

ENTRY PROCEDURES

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The International Committee may grant exceptions to the rule regarding who may be entered in an "A" competition for a fencer with well-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 an exception be made for a 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, generally 35 days prior to the competition. **For any "A" held in Cuba or Russia the entry deadline is 45 days prior to the first day of the tournament.**

Athletes must have an FIE card, issued each season and separate from the USFA membership card. There is a fee of \$25, payable to the USFA. This fee must be paid with the first *"Request to Enter an 'A'"* or can be ordered separately using FIE License Request Form. The USFA office will mail the card when it is received from the FIE.

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 all "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 ten or more days prior to the competition. 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 be the difference between the requirement for an additional referee at a cost of \$1,100 - \$1,600 per referee.



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.

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

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Fencer must pay a fee **AT** each "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.				

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