran fencers to represent the United States at these World Championships. Two categories of point standings have been established at this time:

- Combined Standings: Points earned at NAC Veterans competitions for those who are 40 or older as of 1 January 2000
- Standings for each age category: 40-49, 50-59, 60 and older.

The point totals for the current Veterans Standings reflect the sum of highest points earned at two of:

- NAC Veterans competitions between Dec. 1999 and March 2000
- the Summer National Championships –
 - the Veterans Combined used for the standings for all Veterans
 - the Veteran Age Championships for age groups – 50-59 and 60 and older.

Points are now awarded in the Veteran age categories based on the relative position of the age group fencers in the NAC Veterans competitions. For team selection Veterans Age Championships are the final point competitions for determining the “team” point standings, calculated as the sum of two of three highest points. The manner in which points are calculated for the Veterans Age groups is under review to determine if any modifications should be made. The current FIE schedule has the 2001 World Veterans in June. The dates may be changed. If

they are not changed, the final point competition for selection for the 2001 World Veterans team will be a separate Veterans Age Championships (50-59, 60 and older) the end of April in Reno, held with the NAC Division I tournament. If the dates are changed to late summer, then the Veteran Age Championships events will be at the Summer Nationals. Notice will be posted on the USFA Web site and in the next issue of the National Newsletter.

4.18 INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

In this section there is a brief description 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 next tournament will be held August 22 – Sept. 1 in Beijing, China. The selection criteria is similar to the Senior World team with the addition of specific academic and age requirements, see Section 4.14. [Note of caution: The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) sponsored teams to previous World University Games but it is undergoing an in depth review of all of its funding programs. Until this is completed there is no guarantee funding will be available for this 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 next Games will be held August 1-16, 2003 in Santo Domingo. For the 1999 Pan American Games U.S. Fencing was allowed a team of 15 athletes, 3 per weapon. The composition of the team for the 2003 Games is not known at this time nor is there information available if women's sabre will be added. The U.S. team is under the jurisdiction of the USOC.
- c) Olympic Games: A multi-sport tournament held every four years, the premier amateur sporting event of the world. For the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, the United States qualified 8 fencers: one men's epee fencer, one men's foil fencer, two sabre fencers, one women's epee fencer, and a women's foil team of three fencers.
- d) World Youth Games: A recent multi-sport tournament for athletes between the ages of 12 and 16, planned to be held every four years. The first one was held July 12-18, 1998 in Moscow, Russia. Team size was three per weapon, for five weapons. The USOC is the responsible agency. It is not known if there will be one held in 2002.
- e) Pan American Senior Fencing Championships: These are held every four years, in the year after the Olympic Games. In 1997 they were held in early June in Mexico City. Three fencers in each of five weapons were eligible to participate with the top athletes in the senior point standings invited to attend. No information is available at this time.
- f) 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 November 25-30, 2000 in Puebla, Mexico.
- g) World Veterans Championships: Started in 1998 as an annual summer tournament except when fencing is included in the Senior Games (held every four years). For the World Veterans each country can enter four fencers in each of five weapons in each of two age categories (50-59, 60 and older). The format is one round robin with 100% promoted to direct elimination. Each bout in direct elimination is fenced to a maximum of 10 touches.

CHAPTER 5: ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAMS

With the start of a new four-year period leading to the 2004 Olympic Games, US Fencing is evaluating the past four years to determine what changes should be made to achieve its goal of international excellency and the means by which the goal can best be achieved. With the 2000 Games in September, this review cannot be completed until November at which time this chapter will be revised and published on the USFA web site and mailed to the top Senior, Junior and Cadet fencers and their coaches. The funding programs covered in this chapter include encompass Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships and programs in preparation for those Championships.

5.1 BASE SUBSIDY

Base Subsidy: The USFA will arrange for and cover the cost of the hotel room for each athlete on a Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championship team for the period of time each athlete is required to be present - generally three days prior to the athlete's competition and the day after, unless the athlete is required to stay for the team competition.

The per diem allocation is currently under review and will be published when the relevant committees have finalized the formula.

5.2 TRAVEL SUBSIDY

The USFA will cover a percentage of the airfare costs (round trip from home to city nearest the tournament). The percentage amount is based on the points an athlete has accumulated at the time of selection. All USFA team travel **WILL BE** arranged by the team manager and the USFA staff person assigned to coordinate logistics for that team.

5.3 ATHLETE TRAINING GRANT

With the revisions currently under review no training grants have been awarded for the 2000-2001 fencing season. Additional funds have been allocated to each weapon squad for use according to a weapon squad plan to be completed by October 8th. Funding formulas are currently being developed for funding Junior and Cadet fencers to Junior "A" competitions and athletes will be notified directly..

5.4 USFA PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The Performance Enhancement Program provides financial assistance in the training programs of those athletes with significant international results or Under-17 or Youth 14 national level results (NAC and J.O. Championships). Under this program, athletes may be reimbursed for fencing related expenses incurred within a period of 30 days prior to and up to 90 days after the qualifying tournament. Reimbursement requests must be submitted to the USFA no later than 120 days after the qualifying tournament or the funds are forfeited. A special form (see Appendix D-15) will be sent to those who have awarded a Performance Enhancement grant within 30 days of award of the grant. This program is only applicable when points are actually awarded and only for U.S. citizens who are eligible to represent the United States at international competitions. Permanent residents of the U.S. are eligible **ONLY IF** they have been given a waiver by the USFA and will be eligible to represent the United States upon becoming a citizen of the United States.

The grants described in Table 6 for Senior "A" competitions are multiplied by the Strength Factor (SF) for each of the types of competitions specified. This program is subject to change during the 2000-2001 season.

Table 6 : PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

[Subject to change at any time during the 2000-2001 season]

December 2000-July 2001		October 2000-April 2001	
PLACE	Designated Senior "A", European "A", Senior World Championships	Designated Junior "A" & Junior World Championships	Cadet World Championships
1	\$ 2,500 (times SF)	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500
2	\$ 1,500 (times SF)	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,250
3-4	\$ 1,250 (times SF)	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,000
5-8	\$ 1,000 (times SF)	\$ 1,500	\$ 750
9-16	\$ 600 (times SF)	\$ 800	\$ 500
17-32	\$ 125 (times SF)##	\$ 400 ##	

Not applicable for World Championships – Senior or Junior

SPECIAL NOTE: Performance Enhancement is only applicable if points are awarded for the competition

Table 7: PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: CADET & YOUTH

Oct.2000-Feb. 2001		Nov. 2000-July 2001		
PLACE	NAC U17	U-17 J.O. CHAMPS.	NAC YTH14	YTH14 CHAMPS.
1	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 180	\$ 180
2	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 90	\$ 90
3	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 40	\$ 40

5.5 USOC ATHLETE BASIC GRANT CRITERIA *We are awaiting details from the USOC on criteria for the next quadrennial..*

5.6 USOC OPERATION GOLD PROGRAM

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) is reviewing all of the athlete grant programs and no information is currently available on this program for the next quadrennial. The following table for medals at the 2000 Olympic Games is the only information available at this time. Funding programs of the USOC are tied to events on the program of the Olympic Games and the status for the next quadrennial of those programs is not currently known..

OLYMPIC GAMES

1. \$15,000
2. 10,000
3. 7,500
4. 5,000

5.7 USFA INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In 1993 the USFA Board of Directors approved a program of monetary incentives for individual and team medallists at Senior World Championships in events included in the program of the Olympic Games (as modified in September 1999).

2000 OLYMPIC GAMES

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Team</u>
Gold	\$ 100,000	\$200,000
Silver	\$ 50,000	\$100,000
Bronze	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000

The USFA Board of Directors will be revising this program for the next quadrennial period.

CHAPTER 6: DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

6.1 DESCRIPTION

This section is an excerpt from the *USOC GUIDE to Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping, 2000*.

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 2000 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 United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) are required to implement a credible drug testing program. The National Anti-Doping Program (NADP) maintains a complete drug testing and education program, distributes this Guide and provides a confidential toll-free Olympic Drug Reference Line for clarification on relevant matters (1-800-233-0393).

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 USOC medical staff member, or by calling the USOC Olympic 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 USOC 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. It is suggested that persons contact the USOC Drug Hotline for a copy of the USOC Guide. It will be mentioned here that the FIE, the international governing body for the sport of fencing, has recently adopted the IOC ban on alcohol and cannabis (marijuana).

6.2 SPECIAL CASE: ASTHMA INHALERS, CORTICOSTEROIDS

The choice of medication for the treatment of asthma and respiratory ailments is a problem because many commonly prescribed substances are powerful stimulants. Beta-2 agonists are classified as stimulants. Some of these agents also possess anabolic properties, especially when taken orally or by injection. For these reasons, the IOC has prohibited the use of beta-2 agonists with the exception of those listed below.

The following Beta-2 agonists are permitted in the aerosol or inhalant forms **only to prevent and/or treat asthma and exercise-induced asthma**. Written notification by a respiratory or team physician is necessary and must be provided to the Relevant Medical authority.

RESTRICTED (INHALED*) BETA-2 AGONISTS

<u>Generic Name</u>	<u>Example</u>
Salbutamol	Albuterol, Ventolin, Proventil
Salmeterol	Severent
Terbutaline	Brethaire
Salbutamol/Ipratropium	Combivent

* *Any doctor wishing to prescribe Beta-2 Agonists (from above list) in inhalation form to an athlete must give written notification to the IOC, NADP, NGB, or relevant medical authority. This notification shall remain in effect as long as the prescription remains unchanged. Since the USFA will be conducting drug testing at its national tournaments, athletes should submit their written notification to: Director of Technical Programs, USFA, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774.*

This notification, Appendix D-13 for form, will be kept in a separate confidential file for use only if and when there is a reported "positive" from any drug testing performed by the USFA. If the USOC will be the agency performing the drug testing, athletes will be notified to submit the written notification directly with the USOC National Anti-Doping Program.

6.3 USFA DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Drug testing may be conducted at any National tournaments at which points are awarded for selection of international teams. At some tournaments, the U.S. Olympic Committee will be responsible for conducting the drug testing and will then become directly involved in actions required by any "positive" result that occurs.

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 USFA Executive Director is notified, who then notifies 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 USOC Drug Hotline phone number, **(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 USFA. 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 stated below. 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 method¹ 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.

The following penalties are mandatory (as written in the 1995 edition of the FIE rules):

1. Anabolic steroids, amphetamine derivatives and other stimulants, caffeine, diuretics, beta-blockers, narcotic analgesics and other trademarked products containing these substances:
 - two year suspension for a first offense

¹ 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)

- life suspension for a second offense
2. Ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, codeine, etc. (even when administered orally for cough or pain control in association with decongestants and/or antihistamines):
 - three month suspension for a first offense
 - two year suspension for a second offense
 - life suspension for a third offense

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 **USOC 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 USOC records will prove that you were advised that the medication was not on the banned list.

The FIE will be voting on modifications to its rules on Drug Testing at the annual Congress in December. This section will be revised in accordance with the policy adopted by the FIE.

References:

1. FIE Rules, 2000, Revision C Edition, t.129-132.

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

7.2 ATHLETES' RIGHTS

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

7.3 DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

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

- (e) **"Team Panel"** shall mean all of the Disinterested cadre for the Team that are willing to serve and at least one disinterested athlete who is on the Team, provided, however, if there are more than four Disinterested cadre that are willing to serve, the Team Panel shall consist of three of the Disinterested cadre that are willing to serve who shall be chosen by lot.
- (f) **"Panel"** shall mean a panel consisting of not less than three (3) Disinterested USFA members (who may, but need not be, members of the International Committee). At least 20% of the membership of the Panel shall be USOC Athletes, provided however, no USOC Athlete shall be contending for a team in the same competition as the athlete initiating the grievance procedure or subject to potential discipline. The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the International Committee, provided, however, that if the Chair is not Disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- (g) **"Team Panel Report"** shall mean the written report prepared by the Team Panel consisting of its findings of fact and determination of what action(s) should or should not be taken.
- (h) **"Panel Report"** shall mean the written report prepared by the Panel consisting of its findings of fact and recommendation(s), which may include concurring or dissenting reports.
- (i) **"USOC"** shall mean the United States Olympic Committee
- (j) **"USOC Athlete"** shall mean an athlete who has competed in fencing at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, or World Championships within the previous ten (10) years.

7.4 REGULAR GRIEVANCE STEPS

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

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

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

Notwithstanding the above, once a team has staged (e.g., gathered at any point in or outside the United States for purposes of traveling to or participating in a competition), any discipline or removal shall be based on the procedures set forth in the Expedited Grievance Steps in Section 7.5

7.4.1 APPEALS

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

7.4.2 REIMBURSEMENT OF ATHLETE'S EXPENSES

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

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

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

7.4.3. PROCEDURES

- (a) The Panel shall be selected by the Chair of the International Committee, provided, however, that if the Chair is not disinterested, the Panel shall be selected by the Executive Director.
- (b) The Executive Director shall inform the athlete and any Other Affected Athletes of the issues or allegations which have been referred to the Panel, and the names of the members of the Panel.
- (c) If the athlete, cadre member, or any Other Affected Athlete objects to any member of the Panel being a member, the athlete or Other Affected Athlete shall inform the person that named the Panel (Chair of the International Committee or the Executive Director), who shall have the discretion to replace the Panel member.
- (d) The Executive Director shall inform the athlete and any Other Affected Athlete of the date, time and place of the Hearing, and the manner in which the Hearing shall take place. The Hearing may be held in person, or by teleconference.
- (e) The Panel shall conduct a Hearing at a time and place determined by the Chair of the Panel. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Chair of the Panel in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At, or if available before, the Hearing, the athlete and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the right to receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.
- (f) The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declaration or affidavits.
- (g) The athlete or any Other Affected Athlete shall have the following rights:
 - (1) to appear personally and be represented by counsel at the Hearing and at the review by the International Committee.
 - (2) to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
 - (3) to testify on his own behalf, or remain silent.

- (h) As soon as practicable, but no later than two weeks after the close of the Hearing, the Panel shall prepare the Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Panel Report to the athlete, any Other Affected Athlete, and each member of the International Committee within one week after receiving it.
- (i) The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall not be effective or implemented unless approved by the International Committee.
- (j) Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of the time limitations set forth herein, shall not be grounds to overturn the decision in question or prohibit the imposition of sanctions.
- (k) Nothing herein shall preclude any athlete or Other Affected Athlete, during the procedures set forth above or at its conclusion, from seeking to enforce or protect his/her rights under any provision of the Bylaws of the USFA, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the USOC, including the right to seek the intervention of the Executive Director of the USOC or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

7.5 EXPEDITED GRIEVANCE STEPS

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

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

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

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

7.5.3 PROCEDURES:

- (a) The Team Leader shall inform the athlete and any Other Affected Athletes of:
 - (1) the issues or allegations which have been referred to the Team Panel.
 - (2) the date, time and place of Hearing, and the manner in which the Hearing shall take place. The Hearing may be held in person, by teleconference, or as may otherwise be directed by the Team Leader.
- (b) The Panel shall conduct a Hearing at a time and place determined by the Team Leader. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Team Leader in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At or prior to the Hearing, if available, the athlete and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the right to receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.
- (c) The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declarations or affidavits.
- (d) The athlete and any Other Affected Athlete shall have the rights:
 - (1) to appear personally and be represented by counsel at the Hearing.
 - (2) to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
 - (3) to testify on his/her own behalf, or remain silent.
 - (4) to address the Panel or otherwise make a statement of position personally or through his/her counsel or representative.
- (e) As soon as practicable after the close of the Hearing, the Team Panel shall prepare the Team Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Team Panel Report to the athlete, any Other Affected Athlete, and each member of the International Committee within one week after receiving it.
- (f) The recommendation(s) of the Panel shall be effective and implemented unless stayed by the International Committee or the Executive Committee.
- (g) Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of the time limitations set forth herein, shall not be grounds to overturn the decision in question or, to prohibit the imposition of sanctions.
- (h) Nothing herein shall preclude any athlete or Other Affected Athlete, during the procedures set forth above or at its conclusion, from seeking to enforce or protect this/her rights under any provision of the Bylaws of the USFA, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the USOC, including the right to seek the intervention of the Executive Director of the USOC or to submit any dispute to arbitration.

EXHIBIT "A": EXCERPT FROM USOC CONSTITUTION

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

- Section 1. No member of the USOC may deny or threaten to deny any amateur athlete the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games, the Pan American Games, a World Championship competition, or other such protected competition as defined in Article 1, Section 2(G); nor may any member, subsequent to such competition, censure, or 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.

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CHAPTER 8: USFA DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

8.1 SCOPE OF PROCEDURES

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

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

8.2 DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- 1. **"Athlete"** shall mean those who are currently actively engaged in amateur competition in fencing on a local, national or international level or who have represented the United States in fencing in international competitions within the previous ten (10) years.
- 2. **"Disinterested"** shall mean a person who will not be personally affected by the outcome of a panel hearing and none of whose relatives, significant other, students, coaches, or club mates will be affected by the outcome of a panel hearing. If all members who might be affected by a panel hearing agree, the Disinterested requirements with respect to a club mate may be waived.
- 3. **"Executive Director"** shall mean the Executive Director of the USFA or his designee. Such designee may be any Disinterested USFA member, including, but not limited to an officer of a USFA Division or Section.
- 4. **"Panel"** shall mean a panel consisting of not less than three (3) Disinterested USFA members (who may, but need not be members of the Board of Directors). At least 20% of the membership of the Panel shall be Athletes, provided, however, no Athlete shall be contending for a team in the same event as the person subject to potential discipline.

The Panel and its Chair shall be selected by the Executive Director, provided, however, that if the Executive Director is not Disinterested, they shall be selected by the President of the USFA.

5. **"Panel Report"** shall mean the written report prepared by the Panel consisting of its findings of fact and recommendations(s), which may include concurring or dissenting reports.

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

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

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

8.3 PROCEDURES

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

- H. The Hearing may be adjourned from time to time as deemed necessary by the Chair of the Panel in order to obtain additional information, obtain testimony from witnesses or receive written submissions from any party. At, or prior to the Hearing, if available, the accused shall receive copies of any written information provided to the Panel members concerning the Hearing or any charges or allegations.
- I. The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence. Witnesses, may testify in person, by telephonic instrument, or if there is no objection, by written declarations or affidavits.

The accused shall have the rights:

- (a) to appear personally and be represented by counsel or other representative of his choosing at the Hearing and at any review by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.
 - (b) to cross-examine all witnesses and present any additional relevant evidence.
 - (c) to testify on his own behalf, or remain silent.
 - (d) to address the Panel or otherwise make a statement of position personally or through his counsel or representative.
- J. As soon as practicable, but no later than two weeks after the close of the Hearing, the Panel shall prepare the Panel Report and submit it to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall send a copy of the Panel Report to the accused and each member of the Executive Committee within one week after receiving it.
- K. Any sanctions proposed or directed by the Panel shall be effective unless they are disapproved by the Executive Committee within 30 days, provided, however, any proposed sanction which provides for the suspension, denied continuation of membership to, or expelling of the member shall not be effective unless such recommendation is approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board as provided by the bylaws. The Executive Committee may stay the imposition of any sanction until the Board can vote to approve, disapprove, or modify the sanction.
- L. The Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee acting on the Board's behalf, may approve, disapprove, or modify the sanction proposed or directed by the Panel, provided, however, they may not take any action more detrimental to the accused than the sanction proposed or directed by the Panel.
- M. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the failure to comply with any of time limitations set forth herein, shall not be grounds to overturn or prohibit the imposition of sanctions.

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CHAPTER 9: USFA CODE OF CONDUCT

9.1 PRINCIPLES

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

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

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

9.2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

9.3 VIOLATIONS OR ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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

9.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FENCERS

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

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

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

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

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

9.5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CADRE

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

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

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

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

9.5.2 MANAGER

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

9.5.3 COACH

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

9.5.4 ARMORER

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

9.5.5 ATHLETIC TRAINER

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

9.6 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CADRE

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

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U.S. Fencing Calendar: 2000-2001

NAC = North American Cup Tournament

EVENT DATES	ENTRY DEADLINE	EVENT	LOCATION
October 13-16, 2000	Sept. 15, 2000	NAC Division II/III/Cadet	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
October 14, 2000		SAT I, SAT II	
October 21, 2000		USFA Board of Directors Annual Meeting	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
November 4, 2000		SAT I, SAT II. Language Tests	
November 3-6, 2000	Oct. 6, 2000	NAC Cadet/Junior/Youth	DENVER,
November 19-24, 2000		Pan American Junior Cadet Championships, Puebla, Mexico	
December 2, 2000		SAT I, SAT II	
December 8-10, 2000	Nov. 10, 2000	NAC Division I/Veteran	ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA
January 10, 2001		USFA QUALIFIER REPORTS DUE FROM DIVISIONS FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS	
January 11, 2001		LAST DAY FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED	
January 12-15, 2001	Dec. 15, 2000	NAC Junior/Division I/Wheelchair	GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
January 27, 2001		SAT I, SAT II, Language Tests	
February 16-19, 2001	Jan. 11, 2001	Junior Olympic Championships	TBA
March 10-11, 2001		NCAA Regionals	
March 16-19, 2001	Feb. 16, 2001	NAC Division II/III/Veteran	OVERLAND PARK, KS
March 22-25, 2001		NCAA Finals	Univ. Wisc., Parkside, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Mar 30-Apr 1, 2001	Mar. 2, 2001	NAC Youth	Louisville, KY
March 31-Apr 1, 2001	March 15, 2001	World Cup Sabre – Men & Women	PEABODY, MASS.
March 31, 2001		SAT I only	
April 9-16, 2001		Junior/Cadet World Championships	GDANSK, POLAND
April 13-15, 2001		Wheelchair World Cup	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
April 27-29, 2001	Mar. 30, 2001	NAC Div I & Veteran Age Champs.*	RENO, NEVADA
May 5, 2001		SAT I, SAT II	
May 22, 2001		USFA QUALIFIER REPORTS DUE FOR TEAMS & INDIVIDUAL FROM DIVISIONS & SECTIONS FOR DIVISION I TEAM NATIONALS & SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.	
May 23, 2001		LAST DAY FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, DIVISION I & SUMMER EVENTS – NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED	
June 2, 2001		SAT I, SAT II	
June 1-9, 2001		Veteran World Championships	MARTINIQUE, FRANCE
June 16-17, 2001		World Cup Women's Foil	ROCHESTER, NY
July 3-11, 2001	May 23, 2001	Summer & Div. I National Champs.	SACRAMENTO, CA [Vet Combined]
Aug. 22-Sept. 9, 2001		World University Games [Special Age & Scholastic Requirements]	PEKING, CHINA
Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 2001		World Fencing Championships	NIMES, FRANCE

NAC Division I, formerly NAC Open

* Subject to Change

BOLD = USFA National Tournaments

TOURNAMENT CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

NAC Division I:	Classification of "D" or better at entry deadline AND Born 1987 or earlier
NAC Division II:	Classification "C" or lower at entry deadline AND Born 1987 or earlier
NAC Division III:	Classification "D" or lower at entry deadline AND Born 1987 or earlier
NAC Veteran:	Must be born no later than 1960.
NAC Junior (U-20):	Fencers must be born between 1981-1987 unless on the current Cadet NPS.
NAC Cadet (U-17):	Fencers must be born between 1984-1987 unless on the current Youth 14 NPS
NAC Youth 14:	Fencers must be born between 1986-1989 unless on the current Youth12 NPS
NAC Youth 12:	Fencers must be born between 1988-1991 unless on the current Youth 10 NPS.
NAC Youth 10:	Fencers must be born between 1990-1993.

ENTERING NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. **DEADLINE** FOR EACH NAC REQUIRES RECEIPT OF ENTRY AT USFA OFFICE **FOUR WEEKS PRIOR** TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE NAC TOURNAMENT. Deadline date is given in "ENTRY DEADLINE" column for each NAC. Late entries will be accepted up to one week prior to the start of the NAC tournament with payment of triple the base amount. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DAY.**
2. NAC Division I, Junior, Cadet and Youth have 6 individual competitions, separate for men and women – Foil, Epee & Sabre. No mixed competitions are held at the National level.
3. ENTRY DEADLINE IS SPECIFIED IN "ENTRY DEADLINE" COLUMN FOR EACH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AND IS 5-7 WEEKS PRIOR TO START. **NO LATE ENTRIES ARE PERMITTED** FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS. DEADLINE STRICTLY ENFORCED FOR JUNIOR OLYMPICS, DIVISION I AND SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.
4. Entry Form for NAC Tournaments published in the Summer issue of the National Newsletter
5. Entry Form for Junior Olympic Fencing Championships published in Fall issue of the National Newsletter
6. Special Entry Form for Veterans Age Championships in April will be published in the Winter issue of the National Newsletter. Two age categories will be held: 50-59 and 60 and older. Age cutoff will be published in the Winter issue of the Newsletter.
7. Entry Form for Summer Individual National Championships published in the Spring issue of the National Newsletter
8. Entry Form for Division I National Championships mailed by May 1 directly to fencers who qualify.
9. Entry Form for National Team Championships mailed to USFA member clubs.
10. All entry forms can be downloaded from the USFA Web site

A. AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 2000 & JUNE 25, 2001

CATEGORY	DIV. I, I-A, II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH14	YOUTH12	YOUTH10
CODE	DV1, DV1-A, DV2, DV3	VET	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1987 or earlier	1960 or earlier	1981-1987	1984-1987	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993

B: AGE RULES FOR 2001 SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & ASSOCIATED QUALIFYING EVENTS

CATEGORY	DIV. IA, II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH14	YOUTH12	YOUTH10
CODE	D1A, DV2, DV3	VET	U19	U16	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1987 or earlier	1960 or earlier	1982-1988	1985-1988	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	OPEN TM	JR TEAM
CODE	DTM	OTM	JTM
BIRTH YEARS	1987 or earlier	1987 or earlier	1982-1987

APPENDIX A-2: INFORMATION NATIONAL EVENTS

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS: OCT. 2000-FEB. 2001

NAC Division II/III & Cadet – Greensboro, NC

DATE	DAY	MEN'S			WOMEN'S		
		ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE	ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE
Oct. 13	Friday	Cadet		Cadet		Division III	Cadet
		Division III					
Oct. 14	Saturday		Division III	Division II	Cadet		Division II
Oct. 15	Sunday	Division II	Cadet	Division III	Division II	Cadet	Division III
Oct. 16	Monday		Division II		Div III	Division II	

NAC Junior - Cadet - Youth – Denver, CO

DATE	DAY	MEN'S			WOMEN'S		
		ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE	ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE
Nov. 3	Friday	Cadet	Youth 14	Youth 14	Youth 10	Cadet	Cadet
		Youth 10				Youth 10	Youth 10
Nov. 4	Saturday	Youth 14	Youth 12, Cadet	Junior	Youth 14	Youth 12	Youth 14
Nov. 5	Sunday	Junior	Junior	Youth 12	Cadet	Junior	Youth 12
		Youth 12	Youth 10				
Nov. 6	Monday			Cadet	Junior		Junior
				Youth 10	Youth 12	Youth 14	

NAC Division I - Veteran (Combined) – Ontario, CA

DATE	DAY	MEN'S			WOMEN'S		
		ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE	ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE
Dec. 8	Friday	Div. I Day 1	Veteran	Div. I Day 1	Veteran	Div. I Day 1	Veteran
Dec. 9	Saturday	Div. I Day 2	Div. I Day 1	Div. I Day 2	Div. I Day 1	Div. I Day 2	Div. I Day 1
Dec. 10	Sunday	Veteran	Div. I Day 2	Veteran	Div. I Day 2	Veteran	Div. I Day 2

NAC Division I - Junior - Wheelchair – Greenville, SC

DATE	DAY	MEN'S			WOMEN'S		
		ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE	ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE
Jan. 12	Friday	Junior	Div. I Day 1	Wheelchair	Div. I Day 1	Junior	Div. I Day 1
					Wheelchair		
Jan. 13	Saturday	Wheelchair	Div. I Day 2	Junior	Div. I Day 2		Div. I Day 2
					Wheelchair		
Jan. 14	Sunday	Div. I Day 1	Junior	Div. I Day 1	Junior	Div. I Day 1	Wheelchair
			Wheelchair				
Jan. 15	Monday	Div. I Day 2		Div. I Day 2		Div. I Day 2	Junior

Junior Olympic Championships – TBA

DATE	DAY	MEN'S			WOMEN'S		
		ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE	ÉPÉE	FOIL	SABRE
Feb. 16	Friday		Junior	Cadet	Junior		
Feb. 17	Saturday	Junior				Junior	Cadet
Feb. 18	Sunday		Cadet	Junior	Cadet		
Feb. 19	Monday	Cadet				Cadet	Junior

APPENDIX A-3:

THEY CHANGED WHAT? THE FORMAT FOR DIVISION I NACS

NORTH AMERICAN CUP Division I TOURNAMENTS

The NAC Open competition will be conducted as a 2-day competition. On the first day, the field will be reduced to 32, excluding the top 16 seeded fencers who have been given a bye (see seeding principles below). On the second day, these 16 fencers are seeded with the 32 for a total of 48 fencers to constitute 8 pools of 6 fencers. All 48 fencers must check in at registration at the time indicated or they will be scratched. Bouts in all pool rounds are 5-touch bouts with 4-minute time limit.

SEEDING – FIRST DAY

Seeding Principle 1: Fencers who have at least two (2) World Cup results, each of which is equal to at least 4 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 Open 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 rational 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 A99 precede A98, those with B99 precede B98, etc). The fencers in any one letter and year group will be ranked randomly within that group.

SEEDING - SECOND DAY: On the second day there are two rounds of pools – a first round of 48 fencers from which 24 fencers are promoted to a second round of pools comprised of 4 pools of 6 fencers each. Sixteen fencers are promoted from the second round of pools (the round of 24) to direct elimination with repechage based on the results in the second round.

- If each round is comprised of even pools (the same number of fencers in each pool within each round), the results of both rounds will be combined to seed the sixteen fencers into the direct elimination ladder.
- If there are uneven pools in the first round (less than 48 fencers creating uneven pools), the top 16 fencers from the round of 24 will be seeded into the direct elimination ladder based on results in the second round only.
- If the round of 48 starts with even pools and fencers drop out during the round leaving less than 48, the top 24 fencers will be promoted and the results of both rounds will count for seeding the 16 in the direct elimination ladder.
- There are no adjustments made in either round of pools for teammates, other than teammates will fence each other first.

OTHER PRINCIPLES GOVERNING NAC OPEN TOURNAMENTS:

- Any late entry accepted after the seeding is posted will not be eligible for a “Bye” status.
- The seeding list will be posted on the U.S. Fencing web site 3-5 days prior to the first day of the NAC Division I tournament. Only the top 8-12 by will be verified as byes in case there is a timely entry from one or more foreign fencers who warrant a bye due to FIE standings but who had not been noted as such. It is anticipated that most fencers will be able to access the U.S. Fencing Web site, either on their own or by their club or teammates. [The FIE Senior World Cup standings are posted on the FIE Web site: www.fie.ch]
- The seeding list will be posted at the venue and/or host hotel the night prior to the first day of the tournament.

2000-2001 INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE MEN'S EPEE

QUOTA FOR MEN'S EPEE: 10 in Junior "A"; 8 in Senior "A"				
Quota is the maximum number of fencers who can be entered in an "A" from the				United States
START	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Oct. 13-16	09/15/00	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Cadet	Greensboro, NC
Oct. 22	09/15/00	JR_A		Bratislava, SVK
Oct. 29	09/22/00	JR_A-CAND		Ponte de Sôr, POR
Nov. 3	10/06/00	NAC	NAC Cadet/Junior/Youth	Denver, CO
Nov. 12	10/06/00	JR_A		Luxembourg, LUX
Nov. 19	10/13/00	JR_A		Catania, ITA
Nov. 19-24		International	Pan Am Junior/Cadet Championships	Puebla, Mexico
Nov. 26	10/20/00	JR_A		Laupheim, GER
Dec. 8-10	11/10/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans	Ontario, CA
Dec. 10	11/03/00	JR_A		Tourcoing, FRA
Jan. 6, 2001	11/30/00	JR_A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 12-15	12/15/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Junior	Greenville, SC
Jan. 14	12/07/00	JR_A		Nîmes, FRA
Jan. 27	12/04/00	JR_A		Santiago de Cuba
Jan. 27-28	12/15/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Lisbon, POR
Feb. 4	12/27/00	JR_A		Tauber., GeR
Feb. 3-4	12/27/00	SR_A		Tallin, EST
Feb. 10-11	01/04/01	SR_A		Barcelona, ESP
Feb. 16-19	01/11/01	J.O.CHAMPS	Junior Olympic Championships	TBA
Feb. 17	01/11/01	JR_A		Bâle, SUI
Feb. 24-25	01/19/01	SR_A		Budapest, HUN
Mar. 3	01/25/01	JR_A		Burgos, ESP
Mar. 3-4	01/26/01	SR_A		Glasgow, GBR
Five best results of Designated Junior "A" will count as Group II points				
Mar. 16-19	02/16/01	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Veterans	Overland Park, KS
Mar. 17-18	02/09/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Paris, FRA
Mar. 18	02/09/01	JR_A-CAND		Rio de Janeiro, BRA
Mar. 24-25	02/16/01	SR_A		Montréal, CAN
Mar. 25	02/16/01	JR_A-CAND		Gaza, ISR
Mar. 30-31	02/22/01	SR_A		Bogota, COL
Mar. 30-Apr 1	03/02/01	NAC	NAC Youth	Louisville, KY
Apr. 7-8	03/02/01	SR_A		Rio de Janeiro, BRA
Apr. 9-16	Tm Select 3/5		CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gdansk, POL
Apr. 14-15	03/09/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Buenos Aires, ARG
Apr. 20-21	03/15/01	SR_A		Heidenheim, GER
Apr. 28-29	03/23/01	SR_A		Berne, SUI
Apr. 27-29	03/30/01	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans Age Championships	Reno, NV
May 12-13	04/06/01	SR_A		Legnano, ITA
May 14-15		SR A Team		Vercelli, ITA
May 19-20	04/13/01	SR_A		Innsbruck, AUT
May 26-27	04/20/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Taiwan, TPE
June 2-3		SR A Team		Poitiers, FRA
Jun. 1-9	Tm Select 4/30	WLD VET	WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS **	Martinique, FRA
Jun 9-10	05/04/01	SR_A		Stockholm, SWE
Jun. 16-17	05/11/01	SR_A-CAND		Tunis, TUN
Jun. 23-24	05/18/01	SR_A		Havana, CUB
Jun ??		SR A Team		Havana, CUB

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2000-2001 INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

MEN'S FOIL

QUOTA FOR MEN'S FOIL: 8 in Junior "A"; 9 in Senior "A"				
Quota is the maximum number of fencers who can be entered in an "A" from the United States				
DATES	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Oct.13-16	09/15/00	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Cadet	Greensboro, NC
Oct. 15	09/10/00	DES JR A		Burgsteinfurt, GER
Oct. 21	09/15/00	DES JR A		Bratislava, SVK
Oct. 21-22	09/15/00	DES CDT B	Oct 17-20 Training Wk in Bonn (Tentative)	Koblenz, GER
Nov. 3-6	10/06/00	NAC	NAC Cadet/Junior/Youth	Denver, CO
Nov. 11	10/05/00	JR_A		Luxembourg, LUX
Nov. 18	10/13/00	DES JR A		London, GBR
Nov.19-24		International	Pan Am Junior/Cadet Championships	Puebla, Mexico
Nov. 25	10/20/00	DES JR A		Madrid, ESP
Dec. 3	10/27/00	DES JR A		Aix-en-Provence, FRA
Dec.8-10	11/10/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans	Ontario, CAN
Dec. 9	11/03/00	JR_A		Leszno, POL
Dec. 16-17	11/10/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Haifa, ISR
Jan. 8, 2001	12/04/00	DES JR A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 12-15	12/15/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Junior	Greenville, SC
Jan. 20-21	12/17/00	SR_A		Locarno, SUI
Jan. 27-28	12/15/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Paris, FRA
Jan. 28	12/04/00	JR_A		Santiago de Cuba
Feb. 4	12/28/00	DES JR A		Como, ITA
Feb. 10	01/05/01	DES JR A		Mödling, AUT
Feb. 16-19	01/11/01	J.O.CHAMPS	Junior Olympic Championships	TBA
Feb. 17-18	01/12/01	SR_A		La Coruña, ESP
Feb. 24	01/19/01	JR_A		Cairo, EGY
Feb. 24-25	01/19/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Seoul, KOR
Feb. 27-28		Sr A Team		Seoul, KOR
Mar. 3-4	01/26/01	SR_A		Nanjing **, CHN
Mar. 4	01/26/01	DES JR A		Giengen, GER
Mar. 9-10	02/01/01	SR_A		Venice, ITA
Mar. 16-19	02/16/01	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Veterans	Overland Park, KS
Mar. 24-25	02/16/01	SR_A		Budapest, HUN
Mar. 30-Apr 1	03/02/01	NAC	NAC Youth	Louisville, KY
Apr. 9-16	Tm Select 3/5	WORLD CH.	CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gdansk, POL
Apr. 27-29	03/30/01	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans Age Championships	Reno, NV
Apr. 28-29	03/23/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Bonn, GER
May 5-6	03/30/01	SR_A-CAND		Marakesh, MAR
May 5-6		Sr A Team		Paris, FRA
May 19-20	04/13/01	SR_A		Espinho, POR
June 1-9	Tm Select 4/30	WLD VETS	WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS **	Martinique, FRA
June 2-3	04/25/00	SR_A		Vienna, AUT
June 16-17	05/11/01	SR_A		Valencia, VEN
June 23-24	04/20/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Havana, CUB
June ??		Sr A Team		Havana, CUB
July 3-11	05/23/01	NATL CHMPS	Summer/Division I National Championships	Sacramento, CA
July 7-27	Non USFA		Maccabiah Games	Tel Aviv, ISR
Aug 22-Sep 1	Tm Select 7/11	WUG	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES	Beijing, CHN

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MEN'S FOIL

DATES	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Sept. 9-10	08/04/01	SR_A		Copenhagen, DEN
Sept. 15-16	08/01/01	SR_A		St. Petersburg, RUS
Oct. 26-Nov 1	Tm Select 7/11	WLD CHMPS	OPEN (SENIOR) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Nîmes, FRA
			** Subject To Change	
		DESIGNATED SENIOR "A" SUBJECT TO CHANGE		

2000-2001 INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

MEN'S SABRE

QUOTA FOR MEN'S SABRE: 12 in Junior "A"; 8 in Senior "A"				
Quota is the maximum number of fencers who can be entered in an "A" from the United States				
START	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Oct. 13-16	09/15/00	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Cadet	Greensboro. NC
Nov. 3-6	10/06/00	NAC	NAC Cadet/Junior/Youth	Denver, CO
Nov. 19-24		International	Pan Am Junior/Cadet Championships	Puebla, Mexico
Nov. 26	10/20/00	JR_A		Frascati, ITA
Dec. 3	10/27/00	JR_A		Dormagen, GER
Dec. 8-10	11/10/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans	Ontario, CA
Jan. 6, 2001	11/30/00	JR_A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 12-15	12/15/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Junior	Greenville, SC
Jan. 13	12/07/00	JR_A		Göppingen, GER
Jan. 20-21		SR A Team		Paris, FRA
Jan. 26	12/04/00	JR_A		Santiago de Cuba
Jan. 27-28	12/15/00	SR_A		London, GBR
Feb. 2-3	12/28/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Budapest, HUN
Feb. 4	12/27/00	JR_A		Logrono, ESP
Feb. 5-6		SR A Team		Budapest, HUN
Feb. 16-19	01/11/01	J.O.CHAMPS	Junior Olympic Championships	TBA
Feb. 17-18	01/12/01	SR_A		Bonn, GER
Feb. 25	01/18/01	JR_A		Dourdan, FRA
Mar. 10-11	02/02/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Athens, GRE
Mar. 11	02/01/01	JR_A		Minsk, BLR
Mar. 16-19	02/16/01	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Veterans	Overland Park, KS
Mar. 24-25	02/16/01	SR_A		Nancy, FRA
Mar.30-Apr.1	03/02/01	NAC	NAC Youth	Louisville, KY
Mar. 31-Apr.1	02/23/01	SR_A		Peabody, MA
Apr. 9-16	Tm Select 2/25		CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gdansk, POL
Apr. 21-22	03/14/01	SR_A		Sofia, BUL
Apr. 27-29	03/30/01	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans Age Championships	Reno, NV
May 12-13	04/06/01	SR_A		Madrid, ESP
May 19-20	04/13/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Warsaw, POL
May 25-26	04/19/01	SR_A		Padua, ITA
June 1-2	04/26/01	SR_A		Bucharest, ROM
June 1-9	Tm Select 4/30	WLD VETS	WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS **	Martinique, FRA
June 21-22	05/01/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Havana, CUB
July 3-11	05/23/01	NATL CHMPS	Summer/Division I National Championships	Sacramento, CA
July 7-27	Non USFA	MACCAB.	Maccabiah Games	Tel Aviv, ISR
Aug. 22-Sep.1	Tm Select 7/11	WUG	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES	Beijing, CHN
Sept. 22-23	08/01/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Moscow, RUS
Oct. 26-Nov.1	Tm Select 7/11	WLD CHMPS	OPEN (SENIOR) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Nîmes, FRA
			** Subject To Change	
		DESIGNATED SENIOR "A" TO BE DETERMINED BY OCT. 15		

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WOMEN'S EPEE

QUOTA FOR WOMEN'S EPEE: 8 in Junior "A"; 8 in Senior "A"				
Quota is the maximum number of fencers who can be entered in an "A" from the United States				
DATES	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Oct. 13-16	09/15/00	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Cadet	Greensboro, NC
Oct. 21	09/15/00	JR_A		Warsaw, POL
Oct. 28	09/22/00	JR_A-CAND		Ponte de Sôr, POR
Nov. 3-6	10/06/00	NAC	NAC Cadet/Junior/Youth	Denver, CO
Nov. 11	10/06/00	JR_A		Barcelona, ESP
Nov. 18-19	10/13/00	DES-CADET	Training/Competitive Trip, Top 12 Cadets	Heidenheim, GER
Nov. 19-24		International	Pan Am Junior/Cadet Championships	Puebla, Mexico
Nov. 26	10/20/00	JR_A		Osnabrück, GER
Dec. 3	10/27/00	JR_A		Dijon, FRA
Dec. 8-10	11/10/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans	Ontario, CA
Dec. 17	11/10/00	JR_A		Palermo, ITA
Jan. 5, 2001	11/30/00	JR_A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 12-15	12/15/00	NAC	NAC Division I/Junior	Greenville, SC
Jan. 26	12/04/00	JR_A		Santiago de Cuba
Jan. 27-28	12/15/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Budapest, HUN
Feb. 3-4	12/27/00	SR_A		Prague, CZE
Feb. 11	01/04/01	JR_A		Mödling, AUT
Feb. 17	01/11/01	JR_A		Tauber., GER
Feb. 16-19	01/11/01	J.O.CHAMPS	Junior Olympic Championships	TBA
Mar. 10-11	02/02/01	SR_A		Tauber., GER
Mar. 17-18	02/09/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Luxembourg, LUX
Mar. 16-19	02/16/01	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Veterans	Overland Park, KS
Mar. 17-18	02/08/01	JR_A-CAND		Rio de Janeiro BRA
Mar. 24	02/15/01	JR_A-CAND		Ashkelon, ISR
Mar. 24-25	02/16/01	SR_A		Saint Maur, FRA
Mar. 30-Apr 1	03/02/01	NAC	NAC Youth	Louisville, KY
Mar. 31-Apr 1	02/23/01	SR_A		Ipswich, GBR
Apr. 6-7	03/01/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Rio de Janeiro, BRA
Apr. 9-16	Tm Select 2/20		CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Gdansk, POL
Apr. 27-29	03/30/01	NAC	NAC Division I/Veterans Age Championships	Reno, NV
Apr. 28-29		SR A Team		Budapest, HUN
May 5-6	03/30/01	SR_A		Göteborg, SWE
May 12-13	04/06/01	SR_A		Zürich, SUI
May 18-19	04/12/01	SR_A		Legnano, ITA
May 26-27	04/20/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Seville, ESP
June 1-9	Tm Select 4/30	WLD VETS	WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS **	Martinique, FRA
June 2-3	04/25/00	SR_A		Welkenraedt, BEL
June 16-17	05/11/01	SR_A		Mödling
June 21-22	05/01/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Havana
June 30-July 1	05/25/01	SR_A-CAND		San Juan, PUR
July 3-11	05/23/01	NATL CHMPS	Summer/Division I National Championships	Sacramento, CA
July 7-27	Non USFA	MACCAB.	Maccabiah Games	Tel Aviv, ISR
July 14-15	06/01/01	SR_A	Challenge Australia	Sydney, AUS
Aug. 22-Sep.1	Tm Select 7/11	WUG	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES	Beijing, CHN
Sept. 22-23	08/17/01	SR_A		Katowice, POL
Oct. 26-Nov.1	Tm Select 7/18	WLD CHMPS	OPEN (SENIOR) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Nîmes, FRA
Modling & Havana "A" may be added as Designated "A". If added, at least 90 days notice will be given.				
Two other dates pending for World Cup Team Competitions: Tauber., GER & Paris, FRA.				

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WOMEN'S FOIL**

DATES	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Oct. 14	09/10/00	DES-JR_A		Pistoia, ITA
Nov. 12	10/06/00	DES-JR_A		Bochum, GER
Nov. 19-24		International	Pan Am Junior/Cadet Championships	Puebla, Mexico
Dec. 2	10/27/00	JR_A		Jesi, ITA
Dec. 10	11/03/00	DES-JR_A		Leszno, POL
Jan. 7, 2001	11/30/00	DES-JR_A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 13-14	12/08/00	SR_A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 20-21	12/15/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Leipzig, GER
Jan. 27	12/04/00	JR_A		Santiago de Cuba
Jan. 27-28	12/04/00	DES-CADET B	Training Trip, 1/25-2/5, Top 12 Cadets	Jena, GER
Feb. 3-4	12/27/00	SR_A		Tunis, TUN
Feb. 4	12/27/00	JR_A		Waldkirch, GER
Feb. 9-10	01/04/01	SR_A		Turin, ITA
Feb. 18	01/11/01	DES-JR_A		Limoges, FRA
Feb. 24-25	01/19/01	SR_A		Seoul, KOR
Mar. 3-4	01/26/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Nanjing, CHN**
Mar. 10-11	02/02/01	SR_A		Athens, GRE
Mar. 24-25	02/16/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Salzburg, AUT
Apr. 9-16	Tm Select 3/11		CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gdansk, POL
May 5-6	03/30/01	SR_A		Paris, FRA
May 19-20	04/13/01	SR_A		Buenos Aires, ARG
June 1-2	04/26/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Bucharest, ROM
June 16-17	05/11/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Rochester, USA
June 21-22	05/01/01	SR_A		Havana, CUB
July 3-11	05/23/01	NATL CHMPS	Summer/Division I National Championships	Sacramento, CA
Aug. 22-Sep.1	Tm Select 7/11	WUG	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES	Beijing, CHN
Sept. 22-23	08/01/01	SR_A		Moscow, RUS
Oct. 26-Nov.1	Tm Select 7/18/01	WLD CHMPS	OPEN (SENIOR) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Nîmes, FRA
			** Subject to change	

**2000-2001 INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS:
WOMEN'S SABRE**

QUOTA FOR WOMEN'S SABRE: 12 in Junior "A"; 8 in Senior "A" probably 10 in Sr.]				
Quota is the maximum number of fencers who can be entered in an "A" from the United States				
START	ENTRY	TYPE	NAME	CITY
	DEADLINE			
Oct. 13-16	09/15/00	NAC	NAC Division II/III/Cadet	Greensboro, SC
Nov. 3-6	10/06/00	NAC	NAC Cadet/Junior/Youth	Denver, CO
Nov. 19-24		International	Pan Am Junior/Cadet Championships	Puebla, Mexico
Dec. 3	10/27/00	JR_A		Ariccia, ITA
Jan. 5, 2001	11/30/00	JR_A		Budapest, HUN
Jan. 14	12/07/00	JR_A		Göppingen, GER
Jan. 28	12/04/00	JR_A		Santiago de Cuba
Feb. 3	12/27/00	JR_A-CAND		Logrono, ESP
Feb. 3-4	12/27/00	SR_A-GPRIX		Orléans, FRA
Feb. 25	01/18/01	JR_A		Dourdan, FRA
Mar. 3-4	01/26/01	SR_A		Budapest, HUN
Mar. 17-18	02/09/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Foggia, ITA
Mar. 31-Apr.1	02/23/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Peabody, MA
Apr. 9-16	Team Select 3/5		CADET/JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Gdansk, POL
June 9-10	05/04/01	SR_A-GPRIX		Tauber., GER
June 23-24	05/01/01	SR_A		Havana, CUB
July 3-11	05/23/01	NATL CHMPS	Summer/Division I National Championships	Sacramento, CA
Aug. 22-Sep 1	Tm Select 7/11	WUG	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES	Beijing, CHN
Oct. 26-Nov.1	Tm Select 7/11	WLD CHMPS	OPEN (SENIOR) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Nîmes, FRA
		DESIGNATED SENIOR "A" TO BE DETERMINED BY OCT. 15		

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	CATEGORY OF COMPETITION										
	DOMESTIC YTH12 YTH10	DOMESTIC YTH14	DOMESTIC CADET W/REP	CADET "B" EUROPE	DOMESTIC JUNIOR W/REP	WORLD CADET CHAMPS	JUNIOR A WLD JR CHAMPS	STRENGTH FACTOR (W/O REP)	DIV. I NATLS WITH REPECHAGE	NAC OPEN FORMAT 12/00	
1	100	200	400	500	600	800	1200	1000	1000	1000	1
2	92	184	368	460	552	736	1104	920	920	925	2
3	85	170	340	425	510	680	1020	850	850	840	3
3	80-4th	170	340	425	510	680	1020	850	850	840	3
5	70	140	280	350	420	560	840	700	700	755	5
6	69.5	139	278	347.5	417	556	834	695	695	735	6
7	69	138	276	345	414	552	828	690	690	715	7
8	68.5	137	274	342.5	411	548	822	685	685	695	8
9	53.5	107	214	267.5	321	428	642	535	535	620	9
10	53	106	213	266.25	320	424	636	530	533	605	10
11	52.5	105	212	265	319	420	630	525	531	590	11
12	52	104	211	263.75	318	416	624	520	529	575	12
13	51.5	103	203	253.75	303	412	618	515	506	525	13
14	51	102	202	252.5	302	408	612	510	504	510	14
15	50.5	101	201	251.25	301	404	606	505	502	495	15
16	50	100	200	250	300	400	600	500	500	480	16
17	35	70	140	175	210	280	420	350	350	415	17
18	34.5	69	139	173.75	209	276	414	345	348	410	18
19	34	68	138	172.5	208	272	408	340	346	405	19
20	33.5	67	137	171.25	207	268	402	335	344	400	20
21	33	66	136	170	206	264	396	330	342	395	21
22	32.5	65	135	168.75	205	260	390	325	340	390	22
23	32	64	134	167.5	204	256	384	320	338	385	23
24	31.5	63	133	166.25	203	252	378	315	336	380	24
25	31	62	117	146.25	172	248	372	289	289	315	25
26	30.5	61	116	145	171	244	366	287	287	310	26
27	30	60	115	143.75	170	240	360	285	285	305	27
28	29.5	59	114	142.5	169	236	354	283	283	300	28
29	29	58	113	141.25	168	232	348	281	281	295	29
30	28.5	57	112	140	167	228	342	279	279	290	30
31	28	56	111	138.75	166	224	336	277	277	285	31
32	27.5	55	110	137.5	165	220	330	275	275	280	32

NOTES FOR USING POINT TABLE

POINTS FOR NAC COMPETITIONS

- 1 A current point competition result replaces the comparable point competition in the prior season or year unless such competition is not being held the next calendar year. In that case points earned at a specific point competition will only be valid for 12 months, except for points earned at National Championships which are retained until the next Championships.
- 2 Points will be awarded for placement within the bracket in which the top 40% of the competitive field fall to a maximum place of 32nd. The value is rounded down when calculating 40% of the field. If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number less than 32, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the placement for points.
- 3 The minimum number of points required for a fencer to be considered on the Senior point standings is 275 points.

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 bracket where 40% falls, if it is 32nd place or better.
2. Total points for each fencer will be rounded to nearest whole integer.
3. Points for senior international results will be calculated using the Strength Factor Formula as a multiplier of values in Column X, maximum value is 2,000 without any minimum required.

STRENGTH FACTOR (SF): maximum of 2.0

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

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

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 X is always used in calculating points to be awarded. For European Designated Cadet "B" Column E is used for determination of points.

Example:

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

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

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

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

A fencer places 16th in this "A" competition and thus earns 500 pts. x 1.1.95 = 597.5 pts.

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APPENDIX C-1

SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE USFA

The Sections of the USFA and their Divisions are:

Great Lakes Section

Columbus [OH], Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Northern Ohio, Southwest Ohio.

Metropolitan Section

Metropolitan [NYC].

Mid Atlantic Section

Capitol [DC], Central Pennsylvania, Harrisburg [PA], Maryland, New Jersey, Philadelphia [PA], South Jersey, Western Pennsylvania

Midwest Section

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

North Atlantic Section

Connecticut, Hudson [NY]-Berkshire [MA], Long Island [NY], New England [Eastern MA, Rhode Island], Northeast [NH, VT & ME], Westchester-Rockland [NY], Western New York

Pacific Coast Section

Central California, Hawaii, Mountain Valley [CA], Nevada, North Coast [CA, north of Mt. Valley & No. Calif. Divs.], Northern California, Orange Coast [CA], San Bernardino [CA], San Diego [CA], Southern California

Pacific Northwest Section

Alaska, Inland Empire [Eastern WA, Northern ID & MT], Oregon, Utah-Southern Idaho, Western Washington

Rocky Mountain Section

Arizona, Border Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Plains Texas, Nebraska-South Dakota, New Mexico, Wyoming

Southeast Section

Alabama, Central Florida, Gateway Florida, Georgia, Gold Coast Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia

Southwest Section

Ark-La-Miss [AR, LA, & MS], Gulf Coast Texas, Louisiana, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas

National Division

Those residing in a non-designated geographical area, especially outside the United States

APPENDIX C-2: CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION	MINIMUM COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	6	NONE	N/A	1 ® E
GROUP D1	15	NONE	N/A	1 ® D 2-3 ® E
GROUP C1	15	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or higher)	2 C's & 2 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 ® C 2-3 ® D 4-6 ® E
GROUP C1	15	4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)	4 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 ® C 2-3 ® D 4-6 ® E
GROUP C4	64	24 D's & 12 E's (or higher)	4 D's in top 8 & 4 E's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 ® C 5-8 ® D 9-16 ® E
GROUP B1	15	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 ® B 2-3 ® C 4-6 ® D 7-9 ® E
GROUP B4	64	24 C's & 12 D's (or higher)	4 C's in top 8 & 4 D's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 ® B 5-8 ® C 9-16 ® D 17-32 ® E
GROUP A1	15	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 ® A 2-3 ® B 4-6 ® C 7-9 ® D
GROUP A4	Division I-A Championships Only	NONE	N/A	1-4 ® A 5-8 ® B 9-16 ® C 17-24 ® D 25-32 ® E
GROUP A8	64	12 A's & 12 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 A's in top 8 & 4 B's (or higher) in top 12	1-8 ® A 9-16 ® B 17-24 ® C 25-36 ® D 37-52 ® E

Elite National Championships are always Group A8 competitions.
 Division I-A National Championships are always at least Group A4 competitions.
 Division II NAC Tournaments are always at least Group B4 competitions.
 Division III NAC Tournaments are always at least Group C4 competitions.
 Division III National Championships are always at least Group C4 competitions.

Elite National Championships = Division I National Championships

APPENDIX C-3

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR USFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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

The fencer's last name must be legibly printed by hand or machine in dark blue capital letter not more than 10 cm high: either (1) on the back of the uniform or lame between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lame material that is firmly sewn to the uniform in such a way that it will not detach during fencing or catch the opponent's point. Fabric attached to the uniform must be the same color as the part of the uniform to which it is attached.

Lam— 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*

REMINDER OF RECENT RULE CHANGES

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

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

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

1999 – 2000 Rules Changes

General

Colored Uniform: Fencer's clothing may be of different colors, but on the body it must be a single color, white or a light shade. Within the United States, we will, in addition, accept designs on the rear (unarmed) arm and rear leg. Since the purpose of acceptance is for audience interest, it is required that such designs be in good taste.

Point in Line: The point in line retains the priority whether one advances, retreats, lunges, or (foil only) fleches. One loses the priority if one makes a derobing movement when one's opponent does not attempt to find the blade.

One Foot off the side of the strip: Any fencer who systematically crosses the lateral boundary of the strip with one foot, whether intentionally or unintentionally, will be penalized under Article t.31 (delay of bout.)

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

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

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

Saber

The armed hand, from the wrist bone to the tips of the fingers is no longer target (no Manchette required.)

Saber Blades marked with the year 2000 logo, and conforming to the new, stiffer FIE standards (a flexibility of 4 cm minimum and 7 cm maximum) are required for all National Competitions (NACs, JO's, National Championships) and the qualifying competitions to the JO's and Nationals.

The new sabre blades will be required for all USFA Competitions effective for the 2001-2002 season.

In the situation where one fencer crosses over, the opponent's valid touch will score if the counter action which arrives on valid target starts before the Halt (which occurs when the rear foot passes the front foot while moving forward) and arrives directly, without hesitation. The fencer who crosses over is given a card and any touches scored will be annulled.

Operations

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX C-4

NOTES ON EQUIPMENT: FIE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

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

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

Prior to - and during - weapon control you will not be able to use your FOUR WEAPONS, TWO BODY CORDS, FIE MASK, LAMÉ. Equipment that is submitted to weapon control is not available until the morning of your competition.

Weapon control is normally very severe at a World Championships - dimensions, flexibility, electrical resistance, etc. For example, NO DIRTY BIBS will be allowed on masks.

It is strongly advised that you bring additional spares (blades, body cords, gloves, as well as extra tips, wires, etc., especially if you have exotic equipment.) Also, bring needles, thread, and dental floss to repair clothing and masks. Don't forget tape and glue. Make sure your spare blades are cut for your handle and the threading in the tang fits the pommel of your handle. The team armorer(s) will do everything possible to make sure all of your equipment works well, will pass weapon control, and will work for you during the competition.

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

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

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

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

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

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2000-2001 North American Cup Official USFA Entry Form

Use a separate
entry form for
each NAC
tournament

NAC Code
see list below

(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.

Member #: _____

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 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.

Competition Club _____

Current School _____

Division Name _____

Classification: Epee _____ Foil _____ Saber _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ Male (M) ____ Female (W) ____

ONE FORM PER NAC TOURNAMENT CODE AS SHOWN BELOW
Do not send duplicates. Each copy received may be charged.

Method of Payment

☐ **Check or Money Order Enclosed**

Payable to the USFA • \$20 charge for returned checks

☐ **Credit Card (debit cards not accepted)**

☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Cardholder _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

CODE/TYPE		TOURNAMENT		LOCATION
		DEADLINE	DATES	
A	DIV III/IV/CDT	9/15	10/13-16	Greensboro, NC
B	CDT/JR/Y14/Y12/Y10	10/6	11/3-6	Denver, CO
C	DIV IV/ET	11/10	12/8-10	Ontario, CA
D	JR/DIV I/WCH	12/15	1/12-15	Greenville, SC
E	DIV III/IV/ET	2/16	3/16-19	Overland Park, KS
F	Y14/Y12/Y10	3/2	3/30-4/1	TBA
G	DIV I	3/30	4/27-29	Reno, NV

Fee Summary

Registration Fee: <i>Nonrefundable</i>	\$30.00
Event Fee(s): ____ x \$25 = (# of events entered)	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	

FOR LATE ENTRIES TRIPLE THE AMOUNT DUE

WRITE THE NAC CODE FOR EACH EVENT ENTERING

Event Type	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						

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

Mail Entries to: USFA Entries • One Olympic Plaza • Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 • Fax: (719) 632-5737

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 2000-2001 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 banned drugs would be cause for suspension for at least three (3) months and loss of any national points earned for selection towards any USFA team. 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 USOC DRUG HOTLINE, 800-233-0393, FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICATIONS AND BANNED SUBSTANCES OR PRACTICES. I realize that there are *over-the-counter* medications that may contain banned substances and that it is my responsibility to insure that I do not inadvertently take any medication that contains a banned substance.

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 USFA North American Cup tournaments.

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 of print legibly):

Name of Carrier

Name of Policy Holder

Important: NAC Entry deadlines are listed for each tournament. **MAIL EARLY. Postmarks are not considered** - entry (fees and form) must arrive at the USFA National Office by the deadline, or they will be charged a late fee of **triple the total fee:** registration fee plus event fee(s). Late entries will be accepted up to one week prior to the first day of the tournament. For refund of event fee(s), withdrawals must be reported in writing to the National Office by the Monday before the first day of the tournament. **Registration fees are nonrefundable.**

Method of Payment for NAC Entry Fees: Make check or money order payable to the US Fencing Association. The entry form and payment must be mailed to: USFA ENTRIES, One 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. If multiple copies of an entry are received, each copy will be charged unless noted as 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 entry.

Eligibility: Every person competing in the North American Cup must be a current competitive USFA member, expiration date of July 31, 2001 or later, or show a 2000-2001 FIE license.

Age Rules For North American Cups (NAC) 2000-2001

CATEGORY	Div. I/ II, III	Veteran	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH14	YOUTH12	YOUTH10
CODE	Div. I, II, /III	VET	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1987 OR EARLIER	1960 or earlier	1981-1987	1984-1987	1986-1989	1988-1991	1990-1993

Athlete can fence in an age category IF: 1) the athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket **OR** 2) the athlete is on the national point standings in the next younger age bracket. For example, if a fencer was born in 1990, the fencer is eligible for Youth 10 and Youth 12 but in Youth 14 **ONLY IF** fencer is listed on the current Youth 12 point standings. For that same fencer to be eligible to fence in a Cadet event, the fencer must have earned points at a Youth 14 competition and be listed on the current Youth 14 point standings.



REQUEST FOR FIE LICENSE

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____

USFA MEMBERSHIP # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ FAX _____
(Area Code) (Area Code)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
MON DAY YEAR

PASSPORT # _____ EXP DATE _____

COUNTRY ISSUING PASSPORT _____

COUNTRY YOU ARE REPRESENTING IN COMPETITION _____

Enclose picture page of passport.

ENCLOSE \$25 ANNUAL FEE FOR 2000-2001 FIE LICENSE, Payable to USFA OR

Check One: AME ☐ Discov ☐ Vi ☐ MasterC ☐ d

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Signature _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

U.S. FENCING
ONE OLYMPIC PLAZA
COLORADO SPRING, CO 80909
FAX: 719/632-5737

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REQUEST FOR ENTRY IN WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT(S)

The USFA Office must be notified in writing of withdrawal from an "A" competition 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: _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
MON DAY YEAR

PASSPORT # _____ EXP DATE _____

Enclose picture page of passport with the first entry request.

APPLICATION FOR FIE LICENSE MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE OR WITH ENTRY FOR FIRST "A" COMPETITION. Contact USFA Office, USFA Web Site or 2000-2001 Athlete Handbook For Application.

Fencer must pay a fee **AT** the "A" competition in local currency - the equivalent of 100 French francs for Senior "A" and 50 French francs for Junior "A", approximately \$20 and \$10, respectively.

SEE REVERSE FOR MORE DETAILS. THERE IS AN ENTRY DEADLINE FOR EACH 'A'.
SEPARATE ENTRY FORM REQUIRED FOR "A" COMPETITIONS IN THE U.S. OR CANADA;

LIST THE "A" COMPETITIONS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED.

DATES OF COMPETITION	Senior (S) Junior (J)	WEAPON	CITY	COUNTRY
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

A fencer will be considered for entry in a senior European "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 [1-16] in senior points or top 8 [1-8] in junior points at the entry deadline of the "A" competition. A fencer will be considered for entry in a junior "A" **ONLY IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 12 [1-12] in the Junior point standings or the top 8 [1-8] in the Cadet point standings at the entry deadline of the "A" competition.

9/7/00

ENTRY PROCEDURES

A fencer will be considered for entry in a senior European "A" **IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 16 [1-16] in senior rolling points or top 8 [1-8] in junior rolling points at the entry deadline for the "A" competition. A fencer will be considered for entry in a junior "A" **IF** the fencer is ranked in the top 12 [1-12] in the Junior rolling point standings or the top 8 [1-8] in the Cadet rolling point standings at the entry deadline for that "A" competition.

The International Committee 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. In addition, the National Weapon Coach may recommend to the IC that an exception be made for an up and coming fencer.

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

Athletes must have a current FIE license, issued each season and separate from the USFA membership card. There is an annual fee of \$25, payable to the USFA, to cover the costs for the License requests to the FIE. This fee must be paid with the first *"Request to Enter an 'A' using the FIE License Request Form*. The USFA office will mail the card as soon as it is received from the FIE. After the License is issued by the FIE, the fencer will receive a one year subscription to the FIE magazine, issued three times a year.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE has placed a limit of eight fencers which each country can enter in an "A" competition, both Junior and Senior. There are two exceptions to this rule: (1) a country is allowed additional fencers equal to the number of its fencers in the top 32 in the FIE standings at the end of the World Cup season; 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 any "A" competition held outside of Europe. Thus, U.S. fencers can enter the USFA Men's Sabre "A" and the USFA Women's Foil "A", using the special entry form available from the USFA office.

ENTRY PROTOCOL

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

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

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

PENALTIES

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

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

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



2000-2001 Membership Application

Please **print or type** the following:

(blue or black ink only)

Membership year runs August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

Birthdate ____/____/____

☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Male ☐ Female

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

☐ Yes, Issue Date ____/____/____ Visa? ☐ Yes

Division: _____

See reverse for details.

Competition Club: _____

Type: ☐ School ☐ Club

Coach: _____

Secondary Club: _____

Type: ☐ School ☐ Club

Coach: _____

Preferred mailing address: ☐ Home ☐ School ☐ Employer

Effective Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Street _____ Suite/Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

(____) ____ - _____ (____) ____ - _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

(____) ____ - _____ (____) ____ - _____

Home Fax _____ Work Fax _____

E-mail 1: _____

☐ Home ☐ School ☐ Employer

E-mail 2: _____

☐ Home ☐ School ☐ Employer

Permanent mailing address: ☐ Home ☐ School ☐ Employer

Effective Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Street _____ Suite/Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: (see reverse for details) Includes subscription to *American Fencing Magazine* and the USFA National Newsletter, both published quarterly.

Competitive

	1 year	3 year		1 year	3 year
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Coach	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105	Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 (single payment)				
Fence for Fun (local competitive only – see reverse)					<input type="checkbox"/> \$30

Non Competitive

Coach Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	Parent Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30		

Family ☐ \$60

One subscription per family membership.

EVERY member must complete a separate application

Please list the names of the family members below.

Competitive

Associate

1. _____ 1. _____

2. _____ 2. _____

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

Subscription only (not eligible for any member benefits)

Domestic ☐ \$16 Foreign ☐ \$28

Contribution: ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other: _____

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

PAYMENT METHOD: PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

☐ Check(Make checks payable to USFA) ☐ Credit Card

☐ 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 for member under 18

Date of application: ____/____/____ web

Membership Application Information Details

The United States Fencing Association is an organization which strives to broaden the base of fencing in the U.S., both in participation and public recognition. It currently supports over 15,000 members. The USFA 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	Connecticut	Michigan	North Carolina	Tennessee
Alaska	Florida	Minnesota	Northeast ¹⁵	Texas
Ark-La-Miss ¹	<i>Central FL</i> ⁹	National ¹³	Ohio	<i>Border Texas</i> ²⁰
Arizona	<i>Gateway FL</i> ¹⁰	Nebraska - S. Dakota	<i>Columbus</i>	<i>Gulf Coast TX</i> ²¹
California	<i>Gold Coast FL</i> ¹¹	Nevada	<i>Northern</i> ¹⁶	<i>Plains TX</i> ²²
<i>Central CA</i> ²	Georgia	New England ¹⁴	<i>Southwest</i> ¹⁷	<i>North TX</i> ²³
<i>Mountain Valley</i> ³	Hawaii	New Jersey	Oklahoma	<i>South TX</i> ²⁴
<i>Northern</i> ⁴	Illinois	South Jersey	Oregon	Utah- Southern Idaho
<i>Orange Coast</i> ⁵	Indiana	New Mexico	Pennsylvania	Virginia
<i>San Diego</i>	Inland Empire ¹²	New York	<i>Central PA</i> ¹⁸	Western WA
<i>San Bernardino</i>	Iowa	<i>Hudson-Berkshire NY</i>	<i>Harrisburg</i>	Wisconsin
<i>North Coast</i> ⁶	Kansas	<i>Long Island NY</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	Wyoming
<i>Southern</i> ⁷	Kentucky	<i>Metropolitan NYC</i>	<i>Western PA</i> ¹⁹	
Capitol ⁸	Louisiana (Southern)	<i>Westchester-Rockland</i>	South Carolina	
Colorado	Maryland	<i>Western NY</i>	St. Louis, Missouri	

1. Arkansas, Mississippi, N. Louisiana

2. San Jose, Fresno & San Luis Obispo

3. Sacramento Area

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. N. Idaho, Montana, E. Washington

13. Those located outside the boundaries of the U.S. or any Division

14. Eastern Massachusetts & Rhode Island

15. Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont

16. Cleveland area

17. Cincinnati - Dayton

18. State College

19. Pittsburgh area

20. El Paso & S. New Mexico

21. Houston area

22. Lubbock & Amarillo

23. Dallas & Ft. Worth

24. San Antonio & Austin

Special Membership Categories

Fence For Fun: Valid for local competition only. Not eligible for Section or National level tournaments or qualifying events thereto. May upgrade to Competitive Member for \$10; USFA classification is not applicable to membership type.

Family: Up to four individual memberships of which a maximum of two can be competitive members and others are associate (non competitive) members. Memberships are non-transferable among competitive and non competitive family members.

Junior: Must be under 20 as of January 1 of the membership year(s) being paid; e.g. for membership year ending July 31, 2001, a junior must be born 1981 or later.

Veteran: Fencer who is 40 or older as of January 1, 2001 or later (birth year is 1960 or earlier).

Benefits of Membership

- Subscription to American Fencing Magazine - USFA Quarterly Publication
The magazine provides news, tournament results, profiles of fencers, and tips on training and equipment maintenance.
- Subscription to the USFA National Newsletter - USFA Quarterly Publication
The newsletter contains information on competitions, national programs, and entry forms for National Tournaments.
- Accident and Liability 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
Special rates with UNITED Airlines on all travel and discount coupons from major fencing equipment dealers.
- USFA Membership card: Recognition as a member of U.S. Fencing and passport to worldwide fencing.

How to Contact the USFA

One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 • TEL: (719) 578-4511 • FAX: (719) 632-5737

www.USFencing.org • info@USFencing.org

APPENDIX D-5



USFA DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM:

MEDICAL NOTIFICATION FOR RESTRICTED DRUGS

This is a medical notification form for RESTRICTED use medicine. If you are taking any of the medication listed on the reverse side (or Part II), you must complete this form. If you have questions regarding any other medication, please call the USOC Drug Hotline at (800) 233-0393 for further information. It is recommended that you keep a copy of this form for your records.

Athlete's Last Name Athlete's First Name Initial Date

Address: Number, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code Sex

Weapon (s) (_____) (_____) _____
Day Phone Evening Phone

<u>DRUG</u>	<u>DOSE (SIG)</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>DATE (if treatment)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

DIAGNOSIS _____

PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN (PRINT) (_____) (_____) _____
PHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER

Address: Number, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code

PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE DATE 9/97

RETURN TO: U.S. FENCING ASSOCIATION
ONE OLYMPIC PLAZA, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909-5774
PHONE: (719) 578-4511, FAX: (719) 632-5737
For a copy of this form by Fax, call (719) 575-9651, request Form # 12219

RESTRICTED DRUGS



Performance Enhancement Program

Name _____ Qualifying Tournament _____
Street _____
City _____ State ____ ZIP _____

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

(ATTACH COPIES OF RECEIPTS)

LESSONS	\$ _____	FENCING EQUIPMENT	\$ _____
MEMBERSHIP	\$ _____	FENCING CLUB DUES	\$ _____
TRAVEL TO COMPETITION	\$ _____	ENTRY FEES	\$ _____
OTHER	\$ _____	EXPLAIN _____	

The Performance Enhancement Program is a means by which the USFA can provide some financial assistance in the training programs of those athletes with significant international results or Under-17 or Youth 14 national level results. Under this program, athletes may be reimbursed for fencing related expenses incurred within a period of 30 days prior to and up to 90 days after the qualifying tournament. Reimbursement requests must be submitted to the USFA no later than 120 days after the qualifying tournament or the funds are forfeited.

The label above indicates the tournament at which you qualified for this program. To request reimbursement, complete the above form, attach legible copies of your receipts, and mail to USFA. Receipts in foreign currencies must be converted to dollars with the conversion rate shown. Living and medical expenses are not allowed. Allow 2 to 4 weeks for processing. To expedite handling please send a self-addressed business envelope with your request. Athletes must be members in good standing.

Congratulations on your fine performance and may you continue in this vein with even better results in the future.

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